



# City of Medford

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**Bridge Over Barnett:** During the September 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, the City Council approved a recommendation to name the Bear Creek Greenway's pedestrian bridge over Barnett Road in honor of Al Densmore. Mr. Densmore is a former State Legislator, City of Medford Mayor, and Medford Councilmember.



**Al Densmore**

The Parks & Recreation Commission submitted the recommendation. Al Densmore has been instrumental in the success of the Bear Creek Greenway, especially in his efforts to secure the funding for the pedestrian bridge. The bridge allows Bear Creek Greenway users to safely cross the busy intersection at Highland Drive and Barnett Road.

Mr. Densmore thanked the City Council and the Parks & Recreation Commission for the honor bestowed upon him. He stated the Bear Creek Greenway, which now includes 20 miles of path, has been a team effort with many people contributing time and money toward its success.

For more information about the Bear Creek Greenway, visit [www.bearcreekgreenway.com](http://www.bearcreekgreenway.com).

**Neighborhood Street Tree Partnership:** The City of Medford Parks and Recreation Department partners with local neighborhoods to coordinate the Neighborhood Street Tree Program. The City budgets funds to improve Medford neighborhoods through the removal and replacement of hazardous trees, pruning existing trees and planting new trees. In January of 2014, 112 new trees were planted through the partnership on portions of 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Pennsylvania Avenue and Peach Street.

The matching grant program is coordinated by the City of Medford's arborist, Adam Airoidi. To learn more about Medford's Street Tree Partnership, please visit our website at [www.ci.medford.or.us](http://www.ci.medford.or.us) or contact the City Parks & Recreation Department at (541) 774-2400.

**Use of City Property for Food Distribution:** On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the City Council held a public hearing regarding the use of City property for the distribution of food and services. The sites considered were the Salvation Army, the City's Bear Creek South parking lot, Railroad Park, and other downtown parking lots. The City Council approved the Parks & Recreation's recommendation to utilize City property for the distribution of food and services.

**Hawthorne Park:** Improvements to Hawthorne Park began in October, with a groundbreaking for the dog park facility. Additional upgrades to be completed include a playground, water play, futsal courts, and a skate area designed for novice skaters. Hawthorne Park's entire renovation is expected to be finished by June of 2015.

To view Hawthorne Park's Master Plan, including conceptual drawings and design descriptions, please visit the Parks & Recreation page on the City's website at [www.ci.medford.or.us](http://www.ci.medford.or.us).

**Reduced Late Fees for Utility Bills:** The City Council asked the Public Works Department to research changes to the current late fee of \$15 charged to customers for past-due utility accounts.

The City Council was presented with a reduced late fee on utility billings of \$5 or 1% of the outstanding balance, whichever is greater. Council approved the reduced rate. In addition, the late fee grace period was increased from 25 days to 28 days after the billing date. These revisions are consistent with the cities of Portland and Salem, and allows the late fee to be displayed on the next month's billing.

The City Council also amended the Municipal Code regarding the collection of unpaid utility fee billings and the associated penalties.

These revisions were made to Municipal Code sections 4.1200, 4.1202, and 4.1203 and may be viewed on the City website at [www.ci.medford.or.us](http://www.ci.medford.or.us), under the Municipal Code tab.

**Working for you:** During the September 27<sup>th</sup> Oregon Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Conference in Salem, the City of Medford's Fire Inspector Samantha Metheny was recognized by the State of Oregon Health Authority and the American Heart Association.

The State of Oregon Health Authority presented her with the Community Service Award in recognition of her outstanding commitment to non-patient care aspects of the community's EMS system.

The American Heart Association recognized her for championing the CPR-Anytime program in Jackson County. They are now using her program as a national model to increase the number and improve the success of agencies instructing and implementing a Hands-Only CPR program in their areas.

**Community CPR Training:** Medford Fire-Rescue offers CPR classes for businesses and community groups. The classes are taught by our certified EMT's and Paramedics and are certified by the American Heart Association. All equipment is provided. We may be able to come to your facility to train your staff.

Classes are also offered by Providence Medford Medical Center and the American Red Cross. For more information on Medford Fire-Rescue's program call (541) 774-2300.

**Multicultural Fair:** The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Multicultural Fair was held September 27<sup>th</sup> in Medford's Alba Park. The Multicultural Fair is a free event and is open to the entire community. The Fair's goal is to promote cultural awareness and celebrate diversity.

The City of Medford is a sponsor of the Multicultural Fair, supporting the event through in-kind funds. The Police Department has a booth and provides information to the community on Police and City services.

For more information on the Multicultural Fair, visit their website at [www.rvmcf.com](http://www.rvmcf.com).



**Medford Police during the Multicultural Fair**

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**Community Emergency Response Team:** The City of Medford is pleased to announce that it is forming a volunteer Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This team will work closely with local law enforcement, fire rescue, emergency medical, emergency management, and other agencies, as well as CERTs already established in Ashland, Central Point, and Jacksonville.

CERT members are community volunteers who undergo approximately 24 hours of basic training on assessing hazards, fighting small fires, light search and rescue, and first aid. Members acquire skills that are beneficial to their families and neighbors, and prepare them to respond to emergencies throughout their own and neighboring communities. Active members of organized local teams are provided basic equipment for their safety and identification as part of the CERT team.

Although graduates of CERT training are welcome to join an organized team, they are not obligated to do so. Many community members complete the training to prepare themselves and their families for emergency situations.

For more information, please contact Nicolas Petersen, CERT Coordinator, at (541) 774-2090 or via email at [Nicolas.Petersen@cityofmedford.org](mailto:Nicolas.Petersen@cityofmedford.org).

**Operation C.A.R.E.:** Each fall and spring, the Police Department conducts Operation C.A.R.E. (Community Awareness Rejuvenation Effort). Medford Police and approximately 50 community leaders and City representatives conduct a walking canvas of a selected neighborhood. The goal of Operation C.A.R.E. is to speak with residents regarding the livability and other issues affecting their neighborhood.

Residents are asked their opinion regarding the neighborhood's need for social services including emergency food, and energy needs; public safety and law enforcement, which includes drug houses, wanted persons, gang activity, etc.; and code enforcement issues such as blighted homes or properties, health and safety issues, or nuisances. Residents are also provided with information regarding Neighborhood Watch, the anonymous Medford Police Tip Line and services covering emergencies, youth programs social needs.

To learn more about Operation C.A.R.E., please contact Medford's Code Enforcement at (541) 774-2016.