

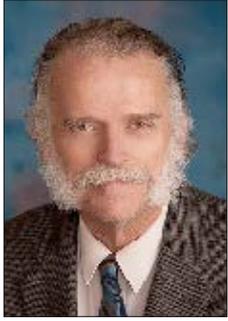


TRAIL NEWS

Winter 2012-13

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THE YEAR IS COMING TO AN END AND THE CITY OF OREGON CITY HAS RECEIVED ACCOLADES FOR MANY ACHIEVEMENTS. There may be more to come, but I wanted to devote this article to recognizing key achievements so far this year and acknowledge the people responsible for these achievements.

First, the Main Street improvement project is finished. This \$2.5 million project was made possible through a grant proposal written by Lloyd Purdy, Director, Main Street Oregon City Inc., in partnership with the City. The resulting Two-Way Main Street project was recognized by the State's Excellence in Downtown Revitalization award program as "Best Public Improvement Project" of the year. Oregon City Main Street was also awarded Project of the Year 2012 by the Oregon Chapter of the American Public Works Association in the category of Transportation, \$5M or less. The project's success was due to a collaborative effort between the Oregon City Public Works Department (Erik Wahrgren, Project Engineer); our primary consultant—Wallis Engineering (Adam Crafts); our primary contractor—Nutter Corporation (Todd Cahill); and Main Street Oregon City Inc. (Lloyd Purdy).

Lloyd Purdy received the Downtown Manager of the Year award at the annual State Main Street conference in Corvallis this year. Our community's Main Street program actively contributed to the recruitment of 45 new businesses into the Main Street core over the last three years, a rate that more than doubles the number of businesses that have left downtown during this protracted recession. Property and business owners deserve credit for the store-front improvements and the adaptive reuse changes that have occurred during this period, and the Urban Renewal Commission should be credited for providing matching grant support for many of these improvements. In addition to closely working with the Main Street program, Eric Underwood, Oregon City's Economic Development Manager, has actively been working with business property owners and entrepreneurs to promote job-producing business creation throughout Oregon City.

I also want to acknowledge the Oregon City Rotary Club for its art installation and lighting of Singer Creek Falls. If you have not seen the programmed lighting, be sure to go downtown to 8th Street at night and look east to the falls on the other side of Union Pacific's train tracks.

The long-awaited reopening of the Arch Bridge between Oregon City and West Linn occurred with a weekend long celebration coordinated by the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition; the celebratory events included a renewal of wedding vows to commemorate the wedding that occurred on the bridge with its original dedication, a battle of the Oregon City and West Linn High School bands*, a fireworks display, and fundraisers to support the Willamette Falls Locks just to mention a few of the many events. This re-opening occurred only three months before the 90th anniversary of the bridge's original dedication. The Oregon Department of Transportation and Region 1 Area Manager, Rich Watanabe, and his staff did a tremendous job in the restoration and reinforcement of this historic landmark. The Arch Bridge was the second of the many Conde McCullough's world-renown arch bridges (most located on the coast), and, to my knowledge, Oregon City is the only city with

two Conde bridges. The second, also an arch bridge, being the John McLoughlin Memorial Bridge over the Clackamas River.

Aleta Froman-Goodrich, the City's Jughandle Project Engineer, accepted the Oregon Columbia International Association of Business Communicators' Beacon Award of Excellence for the public outreach effort implemented for the Jughandle construction project's 4-day closure of OR 213. The Oregon City Police Department, working with other cooperating agencies, was extremely effective in managing the complicated gridlock during this closure. This project, discussed in the summer issue of the 2012 Trail News, is nearing its completion and will probably be a topic in my article in the next Trail News.

The Main Street and Jughandle projects are just two of many projects undertaken by the Public Works Department this year. Nancy Kraushaar, who headed the Public Works Department through June of this year, received the American Public Works Association's Professional Manager of the Year in the category of transportation. She was the first recipient of this national award from the Pacific Northwest (refer to the Summer 2012 Trail News). Nancy left the City in her sixteenth year of service to take on the challenge of future planning for the City of Wilsonville and has been replaced by John Lewis, who had served the City as our Public Works' Operations Manager for eight years. I have already heard from citizens about how approachable he is and how quickly he responds to their suggestions.

Oregon City received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the June 30, 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This national award is the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting. Even during this recession, the financial condition of the City is excellent as reflected in Standard & Poor's affirmation of the "AA-" rating and stable outlook on General Obligation Bonds. This success is directly attributable to David Wimmer who recently retired as the City's Finance Director after more than 18 years of service. David has a very competent replacement — Wyatt Parno, who joined us earlier this year from the City of Gresham where he served as Budget Manager.

Oregon City's 2011 city-wide Historic Survey received the Oregon Heritage Excellence Award as an outstanding example of how to integrate historic resources and historic building surveys into larger planning efforts in Oregon. The Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations for their outstanding efforts on behalf of Oregon Heritage. For her efforts in promoting historic preservation and in conducting this survey, Oregon City's Christina Robertson-Gardiner has been nominated for the National 2012 Preservation Award.

The City was also awarded the Employee Safety Award Gold Medal for the lowest injury frequency. The Board of Directors of the League of Oregon Cities initiated the safety award 39 years ago to stimulate cities' interest and participation in injury-loss prevention programs. The program provides recognition to cities with low accident frequency rates. Because of this safety record, the City's premium has decreased for the sixth year in a row. The number of paid claims has dropped from a high of 18 claims in 2008 totaling over \$124,000 down to 5 claims paying out approximately \$40,500 last year. The City's management team under our City Manager, the safety committee, and SAIF's Safety Consultant Don Binzer are largely responsible for making the City a safer place to work. For this progress, the City will be receiving a discount and dividend from our Workers' Comp insurer for \$86,505 which is a 42 percent reduction in premium from the previous year.

I look forward to further progress in the coming year.

* This battle of the bands was the evening after the big Oregon City–West Linn rivalry game, which Oregon City High won, giving it its 49th win out of 92 played in the oldest continuous high school rivalry football competition west of the Rocky Mountains.



See page 27 for a list of useful Community, City and other Government phone numbers.

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

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 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 logon to <http://www.wftcstudios.org> or call 503.650.0275.

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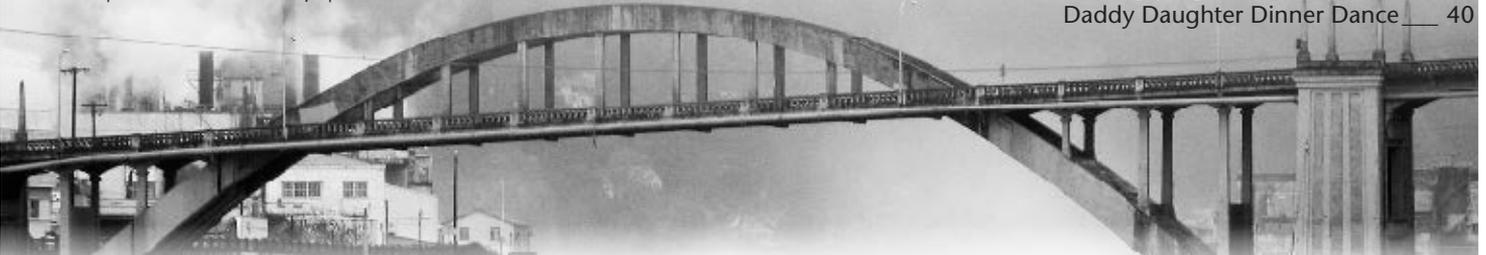
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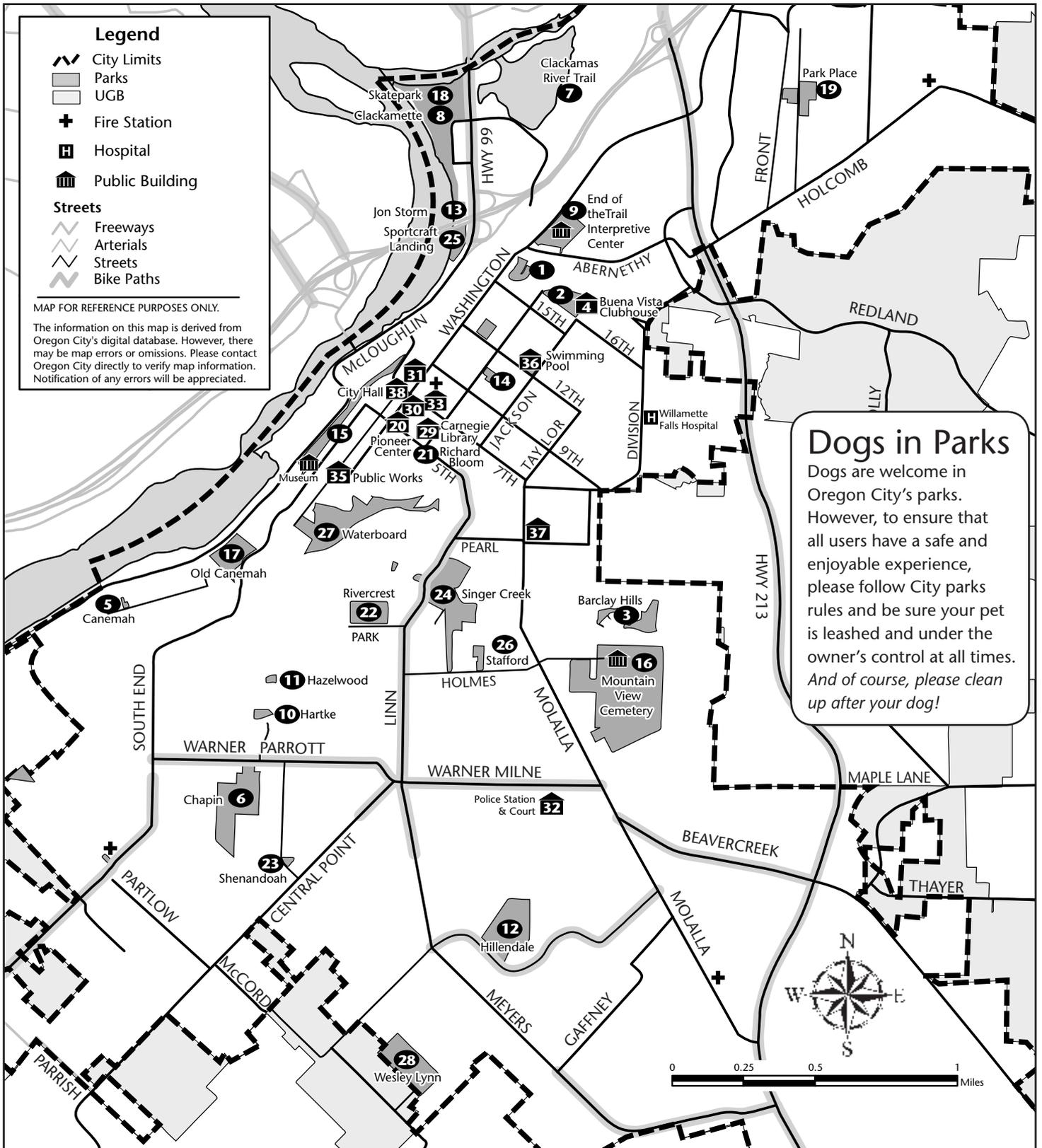
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City of Oregon City Parks & Facilities Map



Major City Parks

- 6 Chapin Park** — 340 Warner Parrott Road
- 8 Clackamette Park** — 1955 Clackamette Drive
- 12 Hillendale Park** — 19260 Clairmont Way
- 13 Jon Storm Park** — 1801 Clackamette Drive
- 19 Park Place Park** — 16180 Front Avenue
- 22 Rivercrest Park** — 131 Park Drive
- 28 Wesley Lynn Park** — 12901 Frontier Parkway

City Facilities

- 4 Buena Vista Clubhouse** — 1601 Jackson Street
- 29 Carnegie Center/Public Library** [TEMPORARY]
606 John Adams Street
- 38 City Hall** — 625 Center Street
- 9 End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center**
1726 Washington Street
- 30 Ermatinger House** — 616 6th Street
- 33 Main Fire Station** — 624 7th Street
- 31 McLoughlin House** — 713 Center Street
- 16 Mountain View Cemetery & Parks Operations**
500 Hilda Street
- 20 Pioneer Community Center** — 615 5th Street
- 37 Planning & Building** — 221 Molalla Ave, Suite 200
- 32 Police Station, Municipal Court & Code Enforcement** — 320 Warner Milne Rd
- 35 Public Works** — 122 Center Street
- 36 Swimming Pool** — 1211 Jackson Street

City Boat Docks & Launches

- 8 Clackamette Park** — 1955 Clackamette Drive
Boat launch, 2 reservable picnic shelters, and restrooms.
- 13 Jon Storm** — 1801 Clackamette Drive
A transient dock with 72-hour moorage, a pump-out station, restrooms, 1 reservable picnic shelter.
- 25 Sportcraft** — 1701 Clackamette Drive
A 2-lane launch with floats and a restroom.

