



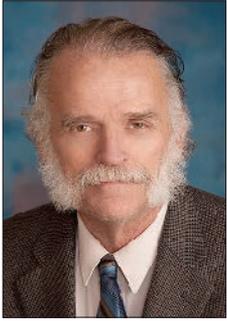
# TRAIL NEWS



*City Departments  
Parks, Recreation  
Swimming Pool  
Public Library  
Community*

Spring 2013

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CITIES AND TOWNS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE FACING THE PROSPECT OF RAISING WATER RATES TO PAY FOR FAILING INFRASTRUCTURE. Like other cities, Oregon City is facing critical decisions this May about paying the full cost of water services, including replacing old water pipes.

In 1994, the City borrowed funding to construct a water intake structure on the Clackamas River along with several other water system capital improvements. The borrowed funding was secured through bonds, and the City committed to increasing water rates, a portion of which was used to pay back the bonds.

In 1996, a citizen-led ballot initiative resulted in an amendment to Oregon City's Charter which specified that water rates would be rolled back to the 1994 rates and future increases would be capped at no more than 3% per year. The rollback did not occur in 1996 because of a court challenge that suspended the roll back until existing bonds can be repaid. Those bonds will be paid off next year and the rollback would follow. If this rate rollback occurs, Oregon City will experience a 27% loss of water utility revenue which will not be enough to cover the operation costs of our water services. The Oregon City Commission is placing a measure on the May 2013 ballot to amend the Charter and reverse the rollback provision. The Charter's existing 3% rate increase cap without a rollback will cover the operation costs of our water facilities; with the rollback, this will not be the case. For this reason the City Commission is planning to place a measure on the May 2013 ballot to eliminate the rollback.

However, eliminating the rollback alone, even with the existing 3% cap left in place, does not cover the City's pipe replacement needs. Many of Oregon City's water pipes are at the end of their useful life and need replacement. Some of the City's 154 miles of water pipes are over 100 years old and are severely obstructed with rust and sediment deposits (see the photographs); they must be replaced. Old-age pipes leak and this leakage often goes undetected until a severe break occurs and causes service outages. Water to Oregon City and West Linn is provided by the South

Fork Water treatment plant which is owned by the two cities. Both cities pay South Fork based on water leaving the treatment plant whether the water is used by customers or is lost through leakage or breakage. These issues cannot be addressed without amending the cap on water rate increases.

For these reasons, the City Commission is considering a second measure on a later ballot to permit an annual rate increase of up to 6% (3% higher than the current rate). This increase is estimated to raise the average household monthly water rates an additional \$2 to \$3 per month per year. It is anticipated that the 6% rate increase would address current deferred-maintenance issues over a 20 year period. Most people, including myself, often refer to the City's utility bill as the "water bill". On my bill, the actual water-rate portion is only a little over 20% of the total City utility bill. The water-rate is the only portion of the utility bill to which this measure would apply. This increase would adequately fund water system needs for water projects and maintenance while retaining accountability to the ratepayers.

This is the priority issue for the current City Commission. Other issues facing the current Commission over the next two years include identifying the site of a new library and beginning construction, hiring new police officers, increasing the number of parks-maintenance staff and deciding on a site for a future public works facility. These topics will be discussed in future City Matters articles.



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## City Departments

**Mayor**—Doug Neeley  
**Commissioners**—Betty Mumm, Carol Pauli, Kathy Roth, Rocky L Smith Jr  
**City Manager**—David Frasher  
**City Recorder**—Nancy Ide  
**Finance Director**—Wyatt Parno  
**Human Resources Director**—Jim Loeffler

**Police Chief/Public Safety Director**—Mike Conrad  
**Public Works Director**—John Lewis  
**Community Development Director**—Tony Konkol  
**Community Services Director**—Scott Archer  
**Economic Development Manager**—Eric Underwood  
**Library Director**—Maureen Cole

**Community Contacts** (Area Code 503)

Ermatinger House	650.1851
McLoughlin House	656.5146
Museum of the Oregon Territory	655-5574 www.historicoregoncity.org
Oregon City Soccer	672.9264 ext. 484
Oregon City Youth Baseball & Softball	632.0569
Oregon City Youth Football	632.0547
Redland Baseball	www.redlandball.org
Stevens-Crawford House	655.2866
Tri Cities Adult Softball Association	659.2992
YMCA	657.9795

**City Government Contacts** (Area Code 503)

Emergency Service	911
City Hall	657.0891
Building Dept	722.3789
Code Enforcement	496.1559
Community Services	496.1546
Fire Business	742.2670
Library	657.8269
Mountain View Cemetery	657.8299
Municipal Court	657.8154
Parks Department	496.1201
Pioneer Community Center	657.8287
Planning Dept	722.3789
Police Business	657.4964
Public Affairs	657.0891
Public Works Operations	657.8241
Public Works Engineering	657.0891
Recreation	496.1565
Swimming Pool & Activity Registration	657.8273
South Fork Water Board	657.5030
Water Billing	657.8151

**Other Government Contacts** (Area Code 503)

Animal Control	655.8628
Clackamas Community College	657.6958
Clackamas County	353.4400
Clackamas County Commissioners	655.8581
Eastham Community Center	785.8520
Fish & Wildlife	657.2000
Oregon City School District	785.8000

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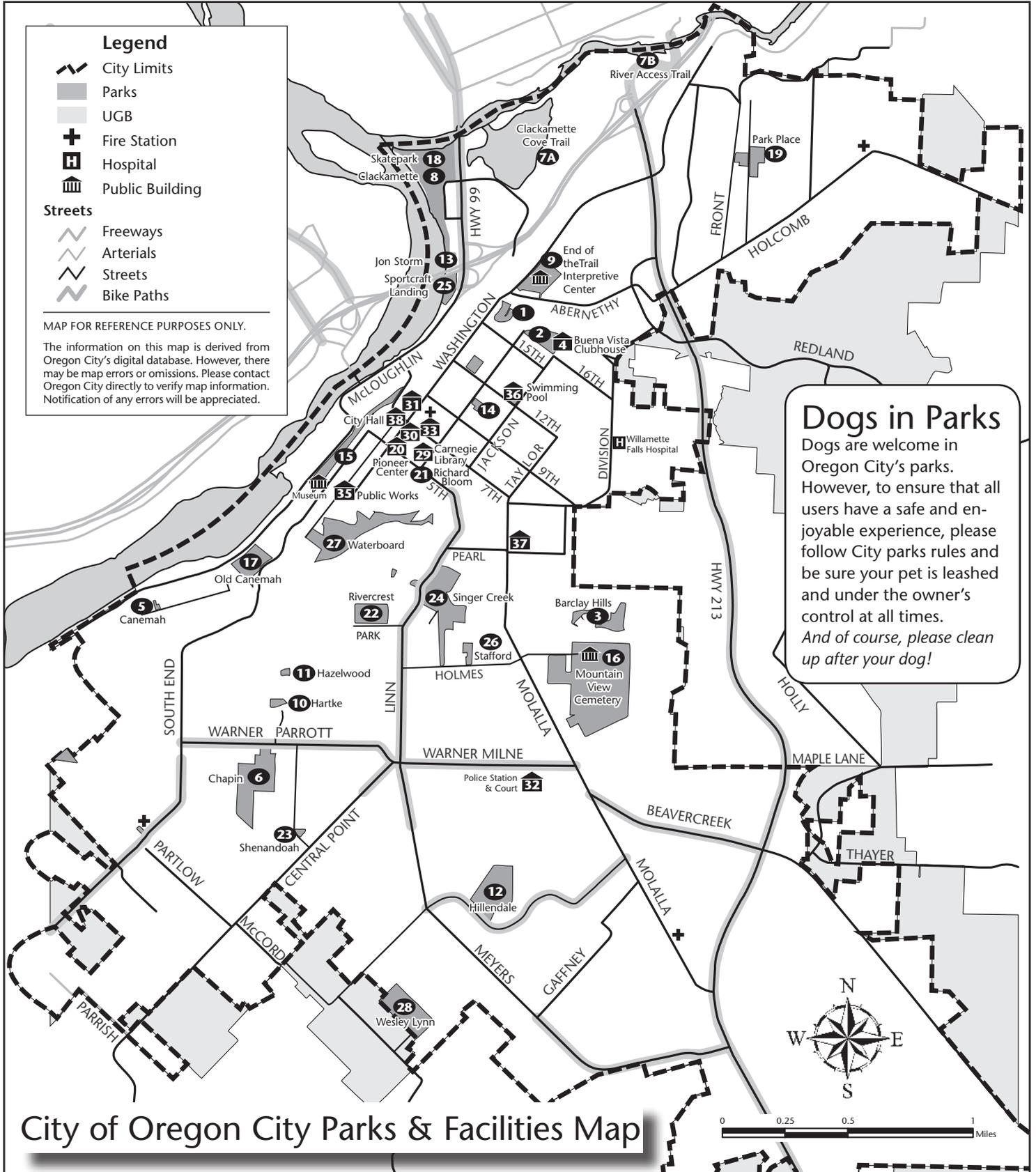
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**City Departments**

THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS are volunteers who do not keep regular office hours. They may be reached via voice mail at 503.657.0891.

CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. Any citizen is welcome to address the Commission on any subject at the beginning of each meeting.

City Commission regular meetings are streamed live on the Internet at [www.orcity.org](http://www.orcity.org) and are available on demand following the meeting. Willamette Falls Cable broadcasts meetings live on Channel 23 at 7:00pm and rebroadcasts them throughout the month. For a broadcast schedule call 503.650.0275 or logon to <http://www.wftvmedia.org>.





## Parks Office Information

**Office Hours** Monday—Friday | 8:30am—3:30pm

### Parks Department Staff

Larry Potter \_\_\_\_\_ Parks/Cemetery Operations Manager  
 Richard Reed \_\_\_\_\_ Park Maintenance Specialist III  
 Steve Little \_\_\_\_\_ Park Maintenance Specialist III  
 Mark Anderson \_\_\_\_\_ Park Maintenance Specialist III  
 Jon Waverly \_\_\_\_\_ Park Maintenance Specialist III  
 Gavin Bruhn \_\_\_\_\_ Park Maintenance Specialist III  
 Sara Dominguez (*se habla espanol*) \_\_\_\_\_ Office Specialist II  
 Cathy Mitchell \_\_\_\_\_ Office Assistant

*To learn more about the activities or services offered here, please call us.*

## Accommodations & Private Events

### Hosting a Gathering? Let Us Provide the Space!

OUR PARK SHELTERS AND FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS SUCH AS SHOWERS, REUNIONS, FUNDRAISERS, & BIRTHDAY PARTIES. Clackamette\*, Wesley Lynn, Chapin, Hillendale and Rivercrest\* Parks are all great outdoor locations with covered shelters and surrounding grass areas that can be reserved for special events. (*\*Clackamette & Rivercrest have 2 covered shelters.*) See photos at: [www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation/shelter-reservations](http://www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation/shelter-reservations). We accept shelter reservations up to one year in advance.

### There are Three Ways to Make a Reservation:

- 1 Call Park Operations at 503.496.1201
- 2 Stop by the office Monday–Friday, 8:30am–3:30pm
- 3 Send us an email.

Sara: [sdominguez@orcity.org](mailto:sdominguez@orcity.org) -or- Cathy: [cmitchell@orcity.org](mailto:cmitchell@orcity.org)

We will check availability and call you within 48 hours.

*Reservation fees must be paid in full to hold the reservation.*

**Buena Vista Clubhouse**—The Clubhouse is also a great venue for a special event. Want to hold an upcoming family reunion or off-site company gathering? The Buena Vista Clubhouse is the perfect venue to hold your next event. Features include a full kitchen, large dining/dancing area, small stage, private restroom, folding chairs and tables. Rental rates start at \$100 for the first 4 hours and \$25 for each additional hour. A \$150 refundable deposit is also required with the reservation. Reservations can be made up to one year in advance. Call our office for more information or to schedule a tour.

**Clackamette RV Park**—The RV Park is open year round and is a great location for guests visiting during the spring season. The park offers 35 sites, each with water and electricity (30 amp) hookups, RV dump station (\$5 dump fee), horseshoe pits, and a boat launch at the nearby Clackamette Park. Maximum stay is limited to 10 days and spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis only. We do not take advanced reservations. Prices are \$20 and \$25 per night, depending on location. Payment is made onsite by either cash, VISA or MasterCard only. We DO NOT accept checks or foreign currency.

## Canemah Bluff Addition

### Metro Closes Gap to Create a 330-Acre Natural Area

Metro filled a “hole” in Canemah Bluff Natural Area in January, purchasing 22 acres that split the voter-protected land into two sections. With the new addition, Metro now owns a continuous expanse of 330 acres overlooking the Willamette River south of Oregon City. *See full story on page 38.*

## Thank You OCHS Construction Core!!

The students of the Oregon City High School Construction Core are working countless hours on several park projects. We would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals:

Dillan Albrich	Grant Hicks	Cody Schweitzer
Bailey Anderson	Nick Hohensee	Aaron Shaw
Conner Brown	Danny Karabatsos	Josh Smith
Tanner Burke	James Kozlik	Mattheu Smith
Dale Christensen	Noah Long	Tony Varivoda
Ryan Cox	Michael McCoy	Ruslan Volosevych
Adam Beeds	Travis Mitchell	Brady Walton
Gage Engel	Nicoli Pieri	Morgan Wingerd
Nico Espino	Colby Rutherford	Austin Winters
Michael Griffin	Justyn Schuett	

Also, a special thanks to their teacher Britt Tucker for his guidance and hard work. Their projects include repair work on the arbor at Wesley Lynn Park and repairing the observation deck at Hillendale Park. They will also build the new kiosk at Clackamette RV Park. Their contributions are greatly appreciated!

## Pay It Forward!

Are you looking for ways to give back to the community? Oregon City is always striving to improve our parks and with your help we can. Residents can volunteer their time, donate dog pots, picnic tables or benches to the City, and the Parks Department will install these items in our most needed areas. Please contact the Parks Office for more information and details.



**Attention All Pet Owners!**  
 Everyone loves a walk in the park, right?  
 When out walking with your dogs please remember the following:

- All pets must be on leashes
- Pets must not be noisy, unruly, or disturb other park visitors or residents.
- Pet owners must clean up their pet's waste.

## Cemetery Office Information

### Mountain View Cemetery Staff

Larry Potter \_\_\_\_\_ Parks/Cemetery Operations Manager  
Steve Little \_\_\_\_\_ Park Maintenance Specialist III  
Sara Dominguez (*se habla espanol*) \_\_\_\_\_ Office Specialist II  
Cathy Mitchell \_\_\_\_\_ Office Assistant

### Office Hours

Monday—Friday  
8:30am—3:30pm

To learn more about any of the activities or services we offer call us at 503.657.8299.



## Spring 2013 Clean-up Event

OUR ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP EVENT WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR ON FRIDAY, MAY 3 FROM 8:00AM—NOON. Participating in community projects is a great way to get to know the people in our neighborhood and our fellow citizens in the community. Free lunch and refreshments will be provided for all volunteers. For more information or to sign-up for the event, please call our office at 503.657.8299.

## Fall 2012 Cemetery Clean-up

THE FALL CLEAN-UP THAT WAS HELD LAST NOVEMBER HAD A GREAT TURNOUT. Cemetery staff received several compliments regarding the pristine cemetery grounds. Thank you to all who were involved.

## Memorial Day

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MOUNTAIN VIEW'S ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION. This year's event will be held on Monday, May 27 at 10:00am. Last year we had over 400 attendees. Join us for a special day of remembering and honoring those we have lost.

## Memorial Options

Mountain View Cemetery offers several choices to memorialize your loved ones. We offer bronze inscription vases, engraved bricks, sitting benches, a memorial wall, headstones and natural stones. Please stop by the office for rates and options.



## Recreation Registration & Fees

- **How to Register**—You can register for all recreation programs online at [www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation](http://www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation). Swim lesson registrations can be done online, by calling 503.657.8273 or in person at the Swimming Pool, 1211 Jackson Street. For information about new class offerings and updated information, go to [www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation](http://www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation).
- **Scholarship Information**—Scholarships for aquatic and select recreation programs are available to qualifying Oregon City residents. For more information call Rochelle Parsch at 503.496.1572 or pick up an application at one of our facilities.
- **City Resident Discount**—A resident is any person who lives inside the city limits of Oregon City. Non-residents pay a higher fee for classes and activities since they do not pay Oregon City property taxes which help fund Parks and Recreation programs.



### Skyhawks

#### Summer Sports Camps

Skyhawks provides safe, positive athletic programs that emphasize critical lessons in sports and life, such as sportsmanship, teamwork, winning and

losing. Skyhawks continues to build on its foundation of providing healthy and active lifestyle choices while helping to develop and build the skills and confidence of young athletes.

For more info visit [www.skyhawks.com](http://www.skyhawks.com) or call 866.849.9936.

#### 4 WAYS TO REGISTER FOR SKYHAWKS

**Online** [www.ocpool.org](http://www.ocpool.org)

**Walk-In** Oregon City Swimming Pool, 1211 Jackson St  
Make checks payable to: Oregon City Parks & Recreation

**Mail To** Skyhawks  
6311 E. Mt. Spokane Pk. Dr | Mead, WA 99021

**Fax To** 888.466.2318 | \$5 service fee per child per program is assessed for faxed registrations.

For more information or to register by phone, please call Oregon City Parks and Recreation at 503.657.8273.

#### **Tiny-Hawk Soccer** AGES 3–4

This camp for pre-school age kids introduces the essentials of one or two sports. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand-eye coordination, and skill development. Must be toilet trained in order to participate.

Monday–Thursday | 1:00–1:45pm

SESSION 1 July 15–18 Course #SSA46407

SESSION 2 August 5–8 Course #SSA46114

Wesley Lynn Park, 12901 Frontier Parkway | \$29 per session

#### **Mini-Hawks** AGES 4–6 (Soccer, Baseball & Basketball)

This baseball, basketball and soccer program gives young children a fun and positive first step into athletics. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand-eye coordination, and skill development at their own pace.

Monday–Friday | 9:00am–12:00pm

August 5–9 | Course #SSA46113

Wesley Lynn Park, 12901 Frontier Parkway | \$99

#### **Mighty-Hawk Soccer** AGES 5–8

The #1 camp for learning the fundamentals of soccer. Using our progression curriculum, campers gain the technical skills and sports knowledge required for that next step into soccer.

Monday–Friday | 9:00am–12:00pm

July 15–19 | Course #SSA36431

Wesley Lynn Park, 12901 Frontier Parkway | \$99

#### **Skyhawks Tennis** AGES 7–12

In Skyhawks Sports tennis programs, players learn proper grips, footwork, strokes, volleys and serves, as well as the rules and etiquette that make tennis an exciting game. Programs fill quickly due to limited court space.

Monday–Friday | 9:00am–12:00pm

SESSION 1 July 8–12 Course #SSA49722

SESSION 2 July 22–26 Course #SSA49723

SESSION 3 August 5–9 Course #SSA48026

Rivercrest Park, 131 Park Drive | \$99 per session



## Oregon City Community Education *Programs & Services*

Eastham Community Center | 1404 Seventh St | 503.785.8520 ext.0 | Office Hours 7:00am–4:00pm

We have a new look! Check out our new website to register for adult and youth community education classes. We partner with local businesses and independent instructors to offer all of our classes. The quarterly class offerings are listed in the Clackamas Community College catalog in the Community Education section. Drivers Education classes are offered for ages 15–17 (additional fee for enrollees 18 years and older). OCCE offers other programs for our youth, as well as our year-round No-School-Day program for grades K–6, located at Eastham Community Center. For complete details of our classes and to register, go to [www.tinyurl.com/occeclass](http://www.tinyurl.com/occeclass). Click on the category desired to view the classes or programs you're interested in. Create your new user account by clicking on VIEW MY ACCOUNT.

