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IT BEGAN LIKE BAD FICTION. Our city manager resigned. The City was bleeding red ink. Budget shortfalls led us to close the library two days a week. The Porn Shop moved in on 7th Street. The legislature cut the trains just after we approved a construction contract for our Amtrak station. Our injury and fatal car accident rate was the highest in Oregon for a city over 10,000. Our population had doubled in 14 years. We completed a fire station that would sit vacant for 5 long years.

Yes, my eight years as Mayor were challenging indeed! But by working together and facing each crisis, Oregon City has emerged as a re-energized community proud of its new character and economic successes.

Oregon City today has 24 new or refurbished public spaces, from the Willamette waterfront to 7th Street to the Beaver Creek Road and I-213 intersection; our first new park in 23 years with 1.3 more miles in our trail system. We greatly improved response times by annexing to Clackamas Fire District #1 and finally opened South End Fire Station, while also stabilizing city finances. After annexation, we promised our taxpayers we would maintain a lowered property tax rate for five years, and we kept that promise. New police officers and major road improvements dramatically reduced our crime rate and traffic accident rate. We launched the Main Street program and now host 18 new businesses in our downtown in the past 18 months. We closed our Hilltop Urban Renewal district, returning \$64.1 million in assessed value to the tax

rolls. Hilltop UR was a catalyst for over 1,000 jobs. We renovated the old McLean Clinic as a new City Hall. We intensely lobbied the legislature and received Oregon City's largest financial award: \$22 million for the I-205/213 Interchange! Without that critical funding, Oregon City would be prohibited from major development and job creation in the landfill and Beaver Creek Road areas.

Yes, we've left challenges for our successors: a sub-standard police facility, no home for our library, two closed museums, and no firm deal with The Cove or The Rivers.

But I am very proud of the work we've done. Public service is a partnership with the community and I have been privileged to stand beside you as we've shaped our City.

Thank you to my hard-working team-mates: our extremely talented City staff, courageous elected officials, dedicated volunteers, and supportive citizens. Serving you as Mayor has been very challenging, but rewarding, inspiring, and fun! Thank you for the opportunity to help in building a great community.

Best wishes to Mayor-elect Doug Neeley, as his team writes the next chapter of The Oregon City Story.

Farewell to Commissioner Daphne Wuest

THANK YOU, DAPHNE, FOR NEARLY FIVE YEARS (MAY 2006–10) OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP ON THE OREGON CITY COMMISSION! Your commitment to revitalizing Main Street and fostering a robust business climate is exemplary. We appreciate your sacrifice in running for this volunteer office, your countless hours doing the public's business, your valuable contribution to the community, and your perpetual good humor. Best wishes for a fulfilling future as a private citizen!

City Departments



THE MAYOR & 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.oregoncity.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 schedule call 503.650.0275 or logon to <http://www.wftvmedia.org>.

2010 Mayor—Alice Norris
Commission President—Doug Neeley
Commissioners—James J. Nicita, Rocky L. Smith Jr., Daphne Wuest

2011 Mayor—Doug Neeley
Commissioners—Betty Mumm, James J. Nicita, Kathy Roth, Rocky L. Smith, Jr.

City Manager—David Frasher
City Recorder—Nancy Ide
Finance Director—David Wimmer
Human Resources Director—Jim Loeffler
Police Chief/Public Safety Director—Mike Conrad
City Engineer/Public Works Director—Nancy Kraushaar
Community Development Director—Tony Konkol
Community Services Director—Scott Archer
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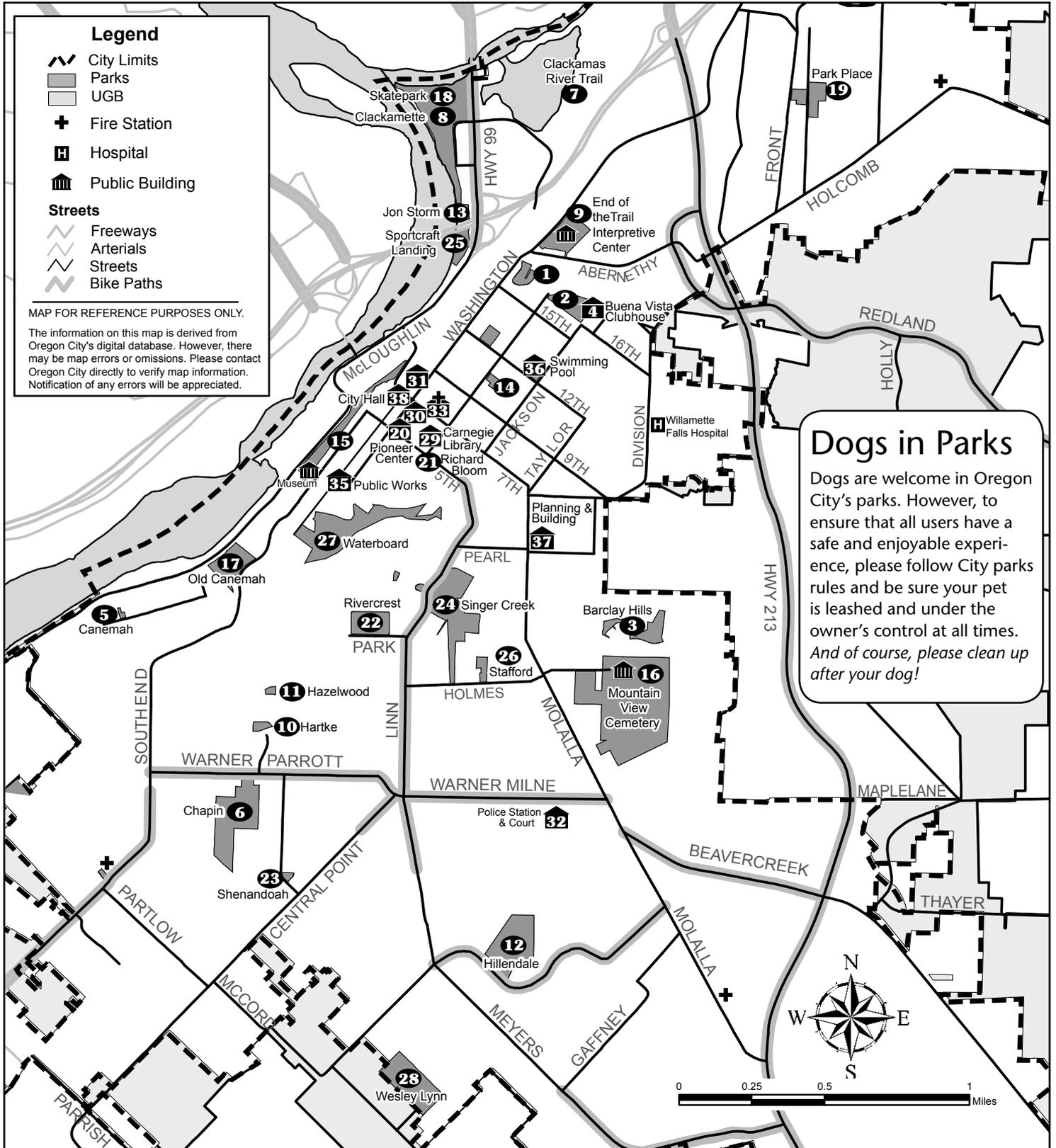
Winter Farmers Market | Fill A Stocking, Fill A Heart | A Taste of Clackamas County | 2010 Heritage Holidays | Ermatinger House | Stevens-Crawford House | Clackamas County Tourism & Culture | Oregon City–Tateshina Sister City Committee | Special Olympics | Downtown Oregon City | Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance

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City Government Contacts (Area Code 503)	Police Business	657.4964	Eastham Community Center	785.8520	
Emergency Service	911	Public Affairs	657.0891	Fish & Wildlife	657.2000
City Hall	657.0891	Public Works Operations	657.8241	Oregon City School District	785.8000
Building Dept	722.3789	Public Works Engineering	657.0891	Community Contacts (Area Code 503)	
Code Enforcement	496.1559	Recreation	496.1565	Ermatinger House	650.1851
Community Services	496.1546	Swimming Pool & Activity Registration	657.8273	McLoughlin House	656.5146
Fire Business	742.2670	South Fork Water Board	657.5030	Oregon City Soccer	672.9264 ext. 484
Library	657.8269	Water Billing	657.8151	Oregon City Youth Baseball & Softball	632.0569
Mountain View Cemetery	657.8299	Other Government Contacts (Area Code 503)		Oregon City Youth Football	632.0547
Municipal Court	657.8154	Animal Control	655.8628	Redland Baseball	www.redlandball.org
Parks Department	496.1201	Clackamas Community College	657.6958	Stevens-Crawford House	655.2866
Pioneer Community Center	657.8287	Clackamas County	353.4400	Tri Cities Adult Softball Association	659.2992
Planning Dept	722.3789	Clackamas County Commissioner	655.8581	YMCA	657.9795

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

- 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
<i>Reservation Information—page 6</i>														
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													



Willamette Terrace at night—photo by Dave Davies

Parks Office Information

Office Hours

Monday—Friday
8:30am—3:30pm

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

Parks Department Staff

Larry Potter __ Parks/Cemetery Maintenance 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
Jamie Davie _____ Office Specialist II
Cathy Mitchell _____ Office Assistant

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: <http://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 between 8:30am–3:30pm
- 3 Send us an email. We'll check the availability and call you within 48 hours.

Jamie: jdavie@orcity.org -or- Cathy: cmitchell@orcity.org

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

Rent the 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. Features include a full kitchen, large dining/dancing area, small stage, private restroom, folding chairs and tables. Rental rates start at \$150 for the first 4 hours and \$25 for each additional hour. Reservations can be made up to one year in advance. Call our office for more information or to schedule a tour.



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

Clackamette RV Park
1955 Clackamette Drive
Oregon City, OR 97045

Restroom Closures—Please be aware that the following park restrooms have been closed for the winter months:

- Atkinson Park
- Richard Bloom Tot's Park
- Park Place Park
- Rivercrest Park

New Dedication Plaques

This winter, when the weather isn't too bad, take a walk along the Willamette River Terrace from Downtown Oregon City to Clackamette Park. Not only will you see a different view of the river in the winter months, but also Oregon City's newest dedicated tree. Last May, City leaders dedicated the Oregon White Oak, located just past the I-205 bridge near McLoughlin Boulevard. Look just north of where the historical Abernethy Elm once stood, and you'll see the White Oak, along with both their dedication plaques.