Recreation Areas & Facilities		Basketball	Boat Dock	Boat Launch	Meeting Rooms	Playground	Restrooms	Shelters for Rent	Soccer	Softball/Baseball	Spray Park	Tennis	Trail Access	Walking Paths
		Reservation Information—page 6												
1	Abernethy Creek Park													
2	Atkinson Park													
3	Barclay Hills Park													
4	Buena Vista Clubhouse													
5	Canemah Children's Park													
6	Chapin Park													
7	Clackamas River Trail													
8	Clackamette Park													
9	End of the Oregon Trail													
10	Hartke Park													
11	Hazelwood Park													
12	Hillendale Park													
13	Jon Storm Park													
14	Latourette Park													
15	McLoughlin Promenade													
16	Mountain View Cemetery													
17	Old Canemah Park													
18	Oregon City Skatepark													
19	Park Place Park													
20	Pioneer Community Center													
21	Richard Bloom Tots' Park													
22	Rivercrest Park													
23	Shenandoah Park													
24	Singer Creek Park													
25	Sportcraft Park													
26	Stafford Park													
27	Waterboard Park													
28	Wesley Lynn Park													



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 II
Gavin Bruhn _____ Park Maintenance Specialist II
Sara Dominguez (*se habla español*) _____ Office Specialist II
Cathy Mitchell _____ Office Assistant

To learn more about any of the activities or services offered here call us at 503.496.1201.

News & Updates

Park Restroom Closures

The following restrooms are closed for the season:

- Park Place
- Richard Blooms Tot's Park
- Canemah Children's Park
- Rivercrest

Our other park restrooms are still open.

Attention All Neighborhood Associations!!

The parks department would like to thank you for all of your efforts and attention paid to our parks and neighborhoods. We appreciate all your contributions to making our parks an inviting place in our community. Should you witness any vandalism in our parks, please notify the police on the non-emergency line at 503.655.8211.

Step Lightly!

Our parks maintenance staff works hard to keep our park trails clean and free of natural debris. Winter rain and winds are coming and can cause slippery trails. Just a word of caution to our trail walkers and joggers, to step carefully when on park trails.



Accommodations & Private Events

Park Shelter & Facility Reservations—Did you know that our park shelters and facilities may be used for special events such as weddings, receptions and rehearsal dinners? Clackamette, Hillendale and Rivercrest Parks are all great outdoor locations with covered shelters and surrounding grass areas that can be reserved for special events. The Buena Vista Clubhouse is also a great venue for a special event. Please contact us for rates and availability.

The Oregon City Parks office takes reservations for shelter use up to one year in advance. Shelters and parks can be viewed at www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation/shelter-reservations.

There are Three Ways to Make a Reservation:

- 1 Call Park Operations at 503.496.1201
- 2 Stop by the office at 500 Hilda St, Monday–Friday, 8:30am–3:30pm
- 3 Send us an email. We'll check the availability and respond within 48 hours.
Sara: sdominguez@orcity.org –or– Cathy: cmitchell@orcity.org

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

Buena Vista Clubhouse—Are you looking for a place to hold your upcoming family or company holiday party? The Buena Vista Clubhouse is the perfect venue to hold your next event. Amenities include a full kitchen, spacious dining/dancing area, small stage, newly remodeled restroom, chairs and tables. Rental rates start at \$100 for the first 4 hours and \$25 for each additional hour. The Clubhouse can accommodate parties of up to 65 people. Contact our office for availability or to schedule a tour.

Clackamette RV Park—The RV Park is open year round and is a great location for out of town guests visiting the area. 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 the site location. Payment is made on site, either by cash, VISA or MasterCard only. We DO NOT accept checks or foreign currency.



Cemetery Office Information

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.

Mountain View Cemetery Staff

Larry Potter _____ Parks/Cemetery Maintenance Manager
Gavin Bruhn _____ Park Maintenance Specialist II
Sara Dominguez (*se habla español*) _____ Office Specialist II
Cathy Mitchell _____ Office Assistant



POMC National Day of Remembrance

To Honor Murder Victims

National Day of Remembrance was a wonderful success! Over 400 attendees enjoyed music, a butterfly release, a barbeque lunch, and great weather while fondly remembering loved ones. Visitors admired the future site of the Parents of Murdered Children Memorial Garden that is being constructed to honor victims and their families. Thank you to all that came out to support this wonderful cause. Also, special thanks to the many people that have donated their time and labor to construct this beautiful monument.



News & Updates

Haunted Cemetery Event—Due to inclement weather we had to cancel the Haunted Cemetery. Thank you to all of our volunteers for their hard work and contributions.

Veterans Day—We honor our veterans every November 11 by placing flags at their graves. Flags will also be available for family and friends to place on their loved one's sites as well.

Fall Clean-up—scheduled for Friday, November 30, 8:00am—noon. There will be snacks and refreshments provided. Please come out and get acquainted with Mountain View Cemetery Memorial Park.

Cemetery Celebrity!

This quarter we are featuring Frank Whitebuffaloman who is the grandson of Native American Souix Chief Sitting Bull. Frank is located in H-1-8-D. We have his date of death marked as 3/16/1977; he was age 73. Very little information was found on Frank Whitebuffaloman. Our internet search produced an obituary from St. Petersburg Times dated March 18, 1977, a colored pencil portrait dated 1941, and a photograph of him sitting on a hospital bed looking up at a nurse, dated November 1976. If anyone has reference material or information to share regarding the history or life of Frank Whitebuffaloman, please contact the cemetery office.



INDOOR PLAYGROUND & SWIMMING
 For Parents & Children
 SEPTEMBER 17, 2012—MAY 24, 2013

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	Indoor Swimming
<p><i>Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 10:00am—Noon</i></p> <p>Preschoolers can crawl through tunnels, play on trikes, bounce balls, slide, run, jump & just have fun! <i>Playground equipment is disinfected regularly!</i></p>	<p><i>Tuesdays & Fridays 11:00am—Noon</i></p> <p>Children and parents are welcome to swim together in our heated pool. Parents must be in the water with their children. <i>Lifeguards will be present!</i></p>
<p>Drop-in Fee: \$2 per Child Parents are FREE!!</p>	<p>Regular admission fees apply. Please see page 10.</p>

Children under 12 months old are FREE!!

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



Recreation Registration & Fees

How to Register—You can register for all recreation programs online at www.oregoncity.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.oregoncity.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.



Oregon City Community Education Programs & Services

Eastham Community Center
 1404 Seventh St, Oregon City
 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 in addition to independent instructors to offer all of our classes. The quarterly class offerings are listed in the back of 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.oregoncity.k12.or.us then click our OCCE logo on the left side bar. Click on the program desired to view the class offerings or programs you are interested in. Create your new user account by clicking on View My Account.

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
Or call 503.657.8273**

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

FACILITY >>	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



SCHOOL'S OUT DAY CAMPS!

For Ages 5–11



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 info call 503.657.8273 | Register online at www.orcity.org

WINTER Swim & Play Day Camp!

A fun-filled day of crafts, theme-related activities, games & swimming.

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri | December 24, 26, 27, 28, 31 & January 2, 3, 4

9:00am–4:00pm | Oregon City Pool, 1211 Jackson St

\$20 per day Resident | \$24 per day Non-Resident

**Pre-registration is encouraged.* To hold the camp, at least 6 campers must be pre-registered 2 business days prior to the camp's start date.*

Monday, December 24 Amazing Animals
Spend a day exploring the wild world of the animal kingdom!

Wednesday, December 26 "Boxing" Day
Get creative as we use boxes to have fun! We'll even make our own kid-sized cars out of cardboard boxes!

Thursday, December 27 Getting Dirty
Kids love getting dirty, so why not let them? We'll enjoy making messes with paint, Jello and so much more!

Friday, December 28 Games Galore
Create your own game board as we dabble in a variety of games! We'll play card games, board games and so much more!

Monday, December 31 Enticing Experiments
Do you enjoy creating and testing scientific hypotheses? Join us as we test the elements!

Wednesday, January 2 Wacky Wednesday
Show up in your craziest outfit! Show us your silly side as we participate in a day of goofy activities!

Thursday, January 3 Superheroes
Transform into your very own superhero today at Swim and Play! We'll even decorate our own capes!

Friday, January 4 Under the Big Top
Ever thought of running off and joining the circus? Today you can! Show off your odd antics with us today at Swim and Play!

SPRING Break Aqua Camp! *Edible Art!*

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 | March 25–29 | 9:00am–4:00pm

Oregon City Pool, 1211 Jackson Street

\$100 Resident | \$120 Non-Resident

Swim Schedule <i>November 1—April 1</i>			Pool Closures
Recreation Swim	Tuesday & Friday	11:00am—12:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ November 22–24 [<i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>] except November 23 & 24—Pool will be open ONLY for Adult/Lap Swim, 11:00am–1:00pm ■ December 25 [<i>Christmas Day</i>] ■ January 1 [<i>New Year's Day</i>] ■ March 9–10 [<i>BC swim meet</i>]
	Friday	7:30—9:00pm	
	Saturday	12:30—2:00pm	
School's Out Recreation Swim	Mon & Wed–Fri Dec 24—Jan 4	2:00—4:00pm	
Family* Swim	Tuesday	7:15—8:30pm	
Adult Swim	Monday–Friday	8:00—9:00am	
	Monday–Friday	1:00—2:00pm	
	Saturday	11:00am—12:30pm	
Lap Swim <i>Number of available lanes may vary.</i>	Monday–Friday	6:00—8:00am	
	Monday–Friday	11:00am—2:00pm	
	Saturday	11:00am—12:30pm	
Water Exercise Classes <i>Details on facing page.</i>	Interval & Circuit Training	New Class! See description on facing page.	
		Monday & Wednesday	9:15—10:00am
		Wednesday	7:30—8:15pm
	Shallow	Mon, Wed & Fri	8:00—9:00am
		Tuesday & Thursday	6:15—7:15pm
	Deep	Monday–Friday	8:00—9:00am
		Tuesday & Thursday	6:15—7:15pm
Arthritis	Tuesday & Thursday	8:00—9:00am	

Swim To Success

WORK OUT & RECEIVE 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*

- 25 Workouts—Flashlight/Key Chain
- 50 Workouts—Lanyard
- 100 Workouts—Water Bottle
- 150 Workouts—Car Magnet
- 200 Workouts—Duffle Bag

Admission Prices		CHILDREN 8 YEARS OLD & YOUNGER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT IN THE WATER.						
R=Residents Are those who live inside the city limits of Oregon City. NR=Non-Residents 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! * Family Swim & Family Memberships are for Youth and Parents/Guardians in one home.	DROP-IN FEES	<i>Per Session</i>	Youth (2–18)		Adult (19+)		Senior (62+)	
			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*						
	PUNCH CARDS	<i>Valid for Water Exercise, Lap, Rec & Adult Swim</i>	10 Sessions		20 Sessions		40 Sessions	
			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
	MEMBERSHIPS	<i>Includes Lap Swim, Recreational Swim, Adult & Family* Swim</i>	INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES*					
			1st Person or Individual		2nd Person in Family		Each Additional Family Member	
			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						

Water Exercise

All classes are available for non-swimmers.

NEW CLASS!!! 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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| 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.

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.

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—The participant 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.



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

6 MOS—3 YRS	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!!

- **Winter** Registration begins December 7, 2012
- **Spring** Registration begins March 8, 2013
- **Online** Registration at 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	Residents (4 group lessons)	\$18.00
	Residents (6 group lessons)	\$26.00
	Non-Residents (4 group lessons)	\$25.00
	Non-Residents (6 group lessons)	\$38.00
	Private Lessons (1 student, 1 lesson)	\$21.50
	Semi-Private Lessons (2 students, 1 lesson)	\$31.00
EVENING LESSONS	Residents (9 group lessons)	\$38.50
	Non-Residents (9 group lessons)	\$57.50
	Private Lessons (1 student, 1 lesson)	\$21.50
	Semi-Private Lessons (2 students, 1 lesson)	\$31.00

Fall & Winter Swim Lesson Schedules

LEGEND	Preschool Lessons WB=Water Babies STA=Swim Tots A STB=Swim Tots B	Learn-to-Swim Lessons LV1=Level 1 LV2=Level 2 LV3=Level 3 LV4=Level 4 LV5=Level 5 LV6=Level 6	INFO	■ All swimming lessons last 27 minutes.
	{PL}=Private & Semi-Private Lessons			■ Not sure what to sign your child up for? Please see a description of each lesson level on the facing page.
				■ Please call 503.657.8273 or stop by the swimming pool for more session information and/or to register.

