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CITY OF MEDFORD

Council Welcomes Mayor Rossetto & Youth from Alba, Italy

At the September 1, 2005 City Council Meeting the Mayor and Council welcomed Mayor Giuseppe Rossetto, Vice Mayor Giulio Abbate and twenty eight high school exchange students.

The Sister City Program was introduced in 1960 and during the first Trans-Atlantic Telear satellite phone call between Medford Mayor John Snider and Alba Mayor Cagnasso, the formal sister city relationship was established.



Mayor Rossetto, Mayor Wheeler & Council President Moore

The first official visit by a resident of Alba was in 1962. For the next twenty years, residents of both cities would visit and the program would continue to thrive. In 1984 the Sister City Committee was reformed as a non-profit organization whose goals were to continue to support this program and to further develop an academic and cultural exchange of youth. Over the years, the youth exchange program has provided opportunities for Medford and Alba students to spend time with host families and experience the different cultures.

For more information on this program, please contact Liz Smith for the Sister City Committee at 773-7077.



Safe Sidewalks

~ Project Update

In November of 2004, the citizens of Medford voted to approve a \$4.6 million bond measure to provide funding for safe school walk routes within one mile of all elementary schools. An additional \$2.8 million of federal funds will be available over the next six years to assist with this project.

This project is broken down into a number of phases for the design and development of individual segments.

Phase 1 - Plum & Withington Streets currently under construction with expected completion in early fall of 2005.

Phase 2 - Design of 7,800 lineal feet of sidewalks in various locations is 95% completed.

Phase 3 - Howard Street preliminary design approved by the City Council on August 18, 2005. A consultant will be hired to complete final design.

Phase 4 - Corona & Grand Streets transportation facility application to be considered by the City Council prior to the end of 2005.

These first four phases will cost approximately \$2.5 million. Information regarding additional phases will be made available as the phases are planned and designed. For more information on these and other Public Works construction projects, please visit the city's website at www.ci.medford.or.us and click on the "Projects" item on the left hand column.

Maps showing the status of sidewalks within the identified school walk routes are available on the website under the Planning Department page.

Citizen Volunteers Needed

This fall residents will have the opportunity to participate in guiding the future of Medford.

From October 1 through December 15, 2005, the City Council will be accepting applications for openings on various boards and commissions. These boards and commissions work in conjunction with the City Council in deciding where this community is going and how we are going to get there.

The following Boards & Commissions will have vacancies to be filled this fall:

- Arts Commission
- Budget Committee
- Cemetery Commission
- Communication Advisory Committee
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Multicultural Commission
- Parks & Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Site Plan & Architectural Commission
- Tree Committee
- Unified Board of Appeal

Most of the boards and commissions meet once a month and the work done by these groups is extremely important in developing Medford into the community that we all envision. Please contact the City Manager's Office at 774-2000 to request an application packet or visit our website at www.ci.medford.or.us and participate in the future of our community.

YAC Howl-o-ween Party



There's no "trick" to making Halloween a real treat for the entire family. Bring the family to the Santo Community Scare Center for our first Howl-o-ween Party. Traditional Halloween party games, food, prizes for costumes and most importantly, a safe place to celebrate with your community will be all you need this Howl-o-ween.

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| WHO | Anyone brave enough to come |
| DATE | Monday, October 31 |
| TIME | 5:00—9:00pm |
| WHERE | Santo Community "Scare" Center |
| COST | \$2.00 |

McAndrews Bridge at Bear Creek Replacement Project

The McAndrews Road bridge over Bear Creek, originally constructed in 1952 and widened in 1968, is being replaced due to deterioration and inadequate structural capacity. ODOT established a 6 ton maximum weight load limit for the bridge which prohibits most trucks and buses from crossing this structure.

McAndrews Road is designated as a major arterial street. The new bridge structure will straighten the alignment of McAndrews Road by widening the roadway to the north and will accommodate pedestrians, vehicles, and bicyclists. The existing bridge is 59.5 feet wide with a curb to curb width of approximately 50 feet. The new bridge structure will have an overall width of 90 feet and curb to curb width of 72 feet.