# SCHOOL'S OUT DAY CAMPS!

at Oregon City Pool  
For Ages 5–11

## Spring Break Aqua Camp

**Edible Art!** ☀ **March 25–29**

Do you enjoy playing with your food? Unleash your creativity in the kitchen this week as we create and decorate tasty treats! A fun-filled week of crafts, theme-related activities, games and swimming!

Monday–Friday | 9:00am–4:00pm  
\$100 Resident | \$120 Non-Resident

Children are well supervised during all phases of our day camps, and Lifeguards are provided for all swimming pool activities—campers will swim from 2:00–4:00pm each day. Bring a sack lunch, swimsuit and towel, and be sure to wear clothes that can get a little messy.

For more information call 503.657.8273  
Register online at [www.oregoncity.org](http://www.oregoncity.org)



## OC Youth Lacrosse

THE OREGON CITY BOYS AND GIRLS YOUTH PROGRAMS ARE NOW OPEN FOR SPRING REGISTRATION.

- BOYS register at [www.oregoncitylax.com](http://www.oregoncitylax.com)
- GIRLS register at [staff.oregoncity.k12.or.us/dara.kramer/lacrosse/Oregon\\_City\\_Girls\\_Lacrosse/Youth.html](http://staff.oregoncity.k12.or.us/dara.kramer/lacrosse/Oregon_City_Girls_Lacrosse/Youth.html).

For questions regarding the game, please visit either website and check out the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section. If that doesn't help, use the CONTACT US button and someone from either program will get back to you. Hope to see you on the field! If you'd like to volunteer to coach boys lacrosse, please contact Chris Heath at [coach.chris@oregoncitylax.com](mailto:coach.chris@oregoncitylax.com) or 503.742.1747. For girls, contact Dara Kramer at [darakramer@comcast.net](mailto:darakramer@comcast.net). Join the Tribe!



**JOIN US FOR THIS POPULAR PARENT-CHILD DROP-IN ACTIVITY AT THE OREGON CITY SWIMMING POOL!**

Preschoolers and their parents can play for two hours at our indoor playground in the Oregon City Community Room on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Enjoy tumble mats, balls, toys, trikes and much, much more!

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

- Check in at the front desk before you start playing.
- Talk to our friendly front desk staff for an updated monthly calendar!

### Indoor Playground

*Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays  
10:00am—Noon*  
Preschoolers can crawl through tunnels, play on trikes, bounce balls, slide, run, jump & just have fun! *Playground equipment is disinfected regularly!*

**Drop-in Fee: \$2 per Child  
Parents are FREE!!**

### Indoor Swimming

*Tuesdays & Fridays  
11:00am—Noon*  
Children and parents are welcome to swim together in our heated pool. Parents must be in the water with their children. *Lifeguards will be present!*

**Regular admission fees apply.  
Please see page 10.**

Children under 12 months old are FREE!!



**Swimming Pool & Community Room**  
1211 Jackson St, Oregon City | 503.657.8273

## Get SCUBA Certified!

### SCUBA Training with the PADI Open Water Diver Course

If you've always wanted to learn how to SCUBA dive, discover new adventures and see the wondrous world beneath the surface, this is the class for you! The PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) Open Water Diver class that is taught by Kerri Whitlow is the most widely recognized SCUBA certification class in the world.

Group classes are scheduled each month with weekend pool sessions and open water check-out dive trips to Hood Canal or Puget Sound areas. Upon completion of all class objectives, divers obtain a certification card.

MINIMUM OF 4 STUDENTS TO HOLD CLASS. *Preregistration is required. Meet at the pool on the first day. Class begins promptly at 9:00am.*

CLASS FEE—\$425. *Includes academic materials, pool sessions and rental gear for the pool classes and open water check-out dives.*

OPEN WATER CHECK-OUT DIVE—*Students are responsible for transportation, lodging, 2 air fills (approx \$6 each) and beach fees (approx \$16). Rental gear will be provided for the Open Water Check-Out.*

LOCATION—Oregon City Swimming Pool | 1211 Jackson Street

REGISTER—*In person at the Oregon City Pool, online at [www.orcity.org](http://www.orcity.org), or call 503.657.8273.*

Schedule	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4
REGISTRATION DEADLINE	February 25	April 1	April 28	May 27
CLASSES Sundays	March 3 March 17 March 24	April 7 April 14 April 21	May 5 May 12 May 19	June 2 June 9 June 16
	POOL TIME: 9:00am—1:00pm			
OPEN WATER CHECK-OUT Weekends	March 30–31	April 27–28	May 25–26	June 22–23



## Water Exercise

*All classes are available for non-swimmers.*

### Interval & Circuit Training

Monday & Wednesday	9:15—10:00am
Wednesday	7:30—8:15pm

Looking for a workout to fit into your busy schedule? Join us for our NEW Interval & Circuit Training water exercise class. Class will be conducted in both shallow and deep water. Aqua jogger belts are available for individuals who desire support in the deeper water. An interval is defined as a period of time. And circuit is defined by pre-set stations that determine the exercise to be completed; these stations combine exercises that allow the benefits of aerobic and anaerobic exercise. The concept of interval & circuit training allows you produce a greater amount of total work. It involves moving from one station to another with minimal rest, ideally only 30 seconds between each station. Involves both anaerobic and the recovery aerobic. Benefits to you:

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|--|--|
| 1 Improved cardio respiratory endurance  | 6 Can develop speed, power and endurance                   |
| 2 Improved body composition              | 7 Aids in variety & enjoyment, and thus exercise adherence |
| 3 Improved muscular strength & endurance | 8 Potentially less over-training                           |
| 4 Improved flexibility                   |  |
| 5 Enhances sports performance            |  |

### Shallow Water Exercise

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	8:00—9:00am
Tuesday & Thursday	6:15—7:15pm

Come experience water aerobics! Work out in waist- to chest-deep water that is easy on the joints and body. The workout includes a warm-up, stretching, aerobic exercise and a cool-down. Recommended for all ages.

### Deep Water Exercise

Monday–Friday	8:00—9:00am
Tuesday & Thursday	6:15—7:15pm

Join our Deep Water class and get exercise without impacting your joints. We'll work on building strength and flexibility while having fun! All abilities welcome, choice of exertion level will be offered. The only prerequisite is that you are comfortable in deep water. Good for expecting mothers, those recovering from surgery or injury, and anyone desiring a great workout.

### Arthritis Foundation Water Exercise

Tuesday & Thursday	8:00—9:00am
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This program combines the buoyancy of water and the soothing warmth of a heated pool to make a safe, ideal environment for relieving arthritis pain and stiffness. Gentle movements used in the program increase joint flexibility and range of motion while restoring or maintaining muscle strength.

## Swim Schedule *April 1—June 15*

<b>Recreation Swim</b>	Tuesday & Friday	11:00am—12:00pm	
	Friday	7:30—9:00pm	
	Saturday	12:30—2:00pm	
<b>School's Out Recreation Swim</b>	Monday–Friday March 25–29	2:00—4:00pm	
<b>Family* Swim</b>	Tuesday	7:15—8:30pm	
<b>Adult Swim</b>	Monday–Friday	8:00—9:00am	
	Monday–Friday	1:00—2:00pm	
	Saturday	11:00am—12:30pm	
<b>Lap Swim</b> <i>Number of available lanes may vary.</i>	Monday–Friday	6:00—8:00am	
	Monday–Friday	11:00am—2:00pm	
	Wednesday	7:30—8:30pm	
	Saturday	11:00am—12:30pm	
<b>Water Exercise Classes</b> <i>Details on facing page.</i>	<b>Interval &amp; Circuit Training</b>	Monday & Wednesday	9:15—10:00am
		Wednesday	7:30—8:15pm
	<b>Shallow</b>	Mon, Wed & Fri	8:00—9:00am
		Tuesday & Thursday	6:15—7:15pm
	<b>Deep</b>	Monday–Friday	8:00—9:00am
		Tuesday & Thursday	6:15—7:15pm
<b>Arthritis</b>	Tuesday & Thursday	8:00—9:00am	

## Swim To Success!

**WORK OUT & EARN AWARDS!**

### Oregon City Pool Awards Program Check it out! (It's Free!)

Info and sign-up at the Oregon City Swimming Pool  
1211 Jackson St, Oregon City | 503.657.8273



Flashlight/Keychain  
25 Workouts



Water Bottle  
100 Workouts



Car Magnet  
150 Workouts



Lanyard  
50 Workouts



Duffle Bag  
200 Workouts

## Admission Prices

**CHILDREN 8 YEARS OLD & YOUNGER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT IN THE WATER.**

<p><b>R=Residents</b> Are those who live inside the city limits of Oregon City.</p> <p><b>NR=Non-Residents</b> Pay a higher fee for classes and activities since they do not pay Oregon City property taxes which help fund the Parks and Recreation programs. For more information, please ask our friendly front desk staff!</p> <p><b>* Family Swim &amp; Family Memberships</b> are for Youth and Parents/Guardians in one home.</p>	<b>DROP-IN FEES</b>	<i>Per Session</i>	<b>Youth (2–18)</b>		<b>Adult (19+)</b>		<b>Senior (62+)</b>	
			R	NR	R	NR	R	NR
		Recreational Swim	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$3.25	\$4.50	\$3.00	\$4.00
		Water Exercise	\$3.50	\$4.50	\$3.75	\$5.00	\$3.50	\$4.50
		Family* Swim	\$6.25 Resident Family*   \$8.50 Non-Resident Family*					
	<b>PUNCH CARDS</b>	<i>Valid for Water Exercise, Lap, Rec &amp; Adult Swim</i>	<b>10 Sessions</b>		<b>20 Sessions</b>		<b>40 Sessions</b>	
			R	NR	R	NR	R	NR
		Adult	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$52.00	\$78.00	\$86.00	\$129.00
		Youth & Seniors	\$24.00	\$36.50	\$34.50	\$51.50	\$55.00	\$83.00
	<b>MEMBERSHIPS</b>	<i>Includes Lap Swim, Recreational Swim, Adult &amp; Family* Swim</i>	<b>INDIVIDUALS &amp; FAMILIES*</b>					
<b>1st Person or Individual</b>			<b>2nd Person in Family</b>		<b>Each Additional Family Member</b>			
		R	NR	R	NR	R	NR	
Adult/Family	3 Months	\$51.50	\$87.50	\$41.50	\$74.50	\$9.00	\$14.50	
	Annual	\$103.50	\$175.00	\$83.25	\$140.00	\$17.00	\$28.00	
Youth/Senior/Family	3 Months	\$46.50	\$79.00	\$41.50	\$74.50	\$9.00	\$14.50	
	Annual	\$93.00	\$158.00	\$83.25	\$140.00	\$17.00	\$28.00	
	Water Exercise	With any Membership—pay 50 cents per Class						

## Swimming Lessons *Which class should I sign my child up for?*

6 MONTHS—3 YEARS	Water Babies
3—5 YEARS*	Swim Tots A/B
5 YEARS & UP	Oregon City Learn-to-Swim Program [LEVELS 1–6]

*\*If necessary and with written approval, a 4-year-old may proceed to Level 1 for more advanced instruction.*

### Parents and Students Please Note!

*Swimming classes are not necessarily designed to be taken in direct succession. Many, if not most students of the "Learn-to-Swim" program must repeat a level multiple times. So students—don't be discouraged! And parents—don't be disappointed if someone doesn't pass a level the first (or even the 9th!) time.*

## Oregon City's Swim Lesson Program *For Preschoolers*

**Water Babies**—FOR YOUNG & NEW SWIMMERS! Parents or guardians and children both have something to learn in this introductory class. This program will teach you and your child how to be comfortable in and around the water. Learn games and swimming skills in a safe and controlled environment suited to introduce your child to swimming lessons.

**Swim Tots A/B**—FOR A CHILD'S FIRST SWIM LESSON, UNATTENDED BY A PARENT. For beginners! Swim Tots is safely conducted on our *tot docks*—platforms that sink in the water to change the depth of the pool—making it easier for children to stand and participate in lessons. Participants learn basic water safety and swimming skills through fun games and activities. *Skills they will learn include:* floating on their front and back, comfortably submerging their head under the water, and basic water safety.

**Note:** *Our "A" class should be attended first. Upon graduating, "A" students may proceed to "B". Only with written approval may a "B" student proceed to Level 1 if they are still under six years old. The "B" class is simply an accelerated "A" class, but teaches skills necessary for the Learn-to-Swim program [Levels 1–6]. All skills in Swim Tots A and B are conducted with the instructor's assistance.*

## Oregon City Learn-to-Swim Program *Ages 5 & up*

**LEVEL 1**—AN INTRODUCTORY CLASS THAT DOES NOT TAKE PLACE ON THE ELEVATED *TOT-DOCKS*, AND STRESSES HAVING EACH SKILL BEING PERFORMED UNASSISTED. In order for your child to graduate to Level 2 he/she must complete Level 1 skills unassisted. Students must be at least five years old to participate (unless written approval is provided) and please, keep in mind that if your child is less than 50 inches tall, he/she will not be able to touch the bottom of the shallow end. It is strongly advised to start with Swim Tots (see above) if your child is 5 years old and has never participated in group lessons. *Skills learned through games and drills in Level 1 include:* submerging the face and opening the eyes underwater, blowing mouth and nose bubbles; foundations for front crawl with rotating arms and a flutter kick; floating and gliding skills; and basic water safety.

**LEVEL 2**—STUDENTS MUST BE VERY COMFORTABLE WITH THEIR FACES IN THE WATER AND BE ABLE TO COMPLETE ALL SKILLS IN LEVEL 1, **UNASSISTED**. *Skills they will learn and must successfully demonstrate to pass Level 2 are:* holding their breath and exploring underwater with open eyes; picking up a submerged object; gliding and floating on the front and back; the unsupported ability to perform a beginning front crawl for a distance of at least 15 meters; more water safety; an introduction to basic water rescue skills will also be taught.

**LEVEL 3**—BUILDING FROM LEVEL 2, LEVEL 3 SAFELY ADAPTS STUDENTS TO DEEPER WATER AND MORE ADVANCED SKILLS. *The skills they must successfully demonstrate in order to pass include:* effective use of multiple kicks (breaststroke, flutter, scissor, and dolphin); front crawl with rhythmic breathing; back crawl; jumping and diving into deep water, as well as treading in deep water; additional water safety and rescue skills.

**LEVEL 4**—INTRODUCES A NUMBER OF NEW SKILLS. All kicks learned in Level 3 will now have their respective strokes incorporated into them. *Skills they must successfully demonstrate in order to pass include:* decent execution of front and back crawl, breaststroke, butterfly, and elementary backstroke; strong ability to tread water; swimming underwater; a further understanding of water safety and rescue skills.

**LEVEL 5**—TAKING THE SKILLS LEARNED IN LEVEL 4 A STEP FURTHER, LEVEL 5 SEEKS TO REFINE EVERY STROKE IN THE SWIMMER'S REPERTOIRE. The child will also learn a variety of new techniques, most of which incorporate competitive swimming elements. *Skills they must successfully demonstrate in order to pass include:* very strong treading skills; flip turns for front and back crawl; excellent execution of butterfly, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, front and back crawl, and sidestroke; more water safety and an introduction to rescue breathing.

**LEVEL 6**—FOR ONLY THE MOST ADVANCED OF YOUNG SWIMMERS! In this class, swimmers will perfect everything they've already learned, as well as gain new knowledge about water safety and what it means to be a responsible lifeguard. *Skills they must successfully demonstrate in order to pass include:* outstanding execution of front and back crawl, breaststroke, sidestroke, butterfly, and elementary backstroke; perform effective flip turns for crawl and open turns for all other strokes; using the diving board; a feast of other challenging drills and games to help push these now advanced swimmers to safe aquatic futures.

## Swim Lesson Registration

**Please register early before classes fill!!**

- **Spring** Registration begins Friday, March 8
- **Summer** Registration begins Friday, May 3
- **Online** Registration at [www.orcity.org](http://www.orcity.org). If Internet registration creates a hardship, please contact our staff for assistance.
- **Phone & In-Person** Registration  
503.657.8273 | Oregon City Pool, 1211 Jackson St
- **Private Lessons**—Register in person, by phone or online.
- **Gift Certificates**—Register in person and present Gift Certificate at time of registration.

## Swim Lesson Fees

DAYTIME LESSONS	4 Group Lessons	Residents	\$18.00
		4 Group Lessons	Non-Residents
	6 Group Lessons	Residents	\$26.00
	6 Group Lessons	Non-Residents	\$38.00
	1 Private Lesson	1 Student, 1 Instructor	\$21.50
	1 Semi-Private Lesson	2 Students, 1 Instructor	\$31.00
EVENING LESSONS	9 Group Lessons	Residents	\$38.50
	9 Group Lessons	Non-Residents	\$57.50
	1 Private Lesson	1 Student, 1 Instructor	\$21.50
	1 Semi-Private Lesson	2 Students, 1 Instructor	\$31.00

## SPRING Swim Lesson Schedules April 1—June 3

LEGEND	Preschool Lessons	Learn-to-Swim Lessons		INFO
	WB=Water Babies STA=Swim Tots A STB=Swim Tots B	LV1=Level 1 LV2=Level 2 LV3=Level 3	LV4=Level 4 LV5=Level 5 LV6=Level 6	
{PL}=Private & Semi-Private Lessons				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ All swimming lessons last 27 minutes.</li> <li>■ Not sure what to sign your child up for? Please see a description of each lesson level on the facing page.</li> <li>■ Please call 503.657.8273 or stop by the swimming pool for more session information and/or to register.</li> </ul>

PRIVATE LESSONS	Register online for private lessons & see all available dates/times! Lessons last 27 minutes.				
	MORNING	Tue, Thu	9:30am	10:00am	10:30am
	MID-DAY	Saturday	11:00am	11:30am	12:00pm
	EVENING	Mon, Wed, Fri	6:00pm	6:30pm	7:00pm
Private & Semi-Private Lessons {PL} are taught at the student's level. Many PLs are available during group lesson times. See schedules below.					

### Important Reminders

- If classes are full, please add your name to the wait list. We do our best to open up more classes!!
- Please read the information on the facing page. Children should be placed in classes according to their age and previous swim experience. Know the last class your child was in, and provide that information during registration. All participants are tested in the first lesson to ensure they're in the proper class. Instructors have the right to determine your child's level of performance and place them accordingly.
- Remember, swim lessons are different from other sports or activities. Children often need to retake a level 2 or 3 times to become proficient in their skills. Please consider this when registering your child for lessons.
- If you have questions for your child's instructor, feel free to speak to them after class. But remember, they often have another class to teach within a few minutes.