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 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.

OCCE Oregon City Community Education Programs & Services



Mission Statement

The mission of Oregon City Community Education Programs & Services is to provide educational and recreational programs and services for all ages. We promote physical and mental activities for personal development while contributing to the wellness of our community in which we live and work. 503.785.8520 | 1404 7th St. @ Eastham Community Schools | Register at www.activityreg.com.

Karate

Kenpo Karate [BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE] **Ages 6 years & up**
Learn self-defense skills in a martial arts system originating hundreds of years ago in China. Kenpo karate will teach you physical and mental self-defense skills which are both usable and practical. Technical skills will include situations, ju-jitsu holds, ground skills, balance and coordination drills, and relaxation exercises. Uniforms optional; information will be provided at the first class. Nine group lessons. Private sessions with a personal trainer are available for an additional fee—Schedule with instructor, David Barnes.
Mondays | January 17–March 14 | 5:30–6:30pm
OC Pool | \$99 Resident | \$119 Non-Resident
*Registration Deadline—January 3, 2011

Kenpo Karate [ADVANCED] **Ages 6 years & up**
Requires previous Martial Arts experience or instructor's permission.
Learn self-defense skills in a martial arts system originating hundreds of years ago in China. Kenpo karate will teach you physical and mental self-defense skills which are both usable and practical. Technical skills will include situations, ju-jitsu holds, ground skills, balance and coordination drills and relaxation exercises. Uniform information will be provided at the first class. Uniforms are optional. Eight group lessons, starts one week later than Kumite. Private Sessions with a personal trainer available for an additional fee. Schedule with instructor David Barnes. *Class is physically demanding. The first week, students attend the Beginner/Intermediate class, 5:30–6:30pm.*
Mondays | January 17– March 14 | 7:00–8:00pm
OC Pool | \$99 Resident | \$119 Non-Resident
*Registration Deadline— January 3, 2011

Oregon City Youth Football

Registration: April 1–June 15, 2011
\$250 plus \$100 equipment deposit.
Waiting list/late registration: June 16–July 31, 2011 or when teams are full | \$275 plus \$100 equipment deposit



Oregon City Youth Cheer

Registration: April 1–June 1, 2011 | \$250
Late sign-ups are not available.

www.oregoncityyouthfootball.com | 503.632.0547
SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE



Kumite Karate [SPARRING] **Ages 6 years & up**
This class may be added to the Kenpo Karate Class. Special equipment is required for safe participation; see instructor David Barnes for information. Students must be enrolled in Kenpo Karate to take Kumite Karate.
Mondays | 6:30–7:00pm | January 17– March 14
OC Pool | \$52 Resident | \$72 Non-Resident
*Registration Deadline— January 3, 2011



Indoor Playground & Swimming

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 Tuesday & Thursday mornings. If running around on dry land isn't enough, your child can also swim with you in our heated pool during the second hour at no extra charge!

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

- 1 Check in at the front desk before you start playing.
- 2 Talk to our friendly front desk staff for an updated monthly calendar—various swimming dates may be cancelled due to our swim lesson program.
- 3 You must be in the water with your child.

September 21, 2010—May 31, 2011

Indoor Playground

Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00am—Noon

Preschoolers can crawl through tunnels, play on trikes, bounce balls, slide, run, jump & just have fun! *Playground equipment is disinfected regularly!*

Indoor Swimming

Tuesdays & Thursdays
11:00am—Noon

Children and parents are welcome to swim together in our heated pool. Parents must be in the water with their children. *Lifeguards will be present!*

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

- Children under 12 months old are FREE!!
- Swimming is included in the drop-in fee.

Swimming Pool & Community Room

1211 Jackson St, Oregon City | 503.657.8273



Pool & Party Room Rentals

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

- Saturdays, 2:00–8:00pm
- Party Room rates start at \$14 per hour.
- Pool rental starts at \$69 per hour, lifeguards provided.

Information & Reservations: Call 503.657.8273

NEW! Spring Break Aqua Camp!

IF YOU ENJOYED SUMMER AQUA CAMP, YOU WILL HAVE A BLAST AT OUR SPRING BREAK AQUA CAMP! It will be a week filled with fun activities, games and crafts! There will be swimming every day from 2–4pm as well, so don't forget to bring a suit and towel! Also, parents might want to pack a light snack for "snack time."

Ages 5–10 years | March 21–25, 2011 | Monday–Friday | 12:00–4:00pm (Swimming 2:00–4:00pm) | Residents \$46.00 | Non-Residents \$66.00

Monday—Jungle Safari

Learn about the jungle and the animals within it, but be careful not to get caught in the spider's web!

Tuesday—Food Day

Come make lots of yummy treats to eat! Become a master chef, then eat your culinary creations!

Wednesday—Art Day

Learn about some of the different artists from our history and make our very own unique artwork.

Thursday—Creepy Crawlies

Make your own creepy crawlies and play some fun "buggy" games with your new friends!

Friday—Mad Science

Create "super slime" and make your own scientific journal! Come and be the mad scientist you really are!

Winter Swim Schedule *December 1–March 31*

Recreational Swim	Friday	7:30—9:00pm	
	Saturday	12:30—2:00pm	
WINTER BREAK Recreational Swim	Monday–Thursday December 20–23, 27–30	2:00—4:00pm	
SPRING BREAK Recreational Swim	Monday–Friday March 21–25	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	12:00—1:00pm	
	Mon—Wed—Fri	5:00—6:00pm	
	Tuesday & Thursday	5:00—6:15pm	
	Saturday	11:00am—12:30pm	
Water Exercise	SHALLOW	Mon—Wed—Fri	8:00—9:00am
		Tuesday & Thursday	6:15—7:15pm
	DEEP	Mon—Wed—Fri	8:00—9:00am
		Tuesday & Thursday	6:15—7:15pm
	ARTHRITIS	Tuesday & Thursday	8:00—9:00am

Admission Prices

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 info, please ask our friendly front desk staff!

DROP-IN FEE <i>Per Session</i>	Youth (2–18)		Adult (19+)		Senior (62+)	
	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR
Recreational Swim	\$2.75	\$3.75	\$3.00	\$4.25	\$2.75	\$3.75
Water Exercise	\$3.25	\$4.25	\$3.50	\$4.75	\$3.25	\$4.25
Family* Swim	\$6.00 Resident Family* \$8.25 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	\$29.00	\$43.50	\$50.50	\$75.75	\$83.50	\$125.50
Youth & Seniors	\$23.00	\$35.50	\$33.50	\$50.00	\$53.50	\$81.00
MEMBERSHIPS <i>Includes Lap, Rec, Adult Swim & Family* Swim</i>	INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES*					
	1st Person or Individual		2nd Person in Family		Each Additional Family Member	
	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR
3 Month–Adult/Family	\$50.00	\$85.25	\$40.25	\$72.50	\$8.50	\$14.00
Annual–Adult/Family	\$100.50	\$170.50	\$80.75	\$136.25	\$16.50	\$27.25
3 Month–Youth/Senior	\$45.00	\$76.75	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual–Youth/Senior	\$90.50	\$153.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Water Exercise	With Membership—pay 50 cents per Class					

*Family Swim & Memberships are for Parents/Guardians & Youth in ONE home

NEW! POOL WILL BE OPEN DURING WINTER BREAK!!!

ALL CHILDREN 8 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT IN THE WATER.

Pool Closures

- December 24–25 *Christmas*
- December 31 & January 1 *New Year's*
- March 12 & 13 *Swim Club Swim Meet*

Water Exercise

All classes are available for non-swimmers.

Shallow Water Exercise—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—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—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

Oregon City Swim Team is 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 in which swimmers of all abilities can develop to their fullest, whether they are beginners or world-class athletes. If you are interested in joining, contact the Swim Club at 503.655.4169 or email ocst.coach@gmail.com.

Lifeguard Training *Participants must attend all scheduled classes.*

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:

- at least 15 years of age
- able to swim continuously for 300 yards
- able to tread water for 2 minutes using legs only
- able retrieve a 10-lb brick from 7 feet of water and return it to the surface

Bring a swimsuit and towel...you will get wet.

For more info, call Rochelle Parsch at 503.496.1572.

SESSION 1 Spring Break	Days	Dates	Times	Place
	Monday–Friday	March 21–25	9:00am–3:00pm	OC POOL
\$120 Resident \$140 Non-Resident (Fees include all class materials.) **Register by March 14				
SESSION 2	Days	Dates	Times	Place
	Mon Wed Fri	April 4–15	4:00–9:00pm	OC Pool
\$120 Resident \$140 Non-Resident (Fees include all class materials.) **Register by March 28				

Swim Lesson Registration

Please register early before classes fill!!

- **Winter Registration** begins December 3
- **Spring Registration** begins March 4
- **Online Registration** at www.orcity.org.
If Internet registration creates a hardship for you, please contact our staff for assistance.
- **Phone & In-Person Registration**
503.657.8273 | Oregon City Pool, 1211 Jackson St
- **Private Lessons**—Must register in person or by phone.
- **Gift Certificates**—Must register in person.
Please present Gift Certificate at time of registration.

Important Reminders

- Please take time to read the information on the next page. Children should be placed in classes according to their age and previous swim experience. Know the last class your child was in, and please give this information at the time of registration. All participants will be tested in the first class period to ensure they are 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 two or three times to become proficient in their skills. Please consider this when registering your child for swimming lessons.
- If you have questions for your child’s instructor please feel free to speak to them after class. But remember, they often have another class to teach within a few minutes.
- Remember that children 7 years and older are not allowed in the changing room of the opposite gender. If your child needs assistance, please make arrangements with the staff at the front counter.