PRIVATE LESSONS	September 18—March 16		Private/Semi-Private 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 this 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 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	FALL	4 LESSONS	TUE & THU	9:30am	10:00am	10:30am	
		SESSION 4	Nov 27—Dec 6	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}	
		SESSION 5	Dec 11—Dec 20	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}	
		SESSION 1	Jan 15—Jan 24	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}	
	WINTER	SESSION 2	Feb 5—Feb 14	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}	
		SESSION 3	Feb 26—Mar 7	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}	WB {PL, PL}	
		FALL	6 LESSONS	MON, WED, FRI	9:30am	10:00am	10:30am
			SESSION 4	Nov 26—Dec 7	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV2
	SESSION 5		Dec 10—Dec 21	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV1	
	WINTER	SESSION 1	Jan 14—Jan 25	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV2	
		SESSION 2	Feb 4—Feb 15	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV2	
		SESSION 3	Feb 25—Mar 8	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV1	STA, STB, LV2	

EVENING LESSONS 3-Week Sessions | Winter Registration begins Dec 7

GROUP LESSONS	FALL	9 LESSONS	MON, WED, FRI	6:00pm	6:30pm	7:00pm	
		SESSION 4	Dec 3—Dec 21	STB, 1, 3, 4 {PL}	STB, 1, 3, 4 {PL}	STA, 1, 2, 6 {PL}	
	WINTER	SESSION 1	Jan 7—Jan 28	WB, STA, 1, 2 {PL}	STB, 1, 2, 3 {PL}	STA, 1, 2, 4 {PL}	
		No lessons Monday, January 21 (MLK Day)					
		SESSION 2	Feb 4—Feb 22	WB, STA, 1, 2 {PL}	STB, 1, 2, 3 {PL}	STA, 1, 2, 4 {PL}	
		SESSION 3	Mar 4—Mar 22	WB, STA, 1, 2 {PL}	STB, 1, 2, 3 {PL}	STA, 1, 2, 4 {PL}	

Hours of Operation

Open Monday—Friday | 9:00am—4:00pm

Closed Saturdays, Sundays & other days listed below:

Mon–Tue, Dec 24–25	Christmas
Tuesday, January 1	New Years Day
Monday, January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 18	Presidents Day
Mon–Fri, Mar 25–29	Annual Cleaning & Maintenance

Lunch (Complete details on page 15)

- Lunch & Dessert Bar: Monday–Friday | 11:30am–12:30pm
- Meals-on-Wheels Deliveries: Monday–Friday | 10:30am–1:00pm

AARP Tax-Aide February 1—April 15

The Pioneer Center will again be a 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 nationwide annually file their taxes. Volunteers will be at the Pioneer Center Tuesdays and Fridays, February 1—April 12 with hourly appointments 9am–2pm. (We will be closed for spring cleaning the week of March 25-29). We will start making appointments on January 7. Call 503.657.8287 (ext “0”) to make your appointment. Please call as soon as possible as appointments fill up fast.

Speaking of Taxes...Think of “Meals on Wheels”

As 2012 draws to a close, please consider the Pioneer Center and our “Meals on Wheels” and Nutrition programs for any of your year-end giving. Your donation would stay in our community and be much appreciated. We will gladly provide you a receipt for tax purposes.

“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 “Meals on Wheels”. We are working to stop Senior hunger! MOW provides a nutritious meal with warm conversation and a security check for our community’s homebound seniors and disabled. Clackamas Federal Credit Union has done a special “March for Meals” campaign for the last two years and plans to participate again this year! Last year they collected over \$2300 from their members. Many, many thanks to their members’ generosity! You amazed us! We will have our “March for Meals” plastic collection containers at numerous Oregon City and West Linn businesses throughout the month of March. When you see them, please make a generous donation. If your business, or your church or child’s school would be interested in sponsoring a collection container or a fundraising drive, please contact Claire at 503.722.3781 or cmet@orcity.org.



Every donation to “Meals on Wheels” stays right here in Oregon City and West Linn, and is an investment in the health, well being and dignity of a Senior.

Gift Certificates

A Pioneer Center Gift Certificate would be the perfect gift for that person who has everything! They are available in any denomination and can be used for any of the following:
Pioneer Pantry | Trips | Classes | Weight Room

Pioneer Center Facility Rentals

As Low as \$65/hour ~ Ideal Venue for Many Events

Weddings	Meetings	Birthday Parties
Anniversaries	Seminars	Retirement Parties
Memorials	Fund-Raisers	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. The space has a beautiful hardwood floor, serving area and elevated stage for a live band or DJ.

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

THE FACILITY USE COORDINATOR will help make your event a pleasant experience, whether you hold it outdoors in the Peace Garden or inside the Center. For more information or to make a reservation, please 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.

Thank You!

Your Contributions Make a Difference!

As we transition into 2013, the Pioneer Center would like to extend our thanks and sincere appreciation to all those in the community who contributed their time and resources to make the lives of our seniors and disabled better in 2012. We could not do all that we do without our great volunteers’ dedication and willingness to help. We have some of the best volunteers and community support around!!!

We keep thanking BCT (Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone) but they continue to keep “giving” to our “Meals on Wheels” and Nutrition programs throughout the year. They not only have a MOW route once a month, we are also one of their chosen non-profits that benefits from all of the annual community fundraising they do. Thank you BCT... YOU’RE THE BEST!

Center is closed: Mon & Tue, Dec 24–25 | Tue, Jan 1 | Mon, Jan 21 | Mon, Feb 18 | Mon–Fri, Mar 25–29

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, Beaver Creek, 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. Space is limited, so call early. Pick-up starts at 12:45pm. Suggested donation: \$1.00 each way
TUESDAY	Fred Meyer	
WEDNESDAY	Albertsons	
FRIDAY	Haggens -or- Grocery Outlet	

Health Services—Blood pressure testing 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 | 11:00am–noon | 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. Monday–Friday | On-going | By Appointment

Alzheimer’s Support Group—A caregivers support group for Alzheimer’s and other types of dementia. Call 503.317.2245 for more info. 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—Local volunteer lawyers provide free legal advice one day a month for clients 60+ years old. For more info and to schedule free appointments call Jamie at 503.722.3268. 2nd Monday each month | By Appointment

Computers/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



Help Your Senior Center

Donations Needed—Coffee | Office Supplies (pens, copy paper, etc.) | Money for Nutrition Program | 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—Drivers for “Meals-on-Wheels” | Hostess in the dining room | Serving groups, 10:00am–1:00pm | Put together a fund-raiser for the Center! Please call Jamie at 503.722.3268 for more information.

Support “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 and the disabled. Using their own vehicles, they drive up to 60 miles each day Monday–Friday in the Oregon City, West Linn, Beaver Creek, 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.

Holiday Volunteer Drivers Needed!—We need volunteer drivers to deliver emergency meals in inclement weather, so if you have a 4WD and are comfortable driving in wintery conditions, please call Shirley at 503.722.5979. We also need drivers to deliver Fill-A-Stocking, Fill-A-Heart holiday stockings to seniors and low-income families. Please call Jamie at 503.722.3268 to help with stocking delivery.

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.

Summer & Fall 2013 Trips

Presented by Pioneer Community Center, Collette Tours & American Travel Bureau

SOUTH PACIFIC WONDERS | AUGUST 26–SEPTEMBER 9, 2013



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 rate is \$5,299, double occupancy.

WASHINGTON, D.C. | OCTOBER 2–8, 2013



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 rate is **\$2,149**, double occupancy.

Contact Lori Thrasher, with American Travel Bureau for more information on either trip. 503.789.5487 or ljthrasher@comcast.net.

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." We must be notified 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].
- DEC 19 **"Nutcracker Suite" Ballet**—Enjoy this holiday tradition at Keller Auditorium, filled with Clara's adventures with her Nutcracker Prince, dancing toys, Sugar Plum Fairy and battling mice. Dine at *Cassidy's Restaurant* before the show.
- JAN 2 **Franz Bakery & OR Rail Heritage Center**—A tour of Portland's 106 year old bakery begins the day, followed by an afternoon tour of Portland's newest museum located near OMSI.
- JAN 16 **Prewitt/Allen Archeological Museum & Slab Soap Company**—Head to Salem to view Bible land artifacts, ancient inscriptions, pottery, coins, manuscripts & more. After lunch, we will have a behind-the-scene tour to see how soap is made.
- FEB 5 **Ping Pong Puppet Museum & Powell's Main Bookstore Tour**—Learn all about things PUPPET! Tour the museum & studio, then enjoy a special performance featuring puppets of the 50's & 60's! Then we will tour the world famous Powell's *City of Books*.
- FEB 20 **Oregon Culinary Institute & Wells Fargo Museum**—A tour of the museum tells the 160+ year old story of Wells Fargo in Oregon. We will then dine on a sumptuous three course lunch, prepared by OCI's culinary students.
- 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 Heritage Center & Columbia River Heritage Museum**—From 1889 to 1938, the former Quarantine Station at Knappton Cove made sure all inbound ships were free of any "dreaded diseases" of the time.

Drop-In Groups & Activities

*Center is Closed: Mon & Tue, December 24–25 | Tue, January 1
Mon, January 21 | Mon, February 18
Monday–Friday, March 25–29*

AA Meets weekly in the Center's Basement
Sundays | 1:30–3:30pm

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT Meets in Classroom #1
Second Thursdays | 1:00–3:00pm

BILLIARDS We have a beautiful pool table in our TV Room.
Ask for pool balls at the front desk.
Monday–Friday | 9:00am–4:00pm | Free

BINGO A lively, friendly bingo group meets weekly for
fun & small cash prizes. We can always use more
players!
Thursdays | 12:30–3:00pm | 25¢ ea card

CHESS Games in Pioneer Center's Basement
Tuesdays | 7:00–10:00pm | Free

NARANON Meets weekly in the Center's Basement
Thursdays | 7:00–9:00pm

ODDFELLOWS Meets in Center's Basement
2nd Wednesdays | 7:00–9:00pm

PINOCHLE These card players meet 4 times a week.
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays
1:00–3:30pm | 25¢ to play

POKER *Mondays | 12:00–3:30pm*

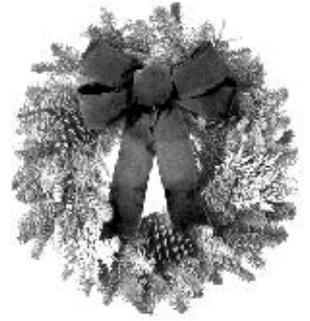
POPCORN! *Free Every Friday morning*

SCRABBLE Challenge this fun, friendly group every week.
Fridays | 12:30–3:00pm | Free

Holiday Wreaths \$17

October thru December

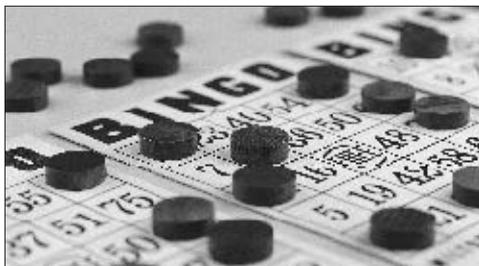
Please support the Pioneer Adult Community Center by Purchasing a Beautiful Holiday Wreath to Complete Your Holiday Decorating. Our fresh 22" diameter wreaths are constructed of noble fir, cedar, berried juniper and pine cones, and finished with a colorful bow. The cost of \$17 for this wonderful holiday decoration helps support the Center's Nutrition & Meals-on-Wheels programs. They make unique Holiday gifts, too. Call the Pioneer Center to purchase one today. Wreaths will be available for pick up at the Center starting November 27.



Call the Pioneer Center to purchase one today. Wreaths will be available for pick up at the Center starting November 27.

2013 Entertainment Books \$30

The Pioneer Center will once again offer these great coupon books which offer 15 months of savings for the whole family! They make great Holiday gifts that keep giving through at least November 2013! The Portland book is packed with over \$16,000 worth of local area coupons. Oregon City businesses participating, in the past, include Regal Theaters, Baskin Robbins, McDonalds, and Shari's to name just a few. Many Clackamas County businesses also offer discounts. Register your card online and get immediate access to local online printable coupons. The books are \$30 each. Stop by and purchase one or two. They pay for themselves quickly!



Class Info & Registration *Center is closed: December 24–25 | January 1 & 21 | February 18 | March 25–29*

For more info or to register, please call the instructor if their phone number is listed. Otherwise, stop by the Center or call 503.657.8287.

- **PAYMENT**—Cash/Check preferred; VISA also accepted for amounts over \$50. Full payment due before first class begins.
- **CANCELLATIONS**—Classes, programs or events may be cancelled due to lack of participation.
- **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.
- **REFUND POLICY**—A full refund will be given ONLY if requested before the first day of class. No refund given if a class has already begun.

Fitness & Relaxation *Closed: Mon–Tue, Dec 24–25 | Tue, Jan 1 | Mon, Jan 21 | Mon, Feb 18 | Mon–Fri, Mar 25–29*

Cardio-Dance *Instructor—Shirley Hall*

A high-energy, low-impact aerobic dance class for active adults who want to stay in shape. Bring a mat for cool-down.

*Tuesdays & Thursdays | Jan 8–Mar 21 | 10:45–11:30am
\$78 (Over62—\$47) | 11 weeks, 22 classes*

Cross-Training *Instructor—Shirley Hall*

Stay in shape over the winter! This modified workout program is designed for overall body fitness. We will combine cardio, weight training and stretching exercises.

*Mondays | Jan 7–Mar 18 | 9:30–10:30am
\$42 (Over62—\$25) | 11 weeks, 9 classes (No class: Jan 21, Feb 18)*

Gentle Pilates Stretching/Yoga *Instructor—Shirley Hall*

[ADULTS OF ALL AGES] 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 | Jan 8–Mar 21 | 9:30–10:30am
\$91 (Over62—\$46) | 11 weeks, 22 classes*

NEW CLASS! Sunrise PiYo *Instructor—Kris Clark*

Great way to start the day! A very active, fast moving, complete body conditioning class, focusing on core strength. This class combines Pilates & Yoga and is infused with plyometrics & calisthenics. Fun, fast & intense. Using no impact or weights, you will burn lots of calories & strengthen every muscle. Bring a yoga mat, water & a “sweat” towel. Please call Kris at 503.313.3707 to register.

*Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays | Jan 7–Mar 22 | 6:45–7:45am
\$155 (Over62—\$140) | 11 weeks, 31 classes (No class: Jan 21, Feb 18)*

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 | Jan 7–Mar 20 | 11:30am–12:15pm
\$69 (Over62—\$41) | 11 weeks, 20 classes (No class: Jan 21, Feb 18)*

[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 | Jan 7–Mar 20 | 10:40–11:25am
\$69 (Over62—\$41) | 11 weeks, 20 classes (No class: Jan 21, Feb 18)*

Taoist Tai Chi™ Taijiquan

To register call 503.220.5970 or go to www.taoist.org. Cost includes International Taoist Tai Chi Society Lifetime Membership.