### MORNING LESSONS 2-Week Sessions | Open/Continuous Registration

GROUP LESSONS	4 LESSONS	TUE & THU	9:30am	10:00am	10:30am
	SESSION 1	April 2–April 11	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}
	SESSION 2	April 23–May 2	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}
	SESSION 3	May 14–May 23	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}
	6 LESSONS	MON, WED, FRI	9:30am	10:00am	10:30am
	SESSION 1	April 1–April 12	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV2
	SESSION 2	April 22–May 3	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV2
SESSION 3	May 13–May 24	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV2	

### EVENING LESSONS 3-Week Sessions | Registration begins March 8

GROUP LESSONS	9 LESSONS	MON, WED, FRI	6:00pm	6:30pm	7:00pm
	SESSION 1	April 1–April 19	WB, STA, 1, 2 {PL}	STB, 1, 2, 3 {PL}	STA, 1, 2, 4 {PL}
	SESSION 2	April 22–May 10	WB, STA, 1, 2, 3 {PL}	STB, 1, 2, 3 {PL}	STB, 1, 2, 4 {PL}
	SESSION 3	May 13–June 3**	WB, STA, 1, 2 {PL}	STB, 1, 2, 3 {PL}	STB, 1, 2, 5 {PL}
**No lessons on Memorial Day, May 27. Session ends on a Monday.					



## Rent Our Swimming Pool & Community Room

**Make Your Reservations Online  
Or Give Us A Call!**



*Check out our new prices & process!  
Now you can make reservations online at  
[www.orcity.org/swimmingpool](http://www.orcity.org/swimmingpool)  
Or call 503.657.8273*

The indoor heated Swimming Pool and the 2,000 sq.ft. Party Room are both available for private rentals. Reserve our facilities for YOUR special occasion!

FACILITIES >>	Community Room	Swimming Pool
Resident	\$30 per hour	\$73 per hour
Non-Resident	\$45 per hour	\$93 per hour
Times	11:00am–8:00pm	2:00pm–8:00pm
Days	Saturdays	Saturdays
Dates	All year	All year



## Lifeguard Training *Ages 15 years and up*

The course focuses on the job of a lifeguard in a swimming pool environment. Classes will emphasize victim recognition, surveillance, equipment-based rescues, and includes first aid and CPR for the Professional Rescuer.

PREREQUISITES—Participants must be able to:

- swim continuously for 300 yards
- tread water for 2 minutes using legs only
- retrieve a 10 pound brick from 7 feet of water and return it to the surface

Bring a swimsuit and towel...you will get wet.  
For more information, call Rochelle Parsch at 503.496.1572.



### Spring Break Session—Pre-registration required

Monday–Friday	March 25–29	9:00am–3:00pm
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### April Session—Pre-registration required

Thursday & Friday	April 11 & 12	4:00–9:00pm
Saturday & Sunday	April 13 & 14	10:00am–4:00pm

Oregon City Swimming Pool | \$120 Resident | \$140 Non-Resident  
Participants must attend all scheduled classes each session.

## Oregon City Swim Team

A competitive swim team that promotes lifetime fitness, character growth and personal excellence through hard work and challenges, both in and out of the pool. OCST provides an environment where swimmers of all abilities can develop to their fullest, whether they're beginners or world-class athletes. If interested in joining, contact the Swim Club at 503.655.4169 or [ocst.coach@gmail.com](mailto:ocst.coach@gmail.com).



## Senior Services & Programs

**Nutrition Program**—Lunch with dessert bar is served in the Pioneer Center’s Dining Room, Monday–Friday, 11:30am–12:30pm.

*Suggested donation for ages 60+ is \$2.50. | Cost for under age 60 is \$4.50.*

*For more information call 503.722.5979.*

**“Meals on Wheels” Service**—The Nutrition Program provides home-delivered noon meals to homebound 60+ seniors and under 60 Medicaid-qualified seniors who are referred by local SPD offices. Service areas include Oregon City, West Linn, Beavercreek, Redland and Carus areas. Hot meals are delivered Monday through Friday, 10:30am–1:00pm. Frozen meals are provided for closures, weekends and holidays. They are also provided a menu and a newsletter with upcoming events and meal information. *For more info call the Pioneer Community Center Meals on Wheels Coordinator Shirley at 503.722.5979.*

**Transportation**—For those over 60 (or disabled) residing in Oregon City, its Urban Growth Boundary and West Linn. Vans are lift-equipped. *Call 503.657.8287 to schedule a ride up to 7 days in advance. Suggested donation \$1.00 each way*

**Grocery Shopping Trips**—For ages 60+ years or disabled.

MONDAY	Market of Choice (West Linn)	To schedule a ride call 503.657.8287 up to a week ahead.
TUESDAY	Fred Meyer	Space is limited, so call early.
WEDNESDAY	Albertsons	<i>Pick-up begins at 12:45pm.</i>
FRIDAY	Haggens -or- Grocery Outlet	<i>Suggested donation: \$1.00 ea way</i>

**Health Services**—Blood pressure and hearing testing.

*2nd Tuesday each month | 10:00am–noon | No appointment needed | Free*

**Wheelchair/Walker Service**—Ted’s Mobility Equipment Repair offers free service and minor repairs as well as information on other health care equipment.

*3rd Tuesday each month | 9:00–10:00am | No appointment needed | Free*

**Senior Health Insurance Benefit Assistance (SHIBA)**—SHIBA volunteers provide free counseling to people with Medicare. Call SHIBA at 503.655.8269 to receive assistance with your Medicare benefits.

*By Appointment | Free*

**Alzheimer’s Support Group**—A caregivers support group for Alzheimer’s and other types of dementia. Call 503.317.2245 for more information.

*2nd Thursday each month | 1:00–3:00pm | Free*

**Pedicures**—RNs Bea and Jan offer pedicures for seniors and the disabled at the Center. They have 30 years combined experience with foot soaks, foot hygiene and cuticle care. Please tell the receptionist if it’s been a long time since you’ve had your nails done, or are a diabetic with foot problems, so she can allow sufficient time for you. Bring two towels. Call 503.657.8287 for more info or to schedule appointment.

*1st & 3rd Tuesdays and every 2nd Wednesday each month*

*By Appointment | \$25—Pay RNs Bea and Jan directly*

**Senior Law Project**—Clackamas County residents (60+) may schedule a free half-hour consultation with a volunteer attorney to discuss legal issues. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call Jamie Davie at 503.722.3268.

*By Appointment | Free*

**Computers with Internet Access**—Are located in our Computer Lab. The Pioneer Center now offers free Wi-Fi. No printers available.

*Monday–Friday | 9:00am–4:00pm*

## Hours & Information

**Open** Monday–Friday | 9:00am–4:00pm

**Closed** Saturdays, Sundays & days listed below:

Cleaning & Maintenance—March 23–29

Memorial Day—Monday, May 27

**Lunch** Monday–Friday *Complete details at left*

■ *Lunch & Dessert Bar: 11:30am–12:30pm*

■ *Meals-on-Wheels: 10:30am–1:00pm*

## March for Meals *March 1–31*

*March for Meals* is an annual national campaign, held every March, designed to increase public awareness, recruit new volunteers and increase funding for our *March for Meals* and Nutrition programs. **We are working to stop Senior hunger!** *MOW* provides a nutritious meal with warm conversation and a safety check for our community’s homebound seniors and qualifying disabled. Senior hunger continues to grow with the struggling economy, and as Baby Boomers enter their later years. The cost of a meal (food & container) is a little over \$4. We average 79¢ in client meal donations, so we have to make up the difference of \$3.21 in cost. The Pioneer Center served almost 41,000 meals in 2012!

**How can you help???** We will have our *March for Meals* plastic collection containers at numerous Oregon City and West Linn businesses throughout the month of March. Please watch for them and be generous in your donations. **Your small change can make a BIG change in a Senior’s life!** Every donation to Meals on Wheels is an investment in the health, well-being and dignity of a Senior.

*Thank you to the Oregon City branches of Clackamas Federal Credit Union and the Oregonians Credit Union for both running campaigns to help us raise funds!*





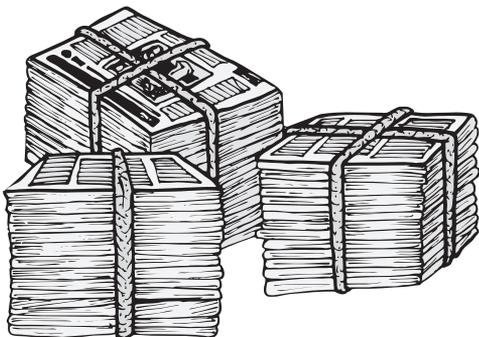
## Help Your Senior Center

**Donations Needed**—Coffee | Nutrition Program donations | Office Supplies (pens, copy paper, etc.) | Sponsor a low-income senior for a trip—only \$15 | Sponsor a Popcorn Day for only \$10! All donations are tax deductible. Call for more information.

**Volunteers Needed**—Substitute Drivers for Meals-on-Wheels | Dining Room Hostess | Substitute lunch servers, 10:00am—1:00pm

**Support Our Meals-on-Wheels Program**  
We are seeking donations for our Meals-on-Wheels program, and need your support to “Cover the Miles” for the Meals-on-Wheels program. Our drivers deliver a well-balanced hot meal along with companionship to homebound seniors & the disabled. Using their own vehicles, they drive up to 60 miles each day Monday–Friday in the Oregon City, West Linn, Beavercreek, Holcomb and Redland areas. If you can make a donation to support a route, please call us at 503.657.8287 or 503.722.5979.

**We Need Your Newspapers**—Please recycle your newspapers in our large drop box donated by B&B Leasing. All money raised helps fund the “Meals-on-Wheels” program. The easily accessible drop box is in our parking lot across from our main entrance. Every page counts! Help keep our drivers on the road delivering meals.



## Gift Certificates

A Pioneer Center Gift Certificate is the perfect gift for that person who has everything! Certificates are available in any denomination and can be used for any of the following: *Pioneer Pantry* | *Day Trips* | *Lunches* | *Classes*

## Pioneer Center Facility Rentals *As Low as \$65/hour*

AN IDEAL VENUE FOR MANY EVENTS!  
*Weddings* | *Anniversaries* | *Memorials*  
*Meetings* | *Seminars* | *Fund-Raisers*  
*Birthday Parties* | *Retirement Parties* | *Holiday Parties*

The Pioneer Center & the Peace Garden are located in beautiful Historic Oregon City. The outdoor garden is available for weddings, receptions and photo opportunities. With its beautiful ballroom, the Center is perfect for a sit-down dinner or a dance for up to 200 people.

- 3,500 sq. ft. ballroom
- Solid hardwood floor, ideal for dancing and catered events
- Tables and chairs for 200, theater or reception style
- Elevated stage for live band, DJ or speaker (podium available)
- Food service area
- Outside catering is allowed
- Alcohol is permitted
- Additional rooms available for dressing or storage
- Non-Smoking venue

THE FACILITY USE COORDINATOR will help make your event a pleasant experience, whether it’s held outdoors in the Peace Garden or inside the Center. *For more info or to make a reservation, call Claire at 503.722.3781.*

SPECIAL TROLLEY RATES—Helen II, the Oregon City Trolley, is available at special rates to Pioneer Center renters! For trolley rates and reservations call Nancy Busch at 503.496.1571.

## Drop-In Groups & Activities

*Center is Closed: March 23–29 & May 27*

AA	Meets in the Center’s Basement   <i>Sundays</i>   1:30–3:30pm
ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT	Meets in Classroom #1   <i>2nd Thursdays</i>   1:00–3:00pm
BILLIARDS	We have a beautiful pool table in our TV Room. Ask for pool balls at the front desk. <i>Monday–Friday</i>   9:00am–4:00pm   <i>Free</i>
BINGO	A lively, friendly bingo group meets weekly for fun & small cash prizes. We can always use more players! <i>Thursdays</i>   12:30–3:00pm   25¢ per card
CHESS GAMES	In the Center’s Basement   <i>Tuesdays</i>   7:00–10:00pm   <i>Free</i>
NARANON	Meets in the Center’s Basement   <i>Thursdays</i>   7:00–9:00pm
ODDFELLOWS	Meets in Center’s Basement   <i>2nd Wednesdays</i>   7:00–9:00pm
PINOCHLE	<i>Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays</i>   12:00–4:00pm   25¢
POKER	<i>Mondays</i>   12:00–3:30pm   \$1.00 <i>2nd &amp; 4th Tuesdays</i>   12:00–3:00pm   \$1.00
POPCORN!	<i>Every Friday morning</i>   <i>Free</i>
SCRABBLE	Challenge this fun, friendly group every week. <i>Fridays</i>   12:30–3:00pm   <i>Free</i>

## AARP Tax-Aide *Tuesdays & Fridays | Through April 12*

The Pioneer Center is an AARP Tax-Aide site for free tax assistance for low to middle income Clackamas County taxpayers, with a focus on those 60 and older. IRS trained volunteers help over 2 million people nationwide annually file their taxes. All of the returns are prepared on computers and are e-filed. Volunteers are at the Pioneer Center Tuesdays and Fridays through April 12 with hourly appointments from 9:00am through 2:00pm. Call 503.657.8287 (extension "0") to make your appointment. **Time slots fill fast; Call ASAP!**

## The Santa Caper *Your Contributions Make a Difference!*

Our Nutrition Program served a special holiday lunch on Thursday, December 22 to over 100 guests! Santa paid a visit for pictures, and we passed out gift bags filled with fun items including chocolates, food and small gifts. Each bag also had at least one gift certificate from the Senior Center or from some of the following Oregon City businesses. Many thanks for their generosity and for helping us bring joy to our Seniors! Please visit these businesses and say *Thank You!*

BCT	Friends of the Library Bookstore	Linda & Mike Orzen
Bea Quezada	Gillman Park Assisted Living	Mike's Drive-In
Berry Park Retirement Living	Haggen Food & Pharmacy	Oregon City Awards
Black Magic Band	Hilltop Smiles	Shari's Restaurant
Burgerville	Jan DeHart	Singer Hill Cafe
Christmas at the Zoo	Jimmie O's Pizzeria	Swing Street Band
Coffee Rush Main Street	Kaiser Permanente Dental	Tammy & John Cook
Dairy Queen	KC's Midway Bar & Grill	Walgreens Drugstore
Dr. Christopher Veley	La Hacienda Restaurant	Wilco Farm Store
Grocery Outlet		Wrightberry's Cupcakes

In addition to their gift bags, everyone went home with a beautiful poinsettia plant, donated by Beavercreek Lions Club and Wilsonville's Smith Gardens, and coordinated by Lion Art VanAlstine! A festive holiday touch!



## IEWS—Conversations on Aging *Workshops*

Workshops are hosted by the non-profit organization VIEWS and focus on helping older adults navigate the changes and challenges that come with aging through confidential peer support. **\*\*Registration is required.\*\*** Call 503.657.8287 to register for these free workshops.

### THE ELDER JOURNEY

*Wednesday, March 6 | 10:00–11:30am*  
What new perspectives have you formed through your own life? What brings meaning to you now? Come and join us for a thoughtful conversation.

### BRIDGING LIFE TRANSITIONS

*Wednesday, April 3 | 10:00–11:30am*  
Everyone's life includes transitions. As older adults, we want to manage these transitions effectively while remaining as independent as possible. Explore ways to cope with change using a lifetime of strengths and learned skills.

## Food and Mood *Seminar*

*Wednesday, April 10 | 10:00–11:00am*  
Come find out what foods and supplements can help boost your mood! Is your diet depressing you? The link between diet and physical health is widely known, but the connection to mental health can be a mystery. Research has shown a definite link between depression and the lack of certain nutrients in the diet. Omega-3 fatty acids and B vitamins have been shown to be beneficial in the prevention and treatment of depression. These positive effects are seen in people of all ages. Diet changes and supplements can be helpful even when added to your current medications and they have very little side effects. Call 503.657.8287 to reserve a spot for this seminar.



## Class Info & Registration *Center is Closed: March 23–29 & May 27*

For more info or to register, please call the instructor if their phone number is listed. Otherwise, stop by the Center to register.

- **PAYMENT**—Cash/Check preferred; VISA also accepted for amounts of \$50 & over. Full payment is due before the first class begins.
- **OVER62 DISCOUNT**—Citizens 62 years of age and up qualify for the reduced Over62 class fees at the Pioneer Community Center. Please have your ID available.
- **CANCELLATIONS**—Classes, programs or events may be canceled due to lack of participation.
- **REFUND POLICY**—A full refund will be given only if requested before the first day of class. No refund can be given if a class has already begun.

## Fitness & Relaxation *No Activities: March 23–29 & May 27*

### **Cardio-Movement** *Instructor—Shirley Hall*

This class with fun dance music combines walking and aerobics for a calorie burning workout. For adults of all ages who want to stay fit or get fit. *Tuesdays & Thursdays | April 2–June 13 | 10:30–11:15am*  
\$78 (Over62—\$47) | 11 weeks, 22 classes

### **Cross-Training Program** *Instructor—Shirley Hall*

Get in shape this spring! This modified workout program is designed for overall body fitness. We will combine cardio, weight training and stretching exercises. Bring light hand held weights and an exercise mat. *Mondays | April 1–June 10 | 9:30–10:30am*  
\$47 (Over 62—\$28) | 11 weeks, 10 classes (No class: May 27)

### **Gentle Pilates Stretching/Yoga** *Instructor—Shirley Hall*

Use Yoga movements and Pilates stretches to strengthen and promote more flexibility and balance. Please bring a mat and light hand-held weights. *Tuesdays & Thursdays | April 2–June 13 | 9:30–10:30am*  
\$103 (Over 62—\$62) | 11 weeks, 22 classes

### **Tai Chi** *Instructor—Phyllis Crain*

[**BEGINNING**] This ancient Chinese movement improves strength, flexibility, concentration and balance by combining gentle physical exercise and mental discipline. The slow and controlled movements also strengthen muscles and reduce stress.

*Mondays & Wednesdays | April 1–June 12 | 11:30am–12:15pm*  
\$74 (Over62—\$44) | 11 weeks, 21 classes (No class: May 27)

[**INTERMEDIATE**] Continuation of form with further integration of breath and body, balance, relaxation and coordination. Increased emphasis on circular movement, softness and smoothness.

*Mondays & Wednesdays | April 1–June 12 | 10:40–11:25am*  
\$74 (Over62—\$44) | 11 weeks, 21 classes (No class: May 27)

### **Taoist Tai Chi™ Taijiquan**

To register call 503.220.5970 or go to [www.taoist.org](http://www.taoist.org). Cost includes International Taoist Tai Chi Society Lifetime Membership.

[**BEGINNING**] This internal martial art was developed by Master Moy Linshin to improve health through a gentle set of 108 movements. Turning & stretching exercises your whole physiology & restores calmness & peace of mind. Wear flat shoes, loose clothing.

*Mondays | May 6–August 26 | 6:00–7:30pm*  
Suggested Donation \$180 (Students & Over62—\$120)

[**CONTINUING/INTERMEDIATE**] For Society members who have taken the beginning class. Monthly donation suggested.

*Mondays | May 6–August 26 | 7:30–9:00pm*  
Suggested Donation \$180 (Students & Over62—\$120)

### **Weight Room** *For Adults 50 Years and Up*

[**ORIENTATION**] This individual weight training session introduces you to a personalized fitness program designed to meet your individual needs and goals.

*Monday–Friday | Ongoing—By Appointment only. Call 503.657.8287 | \$20 | Closed: March 23–29 & May 27*

[**WEIGHT TRAINING**] Enjoy the Weight Room and exercise with others! *Prerequisite*—Weight Room Orientation is required.