The project will include modifications to the Rogue River Valley Irrigation District irrigation facility at the east end of the bridge and southern entrance to the Rogue Valley Mall at the west end of the bridge. Modifications will be made to the eastbound left turn lane onto Biddle Road by increasing the length of the turn lane. Improvements to the bike lane / pedestrian path include extending the existing bike path to the east, under the overcrossing, to meet with the Biddle Rd. bike path. This will be done on the north and south side of McAndrews Rd.

The completed bridge will consist of:

- 8 foot wide sidewalk on both sides of the bridge structure
- 2 travel lanes in each direction (11 and 12 foot wide lanes, respectively)
- 1 center turn lane (14 feet wide)
- 6 foot wide bike lanes on both sides
- Bridge rails on each side that are 1 ft wide

The City of Medford received a grant of \$7.9 million of OTIA funds to construct this project and to perform temporary repairs to the Barnett Rd Bridge over Bear Creek as well (completed June 2004). The City contracted with OTAK, Inc. (a Portland - based Engineering consultant) in August 2004 to design the new bridge and a temporary pedestrian bridge. In June 2005, a \$0.5 million construction contract was awarded to James W Fowler Co. to

construct a temporary pedestrian bridge and multi-use paths along McAndrews Rd. The pedestrian bridge, located south of the existing bridge, is designed to carry pedestrian traffic across Bear Creek while the north half of the bridge is removed and replaced. After the new

bridge is completed, the temporary bridge will be removed.

Final construction plans, specifications, and estimate were completed in June 2005 and bids were opened in late July. In August 2005, a \$5.6 million construction contract was awarded to Ross Bros. and Company, Inc.

Ross Bros. began construction the week of August 29th, 2005. The north half of the new bridge, irrigation facility relocation, and mall entrance improvements are scheduled to be reconstructed by Spring of 2006 (for more Stage 1 details go to the following website - <http://www.ci.medford.or.us/Projects.asp>).

After Stage 1 construction is complete, two lanes of traffic will be rerouted to the north side of the bridge to allow for removal and replacement of the south half of the bridge. The overall project is scheduled to be finished in the Fall of 2006.



Employee of the Quarter



JoLayne Fulmer
Operations Supervisor,
RVCCOM
Medford Police Department

JoLayne Fulmer was honored as the Employee of the Quarter at the September 15, 2005 City Council Meeting. JoLayne has worked for the City of Medford since 1986.

JoLayne has been instrumental in the customization and implementation of the CritiCall Testing System that is utilized in the hiring process for dispatch as well as the enhancement of the on-going training program. She has put forth a committed effort above and beyond her regular duties and has been selected as the Oregon Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials "Supervisor of the Year for 2004".

The nomination for JoLayne was made by RVCCOM Manager Kelly Dutra who states, "One of the most appreciated things about JoLayne is her willingness to get back to people on their questions and issues. She is extremely dependable and is indispensable to the City of Medford."

Summer City Thank You!

The Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank you all for your generous support of the Summer Concert Series and Movies in the Park programs.

We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the sponsors and all the donors who have extended their services and their contributions to make this community event such a success. Through your donations we were able to bring families together and enjoy our resources at Bear Creek Park. Without our sponsors we would not have these wonderful community activities. So please visit them if you get the chance. Because of people and businesses such as yourself the Rogue Valley and greater Medford area is great place to live.

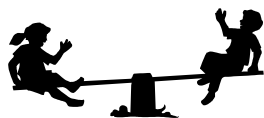
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News from Parks & Recreation

The City of Medford Parks and Recreation Department will have a few projects taking place this fall including:

- Play structures at three park sites will either be added to or upgraded. Fichtner-Mainwaring Park will receive all new equipment while Holmes and Hawthorne Parks will receive additional equipment and partial replacement. Volunteers are needed to assist in installation. Contact us if in need of a great service group project.
- Preliminary development of Lone Pine and Lewis Parks will continue thanks in part to grants received this past summer.
- Beautification areas will begin to receive needed attention as the Parks Public Utility Fee will allow the department to assemble a bid for contract maintenance this fall.



The Autumn Community Connection Guide is NOW available. This guide includes youth and adult classes, a park location map, sport program information and special events.

The Autumn Community Connection can be viewed via the city website at www.ci.medford.or.us/parks or call 774-2400 to request one be sent to your home.