[BEGINNING] An internal martial art developed by Master Moy Lin-shin to improve health through a set of 108 gentle movements. Turning & stretching exercises your whole physiology, restores calm & peace of mind. Wear flat shoes, loose clothing.

*Mondays | Jan 7–Apr 22 | 6:00–7:30pm | Suggested Donation:
\$180 (Students & Over 62—\$120) | 15 weeks, 15 classes*

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

*Mondays | Jan 7–Apr 22 | 7:30–9:00pm | Suggested Donation:
\$180 (Students & Over62—\$120) | 15 weeks, 15 classes*

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: Dec 24–25, Jan 1 & 21, Feb 18, Mar 25–29*

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

*Monday–Friday | Ongoing | 9:00am–4:00pm
\$20 for 24 visits | Closed: Dec 24–25, Jan 1 & 21, Feb 18, Mar 25–29*

Yoga Classes *Instructor—Jenny Juffs. To register call Kim at 503.723.4365. Dress comfortably; bring water and 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 | Jan 3–Mar 14 | 5:30–6:30pm
\$88 (Over62—\$80) | 11 weeks, 11 classes*

[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 | Jan 3–Mar 14 | 6:30–7:30pm
\$88 (Over62—\$80) | 11 weeks, 11 classes*

Center is Closed: Dec 24–25 (Christmas) | Jan 1 (New Years) | Jan 21 (MLK Day) | Feb 18 (President's Day) | Mar 25–29 (Cleaning)

Arts & Crafts

Acrylic Painting Instructor—Shirlee Lind
For beginning and experienced artists. Emphasis on learning brush techniques, color mixing, shading and composition. Class includes painting landscapes, wildlife, flowers, or your preference with one-on-one supervision. To register call Shirlee at 503.722.3845. Pick up a supply list at Pioneer Center prior to the first class.
Wed | Jan 9–Mar 6 | 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 | (Closed: Dec 24, Jan 21, Feb 18)

Knitting & Crocheting [BEGINNING]

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

Oil Painting

 Instructor—Shirlee Lind

For beginning and experienced artists. Emphasis will be on learning brush techniques, color mixing, shading and composition. Class will include painting landscapes, wildlife, flowers, or your preference with one-on-one supervision. To register call Shirlee at 503.722.3845. Pick up a supply list at Pioneer Center prior to the first class.
Wed | Jan 9–Mar 6 | 12:30–2:30pm
\$90 (Over62—\$54) | 9 weeks, 9 classes

Watercolor

 with 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 a supply list at Pioneer Center prior to the first class.
Thu | Jan 10–Feb 28 | 1:00–1:30pm
\$100 (Over62—\$60) | 8 weeks, 8 classes

Music & Dancing

Line Dancing

 Instructor—Rich

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

Pioneer Singers

If you enjoy singing choral renditions of show tunes and good time oldies, call instructor Melinda Byers at 503.655.5644 for more information.
Fridays | Ongoing, beginning September 7
10:00am–Noon | \$30 per semester

Computer Skills

 Instructor—Jerry King 503.723.9497

Students get hands-on practice during each 2-hour computer skills class. Classes run once a week for 4 weeks. Limit—8 students per class. Call instructor for fees, scheduling & more info.

Level 1—First Step

Instruction is focused on learning to communicate with the computer and how to understand the signs and symbols that a computer uses to communicate with you. Students will learn and practice the mouse commands, hover to identify the tools in a program, and use them to minimize, maximize, restore down and close. Also included: learn to reposition and resize a window, save a file and print, as well as an intro to the Internet.

Level 2—Computer Basics

This course opens with a survey of computer terminology and components. You'll learn to set up folders and sub-folders in Windows, and create shortcuts to your desktop—skills that allow you to organize your files and find them fast. We'll also cover the different ways to connect to the Internet and the use of browser tools to find your way around, as well as search engines and e-mail. You'll send an e-mail to a friend and attach your picture.

Level 3—Word Processing

Build on the basics to fine-tune your word processing skills. This class focuses intensely on increasing your typing skills by learning keyboard shortcuts instead of using the mouse. We'll also cover default settings and copy, cut and paste commands. You will work with macros, tables and explore mail merge.

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 under age 60

\$2.50 suggested donation for 60+

DANCE Wednesdays | Ongoing

12:30–3:00pm | \$5 per person

Level 3—Mastering E-mail

Class focuses exclusively on Email. Learn to setup your own email account. Learn why you might send a CC (carbon copy) or a BCC (blind carbon copy). Attach and send pictures to a friend. Set up Email reminders so you never forget another birthday or anniversary. Set up a personal or business calendar and invite friends to view. Keep a note pad with info you can refer to on vacation, such as prescriptions. Send a text message to a friend's cell phone.

Level 4—Beyond the Basics

General maintenance and tuning up your computer to keep it running fast and trouble free (ha-ha). Understand and maintain your startup items list. Cleaning, defragmenting, updating Windows and your virus definitions. Installing and uninstalling a program. Backing up your data, uploading and downloading files from the internet. Intro to HTML and web design.

Level 4—Picture Plus

Learn to create a slide show using Windows Movie Maker. Bring in 6 pictures and learn to scan them into the computer. Add text, voice, music and transitions. Then burn it onto a CD or DVD. A great way to preserve holiday pictures, family events and your family history.

Hours & Information

Location Carnegie Center, 606 John Adams Street

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

Closed	Tuesday, December 25	Christmas Day
	Tuesday, January 1	New Year’s Day
	Monday, January 21	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
	Monday, February 18	President’s 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.

Library News

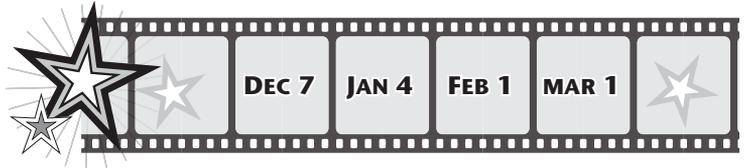
GREETINGS FROM SUMMER! As I write this it is the longest day of the year and the first day of summer. It is also almost two years to the day when we ‘reopened’ the Carnegie building as a Library, and the 99th anniversary of the Carnegie building itself. As we continue to work hard to acquire a site for the new library, we begin planning for our 100th anniversary celebration next summer. This is a ‘Save the date’ notice for Trail News readers: please put June 21 and 22, 2013 on your calendar for anniversary events at the Carnegie which will include history, music, notable speakers, and more!

As I write this, summer reading signups are going strong; our numbers rapidly approaching last year’s totals although we are still in the month of June. This surely was helped by getting the word out to our school kids in a collaborative effort with the Oregon City School District. Our craft programs are very full as well; because of this we are adding more craft activities starting in the fall for elementary school kids and teens. We also will be starting a new film series in November for adults. Check it out!

Community-Wide Read!

THIS YEAR’S OREGON CITY COMMUNITY-WIDE READ SELECTION IS WILD: FROM LOST TO FOUND ON THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL. Portland author, Cheryl Strayed, has written a powerful memoir describing her 1,100 mile solo hike on the Pacific Crest Trail. But it is also the story of a young woman, who, having lost her mother to cancer, embarks on this journey alone and with no experience as a hiker, and in the process discovers her inner strength as she rebuilds her life.

We will be adding more copies of this book to our collection, and these will be available for checkout after January 1. We will also have the pleasure of a visit from the author on Thursday, March 14, as well as other activities throughout the month of March. Please check our website for more details. We hope every-one will be able to join us in reading this powerful best-selling book.



First Friday Film Series!!! 6:30pm

THE LIBRARY IS EXCITED TO CO-HOST THE FIRST FRIDAY FILM SERIES WITH THE PIONEER CENTER. We will be showing a series of documentary films, with discussions moderated by local educators and film enthusiasts. All films will be shown at the Pioneer Community Center. Light refreshments will be provided.

Upcoming films include....

December 7—A Man Named Pearl focuses on Pearl Fryar, a self-taught topiary artist who set out to disprove nasty racial stereotypes, and in the process impacted his small town of Bishopville, South Carolina in a positive and magical way.

January 4—Hot Coffee sheds light on so-called “frivolous lawsuits” and the ways in which corporate America is affecting our justice system.

February 1—Capitalism: A Love Story explores the role of corporations in our everyday lives and the price we pay for our love of capitalism.

March 1—To be announced.

We hope you will find the films both entertaining and informative, and that you will join in for lively discussions of interesting topics. Hope to see you there.

Special Evening Events!

Family Holiday Movie—Thursday, December 13 | 6:30pm
Join us for our first movie showing at the library, the American family comedy, Home Alone. All ages are welcome.

Joanna Pearson—Thursday, December 20 | 7:00pm
Start your holiday off with beautiful melodies from local harpist, Joanna Pearson.

Happy Birthday, William Stafford—Thu, Jan 17 | 7:00pm
Join area poets and Friends of William Stafford to celebrate his 99th birthday.

Kids Wii Night—Thursday, February 7 | 6:30–8:00pm
Kids ages 6 to 12 can come to play Wii Mario Kart at the library! Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at least 18 years of age for the duration of the program.

From Print to Pixels: The Act of Reading in the Digital Age—Thursday, February 21 | 6:30pm
Join Oregon author Mark Cunningham to discuss what happens when we change our methods of reading. This program is part of the Conversation Projects sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Cheryl Strayed—Thursday, March 14 | 7:00pm
Join Portland author Cheryl Strayed, author of Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail, Oregon City’s Community Wide Read selection for 2013.

Help Us Serve You Better

Use Your Card!—Each member is issued a FREE library card with a key tag at registration. This is your key to checking out, renewing materials, placing and picking up holds, and using the Internet while at the library. Please bring your library card (or attach the key tag to your keys!) on each visit for prompt, accurate and secure services. If you have lost your card, please let us know so that we may issue you a new card. And don't forget your PIN (personal identification number)! You will need this number for placing holds and other online services, including the Internet. If you don't know your PIN, please stop by the Checkout/Info Desk, and someone will be happy to look it up for you. *Using your ID instead of your card requires staff to look up your information in the database which delays both your service, as well as those next in line. Thanks for using your card!*

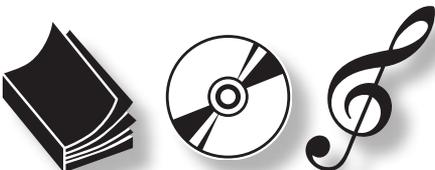
Self-Check Machine

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.



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Storyhours

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.

<i>Beginning</i>	TODDLERS	Under 3 Years	Thursdays & Fridays	10:15am
<i>September 6</i>	PRESCHOOLERS	3–5 Year Olds	Tuesdays & Wednesdays	10:15am

Crafts... Ages 3–6

Starting in September, preschool crafts will be offered on Fridays at 11:15am for children ages 3–6. Sign-up is required for all crafts, and is limited to 25 children. Please call the library at 503.657.8269 ext.1026 to sign up.

NOV 30	Let's get ready for Christmas with some new decorations!	JAN 25	Let's Make Musical Instruments!
DEC 14	Decorate a Christmas wreath!	FEB 8	It's a Valentine's Day Craft!
JAN 11	It's Snowman Time!	FEB 22	Decorate Door Knob Hangers!
		MAR 15	Grow Easter Grass!

And Even More Crafts! Ages 7–10

We are also excited to be able to also offer crafts for children ages 7–10, beginning this fall. These crafts will be offered on Wednesdays at 2:00pm. Sign-up is required, and is limited to 20 children. Please call the library at 503.657.8269 ext.1026 to sign up.

DEC 19	Make a Christmas Shadow Box	FEB 20	Decorate Door Knob Hangers!
JAN 16	Let's Paint Rocks!	MAR 13	Grow Easter Grass!
FEB 13	It's a Valentine's Day Craft!		

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.

Thursday, Dec 6
6:30–8:00pm

TEEN WII NIGHT—Come play Wii and have snacks! Game TBA.

Sunday, Dec 16
5:30–6:30pm

TEEN CRAFTERNOON: FUN WITH FUSE BEADS!—We'll be making "potted" Super Mario Bros. Piranha Plants. Sign up prior to event required. (Limit 10 people)

Thursday, Jan 3
6:30–8:00pm

TEEN WII NIGHT—Come play Wii and have snacks! Game TBA.

Thursday, Feb 14
6:30pm

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT!—Teens come celebrate "Twoo Wuv" with a special Valentine's Day viewing of *The Princess Bride*.

Thursday, Mar 7
6:30–8:00pm

TEEN WII NIGHT—Come play Wii and have snacks! Game TBA.

Thursday, Mar 28
6:30–8:00pm

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

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 & E-Books

Thanks to a generous state grant, libraries in Clackamas County now have access to an expanded collection of eBooks. Known devices that will work for the OverDrive eBooks are the Sony Reader, Barnes and Noble's Nook, and now, also, the Kindle. OverDrive is also mobile, and will work on your iPhone or iPad, as well as Android, Blackberry and other mobile devices. Please call or visit us at the Library if you have any questions about eBooks or how to install eBooks onto your reader devices.

Our next Library2Go class, "*The What's, Why's, and Huh's? of Downloading eBooks*" will be held on January 10, 6:30–8:00pm.

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:

Wednesdays	Thursdays	Saturdays	Sundays
11:00am–Noon	5:00–6:00pm	11:00am–Noon	2:00–3:00pm

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.