*Monday–Friday | Ongoing | 9:00am–4:00pm*  
24 visits for \$20 | Closed: March 23–29 & May 27

**Yoga Classes** *Instructor—Jenny Juffs. To register call Kim at 503.723.4365. Dress comfortably; bring water & a yoga mat.*

[**BEGINNING**] Here's your chance to try yoga! Come work on flexibility, mobility, strength in a safe, supportive & fun class. Focus on breathing, technique, & holding poses. No previous experience needed.

*Thursdays | April 5–June 14 | 5:30–6:30pm*  
\$80 (Over62—\$72) | 11 weeks, 10 classes (no class: Apr 25)

[**INTERMEDIATE**] Come further your yoga knowledge. Previous experience preferred. Class introduces more intermediate poses and techniques. Focus on body awareness, strength, & flexibility. Bolsters, straps & partner stretches are utilized.

*Thursdays | April 5–June 14 | 6:30–7:30pm*  
\$80 (Over62—\$72) | 11 weeks, 10 classes (No class: Apr 25)

### **NEW! Zumba Fitness** *First Class is FREE!*

To register or for more info call Instructor Heather Ausborn at 503.799.2025.

This easy-to-follow Latin-inspired class is like a dance fitness party. Burn up to 1,000 calories in 1 hour! Dress comfortably, wear sneakers, and bring water.

*Wednesdays | April 3–June 14 | 5:30–6:30pm*  
\$45 (April 3 is FREE!) | 11 weeks, 11 classes



No Activities: March 23–29 &amp; May 27

## Arts & Crafts

**Acrylic Painting** Instructor—Shirlee Lind  
For beginning and experienced artists. Emphasis on learning brush techniques, color mixing, shading and composition. Class will include painting landscapes, flowers, wildlife or your preference with one-to-one supervision. To register, call Shirlee at 503.722.3845 at least 1 week before class begins. Pick up supply list at the Center prior to first class.  
Wednesdays | April 3–May 29  
9:30–11:30am \$90 (Over62—\$54)  
9 weeks, 9 classes

### Busy Bees

Have fun making crafts, sewing quilts and aprons, etc. for fund-raisers or simply working on your own projects in the company of others.  
Mondays | Ongoing | 9:00am–Noon | Free

### Knitting & Crocheting [BEGINNING]

Learn basic knitting and crocheting stitches. Bring your own needles and yarn. For more info or to register please call instructor Janice Tipton at 503.829.8031.  
Wednesdays | Ongoing | 10:00am–Noon  
\$20 (4 week session)

### Oil & Acrylic Painting

Instructor—Shirlee Lind  
Beginners will learn the basic fundamentals, brush techniques, shading, composition and color mixing. No prior experience necessary. Experienced artists will learn the latest in texture products and techniques, painting from photos, and have their questions answered concerning difficult areas. To register, call Shirlee at 503.722.3845 at least 1 week before class begins. Pick up supply list at the Center prior to first class.  
Wednesdays | April 3–May 29  
12:30–2:30pm | \$90 (Over62—\$54)  
9 weeks, 9 classes

### Watercolor

 Instructor—Melissa Gannon

Explore the exciting, challenging medium of transparent watercolor! Learn to mix colors, the basics of composition, elements of perspective and drawing. All levels welcome. To register, call Melissa at 503.557.3963. Pick up supply list at Pioneer Center before first class.  
Thursdays | April 4–May 23  
11:00am–1:30pm | \$100 (Over62—\$60)  
8 weeks, 8 classes

## Music & Dancing

### Line Dancing

[BEGINNING] Learn line dance basics and simple dances even if you have two left feet. No partner needed. Instructor—Rich | Mondays | Ongoing | 1:00–2:00pm | 50¢  
[INTERMEDIATE] Learn the latest line dance steps, as well as the traditional ones. No partner needed. Instructors—Rine/Smith | Tuesdays | Ongoing | 12:00–3:00pm | 50¢

### Pioneer Singers

We are looking for new members who enjoy singing choral renditions of show tunes and good time oldies, with opportunities to sing in small groups or solos. For more information, please call instructor Melinda Byers at 503.655.5644.  
Fridays | 10:00am–Noon | \$30 per semester | Ongoing, through June 2013

### Wednesday Afternoon Ballroom Dances

The Swing Street Glenn Tadina Big Band (16–piece band) and the Black Magic Band (14–piece band) jump and jive on alternating weeks at the Pioneer Center. Their great music ranges from the Swing, Cha-Cha, Tango and Rumba to the Waltz and Fox Trot, plus a variety of other dance rhythms. For each band's play dates, call Glenn Tadina at 503.657.8257 or 503.769.5598. Come early for lunch!  
LUNCH 11:30am–12:30pm | \$4.50 for 60 & under | \$2.50 suggested donation for 60+  
DANCE Wednesdays | 12:30–3:00pm | \$5 admission at the door

**Computer Skills** Call Instructor Jerry King at 503.723.9497 for fees, scheduling & more information. Students get hands-on practice during each 2-hour class. Classes run once a week for 4 weeks. Limit—8 students per class.

### Level 1—First Steps

Instruction is focused on learning to communicate with the computer and understanding the signs and symbols that a computer uses to communicate. Students will learn and practice mouse commands and how to hover, and to identify the tools in a program. Learn to minimize, maximize, restore down and close commands, and how to reposition and resize a window, save a file and print. There will also be an intro to the Internet.

### Level 2—Computer Basics

This course opens with a survey of computer terminology and components. You will learn to set up folders and sub-folders in Windows, and create shortcuts to your desktop—skills that allows you to organize your files and find them faster. You will also learn different ways to connect to the Internet, how to use a browser to find your way around, and the use of search engines and e-mail. Students will e-mail a friend and attach their picture.

### Level 3—Word Processing

Students build on the basics to fine tune their word processing skills. Improve your typing skills by learning keyboard short cuts, instead of using the mouse. You'll learn default settings, copy, cut, and paste commands. You will also work with macros and tables, and explore mail merge.

### Level 3—Mastering E-mail

Focus is exclusively on email. Learn to setup your own email account and how to send a CC carbon copy or a BCC blind carbon copy. Learn to attach pictures to send to a friend, and to set up email reminders so you never forget another birthday. Set up a calendar and invite friends to view it. Keep a note pad with info you need on vacation, such as eye prescriptions or medication lists. Send a text message to a friend's cell phone.

### Level 4—Beyond the Basics

Learn the general maintenance and tuning up of your computer to keep it running fast and trouble free. Understand and maintain your startup items list; learn to clean, defragment and update Windows and manage your virus definitions. Installing/uninstalling programs, backing up your data, uploading/downloading files from the Internet. An intro to HTML/web design will also be covered.

## Summer & Fall 2013 Trips

PRESENTED BY PIONEER COMMUNITY CENTER, COLLETTE TOURS & AMERICAN TRAVEL BUREAU.

Contact Lori Thrasher, with American Travel Bureau for more information on either trip. 503.789.5487 or [ljthrasher@comcast.net](mailto:ljthrasher@comcast.net).

### SOUTH PACIFIC WONDERS | AUGUST 26–SEPTEMBER 9



This promises to be the trip of a lifetime! This 15 day adventure begins in Cairns, Australia with visits to the Great Barrier Reef, an Aboriginal Cultural Center and a Crocodile Farm! Then it's off to explore fascinating Sydney, topped off by a tour of their world famous Opera House and a

dinner cruise of the Sydney Harbor. Next stop is Christchurch, New Zealand to learn all about "Kiwi" customs and a visit to Mt Cook National Park. Four exciting days in Queenstown gives you time to explore Arrowtown (a Gold Rush town), local wineries, the breathtaking Milford Sound fjord, and end with a gondola ride "up" to dinner at a restaurant overlooking Queenstown, a lake and the mountains. Trip includes roundtrip airfare from Portland, air taxes & fees, hotel transfers, lodging and 21 meals (12 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 6 dinners). Cancellation insurance of \$260 not included. This trip requires average physical activity with ability to climb stairs and walk on uneven ground. The per-person double occupancy rate is \$5,299.

### WASHINGTON, D.C. | OCTOBER 2–8



Explore America's heritage and history on this in-depth 7 day tour of our nation's Capital. It begins with a tour of the US Capital building, the White House, and the WWII Korean and Vietnam War Memorials. Then it's on to Mount Vernon, Alexandria and Arlington National Cem-

etry. You will spend a day exploring the Smithsonian Institute, followed the next day by a trip to Baltimore, Ft. McHenry, and the US Naval Academy at Annapolis. Your last day includes a visit to the Washington National Cathedral and Ford's Theatre, where Lincoln was assassinated. This tour requires moderate physical activity, with walking tours, climbing stairs or walking on uneven surfaces. Trip includes roundtrip airfare from PDX, air taxes & fees, hotel transfers, lodging and 9 meals (6 breakfasts, 3 dinners). Cancellation insurance of \$165 not included. Per-person double occupancy rate is \$2,149.

## Day Trips *Tentative Schedule*

- For complete trip details please call or stop by the Center. All Day Trips are scheduled for Wednesdays unless otherwise noted. All trips include a stop for lunch—you pay.
- All trip and entrance fees must be pre-paid before your name is added to the trip list. If there is an additional entrance fee we will notify you two weeks before the trip. Our trips are quite popular and we often have a waiting list.
- No refund or credit is given to "no-shows." The Center must be notified at least 2 weeks in advance if you cannot participate. Trips may be canceled by the Center due to lack of interest, illness or weather.
- To register or to be placed on the waiting list, stop by the Center or call 503.657.8287(ext "0").

- MAR 6 **Wolf Haven International**—We head north to Tenino, WA for a guided tour of a wolf sanctuary and meet their wolves, which are more active during cool months. There will be quite a bit of walking as you visit 9 different enclosures.
- MAR 20 **Knappton Cove Quarantine Museum**—The *Columbia River Quarantine Station* operated from 1889–1938 to inspect ships & passengers for diseases, etc &, if infected, would be "deloused" & held for 48 hours, before continuing, or they were sent back.
- APR 3 **Full Sail Brewery & New Hood River History Center**—Get a behind-the-scenes look at how beer is made at one of the few hand crafted brew houses in the country. We will then visit the new home of the Hood River History Museum.
- APR 17 **Oregon National Primate Research Center & L-Bar-T Bison Ranch**—At the *Research Center*, a partner of OHSU, you will look at how medical research is done and will visit their monkey habitats. Later, we will tour the Bison Ranch and see all the cute spring-born calves!
- MAY 1 **AC Gilbert Discovery Village, Bush House Museum & Riverfront Carousel**—Relive your childhood in the home of AC Gilbert, inventor of the *Erector Set*. Explore the 4 other historic homes in the Village before visiting the 1877 Bush House, and then catch a ride on the Riverfront Carousel.
- MAY 15 **Red Ridge Farm/Olive Oil Mill/Winery**—At Red Ridge Farms, nestled in Oregon's Wine Country, we will tour their nursery and winery, then have wine and olive oil tastings. There will also be time to visit their gift shop!

## Library News from Maureen Cole, Director

HURRY UP, SPRING!

Material for the Trail News is prepared months in advance, and the good thing about that is planning and thinking about the coming seasons. As I help prepare the Library's material, I can't help but dream about sunny skies, spring flowers and our April Poetry Contest. I'm so excited to have the Oregon Poet Laureate Paulann Petersen be our judge for this contest! I'm hoping this inspires many students (anyone ages K-12) to enter. Winners will get to read their poem at our 100th birthday anniversary of the Carnegie on June 22 and have lunch with the Poet Laureate. See below for more information, and encourage all the students you know!

I'm also very excited to have Portland author Cheryl Strayed visit us on March 14. Her book, *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*, was selected as the first title for Oprah's Book Club 2.0. Our selection committee decided it would be a great choice for our Community-Wide Read as well. Pick up the book at the Library and join us at 7:00pm on March 14 for this Wild event! Make a week of it and join us for Dorothy Brown-Kwaiser's recounting of her Pacific Crest Trail trip—all 2,669 miles of it—on March 7 and the memoir writing workshop for women on March 9.

At the beginning of each year, the City Commission and Oregon City's City Manager and department heads gather to map out our major goals for the coming year. This year, as we move to our new biennium budget model, we mapped out goals for the next two years. Here are the goals for the Library:

- Site acquisition
- Bond election held
- Architect selection and preliminary site design plans
- Site dedication

Although we have worked very hard (reviewed over 30 sites and investigated purchasing two sites), as of this date we do not have a site selected for an expanded library. Our traffic—in both people and circulation of materials—is up, and we so appreciate how Oregon City and residents of our service area use this facility. Thanks for all your support and know that we are working hard to bring you a bigger library.

I cannot end without again mentioning the Carnegie Center's 100th anniversary this summer. We are planning events on and around June 22. Please 'save the date' and stay tuned for more specific information. We are on the web at [www.orcity.org/library](http://www.orcity.org/library), on Facebook, have an email newsletter option (see our website for both of those opportunities), and of course, in the Trail News!

## Hours & Information

**Location** Carnegie Center, 606 John Adams Street

<b>Open</b>	Monday–Wednesday	10:00am–7:00pm
	Thursday–Saturday	10:00am–6:00pm
	Sunday	12:00pm–5:00pm

**Closed** Monday, May 27 Memorial Day

**More Info** For the latest information on the library's entire range of programs and services call us at 503.657.8269 or visit [www.orcity.org/library](http://www.orcity.org/library).

## [www.orcity.org/library](http://www.orcity.org/library)

Have you checked out our library's website lately? This is the best place to go for all the latest information about the library...including storytimes and other programs, new items and services and closed dates. And now, you can access your personal library account directly from the webpage. Just click on MY ACCOUNT for all your information. Check it out soon!

## Library2Go & eBooks

Library2Go has a new look! Big changes are coming to the Library2Go website this March. The website's "interface" will look very different, but the process of using Library2Go to enjoy downloadable media will be much the same—with some added benefits! Improved searchability, in-browser reading options, and a more user-friendly look are some of the perks you can expect with the update. Contact the library at 503.657.8269 with your questions—we're always happy to help.

### **The What's, Why's and Huh's? of Downloading**

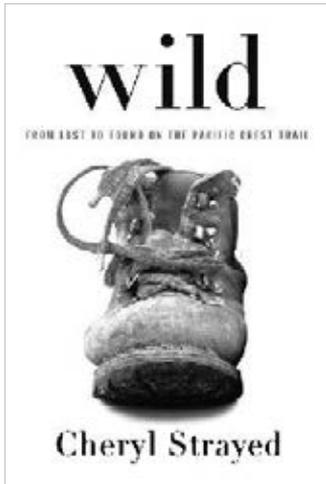
- Library eBooks for the AMAZON KINDLE—Learn how to search for, check out, and download books to your Kindle or Kindle Fire eReader.  
*Thursday, April 11 | 6:30–7:30pm*
- Library eBooks and audiobooks for eReaders, mp3 players, and mobile devices (OTHER THAN the Amazon Kindle)—Learn how to search for, check out, download, and transfer books to your NON-Amazon Kindle devices.  
*Sunday, April 14 | 5:30–6:30pm*

Do you need a little extra assistance with the technical aspects of Library2Go? We can help! Drop in or make an appointment to get help with downloading eBooks and audiobooks from Library2Go:

<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>11:00am–Noon</i>	<i>Please contact us for an appointment: <a href="mailto:jchamberlin@orcify.org">jchamberlin@orcify.org</a> or <a href="mailto:pmeilinger@orcify.org">pmeilinger@orcify.org</a> or 503.657.8269 ext.1014.</i>
<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>5:00–6:00pm</i>	
<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>11:00am–Noon</i>	

## Free Wi-Fi *At the Library!*

Oregon City Public Library is operating an open network—no password required. We require that you accept our rules of use. This agreement will be your initial page upon opening the internet. We do not have printers accessible to the Wi-Fi network. The Wi-Fi hours are the same as the library hours of operation.



## Community-Wide Read!

OREGON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE YOUR SENSE OF ADVENTURE WITH THREE COMMUNITY-WIDE READ EVENTS. Details on each exciting event, including a visit from *WILD* author Cheryl Strayed, are listed below.

### ADVENTURE 1

**PACIFIC CREST TRAIL—2,669 MILES ON FOOT**  
*Thursday, March 7 | 7:00pm | at the Library*  
Dorothy Brown-Kwaiser, an interpretive state park ranger, shares stories and photos of her 2012 life-changing Pacific Crest Trail hike—an inspirational segue to the March 9 writing workshop and an interesting counterpoint to author Cheryl Strayed's visit on March 14!

### ADVENTURE 2 WRITING WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN—TELLING YOUR STORIES

*Saturday, March 9 | 1:00–4:00pm | at City Hall*

In *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*, author Cheryl Strayed shares her healing journey through the physically demanding environment of the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Ranges. The book chronicles her challenging struggle, filled with momentous events and non-momentous daily exertions...rather like real life. Bookshelves these days are filled with the memoirs of many fascinating women. Are these women especially interesting or are they especially good at telling their story?

In this free workshop, Clackamas Community College English Instructor Trista Cornelius will move participants through a series of creative writing exercises designed to uncover your stories and help you write about them. Hosted by the Oregon City Public Library, the workshop is for women from high school age on up, and is based on the premise that we've all had experiences that make a worthy story, whether they are big adventures or small ones.

What's your story? Please join us on March 9 to learn more on how to write about your life! **Pre-registration is required and we must limit the workshop to 20 registrants.** Contact the Library at 503.657.8269 ext.1014 for more information and to sign up. Please bring writing supplies of your choice.

### ADVENTURE 3 AUTHOR, CHERYL STRAYED VISITS THE LIBRARY

*Thursday, March 14 | 7:00pm (doors open 6:30pm) | at the Library*  
Cheryl Strayed joins us at the Library to talk about her bestselling, critically acclaimed memoir, *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*. At twenty-two, Cheryl Strayed thought she had lost everything. In the wake of her mother's death, her family scattered and her own marriage was soon destroyed. Four years later, with nothing more to lose, she made the most impulsive decision of her life: to hike the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mojave Desert through California and Oregon to Washington State—and to do it alone. She had no experience as a long-distance hiker, and the trail was little more than “an idea, vague and outlandish and full of promise.” But it was a promise of piecing back together a life that had come undone.

Strayed is also the author of *Tiny Beautiful Things* and *Torch*, and she writes the “Dear Sugar” column on [TheRumpus.net](http://TheRumpus.net). All of Cheryl Strayed's titles will be available for purchase at the Library on March 14.

*This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Oregon City Library. Tickets are required for this free event. Please call the library for more information.*

## Other Special Events!!

### Bob Eaton, Magician

*Wednesday, March 27 | 1:00pm*

Join us during Spring Break for an afternoon of magic for all ages.

### National Poetry Month Celebration

*Thursday, April 18 | 7:00pm*

Join the Third Monday Authors' Group and help us celebrate reading and National Poetry Month.

### All Ages Board Game Bonanza

*Thursday, May 23 | 5:00–7:00pm*

Bring the whole family down to the library to relish the simple (yet awesome) pleasure of playing non-electronic, good ol' fashioned board games. Remember those?

*For all library and other city events, please visit the City Calendar: [www.orcity.org/calendar](http://www.orcity.org/calendar)*

## Poetry Contest!

The library is sponsoring a poetry contest in celebration of National Poetry Month (April) and National Arbor Day (April 26). Students in grades K-12 are invited to participate by writing an original poem having to do with trees or Arbor Day.

