



# CITY OF MEDFORD

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### MEDFORD POLICE UNVEIL NEW K-9 MEMORIAL

In June, Medford Police, alongside City Councilors, unveiled a new K-9 Memorial, honoring the service, sacrifice, and legacy of the department's police dogs.

Located in front of the Medford Police Station, the memorial replaces the vandalized tribute to K-9 OXER, who served with handler Tony Young as part of Medford's first police canine team.

"This memorial stands as a visible symbol of the dedication of the men, women, and dogs who have helped protect Medford over the years. Memorials matter because they help us remember what should not be forgotten," said Police Chief Trevor Arnold.

The project was funded by the Council Community Initiative Fund, which is supported by local and state marijuana tax revenues.

### COUNCIL ART CONTEST HIGHLIGHTS COMMUNITY SPIRIT

The City of Medford has selected four high school students as winners of the 2026 Council Art Contest, with each receiving a \$1,000 cash prize and future display in City Hall.

After reviewing over forty submissions around the theme "Community," the City Council selected four standout pieces that best captured the spirit of the city.

- **Koen Knutson**, North Medford High School – *Enjoy Our City*
- **Talula Heckendorf**, Phoenix High School – *Connections Bring Lasting Memories*
- **Jordyn Strigle**, South Medford High School – *Table Rock Rising Over Pear Vineyards*
- **Andrea Summerhays**, North Medford High School – *Revitalized Memorial Landmarks in Medford's Community*

The contest was funded by the Council Community Initiative Fund (CCIF), which is comprised of marijuana tax revenue the City receives from local and state taxes.

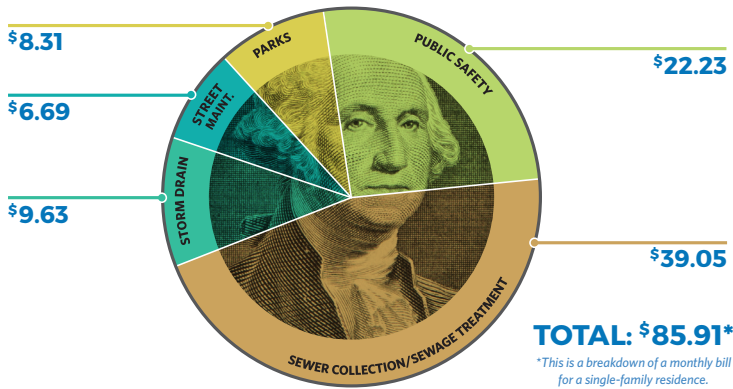


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## UTILITY BILL INCREASE

The City's utility fee rates have changed to better support our community's needs. For an average single-family home, the total monthly fees increased by \$9.38, broken down as follows:

- Street Maintenance: increased by \$0.38
- Storm Drain: increased by \$0.48
- Sewer Collection & Treatment: increased by \$3.96
- Public Safety: increased by \$3.08
- Parks: increased by \$1.48

These adjustments reflect the City's ongoing efforts to maintain and improve essential services.

The **Public Safety** fee supports police and fire services, emergency response capabilities, public safety facilities, EMS squads, and the Livability Team.

The **Storm Drain** fee funds maintenance and improvements to Medford's stormwater system to reduce flooding and protect local waterways.

The **Sewer Collection and Treatment** fee supports operation, maintenance, and upgrades to Medford's sewer collection system and wastewater treatment facility, including DEQ-mandated improvements.

The **Street Maintenance** fee funds pavement preservation, ADA accessibility improvements, street lighting, signage, and roadway maintenance.

Lastly, the **Parks** fee supports park maintenance, beautification of public spaces, recreational facilities, and improvements that keep parks safe and accessible.

The new rates took effect July 1 and will be reflected on August utility bills. For more information, visit [medfordoregon.gov/utilityrates](http://medfordoregon.gov/utilityrates).



## MEDFORD OPENS LARGEST MUNICIPAL PICKLEBALL COMPLEX IN OREGON

The dedicated pickleball facility known as The Courts by Lithia & Driveway officially opened June 5 at Howard Memorial Sports Park, adjacent to Rogue X.

The \$2 million facility is now the largest municipal pickleball complex in Oregon, featuring 19 lighted courts for recreational and competitive play.

The courts are open daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and are available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Use is free, except during tournaments or league play that may require a fee.

## REGIONAL WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS BEGIN

The City of Medford broke ground on the Regional Water Reclamation Facility Improvement Project June 25, marking the start of one of the largest infrastructure investments in the Rogue Valley's history.

The estimated \$330 million project will upgrade the facility to meet updated environmental requirements while continuing to provide reliable wastewater treatment services for Medford and surrounding communities.

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