Federal Tax Forms

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE PROVIDES THE MOST COMMON FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION IN THE NATION'S LIBRARIES. We typically receive these forms beginning in late December/early January and we will have them available as they are received. By a decision of the Oregon Department of Revenue, *there will be 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.

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!*

Book Clubs Are Back!!

The Oregon City Public Library is hosting its first book club in many years. *The Elevated Readers* typically meet every other month on the first Thursday from 6:15–8:00pm. Our book selection for January 10 is *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani. For our March 7 meeting, we will be discussing *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed. The book club is now open to anyone who is interested, so please stop by!

For more information, please email your name and phone number to Betty at barmstrong@orcity.org.

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@orcity.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, 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
 - Portland Art Museum**
 - Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden
 - Portland Children's Museum (CM2)
 - The Japanese Garden
 - Pittock Mansion
- **Please note—the Portland Art Museum now charges a \$5 entrance fee for each adult along with the cultural pass.*

From the Friends of the Oregon City Library

ANOTHER YEAR IS ALMOST AT AN END AND THE BOOKSTORE IS BEGINNING TO GET READY FOR THE WINTER HOLIDAYS. There are always new books on the shelves at a fraction of the cost in a regular bookstore—which can help you can spread your dollars further! During 2012 the bookstore began to carry quite a number of local authors. It is amazing to discover how many great authors we have in our community.

Looking for a special recipe to serve your holiday guests? Look no further than the Friends bookstore. We carry a wide selection of cookbooks for everything from fancy drinks to yummy desserts. You can also pick up books on how to decorate for the holidays and ideas for creating special holiday decorations. There are many gift ideas if you are the creative type. Grams Caramels will be back in the bookstore this winter for those with a sweet tooth.

If you are looking for special gift, we have lots for you to choose from in the Three Rivers Artist Guild Gallery which is located in the bookstore. Every three months the gallery brings in new artists, and we just completed a new rotation of exciting new artwork on October 1. We have a wonderful selection of unique one-of-a-kind gifts and cards. Don't forget about the gallery come Valentine's Day next February!

The Oregon City Friends bookstore is one of largest volunteer-run stores in our region, as well as one of the best organized and staffed. This fall during National Friends of the Library Week (October 21–27) we recognized our volunteers with a proclamation read by Mayor Neeley.

I would like to invite current and future Friends to join us for our annual luncheon on Thursday, December 6 at the beautiful Ainsworth Center. You can meet other volunteers and your library director Maureen Cole.

By shopping at the bookstore and the gallery you help support your Oregon City Library and support local artists and authors.

For more information on the Friends of the Oregon City Library please contact Lynda Orzen at 503.313.0024 or orzep@comcast.net.

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 Street.**

FAVORITE DONATIONS:

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

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Old encyclopedias
- Fiction from 1960–1989
- Reader's Digest Condensed Books
- Magazines

Please do not bring any 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.

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

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.

◆ 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**



Security Alarms

Helpful Hints for Users to Help Prevent False Alarms

- **TRAIN ALL USERS**—Educate all alarm system users on the proper use of the alarm system.
- **FIX ANY PROBLEMS**—Schedule a service call if the alarm is not working properly.
- **UPDATE CONTACT INFO**—Make sure the contact numbers on file with your alarm company are always up to date. Be proactive and add your alarm company's phone number to your cell phone contact list.
- **IF YOU GIVE THEM A KEY, GIVE THEM THE CODES**—To avoid false alarms, ensure that persons with access to your location (Scheduled Workers, Maintenance, Cleaners/Cleaning Crews, House or Pet Sitters & Landscapers) have the proper temporary codes and passwords for your alarm system.
- **TAKE CARE WITH PETS**—Talk to your alarm company about installing pet friendly devices or changing your system design to accommodate pets.
- **CHECK ON ANY DISPLAYS**—Always ensure that hanging or moving decorations will not activate motion detectors, especially when heating systems come on.
- **TAKE CARE WHEN REARRANGING**—Before rearranging your furniture or putting up the new spring curtains or drapes, first determine whether the design change would interfere with the operation of your motion detectors.
- **CHECK BEFORE REMODELING**—Always contact your alarm company prior to starting any remodeling project. You need to work with your alarm company to make sure the remodeling process does not cause false alarms and that your system will continue to work properly after the work is completed.
- **CHECK YOUR BATTERIES**—Like all batteries, your backup has a useful life of about 3 to 5 years, but that life may be shortened if you have had several power outages. Your system battery should be checked annually, or after any storm related false alarm, by an alarm technician and replaced when needed.



Spring 2013 Shred-It & Cell Phone Recycling Event *Mark Your Calendars!*

April 27, 2013 | 9:00am–12:00 Noon

Additional details will be published in the spring edition of the Trail News. For any questions please 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 90 DAYS BEFORE SENDING IT TO AUCTION. Every attempt is made to contact the owner of the property before sending the item to auction, but many times the owners are never found. The Department sends miscellaneous items for auction every three to four months. The Department encourages the citizens of Oregon City to contact Property Officer Wilson at 503.496.1608 if you have lost anything of value. The 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 includes the ability to care about others, possess good listening skills, be at least 18 years of age, have reliable transportation and no criminal background. As a Victim Advocate you will 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 *I was taking the kids to school when a parked car pulled out and nearly hit me head-on. Are there rules on how vehicles should park?*

A Prohibited parking is very specific as stated in the Oregon City Municipal Code and the Oregon Driver Manual:

Parking Standards

Whenever any motor vehicle is parked upon any street in the city it shall be headed as though proceeding upon the right side of the street.

Where no mode of parking is indicated by a painted stripe or other marking, any and all vehicles parked in any unmarked area shall be parked **parallel** with the street curb and with the tires or wheels of the right-hand side of such vehicle, within twelve inches of the curb.

Prohibited Parking

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in such a manner or location that it constitutes a hazard to public safety or an obstruction to vehicle, bicycle or pedestrian traffic on the street, which shall include but not be limited to, stopping, standing or parking: on a sidewalk, in front of a public or private driveway, etc.

Additional parking restrictions may be found on page 47 of the Oregon Driver Manual.

■ Q *The street trees in my neighborhood have limbs that are dangerously low. Who keeps the street and sidewalks clear of dangerous limbs?*

A City Code requires adjacent property owners to remove dead branches and dangerous limbs from street trees alongside and in front of their property. Trees are to be trimmed to maintain a **minimum seven-foot clearance above all sidewalks and ten-foot clearance above the street to ensure vehicular and pedestrian safety.**

■ Q *I bought a boat this summer and now I need a place to store it for the winter. Can I park the boat under a tent structure in my driveway?*

A Tent structures are regulated as are all fabric and metal structures. Membrane structures shall be located behind the front building line of the primary structure and shall not be visible from the abutting right-of-way. The boat may be parked in the driveway provided it is currently tagged and licensed to the property where it is being stored. A boat or other recreational vehicle may be covered with an appropriate element barrier that attaches directly to the legally stored property.

For more information, contact the complaint and information line at 503.496.1559 or visit www.orcity.org/code-enforcement.



Code Enforcement Reminder

Limit the Hazards During Wintery Conditions

Oregon City Code Enforcement requests your help to ensure pedestrian and transit users have a safe pedestrian access way this winter. Property owners and tenants should remove snow or ice promptly, clearing sidewalks and driveways to provide a three-foot wide path after a snow event.



What? I need a Permit?



ThinkPermit

Protect your home. Protect your family.

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



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

Recorded Info On Burning

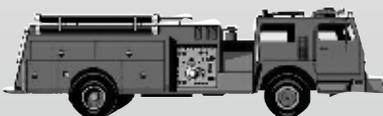
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503.632.0211

Burning within city limits is prohibited.

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

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



Stay Safe This Winter— Candle Safety Tips

CANDLES ARE A LEADING CAUSE OF HOUSE FIRES, ESPECIALLY DURING HOLIDAY AND COLD WEATHER MONTHS. Statistics show that most candle fires start when candles are left unattended in the home.

Here are some helpful tips to keep your family safe when using candles...

- Never leave candles unattended.
- Make sure a grown-up is always in the room when a candle is burning.
- If a grown-up leaves the room, make sure he or she puts out the candle first.
- Set up a “kid-free” zone around burning candles: no playing with or near candles, with candle wax, or with items that could catch fire near candles.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that could catch on fire.
- Don’t put candles in windows or doorways where the wind could knock them over.
- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of children’s sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Make sure to use candles and candle holders that are sturdy and won’t tip over easily.
- Consider using flameless candles to replace real flame candles.
- Develop and practice your home escape plan.
- Make sure your home is equipped with multiple working smoke alarms.

**Use Candles With Care.
When You Go Out... BLOW IT OUT!**



Oregon City's Operation Santa Parade

Sunday, December 2 | 6:00—9:00pm

DURING THIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY AND FOOD DRIVE, fire district volunteers and employees lead Santa’s fire engine parade through neighborhood streets, collecting toys and non-perishable food items to fill hundreds of food baskets for needy families. New donated toys bring a little extra Christmas cheer to children. Donated funds are used to purchase perishable items for food baskets, and help to cover miscellaneous expenses.

Complete information, including neighborhood parade maps and schedules at www.clackamasfire.com/documents/operationsantamaps/oregoncity.pdf.



Foreclosures *New Help for Clackamas County Homeowners*

THE STATE OF OREGON AND NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NEDCO) ARE PARTNERING TO PROVIDE A NEW SET OF SERVICES FOR CLACKAMAS COUNTY HOMEOWNERS AT RISK OF FORECLOSURE.

Foreclosure is a community-wide issue, affecting more than just those at risk of losing their homes. Foreclosures have a negative impact on neighborhoods, on property values, and on the stability of schools and local businesses. And for homeowners, foreclosure can mean a significant disruption in family life and possibly long-term financial insecurity.

Clackamas County homeowners who are behind on mortgage payments or have gone into default can visit OregonHomeownerSupport.gov, a new state-wide website which links homeowners to trained and certified foreclosure intervention counselors. The website is also a “one-stop shop” for resources, services and information on foreclosure prevention in Oregon.

NEDCO, a non-profit HUD-certified housing counseling agency offering foreclosure intervention workshops and one-on-one counseling, has just opened a new office in Clackamas County to help homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Foreclosure intervention counseling is free and confidential, and helps homeowners make decisions about whether they can, or should, stay in their home, as well as connecting them to relevant programs and services. Homeowners can connect to a local foreclosure prevention counselor by calling NEDCO’s new Clackamas County office at 503.655.8974, by email at Clackamas.counseling@nedcocdc.org, or by visiting OregonHomeownerSupport.gov and using the “Find A Counselor” feature on the main page.

Foreclosure counseling is very effective: it has been shown in national studies to lower mortgage payments for those receiving a modification, help homeowners remain current on their mortgages, and help homeowners receive modifications from loan servicers. And for Clackamas County residents, more help is now available close to home.

REUSE—Better Than Recycling

Save Money, Resources and Help Someone at the Same Time

FINDING CLOTHES AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AT SECONDHAND STORES AND CLOTHING SWAPS IS A GREAT WAY TO SAVE MONEY AND HELP TEACH KIDS ABOUT THE VALUE OF RESOURCEFUL LIVING. Oregon City residents are fortunate to have an abundance of businesses that sell gently used clothes, housewares and furniture nearby. There are thrift shops in Oregon City, Canby and along 82nd Ave. and McLoughlin Blvd. Shopping at these stores can be a fun experience, it feels like a “treasure hunt”, especially when you find a shirt, pair of pants or a piece of furniture that’s just right for you at a great price.

Similarly, purchasing gently used building materials makes home repairs more affordable. Recently Habitat for Humanity opened the Canby ReStore, at 411 S Redwood St, the first reused building materials store in Clackamas County. You can find all kinds of things there besides building materials, such as caulking, paint, tile, light fixtures and furniture. Visit www.nwvrestore.org for more information. Many of these stores are run by non-profit organizations that use the money to fund their programs that help people in need.

From the Clackamas County Office of Sustainability, www.clackamas.us/sustainability 503.557.6363.