The contest will be judged by Oregon's Poet Laureate, Paulann Petersen, and winning entries will be read at the library's 100th birthday celebration in June.

*For more contest details, please ask at the library or visit our website.*

## Book Clubs Are Back!!

The Oregon City Public Library hosts its book club group, *Elevated Readers*, every other month on the first Thursday, 6:15–8:00pm. We are currently reading *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*, by Cheryl Strayed. In lieu of a discussion meeting in March, we'll be attending her visit to our library, scheduled for March 14 at 7:00pm.

Our May 2 discussion meeting will be held 6:15–8:00pm at the library.

*If you'd like to receive information about our book discussion schedule (which occasionally varies), a list of titles we're reading, or questions to help make the most of your reading, send your email address to Betty at [barmstrong@orcity.org](mailto:barmstrong@orcity.org).*

## Storyhours 10:15am

During the Oregon City Library storytimes, toddlers & preschoolers enjoy books, songs, rhymes & movement activities while building language and literacy skills. Your child's early experiences with books and language lay the foundation for success in learning to read.

Toddlers Under 3 Years Thursdays

Preschoolers 3–5 Years Old Tuesdays & Wednesdays

## Crafts 11:15am | \*Ages 3–6 | \*\*Ages 3–10

Crafts for children are offered on Fridays at 11:15am. Registration is required for all crafts, and is limited to 25 children per day. To sign up, please call the library at 503.657.8269 ext.1026.

\*\* March 15 Grow Easter Grass!

\*\* March 29 More Easter Crafts!

\* April 12 Make a Feathered Friends Mask!

\* April 26 Funny Hat Day!

\*\* May 3 Make a Beautiful Mother's Day Flower Bouquet!

\* May 17 Puppet Day!

## Teen Events! 6:30–8:00pm

**MINUTE TO WIN IT—LIBRARY STYLE!**  
Thursday  
March 28  
Teens are invited to come compete in the library's version of the popular TV show for fun and prizes.

**TEEN WII NIGHT—Come play Wii and have snacks! Game TBA**  
Thursday  
April 4

**TEEN YOUTUBE NIGHT—In honor of National Grilled Cheese Month we'll be hanging out at the library watching our favorite "cheesy" YouTube clips and munching on grilled cheese sandwiches.**  
Thursday  
April 25

**TEEN WII NIGHT—Come play Wii and have snacks! Game TBA**  
Thursday  
May 2

## Teen Advisory Group at the Library

Do you, or someone you know, have an interest in helping us select young adult titles? Are you interested in special programs for young adults? Are you interested in helping us design a Young Adult area in our future library? Then you should think about joining our Teen Advisory Group. Past events have included book clubs, a magazine sale, and a gaming night.

## First Friday Film Series!

Thank you all so much for supporting our first documentary film series! It was such a success that we're thinking of expanding it next year. If you have any comments or suggestions for future documentary films, please email Maureen Cole at [mcole@orcify.org](mailto:mcole@orcify.org). Thanks again for helping to make this a success!

## Self-Check Machine Give it a Try!

The self-check allows you to check out your own materials without waiting in line at the checkout desk. The machine uses a touch screen operation. Just touch the screen and follow the prompts. Enter your library card number and your pin. Then, using the available scanner, scan your item barcodes, print out your receipt and you're all done. Rental movies and video games must still be checked out at the circulation desk.

[www.facebook.com/pages/Oregon-City-Public-Library/170979491684](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Oregon-City-Public-Library/170979491684)

## Lucky Day Collection!!! Now Includes DVDs!!!

Lucky Day collection items have a shamrock label on their spines. This special collection contains new and/or popular fiction and non-fiction titles, and new and popular DVDs. You can check out up to 2 titles and keep the books for 2 weeks, DVDs for one week. There are no holds or renewals on these copies. Lucky Day books are on the shelves across from the check-out desk; DVDs are on the endcap in the DVD section. Remember, you can only get these if they're on the shelf when you're here. So visit us at the Carnegie...it just may be your Lucky Day!

## Something New...

**For Adults...**we are now circulating Book Club Bundles for use by local book clubs. Each bundle contains 6–10 copies of a title that might be of interest to our local book clubs. These may be checked out by the book club organizer for a period of 6 weeks. To see the titles, you may search our catalog using the keyword 'book club bundles'. If you have any suggestions for future book bundles, please email [lackerson@orcify.org](mailto:lackerson@orcify.org).

**For Children...**we are now circulating Playaway Views, a new way for children to watch their favorite video. These are similar to the popular Playaways, but instead of an audio recording, they are loaded with a video of popular children's books or characters. They have built-in speakers, a headphone jack and rechargeable battery, and can be searched in our catalog using the keyword 'Playaway View'.

## Free Family Cultural Passes

The libraries throughout Clackamas County offer for check out one-day family passes to local cultural venues. You can check out a pass at the library, and treat your family to a FREE adventure. To reserve a pass for a specific day, come in or call 503.657.8269. Come check out some free fun! Participating venues include:

- The Chinese Garden
- Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum
- Portland Art Museum
- Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden
- Pittock Mansion
- Portland Art Museum now charges adults a \$5 entrance fee along with the cultural pass.
- Portland Children's Museum (CM2)

## Federal Tax Forms

The Internal Revenue Service provides the most common forms and instructions for free distribution in the nation's libraries. We display whatever we have received. By a decision of the Oregon Department of Revenue, **there are NO State forms available for distribution.**

Forms not supplied by the State or Federal government, may be available in the sets of reproducible forms, so you may photocopy what you need. Other forms and instructions are available through the IRS and Oregon Department of Revenue websites, which can be accessed via our free Internet computers.

Although not allowed to give any tax advice or recommend what forms may be appropriate in your situation, our reference librarians can help you locate specific forms or direct you to the websites where you can print your own.

## Library Donations

**YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED IN THESE LEAN BUDGETARY TIMES!**

**Materials**—Friends of the Library happily accepts donations of books, videos, CDs and books on tape. Money from sale of materials is used by the Friends for a variety of projects to improve library services. **Please do not bring donations to the library!!! Please bring them directly to the bookstore at 502 Seventh St.**

FAVORITE DONATIONS ARE:

- Best-sellers still in demand
- Children's books
- Newer non-fiction works on contemporary, practical issues
- Paperback westerns, mysteries & large-print titles
- Music CDs
- Audio Books
- VHS/DVD movies in good condition

NOT ACCEPTED ARE:

- Old encyclopedias
- Fiction from the '60s, '70s & '80s
- Readers Digest Condensed Books
- Magazines
- Please do not bring moldy, smelly, dirty or damaged materials.

If you would like a receipt for tax purposes, ask for one at the time of donation. A value cannot be assigned to the items, but a notation of the number of items of each type will be made.

## From The Friends of the Library

SPRING IS IN THE AIR, TIME FOR NEW PROJECTS! I'm sure everyone is looking forward to spring and the return of the flowers and gardening. It's also time to plan out new projects. The Friends are working on the project of assisting the library staff to create an awesome celebration for the 100th Anniversary of the Carnegie Library on June 22, 2013. This will be a celebration to remember for all of Oregon City! The Friends will be working on coordinating an Art and Authors show for the day. There will be local artists and authors set up on the lawn of the Carnegie exhibiting and selling their works. Entertainment will be taking place on the grounds all day as well as children's activities.

And how does this affect you besides attending the event? We are going to need volunteers to assist us with lots of the activities. Friends are needed to help artists and authors find their booth spaces, assist with breaks during the day, and help at the Friends information desk and other opportunities throughout the day.

If you are interested in helping with this fun project, either email or call Lynda Orzen at 503.313.0024 or [orzep@comcast.net](mailto:orzep@comcast.net).

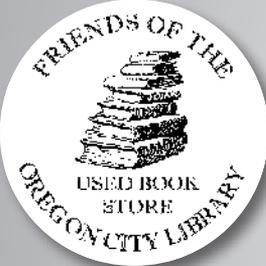
## Book Store Help Wanted

The Friends of the Oregon City Library Used Book Store welcomes new volunteers to work as cashiers or assist with shelving, pricing and housekeeping. Applications are available at the book store or online at [www.oclibraryfriends.org](http://www.oclibraryfriends.org).

## Support Local Authors

The Friends of the Oregon City Library Used Book Store is now offering new books by local authors. Our selection includes novels, inspirational memoirs, poetry and local history. Shop local and support the authors in our community. Local authors who would like to add their books to our stock are invited to contact the book store by e-mail: [oclibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:oclibraryfriends@gmail.com)

◆ BOOKS ◆ ART ◆ MOVIES ◆  
◆ CARDS ◆ GIFTS ◆ MUSIC ◆



# Three Rivers



## Artist Guild

**502 Seventh Street, Oregon City**  
Mon–Sat • 11:00am–6:00pm | Sunday • 12:00–5:00pm

**Friends of the Oregon City Public Library USED BOOK STORE**  
 **Three Rivers ARTIST GUILD GALLERY**

## Oregon City Residents Save \$50,000 on Energy Bills

ENERGIZE CLACKAMAS, AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATE PROGRAM OFFERED BY CLACKAMAS COUNTY BETWEEN 2010 AND 2012, HELPED RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES SAVE ENERGY. Rebates were issued for energy efficiency upgrades in 150 homes and 25 businesses in Oregon City. Upgrades included adding insulation, lighting retrofits and sealing air leaks and duct work. Enough energy will be conserved annually to power 17 new homes and save residents \$57,527 on their energy bills.

In a recent survey, one program participant commented, "It was amazing how much [work] was needed and how much it improved our comfort. We found that one heating duct under the house was not connected."

*The rebate program, funded by a federal stimulus grant, ended in November; however, incentives are still available from Energy Trust of Oregon. Visit [www.energytrust.org](http://www.energytrust.org) or call 866.368.7878 for a free home energy audit, free energy saver kit and incentive details.*



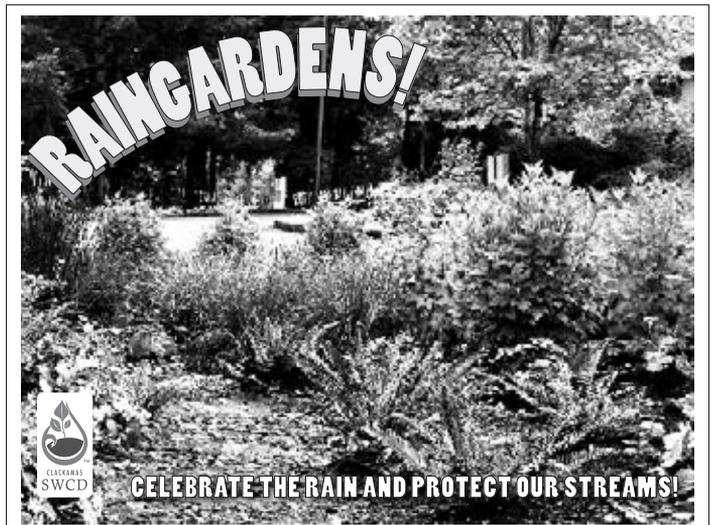
## The 27,000 Gallon Question

DID YOU KNOW THAT OREGON CITY RECEIVES OVER 47 INCHES OF RAINFALL EACH YEAR? On a 1,000 square foot roof, that amount of rainfall can generate over 27,000 gallons of water, which must go somewhere! If this water leaves your property, it is known as stormwater runoff. As this runoff moves across the landscape, it picks up fertilizers, oils and other pollutants. In urbanized areas, most runoff from rooftops, driveways and streets flows directly into nearby streams—not to a water treatment facility. As we all know, water pollution is a significant threat to drinking water, outdoor recreation, and habitat for endangered fish and wildlife.

We all play a role in stormwater pollution and we all can be part of the solution! Where appropriate, allow rain to soak into the ground where it falls. Soil acts like a natural filter to clean and cool runoff before it enters the ground water, which then recharges our local streams.

How can you treat your 27,000 gallons of runoff? Build a rain garden! These landscape features are a relatively inexpensive and simple way to treat stormwater on-site. A rain garden is a shallow, vegetated depression designed to collect, absorb and clean stormwater runoff. Rain gardens utilize a special compost-soil mix that promotes better drainage and feature a variety of plants that are adapted to the moist soil conditions. Using plants that are native to the Northwest help create microhabitats for local birds and pollinators and add an attractive landscape feature to your home.

*Contact the Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District (503.210.6012 or [water@conservationdistrict.org](mailto:water@conservationdistrict.org)) for your FREE rain garden consultation! Together we can protect water quality and beautify your neighborhood!*



CLACKAMAS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER  
**CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
Good dirt. Clean water.

**Rain gardens** are a relatively simple and inexpensive way to manage rain water in your landscape utilizing native soil and vegetation.

Benefits include:

- Cleaner streams and rivers
- Curb appeal for your home
- Reduced downstream flooding
- Habitat for local wildlife

Contact the conservation district to learn more and schedule a **FREE** rain garden consultation!

E-mail: [water@conservationdistrict.org](mailto:water@conservationdistrict.org)  
Phone: 503-210-6012

Did you know the conservation district offers **FREE** rain garden workshops for neighborhood associations, churches, civic and community groups?



## Earth Day 2013 Annual Cleanup Event

Saturday, April 20 | 9:00am–1:00pm

REGISTRATION IS AT  
CLACKAMETTE PARK,  
BETWEEN 8:30–9:00AM.

Event is sponsored by Oregon  
City Code Enforcement, Oregon City  
Garbage, and Haggen Food & Pharmacy.

- **Please Come Prepared**—Dress for the weather, bring gloves and tool(s) of choice: shovel, pruner, lopper, rake, wheelbarrow, push broom.
- **Lunch**—Sponsored by Haggen Food & Pharmacy in Clackamette Park at 12:00pm.
- **Raffle Prizes**—A raffle is held during lunch; you must be present to win. Bring 2 cans of food/nonperishable items for the Oregon Food Bank to receive a raffle ticket.

For more information call the Code Enforcement Division at 503.496.1559 or visit [www.orcity.org](http://www.orcity.org).

## Help Us Improve Water Quality in Oregon City

OREGON CITY PUBLIC WORKS IS LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK WITH NEIGHBORS, VOLUNTEERS, ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND OTHERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LOWERING WATER TEMPERATURES IN LOCAL STREAMS.

Urban development has disrupted original watershed processes, especially by the removal of riparian vegetation. Before development, the trees, shrubs, and grasses growing alongside streams would stabilize stream banks, filter out sediments and contaminants and provide shade. One impact from the loss of riparian vegetation is increased water temperature. This has negatively impacted coldwater fish and other coldwater aquatic species.

We can reverse some of this process disruption. One of the most cost-effective and relatively simple methods is to restore native riparian vegetation along the edges of streams.

Shade from trees and other riparian plants, has been shown to be more effective in temperature reduction when streams are 20 feet wide or less. Most of the tributaries of the Clackamas and Willamette rivers that flow through Oregon City's urban growth boundary are less than 20 feet wide, with many being less than 10 feet wide.

Oregon City has developed an implementation plan that describes how the city will address the need to lower water temperature. An analysis of opportunities for planting to provide additional shade has resulted in a list of potential sites. The City allocates annual funding for this long-term plan to restore riparian vegetation. The City is seeking partnering opportunities to work with volunteers, environmental groups, community college education programs, and other volunteer interest groups to further inventory and prioritize appropriate sites.

You can read Oregon City Implementation Plan here: [www.orcity.org/sites/default/files/TMDL%20Implementation%20Plan\\_0.pdf](http://www.orcity.org/sites/default/files/TMDL%20Implementation%20Plan_0.pdf).

*Does a stream flow through your property? Are you looking for ways you can help improve water quality in Oregon City? Contact the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council at [www.gocwc.org](http://www.gocwc.org) or 503.427.0439, or Gail Johnson, Oregon City's Water Quality Coordinator at [gjohnson@orcity.org](mailto:gjohnson@orcity.org) or 503.657.8241.*

## Lawn Care Fertilizers *Organic or Chemical?*

WHAT'S BEST FOR YOUR LAWN, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR ENVIRONMENT?

ORGANIC	CHEMICAL
Organic fertilizers biodegrade to feed both lawn and soil steadily. This promotes better growth for plants, soil microbes & earthworms.	Chemical fertilizers give lawns a quick, but short-lived boost.
Thatch is eliminated because roots can grow down rather than up.	Thatch is formed when roots grow to the soil surface.
Soil structure is loosened, allowing water, nutrients and grass roots to penetrate deeper.	Chemical use results in compacted soil that lacks beneficial microorganisms.
Water is soaked up by organic sod and released as plants need it. Less water is needed.	Lawns that are heavily thatched and have compacted soil cannot absorb water.
Denser grass means decreased weeds.	Grass density decreases, allowing weeds to multiply.
No precautionary statements on packaging. Safe for people and pets, even during application.	Precautionary statements include "harmful if absorbed through skin" and "avoid contact with eyes, skin or clothing". People and pets should stay away until "dust has settled".

Organic or chemical? The choice is yours, but we suggest organic—for the health of your lawn, your family and your environment!

For more information go to [www.cleanriversandstreams.org](http://www.cleanriversandstreams.org) or [www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov).



## Not Fixing a Leak Can Mean \$ Down the Drain

IN RECOGNITION OF FIX A LEAK WEEK, MARCH 18–22, 2013 I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO TALK ABOUT WATER LEAKS BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OUR HOMES. Even the smallest water leak or drip can waste large amounts of water, which can add up to wasting money.

### Leaks Outside the Home

**Lawn Irrigation Systems.** Before turning on your outside irrigation system for the summer, here are a few things you can do to check for leaks and ensure water efficient performance throughout the year.

- 1 Close all manual drains—the sprinkler system was probably drained last fall in preparation for the winter—make sure that none of the manual drain valves have been left open.
- 2 Slowly open the main valve and allow the mainline piping from the main valve to the backflow prevention assembly to fill with water. Have the backflow prevention assembly tested by a state certified tester. For more information go to [www.orcity.org/publicworks/cross-connection-backflow-prevention-program.htm](http://www.orcity.org/publicworks/cross-connection-backflow-prevention-program.htm) or call 503.657.8241 ext 2121.
- 3 Pressurize the mainline from the backflow prevention assembly to the control valves. Have one of the control valves open while you do this so that air trapped in the piping can escape through the irrigation heads as the pipes fill with water.
- 4 Run the entire system, one zone at a time. As you do it, check for the following:
  - Signs of leakage, caused by damage to the heads or piping during the winter months. Repair as needed.
  - Spray pattern of the sprinklers can be inefficient. Sometimes nozzles get clogged and need to be cleaned.
  - Adjust sprinklers to reduce overspray onto walks, driveways, etc. Also, check for leaning spray heads and adjust accordingly.
  - Adjust the sprinklers to accommodate the changing landscape. Interference of the spray pattern can occur if plants have been moved, or if plants have just grown too tall.
  - Overgrown Grass can impede spray heads—make sure to keep yours trimmed.

You can do all this yourself or contact a landscape professional for assistance. By taking the time to check, adjust and repair the irrigation system at the beginning of the watering season—and making periodic checks throughout the summer—you can be sure your lawn and garden are being watered properly, *without* wasting water.

