

The Mill City Messenger

CITY OF
MILL CITY



FOR WATER AND SEWER EMERGENCIES CALL US ***FIRST***

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DOG DAZE—AUGUST 17, 2024 SIGN UP NOW TO BE ON THE MAP!

It's that time again! The annual city-wide yard sale event, "Dog Daze", is near!!! Dog Daze is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, 2024.

This all-day yard sale brings all the treasure seekers! Looking for a little extra cash this summer? Gather your friends and relatives and hold a multi-family sale. Sign up to have your sale placed on the Dog Daze map before Monday, August

14, 2023. Forms are available at City Hall; \$2.00 for individuals or \$5 for businesses and civic groups.

Not interested in holding a sale, no problem, the early bird gets the worm! Maps are available at local businesses and sales the morning of the 17th.

Need more information on Dog Daze? Call City Hall at (503) 897-2302.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT—HOPE TO SEE YOUR FAMILY THERE!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 6, 2024 to join us for our second annual National Night Out at Kimmel Park!

The event will be from 6-8 PM and will include lawn games for kids, free bottled water and a goodie for everyone. Lucy's Food Truck will be there for you to purchase dinner!

Come out to the park and

spend some time with your neighbors while getting an opportunity to visit with local law enforcement and Mill City Rural Volunteer Fire Department volunteers. Call City Hall for more information.



ROADWAY CHIP SEALING TO TAKE PLACE

Linn County Road Department will be in Mill City August 12-14, 2024 to complete chip seal work on the following streets:

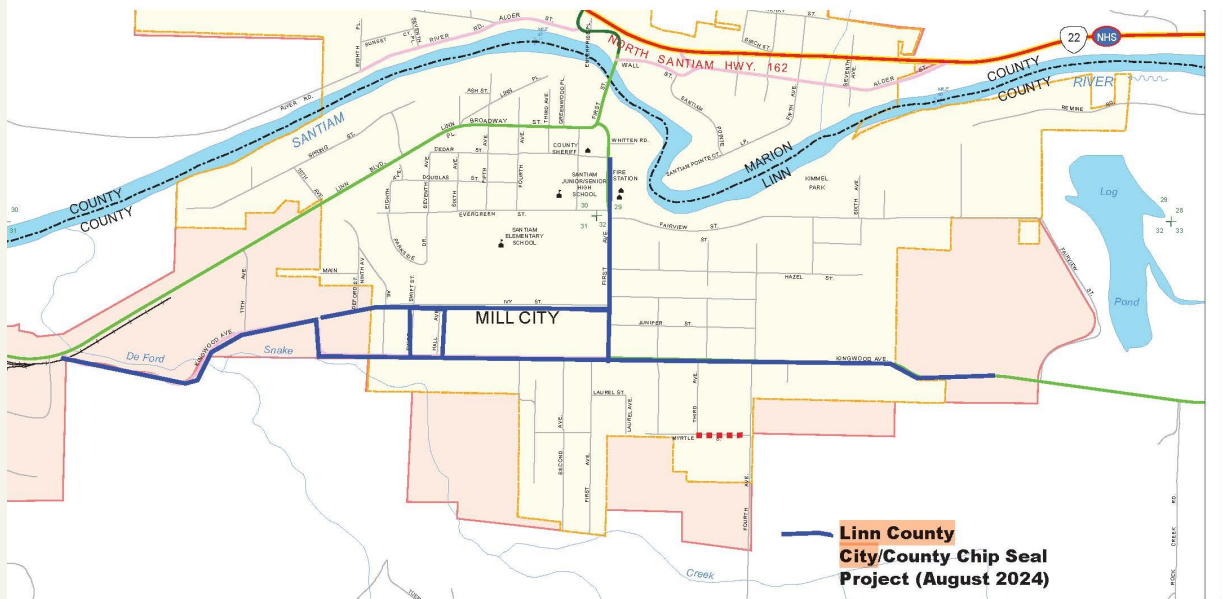
- * SW Kingwood Ave
- * SE Kingwood Ave
- * S 1st Ave

- * SW Ivy St
- * SW Swift Ave
- * SW Hall Ave

On Sunday, August 11, 2024 the streets set for chip seal work will have street sweeping done to ensure that they are clean for the impending work.

Please park or move vehicles off of the roadway to allow the sweeper and road crew full access to the right-of-way.

Chip Seal Project Map



WATER METER READ DATE TO BE CHANGED

The City of Mill City Public Works Dept has begun water meter readings on or about the 15th of each month as part of the water billing process. With the replacement of manually read water meters to electronically read water meters, the time frame needed to secure reads and go through the billing process has drastically reduced. As such, water meter reading will now take place on or

about the 25th of each month. Due to the date change, it is highly likely that customers will see an increase in the July water consumption and, therefore, bill amount. Consumption and charges should be back to normal by the August billing cycle.

I HAVE AN ISSUE WITH MY SEWER, AM I RESPONSIBLE OR IS THE CITY?

Have you ever wondered about your sewer system? Who is responsible when you experience a plugged sewer or back up? The schematic below shows how the typical connection is made between the home and the main line within the right-of-way and is a good visual to help understand the answers.