Community Contacts (Area Code 503)

Ermatinger House	650.1851
McLoughlin House	656.5146
Museum of the Oregon Territory www.historicoregoncity.org	655-5574
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

Neighborhood Association Meetings *Updated information at www.orcity.org/community*

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

BARCLAY HILLS [BHNA]

General Meetings

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

Where Christ Church Apostolic, 600 Barclay Hills Drive

Info Walter White, Vice Chair | flywpwhite@msn.com

Gail Doyle, Secretary | gaildoy@msn.com

Don Wright, Treasurer | oregonotis@gmail.com

CANEMAH [CNA]

General Meetings—TBA

Info Howard Post, Chair | 503.650.0976 | Howardpost@msn.com

CAUFIELD [CFNA]

General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 4th Tuesdays | Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec

Where Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone, 15223 Henrici Road

Info Larry Hanlon, Co-Chair | 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 Kattie Riggs, CIC Liaison | kriggs@orcity.org

HAZEL GROVE–WESTLING FARM [HG-WFNA]

General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 3rd Thursdays | Jan, Mar, May, Sep, Nov

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

Info Kathy Hogan, Co-Chair 503.657.9435 | hogansbluff@aol.com

Tom O'Brien, Co-Chair 503.723.3334 | 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 Steve Andersen, Chair | sjanders@pcc.edu

Debbie Derusha, Vice Chair | 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 Tim Powell, Co-Chair | timpowell1954@comcast.net

Gordon Wilson, Co-Chair | Gordon@asokacomunications.com

PARK PLACE [PPNA] 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

Nick Dierckman, Vice Chair | ndierckman@gmail.com

Linda VanHaverbeke, Secretary | linda@vanhaverbeke.org

Barbara Renken, Treasurer | 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 | jdmcknight2@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]

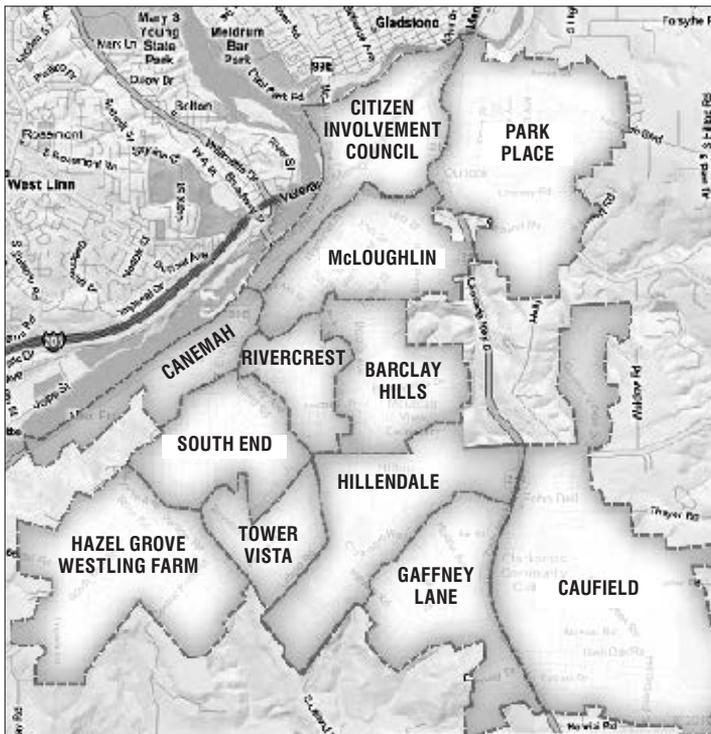
General Meetings

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

Where Ainsworth House, 19130 Lot Whitcomb Drive

Info Steven Tam, Co-Chair | tamjps@gmail.com

Todd Last, Co-Chair | Todd.Last@comcast.net



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

Spring is Oregon City Grant Season

DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE A PROJECT THAT WOULD BE AN ENHANCEMENT AROUND OREGON CITY OR BRING TOURISTS HERE? The City of Oregon City has two grant programs that could help your group fund a project in the 2013–14 fiscal year. This past spring the, Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Committee and the Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust awarded a combined \$180,580. The amount available for each program to award varies each year.

The Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Committee (OCMEC) provides an excellent opportunity for the City of Oregon City and METRO to support critical neighborhood projects. The grant program benefits the Oregon City community, affected by the METRO South Transfer Station at Highway 213 and Washington Street and is available to projects within the City boundaries. The program derives its funding from an intergovernmental agreement between Oregon City and METRO. This agreement generates a \$.50 per ton surcharge on fees collected at the Metro South Transfer Station on Washington Street. Applications for this grant are reviewed by the OCMEC Committee in May.

The Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust (OCCIT) is a non-profit entity of the City of Oregon City, formed in 1982 and funded by the hotel/motel tax. By City Ordinance, the hotel/motel tax is designated for projects that promote tourism within Oregon City boundaries. The OCCIT committee will meet to review applications in March or April.

Applications and specifics for each grant program will be available online at www.orcity.org by January 31, 2013. For more information, contact Michele Beneville at 503.496.1542 or mbbeneville@orcity.org.

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

Urban Renewal Agency Matching Grant Programs

OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, AS YOU STROLL ALONG MAIN STREET IN DOWNTOWN OREGON CITY, YOU HAVE SEEN MANY CHANGES HAPPENING. Not only has there been a change in the traffic patterns and infrastructure upgrades underground that can't be seen, there has been an influx of new businesses and renovations to several buildings, both outside and inside.

Some of these changes have been a result of investment by the City Urban Renewal Commission through the Downtown Urban Renewal Plan, which includes the downtown area, Clackamette Cove, the Landfill redevelopment site, the Washington/7th corridor and the Heritage area. The purpose of the Urban Renewal plan is to eliminate blighting influences within the boundaries and to implement the goals and objectives of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The Urban Renewal Agency has been assisting building owners and businesses within the area over the past year with two separate grant programs. These programs include the Storefront Improvement Grant program that focuses on building exterior projects and the Adaptive Reuse/Rehabilitation Grant program that is targeted for building interior projects. A combined urban renewal contribution of approximately \$360,000 has leveraged a total private investment of \$1.7 million into the Urban Renewal Area.

In addition to administering the Urban Renewal grant programs, the Economic Development Department has been busy developing a marketing campaign called the Land of Opportunity. This is an effort to market publically owned infill sites within the Urban Renewal District for future development with the goal of further increasing the value of the District. The campaign utilizes various media such as radio, print and signage to spread the word that Oregon City is truly the Land of Opportunity. Developer tours are a major element of this marketing effort and provide the developer with a first-hand look at Oregon City and the amenities that it offers

Specific information for the Storefront Improvement Grant, Adaptive Reuse/Building Rehabilitation Grant and the Land of Opportunity Campaign is available online at www.orcity.org under the Economic Development Department, or you can call Eric Underwood at 503.496.1552.



What You Should Know About Oregon City's Drinking Water



WE ALL COUNT ON DRINKING WATER

Every day Oregon City residents turn on their taps and get safe, clean water. Water is available 24 hours a day—year round—for drinking, fire protection, showers, cooking, and keeping gardens green. Water is also vital to business and industry and indispensable to the local economy and jobs.

Most of us take clean water for granted. We don't often think about what we can't see—

the infrastructure that delivers water to us: water lines, pumps, reservoirs. For less than pennies a gallon, this system transports water right to our homes and businesses.

OREGON CITY WATER FACTS

- **32,000** Population served
- **10,000** Customer service connections
- **1,450** Fire hydrants
- **154** Miles of water distribution pipe
- **9** Million gallons of water—Maximum day water use
- **18** Million gallons of water stored in reservoirs
- **5** Pump stations

OREGON CITY'S HISTORY OF DRINKING WATER STEWARDSHIP

Oregon City's rich history goes back to a time before Oregon was a state. Our water system has some of the oldest pipes in the state still in service. Prior to 1915, Oregon City got its drinking water from the Willamette River. After a typhoid outbreak, Oregon City moved the drinking water source to the South Fork of the Clackamas River in partnership with West Linn.

In the 1950s the pipeline from the South Fork could no longer deliver enough water for the growing cities. Voters approved a new water treatment plant on the lower Clackamas River as a better long-term solution. The treatment plant began operation in 1958.

South Fork Water Board operates the water treatment plant which is jointly owned and shared by Oregon City and West Linn. The plant is governed by a six-member Board of the Mayors, City Commission and City Council members from the two cities.

WHAT DO WATER RATES PAY FOR?

- ✓ Drinking water treatment
- ✓ Infrastructure maintenance
- ✓ Pipe repairs and replacement
- ✓ Emergency response
- ✓ Water quality protection
- ✓ Fire protection
- ✓ Meter reading and replacement
- ✓ Future water reliability

"Oregon City has a strong tradition of self-reliance and planning for the future. Ensuring the city continues to benefit from clean, safe drinking water is key to our community's long-term progress and to the welfare of its citizens."

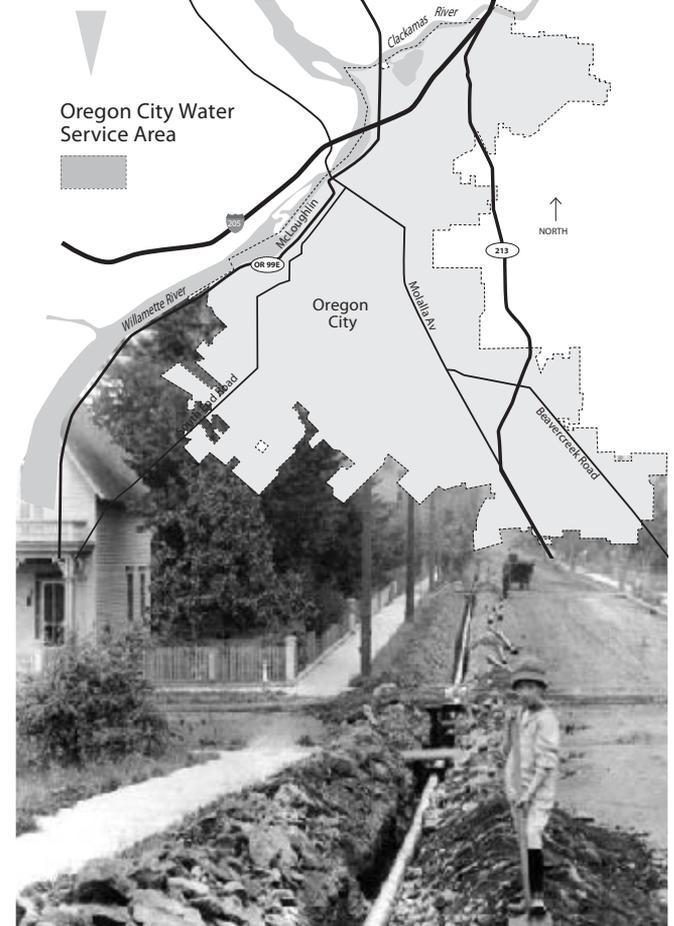
—Mayor Doug Neeley

FOR MORE INFO—To learn more about Oregon City's drinking water or to get involved contact: Aleta Froman-Goodrich, P.E., Senior Project Engineer Oregon City Public Works | afromangoodrich@orcity.org | 503.496.1570
LEARN MORE AT: www.orcity.org/water-rates

OREGON CITY WATER—MISSION

- Provide safe drinking water to homes and businesses.
- Maintain the water system cost effectively.
- Protect public health and the environment.

The Clackamas River has served as Oregon City's source of drinking water for nearly 100 years.



For over 100 years, Oregon City residents have invested in good stewardship of our water system.

OREGON CITY'S WATER RATES REMAIN COMPARABLE TO PEER CITIES

Customers' monthly water rates pay for ongoing operations and maintenance of the water system, as well as large capital improvements. Oregon City's average residential monthly water rates are comparable to peer communities.

Comparable Communities	Average Residential Rate
West Linn	\$21.89
Salem	\$24.60
Hillsboro	\$26.84
Oregon City	\$31.45
Beaverton	\$33.94
Portland	\$36.61
Lake Oswego	\$36.91
Sherwood	\$53.69

PLANNING FOR A RELIABLE WATER FUTURE



Some of Oregon City's water pipes are nearly 100 years old.

Replacing Aging Water Pipes

Many of Oregon City's aging pipes are nearing the end of their useful life and need replacement. There are 154 miles of water pipes; some pipes are nearly 100 years old.

Old pipes corrode, creating discolored water that is safe to drink but doesn't appear clean. Corrosion also reduces the amount of water that can flow through the pipe, reducing the fire fighting capacity, and corroded pipes are prone to breaks causing localized water

outages and property damage. Proactively replacing old pipes prevents costly emergency repairs and improves water quality.

Another Benefit: smaller sized pipes are replaced with larger sized pipes, improving fire flow.

To stay ahead of pipe failures, the recently adopted Water Master Plan recommends replacing two miles of pipe every year at a cost of about \$2.3 million annually.



Oregon City's pipe replacement program protects water quality & improves fire protection.

Investing in Water System Reliability

Oregon City has a long history of investing in water system reliability; however, in May 1996, voters concerned about rising water rates approved a city charter amendment that returned water rates to 1994 levels. The City Commission's authority to increase water rates was limited to no more than 3% per year, no matter what system repairs, maintenance, or improvements were needed. Any higher increase would require voter approval—even in a water emergency.

The water rate rollback did not go into effect right away. The City had already borrowed money to pay for water system projects and was obligated to pay back those loans. In 2014, the loans will be repaid and rollback provisions are set to take effect. Under the charter, Oregon City water rates will return to near-1994 levels.

CITY LEADERS ARE CONCERNED THOSE 20-YEAR OLD WATER RATES WILL NO LONGER RAISE ENOUGH MONEY TO OPERATE THE WATER SYSTEM, THREATENING THE CITY'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE RELIABLE DRINKING WATER SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

CITIZEN WORK GROUP ADVISES CITY ON WATER RATES

Oregon City is developing a long-term financial strategy guided by an 11-member Water Rate Advisory Work Group (see list below.)

The Group will review the 1996 City charter amendment and provide input on the recommended plan for ongoing operations, maintenance and replacement of Oregon City's water system.

The City and citizen group are committed to seeking public input on water system funding options. Water system customers and other interested citizens are invited to attend Water Rate Advisory Work Group meetings, City Commission Work Sessions or request community presentations.

