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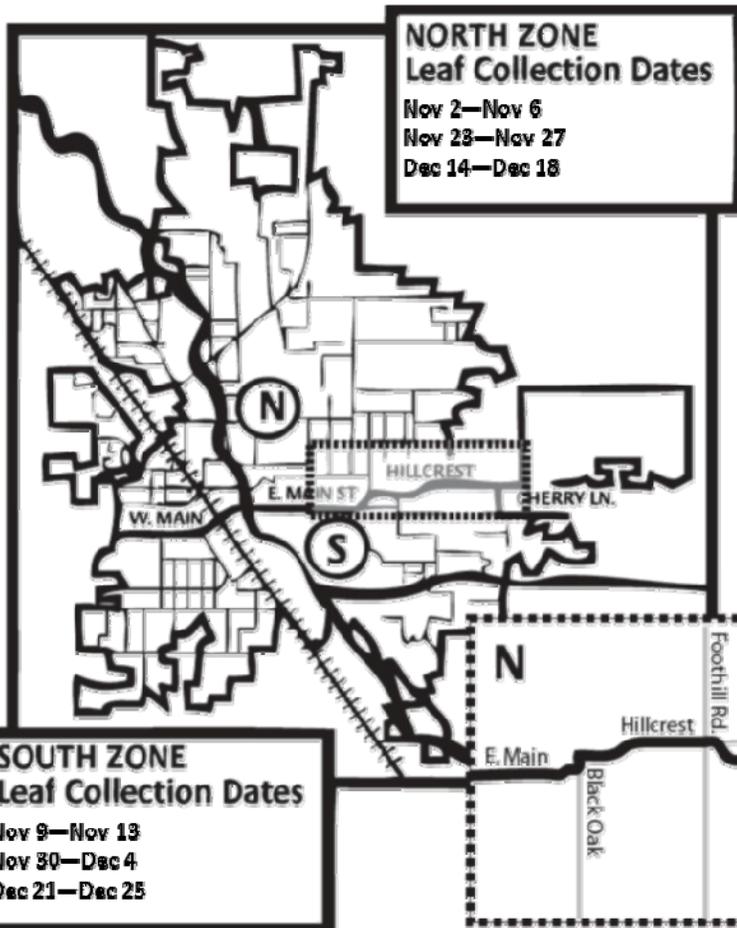
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September 11th Memorial Stair Climb

On September 11th, Southern Oregon Firefighters participated in the 13th Annual Memorial Stair Climb at the Rogue Valley Manor.

Local Firefighters, in their turnout gear, climbed 11 flights of stairs to the roof of the Manor. There, they participated in a brief memorial ceremony honoring the Firefighters who lost their lives in the attacks of September 11, 2001.



Rogue Disposal City of Medford Leaf Collection Program

This year, bags will only be available at the Rogue Disposal & Recycling office located at One West Main Street, Suite 401 in Medford. The City no longer serves as a leaf bag pick up location.

This will be the last year Rogue Disposal will provide bags for the annual collection program. Regular trash bags may be used.

Leaf collection begins Monday, November 2 and will end Friday, December 25.

For more information, please contact Rogue Disposal at the following:

Website: www.roguedisposal.com

Email: info@roguedisposal.com

Leaf Hotline (541) 608-1012

Main Office (541) 779-4161



Message from the Medford Police Department

Crosswalk Safety

The City of Medford Police Department (MPD) has received various questions, comments and concerns regarding crosswalks within the city.

According to Oregon Revised Statute 801.220, a crosswalk exists at any public road intersection, whether marked or unmarked. Crosswalks may also exist at other locations along the roadway, such as mid-block; however marking the crosswalk is required in these locations.

Advantages of Crosswalks

"Marking" a crosswalk can be a significant way to improve pedestrian safety and make it easier to cross the roadway. Appropriately marked crosswalks help prevent pedestrian-vehicle crashes. Although crashes are relatively rare, the risk of injury is high – and at speeds of 30 mph or more, severe injury is almost a certainty.

Crosswalks can typically be found at:

- Traffic signals, stop signs, and flashing pedestrian signals
Marked crosswalks are used to direct pedestrians to the property crossing location and prevent motor vehicle traffic from blocking the pedestrian path.
- School Zones
At signalized locations, marked crosswalks are used to designate the safest locations for school children to cross.

Disadvantages of Crosswalks

Various studies suggest marked crosswalks at uncontrolled locations are not as safe as leaving the crossing unmarked, increased traffic volumes and multi-lane roadways are associated with higher pedestrian-vehicle crash rates at these marked crosswalks, and marking crosswalks alone does not improve pedestrian safety.

In addition to using study results, traffic calming techniques such as pedestrian islands, curb extensions and warning devices have been shown to encourage appropriate driving speeds and improve pedestrian safety at crossings. Enhanced marking and advanced stop lines may reduce multiple threat crashes (multiple threat crashes occur when one lane stops and the second lane in the same direction does not).

Allowing a proliferation of marked crosswalks may reduce the overall effectiveness of crosswalks, so it is important to make sure they are placed correctly.

Crosswalks in Medford

The City of Medford carefully considers the installation of marked crosswalks. Because the above studies indicate crosswalk safety is improved with traffic calming or warning devices installed, such as a rapid flashing beacon, the City prefers to include these in an installation plan.

As a reminder, Oregon law stipulates that a crosswalk is implied and exists at every intersection, regardless of whether it is marked. Drivers are required to stop and remain stopped if a pedestrian is occupying the crosswalk in the driver's lane of travel or the lane adjacent to their lane. Medford Police Department uses grant funds to conduct enforcement operations at crosswalks to ensure pedestrian right-of-way laws are followed. Historically these operations occur in marked crosswalks, but enforcement operations can occur at unmarked crosswalks as well. The overall goal is to increase pedestrian safety through compliance from drivers.

For more information regarding Medford Police Department's efforts to promote pedestrian safety, please contact Sergeant Don Lane at the Medford Police Department at (541) 774-2292.

September's Issue:

Due to technical difficulties, the September insert was not included with your billing. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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