Swim Lesson Fees

Residents	\$36.50
Non-Residents	\$54.50
Private Lessons (1 student, 27 minutes).....	\$20.25
Semi-Private Lessons (2 students, 27 minutes)	\$29.00

Swim Lesson Schedule <i>See next page for swim level descriptions and skills.</i>						
GROUP LESSONS	Evenings	Mon, Wed, Fri	6:00pm	6:30pm	7:00pm	LEGEND Preschool Lessons: Learn-to-Swim Lessons: WB=Water Babies 1=Level 1 4=Level 4 STA=Swim Tots A 2=Level 2 5=Level 5 STB=Swim Tots B 3=Level 3 6=Level 6 MORE INFO ■ Not sure what to sign your child up for? Please see descriptions on the facing page. ■ Please call 503.657.8273 or stop by the pool for session info and to register.
	WINTER Registration begins Dec 3		All Lessons Last 27 Minutes			
	SESSION 1	Jan 3—Jan 21	WB, STA, 1, 2	STA, 1, 2, 3	STB, 1, 2, 4	
	SESSION 2	Jan 31—Feb 18	WB, STA, 1, 2	STB, 1, 2, 3	STA, 1, 2, 4	
	SESSION 3	Feb 28—Mar 18	WB, STA, 1, 2	STA, 1, 2, 3	STB, 1, 2, 5	
	Spring Registration begins Mar 4		All Lessons Last 27 Minutes			
	SESSION 1	March 28—April 15	WB, STA, 1, 2	STA, 1, 2, 3	STB, 1, 2, 4	
	SESSION 2	April 18—May 6	WB, STA, 1, 2	STB, 1, 2, 3	STA, 1, 2, 4	
	SESSION 3	May 9—May 27	WB, STA, 1, 2	STA, 1, 2, 3	STB, 1, 2, 5	
	PRIVATE LESSONS	AVAILABLE	Jan 3—May 27	All Lessons Last 27 Minutes		
MID-DAY		Saturdays	11:00am—12:30pm			
EVENINGS		Mon, Wed, Fri	6:00pm—7:30pm			
IF CLASSES ARE FULL, please add your name to the wait list. We do our best to open up more classes!!						

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

6 MOS—3 YRS	Water Babies
3—5 YEARS*	Swim Tots A/B <i>*If necessary and with written approval, a 4-year-old may proceed to Level 1 for more advanced instruction.</i>
5 YEARS & UP	ARC Learn-to-Swim [LEVELS 1–6]

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 does not pass a level the first (or even the ninth!) 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 five 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.*

American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program *Ages 5 & up*

Level 1—INTRODUCTION TO WATER SKILLS. Level 1 is an introductory class that does not take place on the elevated *tot-docks* and stresses having each skill performed unassisted. In order for children to graduate to Level 2 they must complete Level 1 skills unassisted. Students must be at least five years old to participate (unless written approval is provided). If your child is 5 years old and has never participated in group lessons, it is strongly advised to start with Swim Tots (see above). And please keep in mind that if your child is less than 50” tall, he/she will not be able to touch the bottom of the shallow end. *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; basic water safety.

Level 2—FUNDAMENTALS OF AQUATIC SKILLS. After an initial adjustment to the water, students will be ready for 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 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 feet; more water safety; an introduction to basic water rescue skills will also be taught.

Level 3—STROKE DEVELOPMENT. 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 (breast-stroke, flutter, scissor, and dolphin); front and back crawl with rhythmic breathing; jumping and diving into deep water, as well as treading in deep water; additional water safety and rescue skills.

Level 4—STROKE IMPROVEMENT. 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—STROKE REFINEMENT. 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:* performing a shallow-depth dive to maximize speed off the wall; very strong treading skills; flip turns for front and back crawl; excellent execution of butterfly, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, front and back crawl, and side-stroke; more water safety and an introduction to rescue breathing.

Level 6—LIFEGUARD READINESS/PERSONAL WATER SAFETY. 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.



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
Mark Anderson _____ Park Maintenance Specialist III
Jamie Davie _____ Office Specialist II
Cathy Mitchell _____ Office Assistant

A Time For Thanksgiving

WE AT OREGON CITY PARKS AND MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION to the many individuals, students, organizations and community groups who contributed their time and energy this year! Your generous efforts have included:

- Park sign, bench and picnic table refurbishing
- Construction of birdhouses, walkways and retaining walls
- Tree and flower plantings
- Brush removal, landscaping and weeding
- Basketball court refurbishing
- Grave and headstone restorations
- And so much more...

We would also like to recognize those volunteers whose efforts are ongoing:

- Oregon City High School Advanced Construction Class
- Oregon City High School JROTC
- Local Scout Troops
- Oregon City Optimist Club
- Friends of Mountain View Cemetery
- Park Host Volunteers

Parents of Murdered Children *National Day of Remembrance Recap*

THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE TO HONOR MURDER VICTIMS WAS HELD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24. This year's event marked the second annual Day of Remembrance held at the future site of the Parents of Murdered Children Memorial (POMC) at Mountain View Cemetery. Special guest speakers included Attorney General, John Kroger; Clackamas Co. District Attorney, John Foote; Clackamas County Sheriff, Craig Roberts; Clatsop County District Attorney, Josh Marquis; POMC Chapter Leader, Mary Elledge; and National Crime Victim Law Institute Director, Meg Garvin.

The event was well attended with over 200 guests, including news coverage from KGW Channel 8. Attendees stayed after the event to enjoy refreshments, music and a great barbecue provided by Beaver Creek Telephone Company.

Donations are still being accepted and greatly appreciated to help complete the memorial. *Please contact the Greater Portland Area Chapter Leader, Mary Elledge, at 503.656.8039 for more information.*



Red and black biodegradable balloons were released in honor of the victims.



Attendees stayed for a barbecue provided by Beaver Creek Telephone after the ceremony.



*John Kroger,
Attorney General*



*Craig Roberts,
Clackamas County Sheriff*



*Josh Marquis,
Clatsop County District Attorney*

Hours of Operation

Open Monday—Friday | 9:00am—4:00pm

Lunch (Complete details on page 15)

■ Lunch & Dessert Bar: Mon–Fri | 11:30am–12:30pm

■ Meals-on-Wheels Deliveries: Mon–Fri | 10:30am–1:00pm

Closed Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays & for Maintenance:

Thanksgiving Thursday–Friday, November 25–26

Christmas Thursday–Friday, December 23–24

New Year's Friday, December 31

Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 17

Presidents Day Monday, February 21

Cleaning & Maintenance Monday–Friday, March 21–25

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 | Lunches | Classes | Pedicures | Swing Band

Help Your Senior Center

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

Volunteers Needed—Drivers for Meals-on-Wheels | Hostess in the dining room | Serving group, 10:00am—1:00pm | Put together a fund-raiser for the Center!

Support Our Meals-on-Wheels Program!—We're 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, Beavercreek, Holcomb and Redland areas. To 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 gifts to seniors and low-income families. Please call Beth at 503-722-3268 to help with gift 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.

Pioneer Center Facility Rentals

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

Weddings

Meetings

Birthday Parties

Anniversaries

Seminars

Retirement Parties

Memorials

Fund-Raisers

Holiday Parties

The Pioneer Center & 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

■ Solid hardwood floor, ideal for dancing and catered events

■ Food service area

■ Elevated stage for live band, DJ or speaker

■ Tables and chairs for 200, theater or reception style

■ Alcohol is permitted

■ Additional rooms available for dressing or storage

■ Outside catering is allowed

■ Non-Smoking property

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

Thank You!

Five Guys Burgers & Fries fundraiser on Tuesday, November 16 was a great success. Thank you to *Five Guys Burgers & Fries* and to all who participated in this first ever fundraiser. *Five Guys* donated 15% of purchases made with a Pioneer Center coupon to our *Meals-on-Wheels* and Nutrition programs. *Look for announcement of our next fundraiser with Five Guys in March as part of our "March for Meals" fundraising efforts.*

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.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? We will have "March for Meals" plastic collection containers at numerous Oregon City and West Linn businesses throughout the month of March. Please watch for them and be generous in your donations. Every donation to Meals on Wheels is an investment in the health, well being and dignity of a Senior.

We will also be having another fundraiser at *Five Guys Burgers & Fries* (see above) where they will donate 15% of all purchases made by our supporters. Watch for the date of this fundraiser so you can go have a great lunch or dinner at *Five Guys* and help MOW at the same time.

Senior Services & Programs

Center/Services Closed: Thu–Fri, Nov 25–26 | Thu–Fri, Dec 23–24 | Fri, Dec 31 | Mon, Jan 17 | Mon, Feb 21 | Mon–Fri, Mar 21–25

Nutrition Program—Lunch with dessert bar is served Monday–Friday, 11:30am–12:30pm in the Pioneer Center’s Dining Room. *Suggested donation for ages 60+ is \$2.50. Cost for under 60 is \$4.50. For more info call 503.657.8287.*

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

Grocery Shopping Trips—For ages 60+ years or disabled. To schedule a ride call 503.657.8287 up to a week ahead. Space is limited, so please call early.

MONDAYS	Market of Choice (West Linn)	<i>Pick-up starts at 12:45pm Suggested donation: \$1.00 each way</i>
TUESDAYS	Fred Meyer	
WEDNESDAYS	Albertsons	
FRIDAYS	Haggens -or- Grocery Outlet	

Transportation—For those over 55 (or disabled) residing in Oregon City, it’s 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*

Health Services—Blood pressure testing and hearing testing. *2nd Tuesday each month | 10:00am | No appointment needed | Free*

Senior Health Insurance Benefit Assistance (SHIBA)—Call Beth at 503.722.3268 for information and an appointment. *Monday–Friday | On-going | By Appointment | Free*

Wheelchair/Walker Service—Krueger Medical Services offers free service and info on other health care equipment. *3rd Wednesday each month | 9:00–10:00am | No appointment needed | Free*

Pedicures—RNs Bea and Jan offer pedicures for seniors and the disabled at the Center. They have 30 years of 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 information or to schedule an appointment. *Every other Tuesday & every 2nd Wednesday | 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 appointments call Beth Koller at 503.722.3268. *2nd Monday each month | On-going | By Appointment | Free*

Computers/ Internet Access—Are now located in our Computer Lab. *Monday–Friday | 9:00am–4:00pm*

AARP Tax-Aide

Tuesdays & Fridays | February 1—April 15

The Pioneer Center will again be an AARP Tax-Aide site for free tax assistance for low to middle income Clackamas County taxpayers, focusing on those 60 and older. IRS trained volunteers help over 2 million nationwide annually file their taxes. *Volunteers will be at the Center with hourly appointments 9:00am–2:00pm (closed March 21–25). We will start making appointments on January 4. Call 503.657.8287 ext.0 to make your appointment.*

Drop-In Games, Groups & More

Pioneer Center is Closed: Thu–Fri, Nov 25–26 | Thu–Fri, Dec 23–24 | Fri, Dec 31 | Mon, Jan 17 | Mon, Feb 21 | Mon–Fri, Mar 21–25

AA	Meets weekly in the Center’s Basement <i>Sundays 1:30–3:30pm</i>	NARANON	Meets weekly in the Center’s Basement <i>Thursdays 7:00–9:00pm</i>
SPANISH AA	Meets weekly in the Center’s Basement <i>Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00–9:00pm</i>	PINOCHLE	These card players meet 3 times a week. <i>Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 12:00pm 25¢</i>
BILLIARDS	We have a beautiful pool table in our TV Room. Ask for pool balls at the front desk. <i>Monday–Friday 9:00am–4:00pm Free</i>	POKER	<i>Mondays 12:00–3:30pm</i>
BINGO	A lively, friendly bingo group meets weekly for fun & small cash prizes. We can always use more players! <i>Thursdays 12:30–3:00pm 25¢ per card</i>	POPCORN!	<i>Every Friday morning</i>
CHESS	Games in Pioneer Center’s Basement <i>Tuesdays 7:00–10:00pm Free</i>	SCRABBLE	Challenge this fun, friendly group every week. <i>Fridays 12:30–3:00pm Free</i>

The Kindness of Strangers

Through several donations to our trip fund, we have been able to offer more seniors opportunities to go on our day trips. They have really enjoyed getting out and having fun! You, too, could make a difference in a senior's life and put a smile on their face by donating \$15 to sponsor a day trip for them. Call 503.657.8287 for more information. A tax receipt for any donation is gladly given at the front desk.