Water Rate Advisory Work Group

Glenn Butler	Garth Didlick	Damon Mabee	Kim Swan
Bob Cochran	Rose Holden	Tim Powell	Dan Woram
Craig Danielson	Dan Holladay	Don Slack	

CITY DRINKING WATER—FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Where does Oregon City get its drinking water?**
Oregon City's drinking water comes from the Clackamas River. South Fork Water Board operates the river intake and water treatment plant, which are jointly owned and shared by Oregon City and West Linn.
- How many miles of pipes need to be replaced?**
There are 154 miles of pipes delivering water to Oregon City residents and businesses. Some water pipes are nearly 100 years old. The recently completed Water System Master Plan recommends replacing at least two miles of pipe every year to stay ahead of pipe failures.
- How much will it cost to invest in new water pipes?**
The estimate cost of the program is \$2.3 million per year, which would require water rates to increase moderately.
- Are Oregon City's water rates comparable to peer communities?**
Oregon City's water rates are mid-range among peer communities. An average residential water user in Oregon City pays around \$32 per month for drinking water services. Monthly rates pay for ongoing operations and maintenance of the water system, as well as capital improvements—including the pipeline replacement program.
- Why was Oregon City's Charter amended in 1996 to regulate water rates?**
The City Charter was amended in 1996 by voters concerned about water rate increases. Rates had risen rapidly then to support water system improvements. The 1996 amendment required water rates to return to 1994 levels and restricted the City Commission's authority to increase water rates to no more than 3% per year without a vote of the people.
- Why are City leaders concerned about the 1996 City Charter amendment?**
The water rate rollback from 1996 to 1994 didn't go into effect right away because the City had already borrowed money to pay for water system improvements. Those loans needed to be paid back before water rates could be rolled back. The loans will be repaid in 2014, triggering the rollback provisions to take effect. Rolling back water rates 20 years to 1994 levels will eliminate the pipeline replacement program and reduce ongoing operations and maintenance activities, impacting the City's ability to provide reliable drinking water service.

McLoughlin Boulevard Design *Phase 2 of the Enhancement Project has Begun*



THE CITY AND OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) HAVE BEGUN THE SECOND PHASE OF THE MCLOUGHLIN BOULEVARD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT. Phase 2 improvements will focus on enhancing McLoughlin Boulevard between the Clackamas River Bridge and Dunes Drive (*see map*). The design will include gateway features, enhanced bicycle and pedestrian facilities, landscaping, street trees, and water quality improvements. The goal of the project is to create a safer traveling corridor for different modes of transportation, improve access to the Willamette River and waterfront parks, and ultimately be the catalyst for redevelopment along the highway. The project design will continue through fall 2013, with construction beginning in early 2014.

In addition, the project team is partnering with Portland State University (PSU) to hold a design competition. This winter, teams of PSU architecture students will compete to develop innovative ideas for gateway features that would enhance the appearance of the project. This partnership gives stu-

dents real life exposure to projects and provides the City and the project team with creative design elements, which may be incorporated into the final design that would enhance the traveler's experience when entering Oregon City.

A Project Advisory Working Group was formed and is comprised of members from the City's Citizen Involvement Council and Transportation Advisory Committee, as well as representatives from the bike/pedestrian communities, parks, TriMet, local businesses, ODOT, Metro, City, and project design team. This working group will meet four to six times during the design process, and will comment on road design options and the PSU students' ideas as they are developed.

Additionally, two open houses are planned in 2013, as well as meetings with local businesses and other project stakeholders, to gather input on the design. Public meeting dates will be posted on the City's website as they develop. To learn more about the project check the project website at <http://www.orcity.org/publicworks/construction-projects>.

The Future of High-Speed Rail *Between Eugene and Portland*



Over the next 25 years, the population of the Willamette Valley is expected to grow 35% and freight volume in the state is expected to grow by 60%. These increases will result in travel demand that exceeds the available freight and passenger rail capacity in the Willamette Valley.

THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) IS STUDYING OPTIONS FOR IMPROVED PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN PORTLAND AND EUGENE-SPRINGFIELD—A 125 MILE SEGMENT. This segment is part of the federally designated Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor, which has been the subject of high-speed passenger rail planning for more than 30 years.

Rail improvements are needed to provide additional passenger and freight rail capacity and to provide more reliable trains, more frequent trains, and shorter travel times between locations in this corridor.

As part of this project, a number of important decisions need to be made, including selection of the general rail alignment [i.e., existing passenger rail corridor from Eugene to Portland (via Oregon City), the Oregon Electric Railroad corridor (west of I-5), an alignment that follows I-5, or other] as well as communities where stations would be located. The project will also determine several service characteristics, such as the number of daily trips, travel time objectives and the technologies to be used (for example, whether the trains will be powered by electric or diesel-electric engines). The project includes a public involvement strategy to ensure stakeholder participation in the decision-making process.

To find out more or to learn how to be involved, go to the project website at <http://www.oregonpassengerrail.org>



Jughandle Project *Landscaping Puts Finishing Touch on Highway 213*

AT THE END OF OCTOBER, THE CITY AND ITS PARTNERS CELEBRATED THE SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE HIGHWAY 213 JUGHANDLE PROJECT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS.

Now the project contractor is finish-

ing the job by completing the landscape improvements with planting thousands of trees and shrubs and restoring areas disturbed by construction.

The City worked with landscape architects from GreenWorks PC to develop the project's planting plans. The plans feature a distinctive landscape surrounding the new Oregon City sign that will highlight the northeastern gateway to the City. The designs for this area, as well as for the new Clackamas River Drive roundabout, emphasize native and low-water adapted plants that will provide visual interest in every season.

Landscape plans for other project areas were designed to meet different aesthetic, environmental, and maintenance goals. Along Washington Street, Clackamas River Drive, and Prairie Schooner Way, deciduous trees are being planted to enhance pedestrian-friendly streetscapes. These streets will also feature "green-street" stormwater facilities within the project limits. Plants such as blue fescue, slough sedge, and Oregon grape were selected to help treat runoff and protect groundwater.

In front of the Metro South Transfer Station and the railroad tracks the contractor is planting large-growing conifers and deciduous trees to provide vegetative screening. Along Highway 213, the state owned right-of-way is being reseeded with a mix of perennial grasses to keep maintenance costs low.

The contractor is also carrying out a landscape plan that will enhance wildlife habitat at a City-owned site west of Highway 213 between the Union Pacific Railroad railway and I-205. This site was a former lumber mill and wood waste was dumped on the site for many years as part of the milling operations. The City removed much of the wood waste and is restoring this nearly 6-acre site to offset the project's construction in the floodplain and its impacts to protected areas around streams and wetlands.

Invasive plant species and more than 40,000 cubic yards of decomposing wood waste, concrete rubble, and other trash have already been removed from the site. The contractor has amended the soil and is now planting more than 4,300 native trees and 2,400 native shrubs. The plantings around sensitive wetlands and small waterways on the site will improve water quality as well as habitat. Once the restoration is complete, this large area will provide a significant refuge for songbirds, hawks, and small mammals.

Project landscape plans are available on the project website:
<http://www.jughandleproject.com/landscaping.html>



City, state and federal funding partners commemorated the substantial completion of the Highway 213 Jughandle transportation improvements on October 24, 2012. The above aerial photo shows the new improvements. Photo by ODOT Photo/Video

Project landscaping is occurring in late fall because planting trees and shrubs after they have become dormant for the winter helps to prevent root shock. Fall and winter rains also help root systems to become established prior to leaf emergence in the spring and the dry summer period.

Ribbon Cutting Grand Opening

Highway 213 Jughandle Project, October 24, 2012

Mayor Neeley and ODOT Director Matt Garrett cut the ribbon, with (from left to right) Representative Bill Kennemer, Governor Kitzhaber's Policy Advisor Lynn Peterson, Clackamas County Chair Charlotte Lehan, U.S. Congressman Kurt Schrader, Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette, Representative Dave Hunt, and City Manager David Frasher



As Storm Season Nears, PGE Asks: Are You Prepared?

FIFTY YEARS AGO THE BIG COLUMBUS DAY STORM WHIPPED INTO OREGON, BLOWING DOWN TREES AND UTILITY LINES AND KNOCKING OUT POWER TO MUCH OF OREGON—INCLUDING NEARLY ALL PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS. Crews and communities responded heroically, and the average PGE customer had power back on in just 2.5 days.

The 50th anniversary of the storm—one of the worst on record in the Northwest region—is a reminder of what’s changed, and the importance of preparing for the unexpected. Today our system is stronger. New technologies and coordinated planning—in addition to proactive measures like our tree-trimming program to reduce tree-related outages—ensure an even quicker, safer and more effective response than was possible in 1962. (Watch our video at PortlandGeneral.com/7Steps to see how we prepare.)

Five Steps For You To Take Now

PGE wants to help you be ready, too, in case a storm or other event knocks out power this fall or winter. A little preparation now—at home and at your business—will help you, your families and your employees should the unexpected occur.

- 1 **PUT TOGETHER AN OUTAGE KIT FOR YOUR BUSINESS OR HOME**
 - Hand-crank or battery-powered flashlights and radio
 - Battery-powered clock
 - Car adaptors/chargers for cell phones and laptop computers
 - Emergency phone numbers, including PGE outage numbers
 - Extra batteries
- 2 **KNOW HOW TO REPORT AN OUTAGE.** If your power goes out, you can report it to PGE by phone 503.464.7777 (or 800.544.1795 outside of Portland) text message or on our website. Visit PortlandGeneral.com/Outage for more information. Since you might rely heavily on your mobile phone in an outage, visit PortlandGeneral.com on your smart phone to bookmark our mobile web pages and register your phone for two-way texting. You may also want to save our outage numbers to your address book so they’re handy. We also tweet during outages; you can find us on [Twitter @PortlandGeneral](https://twitter.com/PortlandGeneral).
- 3 **BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT** In a large-scale disaster, we expect to rely on first responders like police, fire and other emergency personnel. But

according to the American Red Cross, only 4 percent of Oregonians are first responders—and have to take care of the other 96 percent during an emergency, so their response time could be increased to days or even weeks. Because of this, being prepared—to help ourselves and our co-workers or neighbors—is a must. Put together an emergency kit, and store it in a central location, to make life easier in an emergency. FEMA’s readiness guide (<http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>) suggests preparing for three to 10 days of response and recovery time.

- 4 **CREATE AN EMERGENCY PLAN—AND PRACTICE IT** Whether at home or at your business, make sure everyone knows what to do in an emergency. Write down important phone numbers that you may not be able to access from your cell phone. Designate an out-of-area contact that everyone can check in with if local networks are jammed. Include paper copies of important documents in your emergency kit or carry a thumb drive with copies of those documents in your purse or car.
- 5 **GET MORE INFORMATION** Read our new “Stay safe. Be prepared.” blog at PortlandGeneral.com/BePrepared for important tips. It has preparedness steps, links to resources like FEMA and the American Red Cross and easy, quick information that can help you get ready.



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Winterizing Your Water Pipes *Inside & Out*

FALL IS THE TIME OF YEAR TO START THINKING ABOUT WINTERIZING YOUR WATER PIPES INSIDE AND OUT. Here are some precautionary measures you can take now to help avoid the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes later. Initiating an annual winterization program is a good step toward preventative maintenance. We suggest your water pipes be winterized before the first freeze.

Winterizing Your Irrigation System

- Turn off the water to the irrigation system at the main shut-off valve.
- Open all drain valves. Drain valves are usually located at low points of the system. If they are not opened water can collect and freeze.
- Remove water from system. Opening the drain valves is not usually enough. The best method to fully ensure that your system will not suffer freeze damage is to blow out the system with air. **It is NOT recommended that the average homeowner attempt to do this, it is recommended that a professional is hired.** Check your local yellow pages for listing of landscape professionals that offer winterization services.
- Wrap above ground valves and backflow prevention devices with insulating material to prevent freezing.
- Shut down the automatic controller by either putting it on “rain mode” which will keep all of the programming information (start times, valve run times, etc.) or simply shut the power off to the controller (if you do this, you will have to reprogram your start time and settings in the spring).

Winterizing the Rest of Your Water Pipes

- Disconnect and drain all outdoor hoses, and protect outside pipes and faucets.
- In some homes, the outside faucet has a separate “shut-off” in the basement or crawl space. If you have a separate valve for outside faucets, **SHUT IT OFF.** Then go outside, disconnect the garden hose and turn **ON** the faucets to drain water from the line. Even if you do not have a separate “shut valve” for outside faucets, wrap and/or cover **ALL** the outside faucets or hose bibs. Remember to disconnect garden hoses from the faucets. Otherwise, a single hard overnight freeze can burst either the faucet or the pipe it is connected to.
- If you have water pipes in unheated areas such as the garage or a crawl space under the house, wrap the water pipes before temperatures plummet. Visit your local hardware or building supply stores for pipe insulation and wrapping materials.
- Locate the master water shut-off valve to your home. It may be near the water heater or the washing machine. More likely it’s where the water line comes into your house from the street. If a pipe bursts anywhere in the house—kitchen, bath, basement, or crawl space—this valve turns it **OFF.** So find it now and paint it a bright color or hang a tag on it. Be sure everyone in the family knows where it is and what it does.
- Seal off access doors, vents and cracks. Repair broken basement windows. Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes. But don’t plug air vents your furnace or water heater needs for good combustion.
- When winter weather is especially cold, open the cupboard doors beneath your sinks. This will allow warm air to circulate around the pipes. Allow water to trickle from faucets with pipes underneath your home or near outside walls that may be exposed to extreme weather conditions. Over a 24 hour period this will cost less than 15 cents per faucet—much less than it costs to repair broken pipes!
- And last, but not least, **have your plumber’s telephone number handy.** During an extended cold spell, your pipes might freeze despite the best precautions.

For more information and tips on how to use water wisely contact Clackamas River Water Providers at 503.723.3511 or e-mail christine@clackamasproviders.org.

Stormwater Division

Oregon City Inclement Weather Operations

WHEN WINTER WEATHER BRINGS SNOW AND/OR ICE TO OREGON CITY, TRAVELLING OUR STREETS CAN BE A CHALLENGE. Historically, plowing and sanding have been our first line of defense to ensure public safety during winter weather events. We now have another tool—Magnesium Chloride (liquid de-icer).