*The Clackamas River Water Providers have a rebate for up to \$25 if you purchase a rain sensor switch which will temporarily shut off your irrigation system when it rains. Visit our website for more information. [www.clackamasproviders.org](http://www.clackamasproviders.org)*

**Outside Water Faucets.** Each faucet should be checked for leaks. Make sure faucets are closed when not in use. During the winter, the valves to the outside faucets should be closed and the faucets drained to prevent freezing.

**Swimming Pools.** The pool system's automatic shut-off valve can malfunction, causing a continuous cycle of water. If the water level stays higher than normal and it overflows when people are using it, call your plumber.

**Service Connecting Line.** If you find an unusually soft or wet spot on your lawn or if you hear the sound of running water and nothing is on, you may have a leak in the service line from the water meter to your house. Shut off the main shut-off valve at the house. If the sound of running water continues, and the dial on your water meter is moving, the service line between the water meter and house could be leaking. Contact your plumber.

### Leaks Inside the Home

#### Hot Water Tank.

The pressure release valve could be stuck. This valve is most often found near the top of the hot water tank, and is usually a large brass fitting threaded to the tank. If it's not working properly, water will be leaking from it, dripping down the side of the tank and accumulating on the floor. A plumber will be needed to repair it.

**Washing Machine.** If you see water on the floor near the machine, it is a sign of a possible leak. Call your washing machine repair service.

**Dishwasher.** Water accumulated on the floor near the unit could be a sign of a leak. Call your dishwasher repair service.

**Refrigerator Ice-Making Unit.** A leak in the ice making unit will cause excessive accumulations of ice in the freezer, and may also produce small puddles of water under the refrigerator. Call your refrigerator repair service.

**Faucets, Bathtubs And Showers.** Check for dripping water. A new washer may be needed. You may be able to do this repair yourself. But before doing this repair, close your home's main shut off valve, then unscrew the faucet and replace the washer. If necessary, call your plumber to make the repair.

**Toilets.** Your toilet may have a silent leak. Drop a little food coloring in the tank. Wait about 10 minutes without flushing. If color appears in the bowl you have a leak. *The Clackamas River Water Providers have a Toilet Rebate program of up to \$100 if you replace your old toilet with a new EPA Watersense High Efficient Toilet. For more information visit our website at [www.clackamasproviders.org](http://www.clackamasproviders.org).*

*For more information about water efficiency, both inside and outside your home, visit the Clackamas River Water Providers website at [www.clackamasproviders.org](http://www.clackamasproviders.org) or give us a call at 503.723.3511. Have a happy spring!*

## Neighborhood Association Meetings

### CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COUNCIL [CIC]

#### General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 1st Monday every month

Where City Hall—Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street

Info Kattie Riggs, CIC/Staff Liaison 503.657-0891 | [kriggs@orcity.org](mailto:kriggs@orcity.org)

### BARCLAY HILLS [BHNA] [BARCLAYHILLSNA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BARCLAYHILLSNA@GMAIL.COM)

#### General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 2nd Tuesdays | Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct

Where Christ Church Apostolic, 600 Barclay Hills Drive

Info Tony Uzuegbunam, Chair | [fred.don1@gmail.com](mailto:fred.don1@gmail.com)

Gail Doyle, Secretary | [gaildoyle@msn.com](mailto:gaildoyle@msn.com)

### CANEMAH [CNA]

#### General Meetings—TBA

Info Howard Post, Chair | 503.650.0976 | [Howardpost@msn.com](mailto:Howardpost@msn.com)

Paul Edgar, Vice Chair & Land Use Chair | 503.656.6704 |

[pauloedgar@q.com](mailto:pauloedgar@q.com)

### CAUFIELD [CFNA]

#### General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 4th Tuesdays | Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct

Where Beavercreek Cooperative Telephone, 15223 Henrici Road

Info Larry Hanlon, Chair | [larryhanlon@hotmail.com](mailto:larryhanlon@hotmail.com)

### GAFFNEY LANE [GLNA]

#### General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 4th Thursdays | Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct

Where The Meadows Courtyard, 13637 Garden Meadows Dr

Info Amy Willhite, Chair | [awillhit@yahoo.com](mailto:awillhit@yahoo.com)

### HAZEL GROVE—WESTLING FARM [HG-WFNA]

#### General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 3rd Thursdays | Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct

Where Oregon City United Methodist Church, 18955 S. South End Rd

Info Kathy Hogan, Co-Chair 503.657.9435 | [hogansbluff@aol.com](mailto:hogansbluff@aol.com)

Tom O'Brien, Co-Chair 503.723.3334 | [tom.obrien4@comcast.net](mailto:tom.obrien4@comcast.net)

### HILLENDALE [HNA]

#### General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 1st Tuesdays | Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct

Where Living Hope Church, 19691 Meyers Road

Info Stephen Andersen, Chair | [sjanders@pcc.edu](mailto:sjanders@pcc.edu)

Debbie Derusha, Vice Chair | [dcderusha1@comcast.net](mailto:dcderusha1@comcast.net)

### MCLOUGHLIN [MNA]

#### General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 1st Thursdays | Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov

Where Station #15 Fire Station, 7th & John Adams

Info Rae Gordon, Chair | [blues\\_rae@hotmail.com](mailto:blues_rae@hotmail.com)

Fred Wallace, Vice Chair

### PARK PLACE [PPNA] [PPNA@COMCAST.NET](mailto:PPNA@COMCAST.NET)

#### General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 3rd Mondays of May, Oct | 4th Monday of Feb

Where Community Building, Longview Way

#### Steering Committee

When 3rd Mondays | Jan, Mar, Apr, Jun, Aug, Sep, Nov

Info Steve VanHaverbeke, Chair | [steve@vanhaverbeke.org](mailto:steve@vanhaverbeke.org)

Nick Dierckman, Vice Chair | [ndierckman@gmail.com](mailto:ndierckman@gmail.com)

Linda VanHaverbeke, Secretary | [linda@vanhaverbeke.org](mailto:linda@vanhaverbeke.org)

Barbara Renken, Treasurer | [miniflower@comcast.net](mailto:miniflower@comcast.net)

### RIVERCREST [RNA]

Where (All meetings) First Presbyterian Church, Linn Ave & Warner Milne

#### Steering Committee

When 7:00pm | 3rd Thursdays | May, Oct

#### General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 3rd Thursdays | Mar, Jun, Nov

Info Diane McKnight, Chair 503.656.6435 | [jdcmcknight2@juno.com](mailto:jdcmcknight2@juno.com)

### SOUTH END [SENA]

#### General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 3rd Thursdays | Jan, Mar, May, Aug, Oct

Where Oregon City United Methodist Church, 18955 S. South End Road

Info Bill McConnel, Chair 503.860.1037

### TOWER VISTA [TVNA]

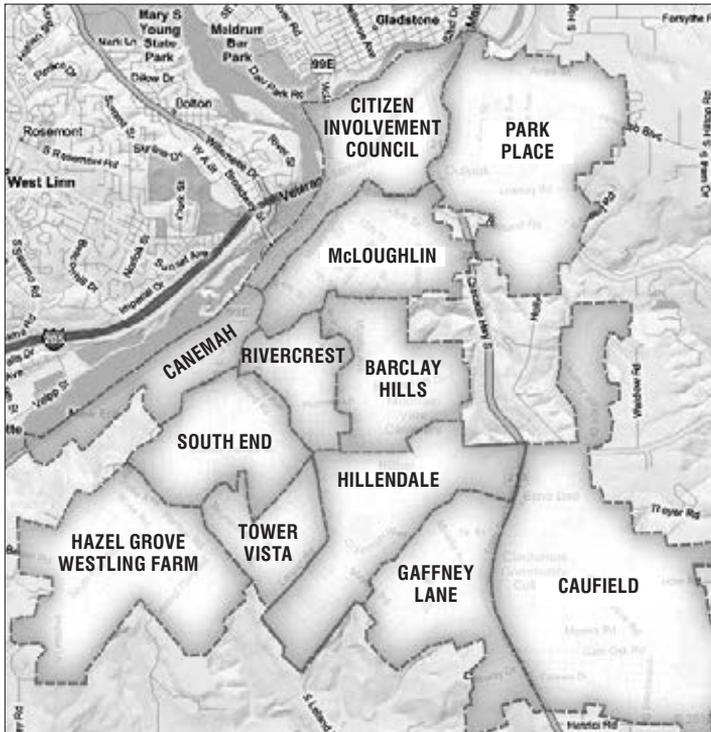
#### General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 2nd Wednesdays | Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec

Where Ainsworth House, 19130 Lot Whitcomb Drive

Info Steven Tam, Co-Chair | [tamjps@gmail.com](mailto:tamjps@gmail.com)

Todd Last, Co-Chair | [Todd.Last@comcast.net](mailto:Todd.Last@comcast.net)



Download a current detailed map of Oregon City Neighborhoods, at <http://www.orcity.org/maps/neighborhood-associations-map>

## OCCIT Grant Meeting *Thursday, April 4*

THE OREGON CITY CIVIC IMPROVEMENT TRUST (OCCIT) GRANT AWARD MEETING TO REVIEW AND APPROVE PROPOSALS FOR THE 2013–14 GRANT YEAR WILL BE HELD AT 5:30PM ON THURSDAY, APRIL 4 AT CITY HALL, 625 CENTER STREET, IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS. The deadline for applications was March 1, 2013.

The OCCIT is a non-profit entity of the City of Oregon City, formed in 1982. The \$60,000 available for to grant for projects comes from hotel/motel taxes collected, and by City ordinance, is designated for projects that promote tourism within the city limits of Oregon City. Mayor Doug Neeley serves as Chairman of the Trust, which also includes four citizens and the City Commission. Last year the trustees awarded \$52,245 in grant funds to eight projects in order to attract visitors to Oregon City. Tourists and locals alike had the opportunity to visit the Rose Farm and the Oregon City Welcome Center; attend the First City Celebration, the 17th annual Antique Fair, two separate car Cruise-In's, the Teddy Bear Parade, the lighting of Singer Falls and Movies in the Park at Wesley Lynn Park.

For more information, contact Michele Beneville at [mbbeneville@orcity.org](mailto:mbbeneville@orcity.org) or 503.496.1542.

## City Meetings

Budget Committee	As Announced
Chief's Advisory Committee (Police & Fire Departments)	3rd Tuesdays   Sep–May   6:00pm OCPD, Court Chambers
City Commission	1st & 3rd Wednesdays   7:00pm
Civic Improvement Trust	As Announced
Historic Review Board	4th Tuesdays   6:00pm
Library Board	2nd Wed   Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec   4:30pm
Metro Enhancement Committee	As Announced
Natural Resources Committee	2nd Wednesdays   7:00pm
Parking Advisory Board	As Announced
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee	4th Thursdays   7:00pm
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Mondays   7:00pm
Transportation Advisory Committee	3rd Tuesdays   6:00pm
Urban Renewal Agency	As Announced

## Metro Enhancement Grant Applications *Deadline—Wednesday, May 1*

DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE A PROJECT THAT HELPS FULFILL THE COMMUNITY'S VISION FOR ENHANCEMENT? The Oregon City Metro Enhancement Committee (OCMEC) provides an excellent funding opportunity for qualified projects to be done July 2013 thru June 2014. This year the program has \$70,000 available to grant, with \$25,000 being the maximum amount. The grant derives its funding from an intergovernmental agreement between Oregon City and Metro and is generated by a \$.50 per ton surcharge collected at the Metro South Transfer Station on Washington Street. Projects within the Oregon City boundaries will be considered, and the deadline for applications is Wednesday, May 1 at 5:00pm. The OCMEC committee meets on May 29 at 5:30pm in City Hall to review applications. Look for grant information and applications under Community Grants at [www.orcity.org](http://www.orcity.org) under the "About Oregon City" tab.

For more info, contact Michele Beneville at [mbbeneville@orcity.org](mailto:mbbeneville@orcity.org) or 503.496.1542.

## Preservation Grant Program

50/50 MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR HISTORIC HOMES. Homeowners may apply for grant funds to repair their homes through the Oregon City Planning Division.

### What Does The Grant Pay For?

- Window Repairs
- Wood Storm Windows
- Replacement of Non-Historic Windows
- Porch/Roof/Foundation Repairs
- Replacement of Missing Elements

The application and background information can be found on the Planning Division page under the Historic information drop down menu. For more information contact:

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Planner | 503.496.1564  
[crobertson@orcity.org](mailto:crobertson@orcity.org) | City of Oregon City, PO Box 3040

### What? I need a Permit?



To find out when you need a permit for your home project call the Oregon City Building Department at **503.722.3789** or check this web site:

[www.ThinkPermit.com](http://www.ThinkPermit.com)



[www.clackamasfire.com](http://www.clackamasfire.com)

503.742.2600 — District Office

503.742.2660 — Fire Prevention

503.742.2693 — Public Information



**Check smoke alarms once a month! ONLY WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.**

**Daily Burn Message**

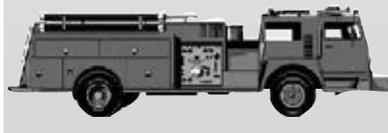
**503.632.0211**

RECORDED INFO ON BURNING  
UPDATED DAILY

**Burning Within City Limits is Prohibited**

To file a complaint regarding someone burning garbage, call DEQ at 503.229.5293

**REMEMBER:  
PULL TO THE RIGHT  
FOR SIRENS!**



## Bicycle Safety Tips

### How & Why You Should Wear a Helmet

AS SPRING APPROACHES AND THE WEATHER IMPROVES, IT IS TIME TO GET OUT AND ENJOY THE OUTDOORS. Often, getting on our bikes is the best way to be outside. Bike riding is a lot of fun, but accidents do happen. Every year, about 300,000 kids go to the emergency room because of bike injuries, and at least 10,000 kids have injuries that require a few days in the hospital. Some of these injuries are so serious that children die, usually from head injuries. Keep your family safe this spring when riding your bikes by following these important guidelines:

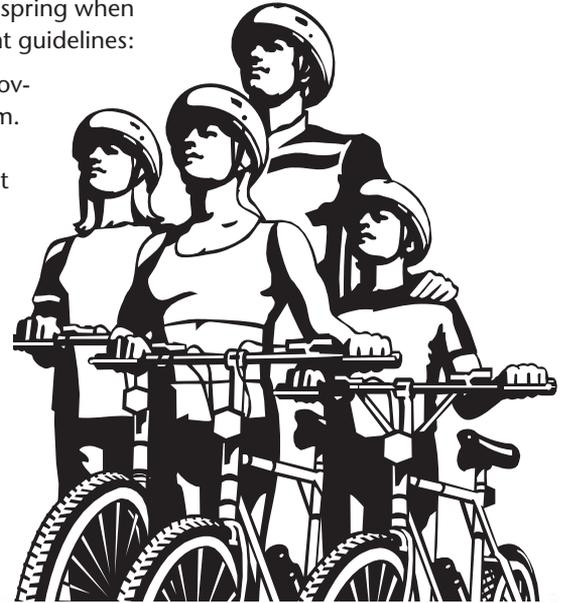
Bike helmets are so important that the U.S. government has created safety standards for them. Your helmet should have a sticker that says it meets standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). If your helmet doesn't have a CPSC sticker, it's a good idea to get one that does. Wear a bike helmet EVERY TIME YOU RIDE, even if you're going for a short ride. Your helmet should fit properly. You don't want it too small or too big, and never wear a hat under your bike helmet. If you're unsure if your helmet fits you well, ask someone at a bike store.

Once you have the right helmet, you need to wear it the right way so it will protect you.

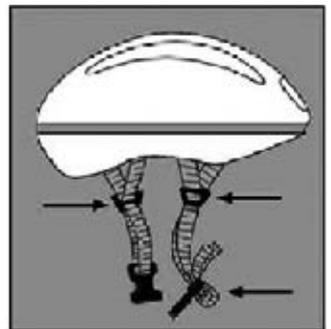
- It should be worn level and cover your forehead; don't tip it back so your forehead is showing.
- The straps should always be fastened. If the straps are flying, it's likely to fall off your head when you need it most.
- Make sure the straps are adjusted so they're snug enough that you can't pull or twist the helmet around on your head.

### Be Seen, Be Safe!

Wearing bright clothes and putting reflectors on your bike also can help you stay safe. It helps other people on the road see you. And if they see you, that means they're less likely to run into you. Daytime riding is the safest, so try to avoid riding your bike at dusk and later.



*Wear the helmet flat on the head, not tilted back at an angle!*



*Make sure the helmet fits snugly and does not obstruct the field of vision. Make sure the chin strap fits securely and that the buckle stays fastened.*



## Shred-It & Cell Phone Recycling

Spring 2013 Event

Sponsored by OCPD

Saturday, April 27 | 9:00am–12:00 Noon

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE POLICE BUILDING PARKING LOT AT 320 WARNER MILNE ROAD. Items will be shredded on site by LeMay Shredding. The Shred-It Event is an opportunity to protect your identity by keeping your personal information out of the trash. All paperclips and staples are OK; NO items such as CDs, rubber bands, plastic covers or garbage can be mixed in with the paper to be shredded. Two (2) containers per person will be accepted at no charge. Maximum container size is 10"x12"x15" (corrugated storage box). There is a \$1 charge for each additional container. All money collected, including donations, is applied to our Crime Prevention funds (K-9 and Summer Camp).

The Oregon City Police Department is an official cell phone drop-off location for the 911 Cell Phone Bank. The phones will be used to assist those in need, such as victims of abuse and senior citizens. For more info contact Sharon Coughlin with the Police Department at 503.496.1684.

## Unclaimed/Found Property for Auction

THE OREGON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY DIVISION IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO HOLD UNCLAIMED AND FOUND PROPERTY FOR 90 DAYS BEFORE SENDING IT TO AUCTION. Every attempt is made to contact the item's owner before sending it, but many times they are never found. The Department sends a variety of items for auction every three to four months. We encourage Oregon City residents to contact Property Officer Wilson at 503.496.1608 if you've lost anything of value. The most common items routinely sent to auction are: *Bicycles | Jewelry | Tools | Lawn Ornaments*



## Victim Assistance Program

THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS, both male and female, who are interested in helping people who are victims of crime. The criteria for becoming an advocate include: the ability to care about others, possess good listening skills, be at least 18 years of age, have reliable transportation and no criminal background. Victim Advocates have the privilege of providing crisis intervention, ongoing support for the victim, keeping victims informed of their case status, accompanying victims to court (if applicable) and encouraging them to exercise their rights as a victim. Many of our volunteers work full time jobs along with their volunteer commitment. Becoming a Victim Advocate is a very rewarding opportunity to help people within your community. Applications are currently being accepted for the Spring 2013 training session. All accepted applicants will receive the necessary training to prepare them to be a Victim Advocate. For more information or an application, please call Krysti Bellmore at 503.655.8616.

## FAQs Code Enforcement Answers Frequently Asked Questions

- Q **How high can I build a fence in my front yard?**  
A Any fence, hedge or wall located in front of the front façade of the building or within the front yard setback shall not exceed 42 inches in total height.
- Q **My neighbor's load of bark dust has been in the street for more than a week. What can be done to see it is removed?**  
A A right-of-way permit is required for any material placed in the street for landscaping or construction projects. The Engineering Division reviews the application to ensure the material is not a hazard to vehicles or pedestrians, and storm drains are protected from material run off. The Temporary Obstruction right-of-way permit may be obtained from Engineering; call 503.496.1560.
- Q **Are Chickens allowed within the city limits?**  
A Yes. Like any other animal, the property owner is responsible for seeing that the animals do not become a nuisance to the adjacent properties or neighborhood. Chickens may be deemed a nuisance when noise, odor and coop/pen requirements are not met.
- Q **Can I park my inoperable vehicle under a membrane structure?**  
A No. Inoperable vehicles may be stored in a garage only. Membrane structures do not meet most requirements within the Oregon City Municipal Code. Please see Oregon City Municipal Code 17.54.010 for more information.