Day Trips *Tentative Schedule*

- For complete trip details please call or stop by the Center. All Day Trips are scheduled for Wednesdays unless otherwise noted. All trips include a stop for lunch—you pay.
- All trip and entrance fees must be pre-paid before your name is added to the trip list. If there is an additional entrance fee we will notify you two weeks before the trip. Our trips are quite popular and we often have a waiting list.
- No refund or credit is given to "no-shows." The Center must be notified 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.

- DEC 3 **Singing Christmas Tree** *SOLD OUT!*—Adult & youth choir, a full chorus, & local music. A special dinner starts the evening.
- DEC 15 **Aspen Meadows Celebration of Lights**—A display of thousands of Christmas lights & a 35 foot snow globe. Dinner at Weatherford's Restaurant begins the evening.
- JAN 5 **IKEA & Cascade Station**—Shop Sweden's 9500+ unique IKEA home products, and 40+ other great stores at Cascade Station!
- JAN 21 **Chocolate Fest (FRIDAY)**—Sample, taste, savor & delight in some of the northwest's finest chocolates and wines. YUM!
- FEB 2 **Oregon History Museum**—Colorful, ever-changing exhibits & interactive displays. Plus award-winning permanent exhibit *Oregon, My Oregon*, that tells Oregon's story.
- FEB 16 **Western Culinary Institute**—Enjoy a 4-course lunch prepared by professional Culinary Arts students, and afterwards shop on trendy NW 23rd Avenue.
- MAR 2 **Oregon State Capitol**—Tour Oregon's 3rd Capitol building, built in 1938. Visit your local senator & representative's offices.
- MAR 16 **Kell's Irish Pub St Patrick's Day Festival**—Portland's favorite celebration of all that is GREEN! Jam-packed with live music, entertainment, food & frivolity.

Dine-Outs *1st & 3rd Mondays Each Month*

Bus departs Pioneer Center at 11:30am. Meet at the Center by 11:00am or call 503.657.8287 in advance for a pick-up (suggested donation \$1.00 each way). Cost of lunch is on your own. Dine-Outs and restaurants are subject to change!

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| DEC 6 High Rocks | FEB 7 Mi Famiglia |
| DEC 20 Rivershore Bar & Grill | FEB 28 Kissing Kate Cafe |
| JAN 3 La Hacienda | MAR 7 Cypress |
| JAN 24 Tebo's | MAR 28 Hales (Gladstone) |



"New England Back Roads"

October 10—17, 2011

PIONEER CENTER, COLLETTE TOURS AND AMERICAN TRAVEL BUREAU ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR FALL 2011 TRIP! This 6-day trip will take you from country stores to covered bridges, and rugged coastlines to remarkable mountains. Probably the best part of the trip is the time of year. Mother Nature will be "painting" New England with her majestic fall paintbrush for you to marvel at! Some of the highlights include Boston MA, Bennington & Burlington VT, Shelburne Museum, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, an Apple Cider Mill and Kennebunkport ME. Trip includes airfare from Portland, air taxes & fees, hotel transfers, lodging & 11 meals (7 breakfasts, 4 dinners). Cancellation insurance of \$165 is not included. The double occupancy rate is \$2,249 per person. For more information, please call Lori Thrasher with American Travel Bureau at 503.789.5487.

*Please join us on **Wednesday, February 16** at 10:00am for a travel slide show about this exciting Fall 2011 trip. David Cooke, District Sales Manager for Collette Tours will be at the Pioneer Center to provide more information and to answer questions about the trip. Light refreshments will be served. Please call the Pioneer Center and let us know you plan to attend.*

"Southern Charm"

March 27—April 2, 2011 | Space Still Available!

Trip features a tour of the Deep South including Charleston SC, Savannah GA, Ft Sumter & Beaufort SC, and St Augustine & Jacksonville FL. Per person rate of \$2,249 includes airfare from Portland, taxes, fees & transfers, lodging & 10 meals. *Please call Lori with American Travel Bureau at 503.789.5487.*



Class Info & Registration

Closed: Thu–Fri, Dec 23–24 | Fri, Dec 31 | Mon, Jan 17 | Mon, Feb 21 | Mon–Fri, Mar 21–25

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 of \$50 & over. Full payment is due before the 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 can be given if a class has already begun.

Fitness & Relaxation

Closed: Thu–Fri, Dec 23–24 | Fri, Dec 31 | Mon, Jan 17 | Mon, Feb 21 | Mon–Fri, Mar 21–25

Cardio-Dance

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

*Tuesdays & Thursdays | January 4–March 17
10:45–11:30am | \$65 (Over62—\$33)
11 weeks, 19 classes (No class: March 3, 8, 10)*

Cross-Training Program

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. Instructor—Shirley Hall

*Mondays | January 3–March 14
9:30–10:15am | \$27 (Over62—\$14)
11 weeks, 8 classes*

(No class: January 17, February 21, March 7)

Gentle Pilates Stretching/Yoga

[ADULTS OF ALL AGES]

Yoga movements and Pilates stretches strengthen and promote more flexibility and balance. Bring a mat and light hand-held weights. Instructor—Shirley Hall

*Tuesdays & Thursdays | January 4–March 17
9:30–10:30am | \$101 (Over62—\$51)
11 weeks, 22 classes (No class: March 3, 8, 10)*

Tai Chi [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.

Instructor—Phyllis Crain.

*Mondays & Wednesdays | January 3–March 16
11:30am–12:15pm | \$69 (Over62—\$35)
11 weeks, 20 classes*

(No class: January 17, February 21)

Tai Chi [INTERMEDIATE]

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

Instructor—Phyllis Crain

*Mondays & Wednesdays | January 3–March 16
10:40–11:25am | \$69 (Over62—\$35)
11 weeks, 20 classes (No class: Jan 17, Feb 21)*

Taoist Tai Chi™ Taijiquan [BEGINNING]

This internal martial art was developed by Master Moy Lin-shin to improve health through a gentle set of 108 movements. Turning & stretching exercises your whole body. Restores calmness & peace of mind. Wear flat shoes & loose clothing. Cost includes International Taoist Tai Chi Society Lifetime Membership.

Call 503.220.5970 or go to www.taoist.org.

*Mondays | Class ends April 18 | 6:00–7:30pm
Sugg. Donation: \$180 (Students, Over62—\$120)*

Taoist Tai Chi™ Taijiquan

[CONTINUING/INTERMEDIATE]

Improves health through a gentle set of 108 movements. Turning and stretching exercises your whole physiology, and restores calmness and peace of mind. Wear flat shoes and loose clothing. Cost includes International Taoist Tai Chi Society Lifetime Membership.

Call 503.220.5970 or go to www.taoist.org.

*Mondays | Class ends April 18 | 7:30–9:00pm
Sugg. Donation: \$180 (Students & Over 62—\$120)*

Weight Room Orientation

[ADULTS 50 YEARS & UP, BY APPOINTMENT]

This individual weight-training session introduces you to a personalized fitness program designed to meet your individual needs and goals.

*Monday–Friday | Ongoing | \$20
By Appointment only—Call 503.657.8287*

*(Closed: December 23–24 & 31, January 17,
February 21, March 21–25)*

Weight Training Room

[FOR ADULTS 50 YEARS AND UP]

Come enjoy this room and exercise with others! PREREQUISITE—Weight Room Orientation is required.

*Monday–Friday | Ongoing
9:00am–4:00pm | \$20 for 24 visits
(Closed: December 23–24 & 31,
January 17, February 21,
March 21–25)*

Yoga [BEGINNING]

Are you feeling stressed out & tense & want to move more freely? Increase your flexibility, relax & gain strength in a safe, supportive & fun class. Focus on breathing, technique & holding poses. Dress comfortably; bring water & yoga mat. No previous experience needed. Instructor—Jenny Juffs. To register call Jenny at 503.419.9738.

*Thursdays | January 6–March 17
5:30–6:30pm | \$77 (Over62—\$70)
11 weeks, 11 classes*

Yoga [INTERMEDIATE]

Come further your yoga knowledge. Previous experience preferred. Class introduces more intermediate poses & techniques. Focus on body awareness, strength, & flexibility. Bolsters, straps & partner stretches are utilized. Dress comfortably; bring water and a yoga mat. Instructor—Jenny Juffs. To register call Jenny at 503.419.9738.

*Thursdays | January 6–March 17
6:30–7:30pm | \$77 (Over62—\$70)
11 weeks, 11 classes*

Arts & Crafts

No activities: Thursday–Friday, December 23–24 | Friday, December 31 | Monday, January 17 | Monday, February 21 | Monday–Friday, March 21–25

Acrylic Painting

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. Pick up a supply list when registering. Instructor—Shirley Lind
Wednesdays | January 5–March 16
9:30–11:30am | \$91 (Over62—\$46)
11 weeks, 11 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
(No activity: Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 21)

Knitting & Crocheting [BEGINNING]

Learn basic knitting and crocheting stitches. Bring your own needles and yarn. For more information or to register call instructor Janice Tipton 503.829.8031.
Wednesdays | Ongoing
10:00am–Noon | \$20 per 4-week session
(No class: March 23)

Oil Painting

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. Pick up supply list when registering. Instructor—Shirley Lind
Wednesdays | January 5–March 16
12:30–2:30pm | \$101 (Over62—\$51)
11 weeks, 11 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. Supply list available at registration. All levels welcome.
Thursdays | January 6–March 17
1:00am–1:30pm | \$126 (Over62—\$63)
11 weeks, 11 classes

Computer Skills

Students will get hands-on practice during each 2-hour computer skills class. For fees, scheduling and more information call instructor Jerry King at 503.723.9497.