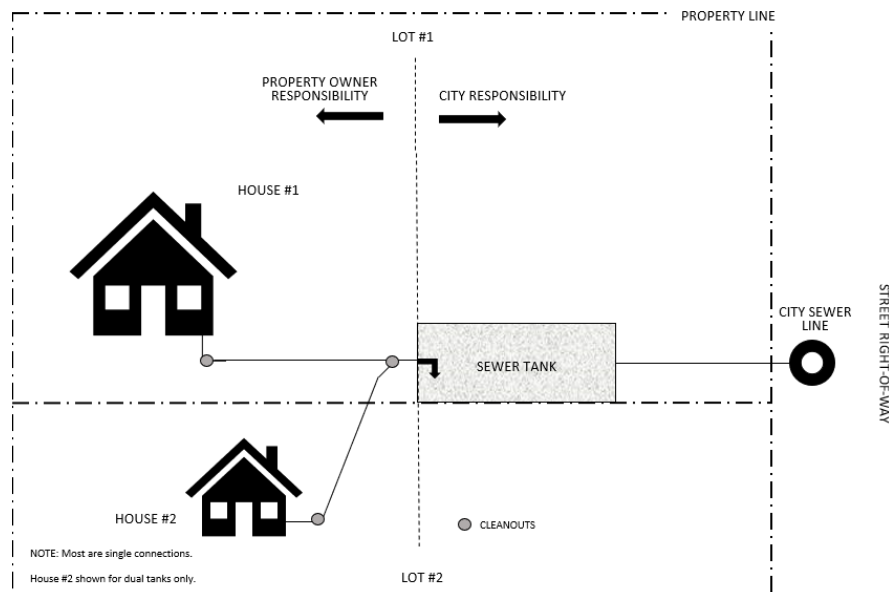
Upon installation, final inspection of an interceptor tank and recording of an easement authorizing entry onto the private property, the City takes ownership of and maintenance responsibility for the tank and line from the tank to the main line. The homeowner is responsible for the line from the tank to the home, including the cleanouts.

The cleanouts located between the tank and the house are easily accessible ports used to check the tank for possible plugs within the service line. If the City is called to inspect the tank, public works will use the cleanout as their first point of entry to determine the cause.

Generally, sewer issues can be resolved by unplugging clogs at the cleanout, which are caused by a build up of soaps, grease

and other chemicals put down your drains. However, if the inspection shows that things are flowing freely into the interceptor tank, the cause of internal plugs or slow drains can be determined to be from within the homes plumbing lines. In this case the homeowner will need to try to clear the line by using a plumbing snake or calling a professional in to assist in finding the problem.

Regardless of whether you believe the cause is internal or not, the City should always be your first call if you are having sewer issues. By calling us first you can avoid potentially unnecessary costs for a plumber. Public works employees are always available, even on weekends and holidays for emergency issues. Phone numbers can be found under the 'contact us' portion of this newsletter or by calling City Hall after hours and listening to the voicemail announcement.



SEWER RATES TO INCREASE OCTOBER 1, 2024

The Mill City City Council, at their July 9, 2021 meeting, approved Resolution No. 906, which authorizes a rate increase for sewer service within the City of Mill City.

This increase raises rates over a period of four years. The residential user flat rate sewer charge will increase from \$50.20 to \$51.96 per month effective October 1, 2024 with increases of 3.5% annually thereafter.

The rate increases are intended to assist with improving the

overall health of our Sewer Reserve Fund, which covers costs related to system maintenance and repairs

The Mayor, City Council and Staff thank you for your understanding and request that comments, questions or concerns be submitted to: Stacie Cook, MMC, City Recorder

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TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:30PM
PLANNING MEETINGS, THIRD FRIDAY OF
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CITY HALL CLOSURE—LABOR DAY

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024 in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen for regular business hours; 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

For water or sewer emergencies call:

Russ at 503-930-8256,

Jonathan at 503-798-6507 or;

David @ 503-930-3887

For non-emergencies please leave a message at City Hall and we will contact you promptly upon our return.

CANYON SERVICE CENTER (CSC) NEWS

LOCAL GIFT BEAUTIFIES CSC

The Canyon Service Center is very grateful to the Verlyn P. Aerni Jr. Painting Co. for the generous donation of a lovely exterior repainting. The entire community can enjoy the fresh, friendly appearance of the senior center at 844 S. 1st Ave in Mill City. Butch Aerni and his son Verlyn "Spike" Aerni are big-hearted individuals. This contribution enhances the August 2023 grant from

the Freres Family Foundation that allowed for interior renovation. Such gifts help to fulfill the CSC mission in the Santiam Canyon area; to promote optimal wellness in persons over 50 years old by providing opportunities to learn, socialize, be physically active and serve the community.

CITY COUNCIL & MAYOR NOMINATING

PETITIONS AVAILABLE

Three City Councilor positions and the position of Mayor for the City of Mill City will be up for election during the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024. Two Councilor positions have a term of four years and one (lowest vote receiver) has a term of two years. The Mayor's position has a term of two years.

All persons who are registered voters (electors) at the time of election and who have resided within the city limits of the City of Mill City during the twelve months immediately preceding the election are eligible to be candidates for these positions.

Election petitions, required forms, and further information are available at City Hall, 444 S 1st Avenue, Mill City, Oregon, during regular business hours beginning Wednesday, June 5, 2024. Completed petitions must be filed with the City of Mill City before 4:00 p.m. PST on August 27, 2024.