## Fun Fact

DID YOU KNOW THE NUMBER ONE COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE CITY IS RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL PARKING? Last year the department took 385 residential parking complaints.

For more information or to file a complaint, please call the complaint and information line at 503.496.1559 or see our website: [www.orcity.org/code-enforcement](http://www.orcity.org/code-enforcement).





## National Drinking Water Week

May 5–11, 2013

FOR OVER 30 YEARS THE FIRST FULL WEEK IN MAY HAS BEEN OBSERVED AS NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK. Many improvements to public health and longevity over the last century are attributed to safe drinking water. Oregon City is fortunate to have a good supply of high quality drinking water right at our tap. Take an opportunity to learn more about your drinking water and how water is treated by looking at the City's Water Quality Reports at [www.oregoncity.org/publicworks/water-quality-reports](http://www.oregoncity.org/publicworks/water-quality-reports) or visit South Fork Water Board's web page (our water provider) at [www.sfwb.org](http://www.sfwb.org). *Water is essential. Celebrate!*



## Help Us Make the Best Use of Your Rate-Payer Dollars

THE MISSION OF OREGON CITY WATER IS TO PROVIDE SAFE DRINKING WATER TO HOMES AND BUSINESSES, TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND

TO MAINTAIN THE WATER SYSTEM COST EFFECTIVELY. As Oregon City water customers, you can help us fulfill this mission in the following ways:

- **Keep your contact information current with Utility Billing**—returned mail delays payment processing and increases staff work load.
- **Pay your utility bill in a timely manner**—delinquent accounts are subject to water shut-off. Shut-off procedures are time-consuming, increase staff work load, and take time away from other work tasks.
  - » You can make utility payments anytime—online or via our automated phone system. Call 503.657.8151 or go to <http://www.oregoncity.org/finance/online-and-telephone-utility-payments> for more information.
  - » Consider signing up for Auto-Pay from your checking account.

Do you have landscape irrigation (sprinklers), a fire sprinkler system, or other water-using equipment that requires backflow prevention? If so:

- **Comply with Oregon City's Cross Connection/Backflow Prevention Program (CC/BPP) and have backflow prevention assemblies tested annually.**
  - » A reminder letter is mailed to customers 15 days prior to the month the annual test is due. All letters include a partial public list of Oregon-certified backflow assembly testers. We recommend that you obtain more than one quote for the cost of the test. The charge can vary widely among testers.
  - » Make sure the tester knows you are an Oregon City Water customer. Test reports sent to the incorrect water provider delays report submission.
- **Schedule the test in a timely manner**—overdue customers receive a second, and final, letter. Non-compliant customers are subject to water shut-off. This increases staff work load, utilizes excessive resources (paper and mailing costs), and takes time away from other work tasks.
  - » Test reports can be submitted in three ways—mailed, faxed, or emailed.
  - » For additional information about our CC/BPP go to <http://www.oregoncity.org/publicworks/cross-connection-backflow-prevention-program.htm>.

Have questions or concerns? See the links listed above or call 503.657.8241 to speak with Water Quality staff. Call 503.657.8151 to speak with Utility Billing staff. Clackamas River Water customers should contact their water provider at 503.722.9220 or [www.crwater.com](http://www.crwater.com).

## New Public Works Management Team

OREGON CITY HAS A NEW PUBLIC WORKS MANAGEMENT TEAM! Following a departure and a retirement, the Public Works Department is now being led by Public Works Director John Lewis, new Operations Manager Martin Montalvo, and new City Engineer Aleta Froman-Goodrich. John and Aleta have worked for Oregon City since 2004 and 2007, respectively. Formerly, John was the Operations Manager and Aleta was the Senior Project Engineer. Martin Montalvo joins the City from Hillsborough County in Tampa Florida following 12 years of public works operations management experience. There are no net increases in personnel with this management team.

## Interested in Doing Work for Oregon City? Consulting & Contracting

IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE OUR BIDDING PROCESS MORE SUSTAINABLE, THE CITY OF OREGON CITY ROLLED OUT A NEW ON-LINE BID MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. The intent is to announce advertisements for most Oregon City solicitations, whether it is for personal/professional services or construction services.

For a majority of projects, bids are required but for larger-scale projects, the City of Oregon City is required to obtain bids/written quotes. If you'd like to supply written quotes, please register on our site at <http://bids.oregoncity.org/>. You will automatically be alerted of any new RFP/bid requests we announce and be able to see the planholder lists for projects out to bid (RFPs/RFQs, public improvement contracts, personal services agreements, etc.)

For more information on City projects in general, please visit our projects page at [www.oregoncity.org/projects](http://www.oregoncity.org/projects), which contains complete information. You may also contact the department responsible for the particular bid or quote in which you are interested.



## Road Work Ahead

SEVERAL STREETS ARE BEING REVIEWED FOR RECONSTRUCTION DURING THE 2013 PAVING SEASON. Paving projects are necessary to rehabilitate the street surface and to extend the life of the

streets an additional 12 to 15 years, as well as improve the quality of your drive! Please drive slowly and carefully in these construction zones. The initial list of streets being investigated is as follows:

- **9th St**—Washington St to Taylor
- **15th St**—McLoughlin Blvd to Division St
- **16th St**—Jackson St to Division St
- **Beavercreek Rd**—Kaen Rd to Oregon Health & Human Services driveway
- **Brighton Ave**—Ogden Dr to Jersey Ave
- **Center St**—5th to 7th Streets
- **Clairmont Way**—Molalla Ave to Leland Rd
- **East St**—3rd to 4th Streets
- **Gaffney Ln**—Molalla Ave to Berta Dr
- **Glen Oak Rd**—Coquille Dr to Beavercreek Rd
- **Glen Oak Rd**—Hwy 213 to Mossy Meadow
- **Hazel St**—Linn Ave to East St
- **Jackson St**—7th to 9th Streets
- **King Rd**—Warner Parrott Rd to King Elementary School
- **Molalla Ave**—Holmes Ln to Garden Meadow Dr
- **Pearl St**—Molalla Ave to Linn Ave
- **Washington St**—5th to 13th Streets

These streets are currently being analyzed by the City's consulting engineering firm. Rehabilitation recommendations and cost estimates will then be completed and the final list of streets to be done this summer will be determined. Once the final list of streets is determined, additional notices will be sent out. If your street is on this list but is not rehabilitated this summer, keep in mind that it will be worked on soon.

Money for the street rehabilitation work comes from the Pavement Maintenance Utility Fee (PMUF) that all Oregon City residents and business owners pay on utility bills.

For more information about road work this summer, please visit [www.orcity.org/publicworks/20132014-oregon-city-roadway-reconstruction-projects](http://www.orcity.org/publicworks/20132014-oregon-city-roadway-reconstruction-projects) or call John Burrell at 503.496.1556.

## Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update *Draft Available*

AFTER OVER A YEAR OF EVALUATING OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR COMMUNITY, A DRAFT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN (TSP) IS READY FOR YOUR REVIEW! The TSP studied how we get around Oregon City, where problems exist with travel in Oregon City, and then identified improvement opportunities for all modes of travel (autos, bicycles, pedestrians, freight and transit) through 2035. Examples include:

- Planned street classification designations
- Adding new bike paths or sidewalks
- Redesigning what our streets look like
- Reconfiguring intersections
- Improving safety
- Managing congestion

This plan attempts to incorporate community comments into an equitable and efficient transportation system plan. Please take a look at the draft TSP including the proposed projects at [www.OCTransportationPlan.org](http://www.OCTransportationPlan.org) and provide your feedback. Your comments will be reviewed and considered. The plan will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Commission at a series of public hearings throughout March, April, May and June. *Your comments matter! Let's work together to improve our transportation system.*

## Sidewalk Safety *Property Owner's Responsibility*

WITH SPRINGTIME BRINGING INCREASED PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR SIDEWALK IS SAFE. Keeping sidewalks in good repair is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. A sidewalk free of tripping hazards protects the health and safety of all who use them. Sadly, it is often the most vulnerable people—young children and the elderly—who are injured on defective sidewalks. Many uplifted sidewalks are caused by the roots of street trees.

In order to prevent possible injury, please make sure that the sidewalk abutting your property is defect-free. Sidewalks with panels that are more than 1/4 inch higher than bordering panels need to be repaired or replaced. Sometimes small uplifts can be ground down to eliminate the tripping hazard. Larger uplifts usually have to be removed and replaced. *Contact Chuck Carter at 503.657.0891 to have your sidewalk evaluated. Keep in mind that any work done in the right-of-way (sidewalks, roads, etc.), must have a right-of-way permit. They can be obtained from John Knapp at 503.657.0891.*



[www.OCTransportationPlan.org](http://www.OCTransportationPlan.org)



## Students Bring Imagination to the McLoughlin Blvd Enhancement Project

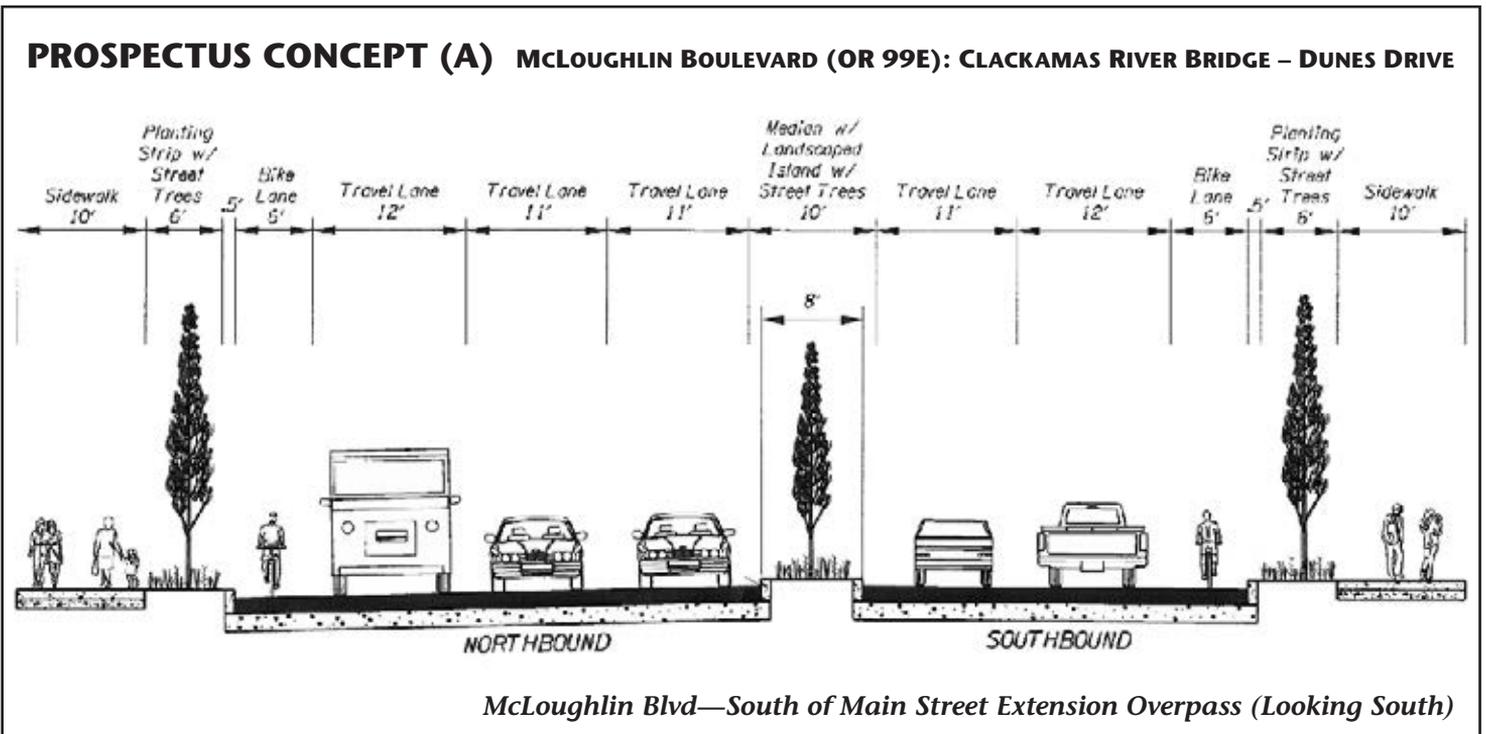
DESIGN WORK IS CONTINUING ON THE SECOND PHASE OF THE MCLOUGHLIN BOULEVARD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT. Of significance is the recent selection of the McLoughlin Boulevard street “section.” The design “section” includes existing travel lanes, new landscaped median, new 6-foot wide bike lanes and 10-foot wide sidewalks on each side, separated from traffic by new planting strips on the south end of the project limits (see graphic below showing the design “section” at the Main Street Extension overpass). The proposed improvements will help provide safer travel for all modes through the project area, from the Clackamas River Bridge to Dunes Drive.

Portland State University architecture students participated in a City-sponsored architectural competition, “Gateway Design Concepts”. The students toured the project area on January 12, then met with project and City staff on January 19 to discuss the parameters, constraints and opportunities to guide the students’ concepts for a gateway feature in the area. Mayor Doug Neeley helped inspire the students by recounting the rich history of Oregon City.

Seven PSU student Gateway Design Concepts were presented January 29 at City Hall, and a “People’s Choice Award” was announced February 6.

On January 29, seven presentations from individual students and student teams were made of their gateway concepts at a standing-room-only public meeting at City Hall. Citizens, business owners and other participants submitted comments on each concept’s elements and voted for their preferences. The winner of this “People’s Choice Award” was announced at the Urban Renewal Commission meeting on February 6. To find out about the winner and the students’ designs, go to [www.orcity.org/publicworks/mcloughlin-boulevard-enhancement-project-phase-2](http://www.orcity.org/publicworks/mcloughlin-boulevard-enhancement-project-phase-2). The project team is now considering the architectural gateway elements from all the PSU submissions to determine how they may be used in the project design.

Project design will continue through the fall of 2013, with construction beginning in early 2014. An open house this April will be scheduled for the public to see the first draft design (approximately 60% through the design phase). For more information, contact Erik Wahrgren at 503.496.1510 or [ewahrgren@orcity.org](mailto:ewahrgren@orcity.org).



## South End Concept Plan

THE CITY OF OREGON CITY IS PREPARING A CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE SOUTH END AREA OF THE CITY THAT WILL HELP TO GUIDE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. The 478-acre area lies within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) outside the current city limits, south of Rose Road and on both sides (east and west) of South End Road.

The area within the Urban Growth Boundary has been designated by Clackamas County, Oregon City, Metro and the State of Oregon as being generally appropriate for future urban growth. Now is the time to plan for that growth!

The purpose of the South End Concept Plan is to preserve what residents value most about South End today, while planning for those who will live there in the future. Metro requires concept plans for areas brought into the UGB to guide the orderly and efficient conversion from rural to more urban uses.

The South End Concept Plan must be adopted by Oregon City's City Commission and accepted by Metro and the Department of Land Conser-

[www.SouthEndConceptPlan.org](http://www.SouthEndConceptPlan.org)

vation and Development before land can be annexed, rezoned or developed. Elements of the South End Concept Plan will include housing, transportation, natural resources, public facilities and services, parks and trails, police and fire protection, schools and financing.

Since the planning process began in fall 2012, a major component of the process continues to be a broad program to engage the community early and frequently through a variety of means. Our Community Advisory Team (CAT) is made up of 19 community members who:

- Ensure the Plan reflects the community's core values and implements the vision and goals
- Provide broad perspectives to ensure the South End Concept Plan reflects diverse needs
- Advise on and help implement public involvement strategies
- Inform and engage constituencies, communities and civic organizations



The City and CAT members have been holding small Community Conversations with a variety of groups and organizations to determine what is important to people now and in the future. The City and CAT also will host three large Community Events through the end of 2013 to provide community members with opportunities to review and comment on draft work products.

*To participate, please visit the project website [www.southendconceptplan.org](http://www.southendconceptplan.org)! For additional information, contact project manager Pete Walter at [pwalter@orcity.org](mailto:pwalter@orcity.org) or 503.496.1568. Thank you!*

## Willamette Falls

### *Visioning & Master Planning Process*

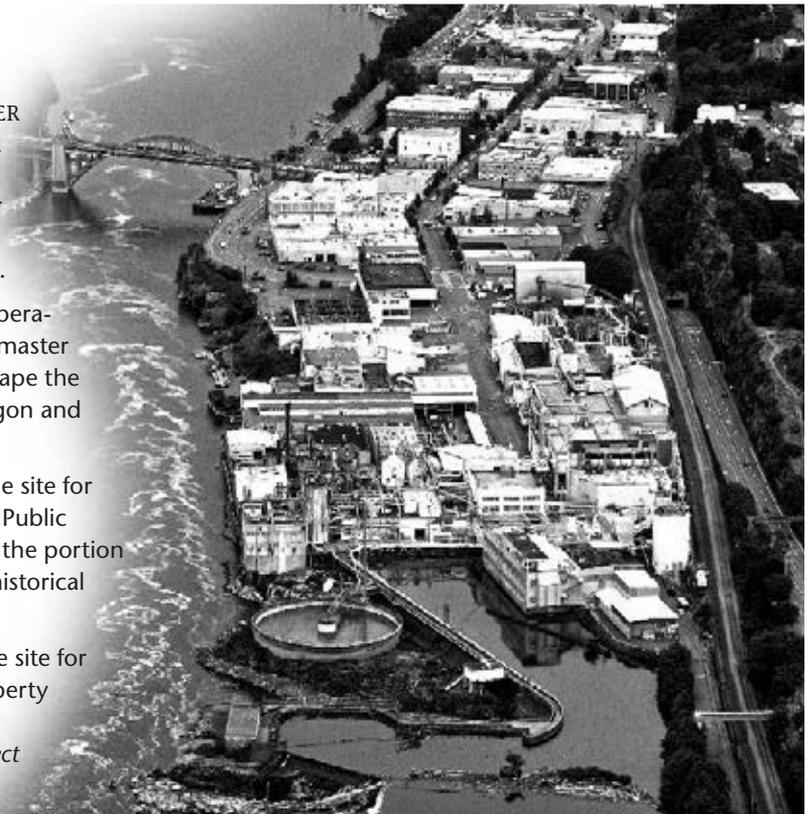
A 23-ACRE INDUSTRIAL SITE ALONG THE WILLAMETTE RIVER REPRESENTS OREGONIANS' BEST CHANCE TO REDISCOVER A CULTURAL AND SCENIC TREASURE: WILLAMETTE FALLS.

With a dynamic location and notable history, this former paper mill could someday serve as an economic engine, a waterfront destination, a unique habitat and a window into Oregon's past.

To help make the transformation possible, Oregon City, in cooperation with the bankruptcy trustee, is leading a public visioning, master planning and rezoning process. The public will be invited to shape the site in collaboration with Oregon City, Metro, the State of Oregon and Clackamas County.