Level 1—First Step

Instruction focuses on learning to communicate with the computer, including: Understanding the signs and symbols that a computer uses to communicate with you; the *minimize*, *maximize*, *restore down* and *close* commands; repositioning and resizing a window, saving and printing files; and an introduction to the Internet. Students also learn and practice mouse commands, and how to hover to identify program tools.

Level 2—Computer Basics

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

Mastering E-mail

All about e-mail. Attach and send pictures, set up e-mail reminders and calendars. Send invitations with RSVPs or a link to your calendar. Keep a note pad or send text messages.

Film Editing

Learn to capture your old reel-to-reel, 8mm, and new movie films. Edit them on your computer, then burn them onto a DVD. This is a 20-hour classroom/workshop where students create their own personal movies on a DVD.

Music & Dancing

Line Dancing [BEGINNING]

Learn line dance basics and simple dances even if you have two left feet. No partner needed. Instructor—Ruth Rinehart
Mondays | Ongoing
1:00–2:00pm | 50¢ fee
(No class: January 17, February 21, March 21)

Line Dancing [INTERMEDIATE]

Learn the latest line dance steps, as well as the traditional ones. No partner needed. Instructor—Ruth Rinehart
Tuesdays | Ongoing | 11:45am–1:30pm | 50¢ fee (No class: March 22)

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 | 10:00am–Noon | \$30 per semester
Ongoing, September 2010—Summer 2011
(No class: December 24 & 31, March 25)

Wednesday Afternoon Ballroom Dances

The Swing Street Glenn Tadina Big Band (16-piece band) and the Black Magic Band (14-piece band) jump and jive on alternating weeks at the Pioneer Center. Their great music ranges from the Swing, Cha-Cha, Tango and Rumba to the Waltz and Fox Trot, plus a variety of other dance rhythms. For each band's play dates, call Glenn Tadina at 503.657.8257 or 503.769.5598. Come early for lunch!
LUNCH 11:30am–12:30pm
\$4.50 for 60 years & under
\$2.50 suggested donation for 60+
DANCE Wednesdays | Ongoing
12:30–3:00pm | \$5 per person
(Closed: March 23)

Entertainment Books

2010–11 Edition Still Available

The Pioneer Center will be selling Entertainment books again this year. They make great Christmas or birthday gifts that keep giving through at least November 1, 2011. The books are \$25 each and have a wide assortment of coupons for dining, travel, entertainment & retail. Quite a few local and County businesses participate. The book pays for itself quickly and makes a great holiday gift. Stop by the Center and purchase one or two!



Maureen Cole
DIRECTOR

Greetings from the Library

GREETINGS FROM THE CARNEGIE CENTER, OUR NEW-TO-US, TEMPORARY HOME. We have been here since June 21 now, and we are settling in nicely. We love the ambience of this building. All of the beautiful light and wood make for such a homey and pleasant atmosphere. Of course, we are still moving things around and making adjustments,

rather like a grocery store. We promise to settle down soon; please know that we are working hard to make this the best location it can be with its limited amount of space. Almost all of our patrons, despite their dismay at our reduced collection, love visiting us in this spot. The Carnegie Center is truly a beloved building in Oregon City.

I've been Library Director now for over a year. A lot has happened! I have to admit, it has been one of the most exciting years of my life. I love this job, love the people of Oregon City, love Oregon City and Library staff and love the projects we are working on. I hope you don't want to get rid of me anytime soon!

As I write this, it appears that I have retained author Jane Kirkpatrick for an author event the evening of Thursday, April 28. Get this on your calendar now! She is hugely popular here. We will be promoting one of her titles as a community-wide read soon, and her visit will be the culminating event. Which title should we all read?

We are also interested in learning more about existing book clubs in Oregon City. Are you in a book club? How do you select your titles and your members? If the library started a book club and provided copies of the books, would you be interested in attending? Let me know.

Other new things at the library include *Storytime to the Rescue!* Once a month, a police officer or fire fighter visits our pre-school storytime on Friday at 11:15am. Check our calendar for the dates of these fun events and regular storytimes too.

We are trying to start a Teen Advisory Board. Do you, or someone you know, have interest in helping us select young adult titles? Are you interested in helping us design a Young Adult area in our future library? If so, please contact Lynda at 503.657.8269 ext 1015.

We need to do a door count to establish an annual estimate of people served at the Library for the Oregon State Library Annual report. Would you be interested in helping us do this? We're looking for volunteers to spend an hour or two counting people coming into the building. Let me know if this is up your alley.

The purchase of Eastham is wending its way through the Due Diligence and Rezoning phases of work. By the time this is published, I'll have more to report. You can hear about it first hand by attending the Friends of the Library Annual Luncheon on December 2, 11:30am at the Ainsworth House. Contact the Friends at 503.594.0261 for lunch tickets, \$15 each. Speakers include Mayor Alice Norris and myself.

Thank you for all of your support! Please contact me with ideas for materials, programs, improvements, anything!

Maureen Cole | 503.657.8269 ext 1010

Library Information

Location—Carnegie Center, 606 John Adams Street. For the latest info on the library's entire range of programs and services call us at 503.657.8269 or visit www.orcity.org/library.

Hours

Mon, Tue & Wed	11:00am–8:00pm
Thu, Fri & Sat	11:00am–6:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm–5:00pm

Closures

Thanksgiving	Thu, November 25
Christmas Holiday	Fri–Sat, Dec 24–25
New Year's Day	Sat, January 1
Martin Luther King Day	Mon, January 17
President's Day	Mon, February 21

Help Us Serve You Better

Use Your Card!—Each member is issued a FREE library card at registration. This is your key to checking out, renewing materials, picking up holds, and using the internet. Please bring your library card for prompt, accurate and secure services. If you've lost your card, please let us issue a new one to you. Using your ID requires staff to look up your information over and over, delaying your service as well as those next in line. You will also need your PIN for all online services. If you do not know it, stop by the circulation desk for look-up.

New 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.

Lucky Day Collection!!!

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

Free Wi-Fi *Now 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.

Special Evening Events!

THE PEARSON SISTERS | Thursday, December 16 | 7:00pm

Local harpists, Joanna and Elizabeth Pearson will be performing. Please join us for an evening of beautiful melodies and soothing sounds.

POETRY WORKSHOP | Saturday, January 29 | 4:00–6:00pm

Oregon poet Christine Delea will be conducting this workshop in the downstairs meeting room of the Pioneer Community Center (615 5th St...please use Washington Street entrance). Ms. Delea is an award winning published poet who has conducted many poetry workshops for groups of all ages. She has also lectured on various aspects of poetry in many different settings. Pre-registration is requested for this workshop. You may pre-register at the library.

W. STAFFORD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION | Sat, January 29 | 6:30pm

Please join us at the library as we celebrate the birthday of former Oregon poet laureate William Stafford. Many regional poets will be on hand to share Stafford's works, as well as some of their own.

OREGON GUITAR QUARTET | Thursday, February 17 | 6:30pm

The Oregon Guitar Quartet is composed of four of the finest classical guitarists working in Oregon today. Their goal is to play great music from the four corners of the planet, on what is probably the most popular instrument on the planet. Please join us for this entertaining musical experience.

INNISFREE | Thursday, March 17 | 7:00pm

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us and enjoy an evening of traditional Irish songs and instrumentals. Hear the whistle, guitar, Irish drum, concertina, button accordion and mandolin, and join in the fun!

Federal Tax Forms

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

Forms not supplied by the State or Federal government, may be available in the sets of reproducible forms, so you may photocopy what you need. Other forms and instructions are available through the IRS and Oregon Department of Revenue websites, which can be accessed via our free Internet computers. Although not allowed to give any tax advice or recommend what forms may be appropriate in your situation, our reference librarians can help you locate specific forms or direct you to the websites where you can print your own.

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.

BABIES & TODDLERS
Under 3 Years
Thursdays | 11:15am

PRESCHOOLERS
3–5 Year Olds
Fridays | 11:15am

Join us for *Storytime to the Rescue* on the third Friday of each month at 11:15am, when local police officers and fire fighters will share stories with your children.

Check our library's website for special programs during spring break week...March 20–25.

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
- The Japanese Garden
- Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden
- Pittock Mansion
- Portland Art Museum
- Portland Children's Museum (CM2)

Bookstore Help Wanted

Do you have retail sales experience? Do you love to read? Are you a great organizer? The Friends of the Oregon City Library Used Book Store is looking for new volunteers. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help with any or all of the following:

- Sales
- Book Pricing
- Shelving
- Shelf Reading—making certain books are in alphabetical order and the correct category.
- Sorting and organizing donations
- Housekeeping

Questions? Contact the Book Store at oclibraryfriends@gmail.com.

All volunteer applications are processed through the Volunteer Connection. Pick up an application at the store or download one at <http://www.clackamas.us/docs/socialservices/volunteerapplication2010.pdf>

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



Mon–Sat • 11:00am–6:00pm

Sunday • 12:00–5:00pm

502 Seventh Street
Oregon City

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Artist Guild

Friends of the Oregon City Public Library USED BOOK STORE



Three Rivers Artist Guild GALLERY

Neighborhood Association Meetings

For updated information about neighborhoods, meetings and events, visit www.orcity.org/community

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COUNCIL [CIC]

General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 1st Monday every month

Where OC Police Dept Court Chambers
320 Warner Milne Road

Info Chris Taylor, CIC Liaison 503.496.1681

ctaylor@orcity.org

<http://www.orcity.org/publicinformation/citizen-involvement-council-cic>

For any questions about neighborhood associations please contact the CIC Liaison.

BARCLAY HILLS [BHNA]

General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 2nd Tuesdays |

January, April, July, October

Where Christ Church Apostolic
600 Barclay Hills Drive

Info Betty Mumm, Chair 503.657.5922

<http://www.orcity.org/community/barclay-hills-neighborhood-association>

CANEMAH [CNA]

General Meetings—TBA

Info Howard Post, Chair Howardpost@msn.com

<http://www.orcity.org/community/canemah-neighborhood-association>

CAUFIELD [CFNA]

General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 4th Tuesdays |

January, April, July, October

Where Oregon City H.S. Rm B105

Info John Dingwall, Co-Chair

jayeagle2@gmail.com

Larry Hanlon, Co-Chair

larryhanlon@hotmail.com

City Meetings Schedule

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

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GAFFNEY LANE [GLNA]

General Meetings—TBA

When 7:00pm

Where Berry Park Retirement Center

Info <http://www.orcity.org/community/gaffney-lane-neighborhood-association>

Need chairperson and other volunteers to help with Gaffney Lane NA. If interested call Chris Taylor at 503.496.1681 or ctaylor@orcity.org.