Liquid de-icer lowers the freezing temperature of water and prevents ice and snow from forming a bond to the roadway surface. It can be applied in limited quantities prior to a severe weather event, when the road is dry, and make plowing efforts more effective.

Not only is the de-icing product less expensive than sanding, it can be applied in an environmentally friendly way and there is less need for clean-up after the storm event. Removal of sand from streets and stormwater catch basins is labor intensive and time-consuming. Preventing pollutants, including sand, from entering the stormwater system is an important component of the City’s Stormwater Management Plan.

Oregon City Public Works will continue to use a number of strategies to address changing roadway conditions during winter storm events. Public safety and environmental stewardship will both be served by minimizing our use of sand and applying appropriate amounts of liquid de-icer.

For more information about the City’s Winter Weather Response Plan or the use of de-icer please check out the following link: www.oregoncity.org/publicworks/inclement-weather.





Call 811 BEFORE You DIG

DO YOU HAVE AN UPCOMING PROJECT, AT HOME OR AT WORK, THAT REQUIRES DIGGING? Whether that project is planting a tree, installing a mailbox, or building a fence or deck—projects big or small—you need to call 811 several days before you dig.

Most utility services that we depend on, such as cable TV, high-speed Internet, landline telephone, electric, natural gas, water and sewer, are buried underground in our community. Hitting an underground utility line while digging can cause serious injuries, disrupt service to entire neighborhoods, and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

When you call 811 a representative from your local one call center will answer the call to find out the location and description of the digging site. All affected utility companies will be notified of the intent to dig. The utility companies will send a professional locator to the digging site to identify and mark the approximate location of the underground lines. Once lines have been marked, you should respect the marks and dig carefully around them.

Be aware that public utilities, such as water and sewer, will only mark the public portion of the line, not the private side that begins after the water meter (water) or at the property/curb line (sewer). Private locating services can assist in locating private utility lines on your property.

This year marks the 5th anniversary of 811 as the national call-before-you-dig number. Learn more by visiting www.call811.com. Remember—always call 811 before you dig and KNOW WHAT'S BELOW.

Partners for Watershed Health

ON OCTOBER 4, 2012 THE CITY OF OREGON CITY WAS PLEASED TO JOIN EIGHT OTHER PARTNERS IN FORMALIZING THE *PARTNERS FOR WATERSHED HEALTH COMMUNITY COVENANT*. This consortium of community organizations, agencies, and educational institutions is dedicated to the health and sustainability of our local watersheds.

A Metro “Nature in Neighborhoods” grant made possible the initial planning stage for the redevelopment of the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center (ELC) at Clackamas Community College. When completed, the redesign and retrofit of the ELC will result in improved stormwater treatment for water flowing into Newell Creek.

The Partners pledge is to address critical issues, leverage resources, support education and restoration activities, and act as a catalyst for other projects in the watershed. The ELC will have increased capability to support teacher professional development as well as school and community outreach.

The Partners membership is comprised of the following:

- CCC Environmental Learning Center
- City of Oregon City
- Clackamas County Office of Sustainability
- Clackamas County Water Environment Services
- Clackamas River Water Providers
- Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District
- Greater Oregon City Watershed Council
- Metro
- OSU Extension—Clackamas County

Stay tuned for updates as the organizations and agencies that comprise Partners for Watershed Health move forward on projects designed to protect the health of our valuable watershed.

TRICITY

SERVICE DISTRICT

Wastewater Treatment Questions?

Visit our informational website at www.Tri-CityServiceDistrict.org!



Year-Round Farmers Market

WHAT'S TO EAT THAT IS LOCAL IN THE WINTER? *Find out at the Oregon City Winter Farmers Market!*

This will be the 4th season in historic

downtown Oregon City at the foot of the Singer Falls, on 8th Street at Main. Open every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, from 10:00am–2:00pm, November through April 2013 (rain, shine or sleet!)...with an *extra Christmas Market on December 22.*

This open-air market has grown to fill the whole street, showcasing 25+ farmers and vendors selling seasonal foods (perfect for holiday shopping and gifts) including plenty of fresh produce from local farms, meats, cheese, eggs, pickles, preserves, fresh fish, wild mushrooms, honey, preserves, salsas, baked goods, wines, crafts, trees and wreaths for the holidays.....plus hot food, drinks and live music!

Main Street Oregon City is looking great! The Arch Bridge is now open, the new street-scape is finished, and there is plenty of free parking on Saturdays. Or park up on the bluff, take in the magnificent views and ride the Municipal Elevator down to the Market. Check out the downtown stores and restaurants while you're there—keep your dollars local!

The Market's free Kids P.O.P. Club (Power Of Produce) enables youngsters, 5–12 years, to receive \$2 **every** time they visit the Market to shop for fresh fruit and veggies, and will continue through the winter season! This program not only introduces kids to fresh veggies seasonally, but also teaches money management. Oregon Trail Card shoppers will also benefit this winter, thanks to grant from the Rotary Club Foundation of Oregon City. By spending \$5 or more at the Market, Oregon Trail (SNAP) shoppers are eligible for a free \$5 match in tokens!

Pick up a Market bookmark with a list of dates and times at the Market's Info. Booth, sign up on www.orcityfarmersmarket.com to receive the twice monthly market blog for a list of products, music and events, or LIKE us on Facebook. Call ahead if weather looks dicey, 503.734.0192.



Photo courtesy of www.dougrichardsonphoto.com



Annual Awards Dinner & Auction

A Night on the Town

Saturday, January 26 | 5:30pm
Abernethy Center, 606 15th Street

At this premier event, the Chamber proudly presents five prestigious business awards. The City of Oregon City also presents their Citizen of the Year award. Proceeds from the silent, live and dessert auctions allow the Chamber to offer services and programs that benefit the Chamber and the community of Oregon City.

HOSTED EVENTS

503.656.1619
2895 S Beaver Creek
Suite 103
Oregon City OR
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www.oregoncity.org

State of the City Address and Luncheon

Friday, February 22 | 11:00am–1:00pm

Enjoy a delicious lunch followed by Mayor Doug Neeley's presentation about Oregon City's accomplishments and challenges of 2012, and the outlook for 2013. Location TBA





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

Summer APRIL—JUNE

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

Autumn AUGUST—NOVEMBER

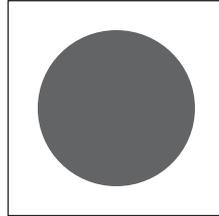
- Aquatics
- Bowling
- Long Distance Running/Walking
- Soccer
- Volleyball

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.

WFMC WILLAMETTE FALLS MEDIA CENTER

1101 Jackson St, Oregon City
503.650.0275 | wfmstudios.org

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.



Oregon City–Tateshina Sister City Committee

40th Anniversary Plans Underway

The year 2014 (just over a year away!) will be the 40th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Oregon City and Tateshina, Japan. The Sister City Committees on both sides of the Pacific are beginning to plan for celebrations and

community input is welcome.

At this point, the usual spring visit from a group of Tateshina junior high school students is expected, and we'll be looking for host families. It is likely there will also be a second delegation of officials, dignitaries and other citizens from Tateshina, which means additional host families will be needed.

We're also planning to take a delegation from Oregon City to visit Japan in 2014. It's a little early to tell, but there will probably be a limited number of openings for residents from here to join the delegation. We'd especially like to hear from those who have served as host families in the past, but will consider others who'd be interested in going with us to Japan. (We each pay our own way, but have the unique opportunity to stay with a host family in Tateshina.)

We're also open to any other suggestions from the public on what you think might be interesting activities or events related to the 40th anniversary of our Sister City relationship.

You're welcome to join us for our monthly meetings, which last about an hour. They're usually held the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm at City Hall. Please check a few days in advance, with one of the contact people listed below, to confirm the date of the meeting and get directions to the meeting room. The January 14 meeting is our annual meeting and includes election of board members and officers. For more information call Elise Lunas, Chairperson of the Sister City Committee, at 503.656.5578 or Beth Werber, Secretary, at 503.557.2906.

Heritage Holdiays Stevens-Crawford Heritage House

603 Sixth St | Saturday, December 1 | 10:00am–4:00pm | Free

VISIT THE STEVENS-CRAWFORD HOUSE FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE WITH ENTERTAINMENT AND REFRESHMENTS. Each room decorated by local garden clubs and Oregon City Woman's Club. For more info call 503.655.2866.

The Stevens-Crawford House was built in 1908 for the Harley Stevens Family, Harley Sr., wife, Mary and daughter Mertie. The family was prominent in early Oregon State and Oregon City history. The house and all its contents were given to the Clackamas County Historical Society in 1968 by Mertie Stevens at the time of her death, to be kept as a museum in honor of both sides of her family. It was to be kept as close to the 1908 era as possible. The house is a textbook example of the foursquare or classical architectural style so popular at the turn of the century. 95% of the furnishings in the house belonged to and were used by the family.





Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart

FILL A STOCKING, FILL A HEART WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FASFAH is an all-volunteer based 501(c) 3 organization. We have no paid staff. Our volunteers, with your help, are working hard to continue to bring a little happiness to those less fortunate during the holidays. Our handmade Christmas stockings, given to ages ranging from newborns to senior adults, provide useful personal and hygiene items, as well as some thoughtful age-appropriate gifts.

Stockings—A list of sites where the public can pick up empty stockings is listed on our website or Facebook page. Early returns of stockings allow us to fill the many requests from Clackamas County agencies in time for Christmas. We filled almost 3,200 stockings last year. We hope to have all or most of the stockings being filled by the public returned on or before the first Friday in December. Stockings can still be returned after that date to any of the many public sites or by calling 503.632.0577.

Donate—Cash donations help us purchase items, and donations of bulk items help us fill the stockings. Donations of men's and women's socks are especially needed, as are hats and gloves for teens and men. Watch for after holiday sales as these donations help us get a head start for next year, too.

Fabric & Yarn—Please watch for fabric sales during and after Christmas and consider donating fabric to FASFAH for making our homemade stockings. Fabric does not have to be only Christmas prints; we can also use material in children's prints and prints for teen and male stockings. Volunteers who knit and crochet are also needed. We would love fun hats for teens, too. Email us at sewastocking@yahoo.com.

Volunteer—Opportunities are aplenty. Contact us at info@fillastocking.org or leave a message at 503.632.0577. Interested in volunteering at the workshop? E-mail us at fasfahworkshop@yahoo.com.

Fundraisers—Thank you to everyone who supported us during our fundraisers in 2012. Proceeds from ALL fundraisers are directed back to the organization to purchase items and gifts for the stockings.

Find us on [facebook.com/fillastocking](https://www.facebook.com/fillastocking) and check out our website at fillastocking.org.

Clackamas County Tourism & Cultural Affairs

Complete list of events at
www.MtHoodTerritory.com



CHAMPOEG STATE PARK FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CHAMPOEG

Events and activities throughout the year. Summer Solstice Cemetery Saga, Barn dances, art lessons and special demonstrations including textiles, blacksmith, woodcraft, 1860s games and grain harvest.

January—December 2012 | 7679 Champoeg Road NE, St. Paul
www.champoeg.org | 503.678.1251

MCLOUGHLIN HOUSE VICTORIAN HANDCRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS

Special hands-on demonstrations, new topic each month; schedule on website.

One Saturday each month | Ongoing | 713 Center St, Oregon City
Admission is free | www.mcloughlinhouse.org | 503.656.5151

CANBY PREMIER HOLIDAY & MAPPING LIGHTING DISPLAY

Take a walk through a light show in the heart of Canby.

Wednesday—Monday | December 12—17 | 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby
www.canbyareachamber.com | 503.266.1136

OREGON CITY WINTER MARKET Offers the local community an opportunity to take advantage of locally-grown, fresh produce and supports local agriculture. In addition, it provides a venue for educational groups to promote good nutrition, sustainable development and protection of the environment. See also *Farmers Market* article on page 37.

1st and 3rd Saturdays | 10am—2pm | Nov 1, 2012—Apr 30, 2013
extra Christmas Market Dec 22 | 8th Street at Main, Oregon City
www.orcityfarmersmarket.com | 503.734.0192

Tree Lighting Event

Saturday, December 1 | 4:30pm

Please join Santa and Mrs. Claus for this annual Event at Liberty Plaza in Historic Downtown Oregon City on Main Street next to the Clackamas County Courthouse. Santa arrives at 5:00pm, so arrive early and enjoy the music and festivities. Don't forget to bring your camera for the perfect holiday photo!

Sponsored by Main Street Oregon City and the Oregon City Parking Division. Please contact Nancy Busch at 503.496.1571 for more info.





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Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance

Register at www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation or 503.657.8273

Registration Deadline is January 25, 2013.

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ABERNETHY CENTER FOR OUR 8TH ANNUAL DADDY DAUGHTER EXTRAVAGANZA!

This Valentine's Day-themed event provides a great opportunity for dads and their daughters, sixth grade and under, to spend some very memorable quality time together. The event includes dinner, dessert, dancing, keepsake photos and more. Bring as many daughters as you have!

♥ Food ~ *Abernethy Center Catering*
♥ Photos ~ *Parks & Recreation staff*

♥ Music ~ *RJ Mobile Music*
♥ Balloon Made Art ~ *Justin James*

Register early
as this event
fills quickly!

Maximum
capacity is
160 guests

Friday ~ February 8, 2013

6:00—9:00pm

\$30 Per Person

The Abernethy Center

606 15th Street

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