The resulting vision will facilitate rezoning, preparing part of the site for economic redevelopment and part for an outdoor destination. Public partners hope planning will create an opportunity to purchase the portion necessary to let visitors experience the falls, offer cultural and historical interpretation, and restore habitat.

By eliminating uncertainty, this work will prepare the rest of the site for private investment. Throughout the planning process, the property will remain on the market. Public engagement is scheduled to begin as early as late spring. *Keep up to date with the latest project information by visiting [www.orcity.org/planning](http://www.orcity.org/planning).*



# Announcements & Special Events



## Special Olympics

CLACKAMAS COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPERATES THE REGIONAL ARM OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. We serve over 250 developmentally disabled persons in

this county. The program is free to all qualifying participants ages 8 to 80. We are a volunteer-driven group, existing solely on donations and grants; we receive no state or federal monies. The year-round program, with 15 different Olympic-style seasonal sports, is designed to help persons with disabilities reach their potential by focusing on their abilities and by helping them gain self-confidence, social competency and other enhanced skills, both physical and social. The program encourages younger athletes, such as those still in school, to take the opportunity to participate in these community activities. Youth as young as 8 years old are eligible to apply. The seasonal programs are:

### Winter DECEMBER—MARCH

- Alpine Skiing
- Cross Country Skiing
- Snowboarding
- Basketball
- Power Lifting
- Snowshoeing

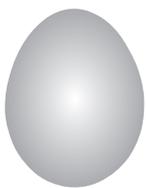
### Summer APRIL—JUNE

- Bocce Ball
- Gymnastics
- Track & Field
- Golf
- Softball

### Autumn AUGUST—NOVEMBER

- Aquatics
- Long Distance
- Soccer
- Bowling
- Running/Walking
- Volleyball

Any athlete, donor or volunteer wishing to learn more about how to participate can reach us by leaving their name and number on our message line at 503.675.3550.



## City-Wide Egg Hunt

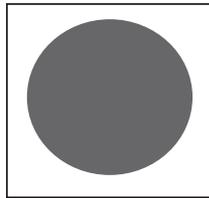
**Saturday, March 30 | 10:00am**

YOUR OREGON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IS SPONSORING THE 2013 CITY-WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT AT RIVERCREST PARK. The hunt is open to

children 0—12 years old and begins at 10:00am **SHARP!**

Do not be late! For more information go to our website at

[www.orc.org/police](http://www.orc.org/police) or email [cwadsworth@orc.org](mailto:cwadsworth@orc.org).



## Oregon City–Tateshina Sister City News

### Fund Raiser Expands to Two Days

THE COMMITTEE WILL AGAIN HOLD ITS ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE, BUT THIS YEAR IT'S PLANNED

FOR TWO DAYS: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 7 & 8, 9:00AM–4:00PM. Watch for news about the location in the next edition of Trail News.

The Sister City Committee is an all volunteer group with no governmental funding. The rummage sale is our only fund raiser for the year, and the money is used for various projects, including hosting delegations from our sister city, Tateshina, Japan. Since we're expecting greater than normal expenses in 2014, as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of our sister city relationship, we're hoping for many contributions to this sale. If you find items around the house, garage or office that are in good condition, but no longer used or needed, consider donating them, preferably the week of the sale. Donations are tax deductible (to the extent allowed by law.)

Also, if you have extra space in which to temporarily store items for us until the week of the sale, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Elise Lunas at 503.656.5578 or Beth Werber at 503.557.2906 about this event or any of the sister city activities.

At its annual meeting in January, the Board of Directors and officers for the Sister City Committee were elected for 2013, including: Elise Lunas, President; John Riggs, Jr., Vice-President; Beth Werber, Secretary; Larry Lunas, Treasurer; Naomi Miller, Student Representative; and board members Rick Campbell, Della Riggs, Mitzi Sanders, and John Salisbury.

Anyone is welcome to join the Sister City Committee throughout the year and participate in the meetings, generally held at City Hall the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

## Stevens-Crawford House 603 Sixth Street

BUILT IN 1908 FOR THE HARLEY STEVENS FAMILY, PROMINENT EARLY OREGONIANS, THIS HOME-MUSEUM IS 7,000 SQUARE FEET OF CLASSICAL FOURSQUARE ARCHITECTURE. Discover the history behind the curious and useful objects within, from gaslights and stereoscope to archaic kitchen tools, toys, Victrola and telegraph. Harley Stevens Sr. was an Oregon Trail Escort in 1862. His wife Mary, daughter of State Representative Medorum Crawford, stewarded her family treasures. Their daughter Mertie left the home and contents to the Clackamas County Historical Society upon her passing in 1968, to be kept in honor of both sides of her family.



Open: Thursdays–Saturdays, Noon–4:00pm. Last Guided Tour–3:30pm. Donations accepted. Free admission for the 2013 Season. 503.655.2866

New Exhibit: "Clothing and Household Embellishments, 1900–1930" Remarkably intricate lace, crochet, tatting, embroidery and beadwork, from the Victorian era through the Roaring Twenties.

# Announcements & Special Events



## Eat Fresh, Eat Healthy, Eat Local...

THE "FRESHEST FOOD IN THE OLDEST CITY" CAN BE FOUND

AT THE YEAR-ROUND OREGON CITY FARMERS MARKET, WHICH IS GOING INTO IT'S NINTH YEAR! Fresh produce from local farms, pastured meats, farm eggs, goat's chevre, artisan foods from small local businesses, local wines, beers, baked goods, plants, flowers and farm crafts. Live music and hot food, too...at every market!

The Winter Market continues through April, every 1st and 3rd Saturday on 8th Street at Main, with approximately 25 vendors. The main Saturday Summer Farmers Market reopens on May 4 off Beavercreek Rd in the Red Soils area. Set in the parking lot of the County's Public Services Building (2051 Kaen Rd) this much bigger market averages 48-55 vendors, and runs weekly through October.

The 4th season of the smaller Downtown Wednesday Summer Market starts June 5, is open 3:00-7:00pm on 8th Street at Main at the foot of Singer Falls, and runs through September, providing opportunities to shop for local fresh foods TWICE a week in Oregon City during the summer months!

Kids are always very welcome at the Oregon City Farmers Market and can participate in the Market's POP Club (Power Of Produce!). Kids ages 5-12 sign their Healthy-Eating Passport at the POP Booth and receive their own Market Shopping Bag, a POP Club badge plus \$2 in wooden tokens to spend on fresh fruits, veggies and food plants...EVERY time they come to Market! The Saturday Summer Market has value-creating activities for the kids... and after every 10th stamp on their Passport they get a "Market Surprise".

The Farmers Market accepts both debit cards and SNAP cards. Thanks to a grant from the Rotary Club Foundation of Oregon City, the Market is currently offering an Oregon Trail Matching Funds program...as long as funds last.

For Market information visit [www.oregoncityfarmersmarket.com](http://www.oregoncityfarmersmarket.com), sign up to receive the weekly market blog, or call with questions: 503.734.0192. LIKE us on Facebook too!



## Fill A Stocking, Fill A Heart

FILL A STOCKING, FILL A HEART WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL THE PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES IN OUR LOCAL AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE SUPPORTED AND HELPED US FILL THOUSANDS OF CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE. Our large handmade stockings are filled with personal necessities—hats, gloves, socks and hygiene items—as well as some nice gifts. Each year the need has grown, and with your help in 2012, we filled 3,293 stockings for folks right here in Clackamas County.

A special thanks to BCT (Beavercreek Cooperative Telephone Company) for the space we have called home for several years. Without their continued support our organization would not be in operation today.

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit with a small core of volunteers that help all year. Our family of volunteers grows as the need arises, but we can still use volunteers and, of course, donations. All funds are directed back into the organization, as we have no paid staff.

### Looking for Ways to Help?

**VOLUNTEER**—Sew stockings (already pre-cut or use our pattern), knit hats (all ages) or adult scarves, make pillowcases (especially for males—young and old), help in our workshop or with fundraisers.

**DONATE**—Cash donations, gift items, personal necessities and hygiene items, Christmas material in prints and solids, as well as yarn. Donations throughout the year help us fill stockings in time for Christmas. Contact us if you come across a great bargain for items, too.

**PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SITE**—Become a Private Site (filling stockings through your business, church, school or service group) or Public Site (provide our empty stockings for the public to fill) during October through December.

### Up-Coming Fundraiser B-I-N-G-O & PASTA DINNER

Saturday, April 27 | 6:00-9:00pm | Pioneer Community Center, 615 5th St  
\$15-General Admission | \$10-Seniors 65+ | \$5-Kids 11 & under | Cash, credit cards & checks accepted

Doors open at 5:30pm Come early as space is limited!

Dinner served 6:00-7:00pm Provided by KC's Midway Historic Public House  
Raffle Tickets \$2 each -or- 3 for \$5

**Questions?** Leave us a message at 503.632.0577 or send an email to [info@fillastocking.org](mailto:info@fillastocking.org). Visit [www.fillastocking.org](http://www.fillastocking.org) or find us on [facebook.com/fillastocking](https://www.facebook.com/fillastocking).



## WILLAMETTE FALLS MEDIA CENTER

WFMC is your local community cable channel. In addition, we provide training in digital media from camcorders and editing to full studio productions. This is TV YOU make.

503.650.0275 | [wfmstudios.org](http://wfmstudios.org)  
1101 Jackson St, Oregon City



# Announcements & Special Events



## Clackamas County Tourism & Cultural Affairs

[www.MtHoodTerritory.com](http://www.MtHoodTerritory.com)

**GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND GRADUATIONS** Attend and get acquainted with the program! Facility tours available by appt; call.  
Saturdays | March 2, 16 | April 13, 27 | May 11, 25 | 1:30pm | 32901 SE Kelso Rd, Boring | [www.guidedogs.com](http://www.guidedogs.com) | 503.668.2100

**VICTORIAN HANDCRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE MCLOUGHLIN HOUSE** Ongoing hands-on series features a variety of ladies needlework and handwork techniques from 1800s. Demonstrations are free.  
Saturdays | Mar 9—Silk Ribbon | Apr 13—Button Mats | May 11—Ribbon Flowers | 713 Center St, Oregon City | [www.mcloughlinhouse.org](http://www.mcloughlinhouse.org)

**MOLALLA RIVER CLEANUP & CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT** Choose from several types of projects. Bring work gloves, wear sturdy boots & dress for weather. All tools provided. Volunteer BBQ in the afternoon.  
Saturday | April 20 | 9am–2pm | Feyrer Park—16185 S Feyrer Park Rd, Molalla | [www.molallariverwatch.org](http://www.molallariverwatch.org) | 503.824.2195

**LAKE OSWEGO LAKE RUN** Benefit Run around the lake brought to you by Women's League and Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation.  
Saturday | May 11 | [www.ci.oswego.or.us](http://www.ci.oswego.or.us) | 503.675.2549

**UPPER CLACKAMAS WHITEWATER FESTIVAL** Raft, kayak and drift boat competitions through slalom course set in Carter Bridge Rapids.  
Sat–Sun | May 18–19 | 9am–3pm | Upper Clackamas River east of Estacada | [www.upperclackamasfestival.org](http://www.upperclackamasfestival.org) | 503.235.9940

**CANBY WINE, FOOD & BREW FEST** Sights, sounds, tastes and scents of Oregon wineries, artisans, nurseries and specialty foods.  
May 31–June 2 | Fri 5–9pm, Sat 11am–8pm, Sun 11am–5pm | Clackamas County Event Center—694 NE 4th Ave, Canby | Buy tickets & passes at door or online | \$5 per person, 3-day pass \$12, children 15/under FREE. [www.clackamas.us/fair/wine.html](http://www.clackamas.us/fair/wine.html) | 503.266.1136



## Downtown Oregon City 2013 Events

DOWNTOWN OREGON CITY IS  
HOST TO SEVERAL SIGNATURE

EVENTS AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES THAT INVITE VISITORS AND RESIDENTS INTO OREGON CITY'S 169 YEAR-OLD MARKETPLACE.

Here's a current list of spring and summer event dates:

TEDDY BEAR PARADE	Saturday, May 18
DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET	Wednesdays, June–September
FIRST CITY TRIATHLON	Sunday, June 23
FIRST CITY CELEBRATION STREET FESTIVAL	Saturday, July 27
OREGON CITY OPEN AIR ANTIQUE FAIR	Sunday, August 25
CRUISE TO DOWNTOWN & CAR SHOW	Saturday, September 14



## Canemah Bluff Natural Area

### *Metro closes the gap, creating 330-acre natural area*

METRO FILLED A “HOLE” IN CANEMAH BLUFF NATURAL AREA IN JANUARY, PURCHASING 22 ACRES THAT SPLIT THE VOTER-PROTECTED LAND INTO TWO SECTIONS. With the new addition, Metro now owns a continuous expanse of 330 acres overlooking the Willamette River south of Oregon City.

“I don't think there's any place in the Willamette River basin—and I'm thinking of the whole river basin—that is more spectacular,” Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette, who represents that part of the region, said in an interview. “There are very few places where you can get up on a cliff and see upstream and downstream, and in the spring, very few places that have so much camas lily that the place just turns blue.”

Visitors can already explore more than 100 acres of the natural area, next to Oregon City's Canemah Neighborhood Children's Park. To the south, an additional 200 acres of protected land did not connect with the public natural area—until recently.

Metro purchased the missing parcel at a foreclosure auction for \$124,000, capping nearly two decades of work to protect Canemah Bluff. Metro has acquired land piece by piece as opportunities arose, investing funds from two natural areas bond measures designed to protect water quality, wildlife habitat and opportunities to enjoy nature. Land is bought from willing sellers, at market value.

As Canemah Bluff Natural Area has grown, Metro has worked to welcome visitors and restore the landscape. New signage at the gateway park introduces visitors to Canemah Bluff's history and habitat, and a new site plan developed with community input calls for more signage, some additional trails and some closures, and a safety railing overlooking the river. Last fall, Metro restored oak habitat by strategically removing trees that compete for sunlight and food, helping advance a statewide effort to reverse the decline of oak trees.

Now that Metro filled the gap at Canemah Bluff, Collette said, “This creates a huge, connected piece of habitat. I'm sure, very likely, deer and coyote and all kinds of wildlife can travel freely throughout that whole area.”

# Become a SPONSOR of the 2013 CONCERTS in the PARK Series!

Contact Rochelle Parsch at [rparsch@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:rparsch@ci.oregon-city.or.us) or 503.496.1572.



THIS YEAR'S 7-WEEK CONCERTS IN THE PARK SERIES AT THE CARNEGIE CENTER RUNS EVERY THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 11—AUGUST 22. Each week a different band performs from 6:30–8:30pm, and a variety of vendors offer food and beverages. Concerts are well attended, with a seasonal audience draw of about 10,000.

Sponsorships offer businesses and community members the opportunity to bring these much-loved community events to life. All sponsors receive publicity and recognition as described below. Please review the sponsorship program to consider which level of sponsorship will best suit you!

## Concert Sponsorship Levels

### Presenting Sponsor—\$2000 (4 available)

RECEIVE RECOGNITION AS A PRIMARY MAJOR SUPPORTER OF THE ENTIRE CONCERTS IN THE PARK SERIES! *Presenting Sponsors receive specialized recognition:*

- Top billing on concert posters, press releases & concert schedules
- Stage banner ads & booth space for all concerts
- Opportunity to make pre-concert announcements
- Identification on the City's website

### Band Sponsor—\$500\* to \$1000\*\* (7 available)

YOU CAN SPONSOR ONE OF THE PERFORMING BANDS! Choose from a variety of available bands. *Band Sponsors receive recognition through the following:*

- Your logo or name will appear on all concert posters
- Your logo will be listed in all concert advertising
- Opportunity to make pre-concert announcement that evening
- Booth space available for that evening's concert
- Stage signage—recognition as Band Sponsor for that evening

### Contributing Sponsor—\$250 to \$499

YOU CAN ALSO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY BECOMING A CONTRIBUTING SPONSOR!

*For as little as \$250 your business is:*

- Listed on concert posters, schedules, press releases and the City's website
- Included on all on-site concert signs and acknowledged at each concert
- Named in the concert schedule mailed to every Oregon City residence

### Friends of Concerts—\$50 to \$249

FRIENDS SUPPORTING THE CONCERT SERIES RECEIVE A THANK YOU LETTER AND A RECEIPT RECOGNIZING THEIR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION. Friends of Concerts are also acknowledged in concert's printed materials (if any) and on the City's website.



Date	Band   Genre   Vendor
July 11	*Willamette Falls Symphony Symphony Building Blocks for Kids
July 18	*Will West & the Friendly Strangers Handclapping folk, roots and cozy Americana Homewoods on the Willamette
July 25	*David Cooley Band Swingin' hearts & rockin' souls Bellagios
Aug 1	*Norman Sylvester The Original NW Boogie Cat Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart
Aug 8	*The Buckles Classic Country Pioneer Center
Aug 15	**Ellen Whyte** Contemporary Blues Two Girls Catering
Aug 22	**Johnny Limbo & the Lugnuts** Classic hits from the 50s & 60s Optimist Club

# Become a SPONSOR of the 2013 MOVIES in the PARK Series!

Contact Rochelle Parsch at [rparsch@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:rparsch@ci.oregon-city.or.us) or 503.496.1572.



## YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS CAN SPONSOR AN EVENING OF THE OREGON CITY PARKS & RECREATION MOVIES IN THE PARK!

Your sponsorship would help support this free community event located at Wesley Lynn Park, 12901 Frontier Parkway.

*Your sponsorship includes:*

- Pre and post credits running with your name and logo for all four movies
- Listings on all movie posters, schedules, press releases, and on the City's website
- On-site lighted sign, listing you as that evening's Movie Sponsor

## Four Evenings Available—\$500 each

Date	Movie
Aug 2	Despicable Me PG – Universal Pictures
Aug 9	Goonies PG – Warner Bros
Aug 16	Rise of the Guardians PG – Walt Disney/Dream Works
Aug 23	Hotel Transylvania PG – Columbia Pictures





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## Oregon City Continues Its Award-Winning Ways

AT THE JANUARY 2013 AWARDS COMPETITION OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES (ACEC) OF OREGON, SEVERAL OREGON CITY PROJECTS WERE HONORED WITH DISTINCTIVE AWARDS. These awards were selected by our engineering peers and were awarded to the following companies for the projects listed:

**GRAND AWARD**—Kittelson & Associates, Inc. and OBEC Consulting Engineers for the OR 213/I-205 to Redland Road Crossing (Jughandle) for the City of Oregon City.

**HONOR AWARD**—David Evans and Associates, Inc. for I-205 Railroad Avenue (99E Dunes Drive to 10th Street—McLoughlin Boulevard Enhancement Project, Phase 1) for the City of Oregon City.

**HONOR AWARD**—T.Y. Lin International for the OR 43: Willamette River Bridge (Oregon City Arch Bridge) for the Oregon Department of Transportation.



*Photo courtesy of Kittelson & Associates, Inc.*

*Above, left to right: Sam Hunaidi (ODOT), Bob Goodrich (OBEC), John Lewis (City of Oregon City), Aleta Froman-Goodrich (City of Oregon City), Nancy Kraushaar (City of Wilsonville), Hermanus Steyn (KAI), Guy Hakanson (OBEC), Jason Kelly (OBEC), Charles Radosta (KAI)*



*Oregon City Arch Bridge by Jason Kelly, OBEC Consulting Engineers*