HAZEL GROVE–WESTLING FARM [HG-WFNA]

General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 3rd Thursdays–Nov 18,

Jan 20, Mar 17, May 19, Jul 21

Where Oregon City United Methodist Church

18955 S. South End Road

Info Kathy Hogan, Co-Chair 503.657.9435

<http://www.orcity.org/community/hazel-grove-westling-farm-neighborhood-association>

Join the neighborhood association and get involved! We will have guest speakers at the meetings.

HILLENDALE [HNA]

General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 1st Tuesdays |

January, April, July, October

Where Oregon City Police Department

320 Warner Milne Road

Info Rae Gordon, Chair

Blues_rae@msn.com

MCLOUGHLIN [MNA]

General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 1st Thursdays | February,

April, June, August, October, December

Where Station #15 Fire Station

7th & John Adams

Info Damon Mabee, Chair

damonmabee@comcast.net

<http://www.orcity.org/community/mcloughlin-neighborhood-association>

PARK PLACE [PPNA]

General Meetings—TBA

Info Nancy Walters, Chair

nancywalters@gmail.com

<http://www.orcity.org/community/park-place-neighborhood-association>

RIVERCREST [RNA]

Steering Committee

When 7:00pm | Thursday, February 17

General Meetings

When 7:00pm | Thursday, March 17

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

Special Events (at Rivercrest Park)

- **City Wide Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 23 | 10:00am Sharp

- **Hanging Basket Plant Sale**

Saturday, April 30 | 10:00am–3:00pm

Info Diane McKnight, Chair 503.656.6435

jdmcknight@juno.com

<http://www.orcity.org/community/rivercrest-neighborhood-association>

SOUTH END [SENA]

General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 3rd Thursdays | January,

March, May, July, September, November

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

Info John Williams, Chair 503.657.2868

Johnwilliams38@gmail.com

<http://www.orcity.org/community/south-end-neighborhood-association>

TOWER VISTA [TVNA]

Inactive at this time

Info Chris Taylor, CIC Liaison 503.496.1681

ctaylor@orcity.org

To download a current detailed map of

Oregon City Neighborhoods, visit

<http://www.orcity.org/maps/neighborhood-associations-map>

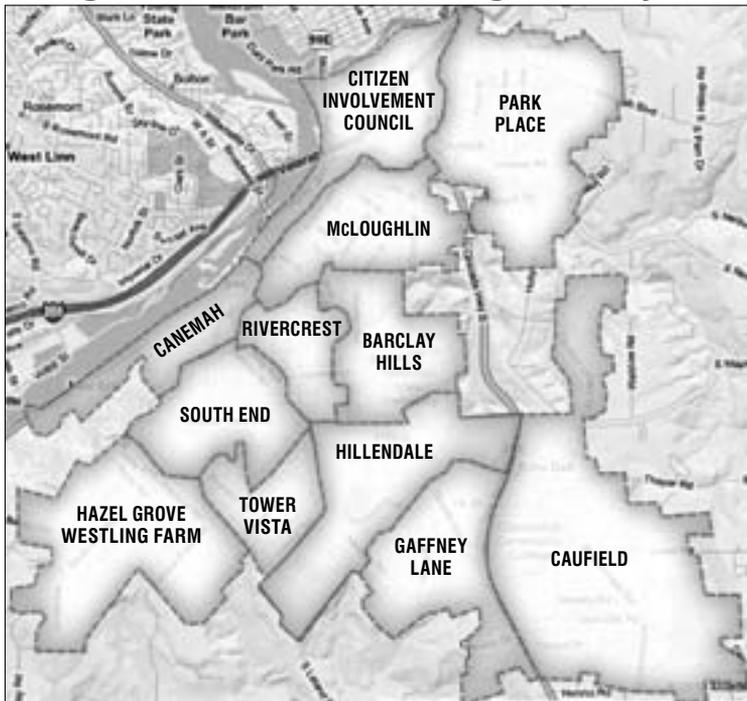
Spring is Oregon City Grant Season

THE CITY HAS TWO GRANT PROGRAMS THAT COULD HELP YOUR GROUP FUND A PROJECT IN THE 2011–12 FISCAL YEAR. This past spring the Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Committee (OCMEC) and the Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust (OCCIT) awarded a combined \$147,087 to groups with projects that were of benefit to the citizens in Oregon City. The amount available each year for each committee to grant varies.

The 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 St, and is available to projects within the City boundaries. The program derives its funding from an intergovernmental agreement between Oregon City and METRO which states that a \$.50 per ton surcharge on fees would be collected at the Metro South Transfer Station on Washington St and be used for community project grants. Applications for this grant are reviewed by the OCMEC committee in May.

The 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 meets to review applications in March. Applications, specific dates and amounts available to award for both grant programs will be available online at www.orcity.org by January 31, 2011. For more information, contact Michele Beneville at 503-496-1542 or mbbeneville@orcity.org.

Neighborhoods in Oregon City



Clackamas County

New Energy-Saving Programs Launched



NOW IS A PERFECT TIME TO ENERGIZE THE COUNTY. With the help of a \$3.1 million American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant, Clackamas County has put together an array of programs for homes, businesses and public buildings under the ENERGIZE umbrella.

- For its *Green Building* program, the county is partnering with the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO) to match the incentives ETO provides to builders to increase energy efficiency in new homes, with up to \$8,000 total available with combined incentives from ENERGIZE and ETO. This is for a new home that is at least 15% more energy efficient than code requires. www.energytrust.org/eps
- Moderate-income home owners and also renters have great incentives to weatherize existing homes. The county will match ETO's *Savings Within Reach* program, for a total combined incentive of up to \$2,000 per home. Free home weatherization also is available for citizens meeting low-income guidelines. Call 503.650.3338 to learn more and apply. www.energytrust.org/savingswithinreach
- The *Energy Efficiency on Main Street* program provides assistance for businesses in the county's 13 Main Street Program-designated areas. Eligible businesses can apply for up to \$5,000 in rebates from the county to assist with energy upgrades, in addition to incentives available from ETO and Oregon's Business Energy Tax Credit Audits, conducted by ETO, to help businesses make informed decisions about energy-saving investments. Savings will be substantial for a number of older Clackamas County buildings getting energy upgrades. Energy assessments have been completed by ETO. The upgrades include insulation, lighting, heating and air conditioning, and windows. www.clackamas.us/business/mainstreet/energy.jsp

Energy Savings & Conservation Workshops—To learn more about energy-saving ideas contact the ENERGIZE program. A representative can schedule a workshop for you, your community, or your business on practical energy saving ideas, low-cost saving strategies, or available financial incentives for energy efficiency retrofits or upgrades to your home or business.

Coming Soon—The Revolving Loan Program for energy retrofits will be part of the larger statewide *Clean Energy Works Oregon* program. Low-interest loans with repayment via utility bills should be available in the first quarter of 2011. Also, the county's Development Services Building on the Red Soils Campus will get a solar installation in the coming year.

Contact ENERGIZE at 503.742.4468 or email the county at sustainability@co.clackamas.or.us to be placed on an "interested party" list for updates.



Neighborhood Nuisances & Chronic Nuisance Homes

THE MOST COMMON COMPLAINT THAT THE OREGON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT DEALS WITH IS NUISANCE COMPLAINTS AGAINST LOUD NEIGHBORS, A PROBLEM HOUSE ON THE CORNER, OR DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE. Some of the issues can be dealt with quickly or through some type of negotiations, but some take more work and effort by neighborhoods and their police department.

Nuisance is defined as a thing, act, occupation or use of property which shall annoy, injure or endanger the safety, health, comfort or repose of the public; shall offend public decency; shall in any way render the public insecure in life or in the use of property. This textbook definition basically states if there is anything occurring in a neighborhood that is dangerous to others, than it can be deemed a nuisance.

The Oregon City Police Department deals with nuisances every day. Not all of them rise to the textbook definition, but they are still problems. Most often, a neighbor will complain that another neighbor plays their music too loudly all day or night. An officer will speak with the neighbor and sometimes this will resolve the problem, but sometimes it does not. There are times when a neighbor calls the police before they make an effort to contact their neighbor directly and it creates more problems. It is always recommended that if you are having minor issues with your neighbor such as loud music, barking dog, etc., that trying the friendly meeting between neighbors is the first option. There are times when this is not possible. If contacting the neighbor does not work and the nuisance becomes more intense, then contacting the police may be the only resolution.

The nuisances that rise to the textbook definition are a little more difficult. The drug house at the end of the street with people coming and going at all hours of the night. Usually, the house is a rental and has a history of landlord neglect. The window shades are never open and debris is scattered around the property. There is little activity during the day and there are small children inside. A drug house is a nuisance that rises to the level of the textbook definition, and

neighborhoods need to take a stand, but what are your options? There are several.

As a concerned neighbor, you should call the police and speak to an officer. The officer will more than likely already know about the house and will have some knowledge of who lives there. Drug houses draw a lot of attention from many enforcement groups such as the police, department of human resources and code enforcement. These three government groups work hand in hand on issues that arise from drug houses such as identity theft, child neglect and abuse, and code enforcement issues.

Law enforcement can't "bring down" a drug house without the help of the neighborhood. Information neighbors provide to



the police is very important. Too often, the police are called the next day or the next week after an incident occurs and no one thought about calling the police when the situation was happening. It is important that the neighborhood work together in contacting the police *every time* something occurs. People who live in a drug house DO NOT want police contact and will find another place to live.

The Oregon City Municipal Code contains a Chronic Nuisance Ordinance that has been used to "shut down" residences that have had continuous "nuisance" issues. A drug house can be deemed as a chronic nuisance property. In order for law enforcement to

take this type of action, it is necessary for the neighborhood to get involved.

In order for a home to qualify, the nuisance activities must be serious in nature and documented on a police report. 'Serious in nature' means: drug manufacturing/distribution, disorderly conduct, prostitution, assaults, etc. It is important for a neighbor who sees something to report it immediately. A home becomes a chronic nuisance if there are three documented incidents (as indicated earlier) on a police report within a thirty day period.

The police department has deemed two homes in Oregon City as Chronic Nuisance properties. In both situations, information was obtained from active participants in the neighborhood, informants and other government entities to obtain search warrants for the properties. The Municipal Ordinance states that a search warrant is an automatic qualifier for deeming the property a chronic nuisance. After the search warrants were served, all information regarding the activities at the homes was documented in a report to the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police issued a letter to the property

owner advising of the chronic nuisance and gave thirty days to correct the situation. If that did not occur, further action would be taken to close down the house. In both situations, the department was involved, and the offenders were evicted from the homes and no further issues occurred.

It is important to have the involvement of members of the neighborhood to assist the police department in cleaning up drug houses or nuisances. Your law enforcement agency can't do it without your help. *If your neighborhood is interested in more information on Neighborhood Watch, nuisances or drug houses please email lnunes@orcity.org*

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 to contact the owner of the property is made before sending the property 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 | Lawn Ornaments | Tools

Victim Assistance Program

THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS, *both male and female*, who are interested in helping people who are victims of crime. The criteria for becoming an advocate include: the ability to care about others, possess good listening skills, be at least 18 years of age, have reliable transportation and no criminal background. 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 2011 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.*



Safety Tips & Reminders

GET OUT/STAY OUT

Working smoke alarms give early warning so you can get out. Draw an escape plan, practice your escape plan, get out and stay out, call 911.

HOME COOKING SAFETY

Never leave cooking unattended! Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when you cook, keep handles of pots and pans turned inward, and keep cooking areas clear of clutter.

HOME HEATING

Space heaters need space! Never leave space heaters on when you leave your house. Clean your chimney. Keep clutter and anything that could catch fire away from the fireplace and woodstoves.

FAQs Online www.clackamasfire.com

Please visit the FAQ section of our website at to get your questions answered. Click on About Us, then Frequently Asked Questions.



www.clackamasfire.com

503.742.2600

District Office—503.742.2600

Volunteer Hotline—503.742.2946

Public Info—503.742.2693

Daily Burn Message

503.632.0211

RECORDED INFO ON BURNING.

—UPDATED DAILY—

Burning Within City Limits Prohibited

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



A Big Thank You

Oregon City Garbage Company

The City of Oregon City would like to thank the Bloom Family and everyone at the Oregon City Garbage Company, for their continued support of the Code Enforcement Program.

Street Parking Regulations

For RVs, Boats & Trailers

WE ARE APPROACHING THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN OWNERS OF BOATS, TRAILERS AND RVs ARE PREPARING THEM FOR WINTER STORAGE. The City of Oregon City would like to remind its citizens that there are city ordinances regulating on-street parking, and these ordinances are very specific as to the type of vehicles that can be parked on city streets.

10.12.010 Parking Restrictions—*It is unlawful for any person to park or store any trailer, camper, mobile home, boat, trailer house, motor home or other recreational vehicle on any street, alley or highway.*

Please be mindful of your neighbors and use alternative parking, such as RV pads or local RV storage facilities, etc. By following these guidelines, we can all enhance our city services, improve public safety and help make our neighborhoods more “neighbor friendly” for the citizens of Oregon City.

Pedestrian Safety Reminder

Limit the Hazards During Wintry Conditions

Oregon City 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 providing a three-foot wide path after a snow event.

FAQs *Code Enforcement Answers Frequently Asked Questions*

■ **Q: Who is responsible for sidewalk maintenance?**

A: Adjacent property owners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks abutting their property. Sidewalks should be safe and accessible for the use of the general public including those with mobility and vision disabilities. Clearing debris, overgrown vegetation and maintaining sidewalks in good repair is all part of property ownership.

■ **Q: Can I run a business out of my home?**

A: Yes. The first step is applying for a Home Occupation License at 503.657.0891; not all businesses meet the zoning requirements and aren't necessarily a good fit in residential neighborhoods. In order to maintain neighborhood livability all home occupations are subject to city review.

■ **Q: I have used the complaint form processor from the website to file anonymous complaints; why is nothing being done?**

A: The city receives several complaints every day; complaints related to speed and noise are forwarded to the police or other appropriate department. If a complaint is filed anonymously and there is no ordinance directly prohibiting the action, the case is closed. Closed cases that continue to receive duplicate daily complaints are not investigated. Please contact the complaint line at 503.496.1559 for information why your complaint may be going unanswered.

■ **Q: The limbs on the tree in front of my home are very low; who trims them?**

A: The adjacent property owner is responsible for the maintenance of street trees and the planting strip. Limbs should be trimmed over the sidewalk to allow for safe passage for pedestrians and over the street to prevent property damage to vehicles.

■ **Q: When will the sweeper pick up the pile of leaves in front of my home?**

A: Yard debris is to be disposed of in the yard debris container provided by Oregon City Garbage. Residents who dispose of yard debris in the street or park property are subject to citation. Don't have regular garbage service? The garbage company provides weekly pick up of yard debris at a reasonable rate. Please contact Oregon City Garbage at 503.656.8403 for more information.

For more information, please contact the complaint and information line at 503.496.1559 or see our website at www.orcity.org/codeenforcement.



Jughandle Project—Green Streets



Glimpse of the future—This picture shows what you may see looking northeast on the realigned Washington Street as you pass Home Depot and approach Highway 213. The new Highway 213 bridge (Washington Street underpass) is shown in the background and a new road connecting to Highway 213, Prairie Schooner Way, is on the right. The assemblage of trees shown on the left side of the picture includes vine maple, incense cedar, green ash, and Douglas fir. (To see this picture in color, visit www.jughandleproject.com.)

Warner Milne Road Bike Lanes

BIKE LANES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF WARNER MILNE ROAD, PROVIDING A VITAL CONNECTION TO OREGON CITY'S BIKE LANE SYSTEM.

Because it is important that the City provide safe routes for all travel modes including bicycles, bike lanes were desired at this Hilltop location where the grades are relatively flat. The City hired a transportation engineering consultant, DKS Associates, who completed an engineering study to review the feasibility of restriping Warner Milne Road between Molalla Avenue and Warner Parrott/Linn/Leland



to allow bike lanes. Unfortunately, the existing roadway was not wide enough for both the center turn lane and bike lanes; however, the consultant's study concluded that it would be beneficial to provide bike lanes and that the roadway could operate satisfactorily without the center turn lanes.

The "new bike lanes from Beaver Creek to Linn. They are wonderful!" is what the City received in a recent e-mail. It is our hope that the rest of the community can enjoy this new and exciting addition to the City's transportation system. To find out more about this bike lane, including a copy of the engineering study, go to our web site at <http://www.orcity.org/publicworks/warner-milne-road-bike-lanes>.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE JUGHANDLE PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGHWAY 213 AND ITS INTERSECTIONS WITH CLACKAMAS RIVER DRIVE AND WASHINGTON STREET IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN SPRING 2011.

In preparation for the upcoming work, a City contractor will remove selected trees from the project area as early as January. Removal of trees and other vegetation is necessary to accomplish the realignment of Washington Street under Highway 213, the new roundabout connecting Clackamas River Drive with Washington Street, and the addition of a third northbound lane on Highway 213.

The vast majority of the trees that will be removed to accommodate the roadway improvements are less than 12-inches in diameter. However, some larger trees will need to be removed north of Redland Road along Highway 213, north of Washington Street by the Metro Transfer Station, and between the railroad tracks and I-205. By removing the trees in January or February, the City will prevent disturbances to federally protected migratory birds that nest between March and September.

While it may not look pretty during construction, the Jughandle Project will conclude with substantial landscaping of the surrounding area. The affected portions of Washington Street and Clackamas River Drive will be lined with street trees and understory vegetation designed to treat stormwater, such as slough sedge, blue fescue, and Oregon grape. Dense collections of trees and shrubs will also be planted in key viewing areas. In addition, to offset the project's impacts to natural resources more than 3,500 native trees and 2,000 shrubs will be planted to restore wildlife habitat in an approximately 6-acre City-owned site located between Washington Street and I-205.

For more information on the Highway 213 Jughandle Project, visit the project website at www.jughandleproject.com.

Oregon City Public Works

After Hours Non-Emergency Contact—503.655.8211

During Oregon City Public Works non-business hours, have you ever noticed a waterline leak, a manhole overflowing, a downed tree in the street, an unsafe traffic control situation, a downed stop sign, or other such serious situations, but don't think dialing 911 is really appropriate?

If a situation develops after hours, on a weekend or during a holiday, and it requires the involvement of Oregon City Public Works, but the situation is not a 911 emergency, please call 503.655.8211. This number is for Clackamas County Dispatch and they take all calls for Oregon City Public Works during non-business hours. Clackamas County Dispatch will dispatch a City employee to handle these non-business hour calls.

Stormwater Division *Water Quality Snapshot*

MEET OREGON CITY'S NEWEST STORMWATER FACILITY—THE RAIN GARDEN AT MOLALLA AVENUE AND WARNER MILNE ROAD (LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT GREENWORKS PC). Part of the recently completed road project, stormwater from the roadway flows into the garden, which is meant to mimic the hydrologic action of a natural environment. Pollutants and sediment in the stormwater are reduced by the action of the plants, gravel, and soil. Runoff volumes are reduced because the garden enhances infiltration into the soil.

Adjacent to the rain garden you will see the City's first pervious concrete sidewalk. Traditional concrete results in total stormwater runoff and does not allow for any infiltration.

The stormwater from this area flows into the Newell Creek watershed. Reducing runoff and removing pollutants is beneficial to Newell Creek as well as its downstream receiving waters—Abernethy Creek and the Willamette River.



Water Division *Drinking Water Quality*

IN AN EFFORT TO ADMINISTER OREGON CITY'S CROSS CONNECTION/BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM (CC/BPP) IN A MORE EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER, CHANGES ARE COMING IN 2011. One less reminder letter will be mailed to customers in our CC/BPP database. This will save staff time, use less paper, and reduce mailing costs.

A reminder letter will be mailed to the responsible party (we use the responsible party identified in the Utility Billing database) two weeks before the beginning of the month that their backflow assembly testing is due. If we have not received a completed test report 15 days after the end of that month, a second reminder letter will be mailed, with test report due within 15 days. If we have not received the test report response by then, water will be shut off for non-compliance of our CC/BPP.

The Oregon Administrative Rule [OAR 333.061.0070 (15)] that requires water suppliers to have a cross connection control program states "the backflow assembly tester shall provide a copy of each completed test report to the water user or premise owner, and the water supplier: (a) within 10 working days; and (b) the test reports will be in a manner and form acceptable to the water supplier." Some testers delay sending completed test reports until payment has been received. We suggest working closely with your backflow assembly tester to ensure timely scheduling and report submittal. This will also help make better use of your rate-payer dollars.

Generally, the only backflow prevention a residential water customer has is installed on the landscape irrigation system (commonly referred to as sprinklers) on their property. It's best to have the annual test done prior to the irrigation season—by the end of June at the latest.

We suggest coordinating with your neighbors when scheduling the test. Many testers will offer discounts when there are multiple customers in the same neighborhood—their travel expenses are less and they can pass those savings along to their customers. Also, keep your copy of the test report as part of the maintenance record for your irrigation system.

We appreciate your assistance, and compliance with, our CC/BPP. This is one important component of our overall program to provide safe drinking water to all Oregon City customers.

Questions about the CC/BPP? Oregon City customers—check our website at www.oregoncity.org or contact gjohnson@oregoncity.org, 503.657.8241 extension 2107. Clackamas River Water customers—jsleight@crwater.com or 503.722.9238

Winter Water Conservation Tips

Don't Let Cold Weather Catch You Unprepared!

EVERY WINTER, MANY HOMEOWNERS FACE THE EXPENSE AND INCONVENIENCE OF FROZEN WATER PIPES. But you can cross that off your list of winter worries by taking a few simple precautions:

- Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses. Detaching a hose allows water to drain from the faucet. Otherwise, a single, hard overnight freeze can burst either the faucet or the pipe it's connected to.
- Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas. If you have pipes in the attic, an unheated garage or cold crawl space under the house, wrap the water pipes before temperatures plummet. Hardware or building supply stores will have good pipe wrapping materials available.
- Seal off access doors, air vents and cracks. Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes.
- Find the master shutoff valve. If a pipe bursts anywhere in the house - kitchen, bath, basement or crawl space - this valve turns the water off to the house. So find it now. Be sure everyone in the family knows where it is and what it does.
- In severe cold weather, you may want to allow a faucet to drip a small continuous stream.

What if it's too late?

What if you wake up one day to find the pipes are frozen anyway? During an extended cold spell, it can happen despite precautions. Do you have the plumber's telephone number handy? Write it down now before you need it in an emergency.

If you think you know where the freeze-up occurred and want to try thawing it yourself, do not under any circumstances use a torch with an open flame. The whole house could catch fire. Also, overheating a single spot can burst the pipe. Heating a soldered joint could allow it to leak or come completely apart.

The easiest tool is probably a hair dryer with a high heat setting. Wave the warm air back and forth along the pipe, not on one spot. If you don't have a hair dryer, you can wrap the frozen section with rags or towels and pour hot water over them. It's messy, but it works.

Be careful because the pipe may already be broken. It's not leaking because the water is frozen. But when you thaw it out, water could come gushing out. Be ready to run for the master shutoff valve if necessary. Better yet, turn the valve off while undertaking your thaw-out effort. The main thing is to take precautions before cold weather arrives.

Source: American Water Works Association

For more water conservation tips and info visit the Clackamas River Water Providers website www.clackamasproviders.org or call Christine at 503.723.3511.

Street Division

To Sand Or Not To Sand—That Is The Question.

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.orcity.org/publicworks/inclement-weather-operations.

TRIO CITY
SERVICE DISTRICT

Wastewater Treatment Questions?

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

What? I need a Permit?



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

www.ThinkPermit.com

Downtown Circulation Study

THE CITY'S CONSULTANT, CRANDALL ARAMBULA PC, COMPLETED A DOWNTOWN CIRCULATION STUDY using funds provided by an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) grant to study the circulation in downtown Oregon City and determine if two-way traffic on Main Street between 6th and 9th Streets is beneficial for multi-modal users and businesses.

Specifically, the study goals were to:

- Explore the pros and cons of restoring two-way traffic to portions of the downtown area.
- Simplify circulation and parking to improve desirability of the downtown as an activity/shopping destination.
- Identify specific recommendations for improving the pedestrian environment of the area.
- Improve access to the area for alternate modes of transportation, including bicycle and transit.
- Identify specific action items which will further the long-term goals of the circulation plan and can be implemented during the bridge restoration period.

The study included regular meetings, information exchange, and public outreach with Main Street Oregon City, downtown stakeholders, the community at-large, and agency partners

(ODOT, TriMet, and Clackamas County). The study considered circulation issues relating to downtown retail success, Main Street bus and trolley service, vehicle turning movements at the Main/7th Street intersection, and downtown bicycle accessibility.

Additionally, a traffic engineering analysis was completed for traffic volumes and intersection operations on Main Street in the study area for existing conditions, Hwy 43/Arch Bridge construction closure conditions, and two-way Main Street conditions (during bridge construction closure, post bridge construction, and 2035 projected conditions).

The City Commission adopted the findings of the report by approving Resolution 10-26 at their meeting on October 20, 2010.

To find out more about the study recommendations and to view a copy of the study, visit www.oregoncity.org/node/2832/.

Announcements & Special Events—See Back Cover, Too!



OREGON CITY FARMERS MARKET

Downtown Winter Market
 Twice a Month!
 Saturdays - 10am-2pm
 Located on 8th at Main
 November Through April

Nov 6 th • 20 th	Dec 4 th • 18 th	Jan 8 th • 22 nd	Feb 5 th • 19 th	Mar 5 th • 19 th	Apr 2 nd • 16 th
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New Winter Farmers Market

In Downtown Oregon City!!

IT'S TRUE (!) You will be able to buy fresh local produce, artisan foods, garden crafts, ready-to-eat hot food, and listen to live music throughout the WINTER in historical Downtown Oregon City at the foot of the Singer Falls. Starting Saturday, November 6 you can shop for healthy foods at the market from the people who grow, raise and make them, support the local merchants on Main Street and get a breath of fresh air while you are at it! This market will be open every other Saturday through April, 10:00am–2:00pm.

Vendors will be bringing fresh vegetables and fruit, pastured meats (beef, pork, chicken, bacon, sausage etc.) farmstead cheeses, eggs, milk and cream, breads, pastries, pies, preserves, wines, hummus and pita, wild mushrooms, nuts, honey, caramels, goat's milk soaps...plus at holiday time the Market will have trees, wreaths, holly and greenery, taking on a seasonal atmosphere with carol singing! In the early spring months, more plant and flower growers will join the market as their products come into season.

Plenty of close parking is available, and Debit and Oregon Trail cards are accepted. The Winter Farmers Market will run rain or shine. Freezing rain or significant snow fall may be cause for cancellation; if in doubt, check the Market's Facebook page or call the manager at 503.734.0192.

For more information, or to sign up for the market's e-newsletter visit www.oregoncityfarmersmarket.com



Fill A Stocking, Fill A Heart

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN...AT LEAST, WE HOPE HE IS. With your help again this year, we can continue to fill stockings for some of the neediest in Clackamas County. Filling over 2600 stockings last year, we know that the agency requests will probably be just as great this year, if not greater.

If you can take and fill a stocking from one of the over 40 public sites or donate any needed items, you will be helping our cause. You can find a list of all our public sites and our needs on our website. Our wish list doesn't change much from year to year, but the quantities do as the need for help grows. We accept donations of these items all year. Monetary donations help fill a void allowing us to purchase gifts and needed items not filled by the public. Our organization is run by unpaid volunteers and money used to purchase items comes from fundraisers and donations only.

We always need help with sewing stockings and can use donations of material and yarn all year long. Do you knit or crochet? We can use your expertise, too. Contact our sewing committee at sewastocking@yahoo.com for more details. How else can you help? Can you devote more time in helping run the organization? Volunteers come and go and sometimes "crucial jobs" need to be refilled, so join us so we can continue to help others. Contact us to volunteer in our workshop, too.

Contact us by email at info@fillastocking.org or call 503.632.0577. Visit our website at www.fillastocking.org. Our mailing address is Fill a Stocking Fill a Heart, PO Box 1255, Oregon City, OR 97045.

A Taste of Clackamas County

Thursday, Dec 9 | 6-9pm | Abernethy Center

FILL A STOCKING, FILL A HEART IS GEARING UP FOR OUR SECOND "TASTE OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY HOLIDAY DINNER & DESSERT AUCTION". This is a buffet-style dinner with signature foods from local Clackamas County restaurants. Come ready to make that LARGE BID on desserts that look and taste great during the DESSERT AUCTION. There will also be several silent dessert auctions, raffles and a bake sale, too. Proceeds benefit Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart. Seating is limited. *More information about reserving your seat or a table for 10 people will be available on our website at www.fillastocking.org.*

2010 Heritage Holidays Saturday, December 4

Stevens-Crawford Heritage House | 10:00am-4:00pm | Free
DOLL AND DOLLHOUSES—Christmas Celebration with refreshments and entertainment. Rooms decorated by local garden clubs. More info-503.655.2866. *Exhibit continues December 8-18 with admission charged*

Historic Ermatinger House | 11:00am-5:00pm | Free
HERITAGE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE LIVING HISTORY—Visit with characters from Dickens "Christmas Carol". Enjoy the holiday-decorated House and festive Victorian clothing. More info-503.650.1851

The Rose Farm | 1:00pm-4:00pm | Free, but donations accepted
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE—Visit this historic home decorated for the holidays at 4915 Rilance Lane (Holmes Ave). More info-503.656.5146

McLoughlin House | 2:00pm-6:00pm | Free
HERITAGE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION—Celebrate the holidays in the style of the 1850s. More info-503.656.5146

Annual Tree Lighting | 4:30-6:00pm | Liberty Plaza, Main Street
A SPECIAL VISIT BY SANTA CLAUS at 5:00pm, arrive early and enjoy the live holiday music. More info-503.496.1571

Historic Ermatinger House 619 Sixth Street

THIS HISTORIC HOUSE WAS BUILT BY DR JOHN MCLOUGHLIN FOR FRANCIS ERMATINGER, his Hudson Bay employee and granddaughter's husband. The Historic Francis Ermatinger House & Textile/Living History Museum invites you to tour the House with its Vintage Clothing and Textile Exhibits, participate in our announced Special Events and Activities and make reservations for your own Living History Tea.

- Living History Teas are by reservation only.
- For info on Living History Teas & Special Events call 503.650.1851.
- Tour admission: \$4-Adults | \$3-Seniors & Children
- Tours are also available by reservation. Call 503.650.1851.
- If you are interested in being a tour/guide volunteer, please contact Marge and Rolla Harding at 503.650.1851.

Stevens-Crawford House 603 Sixth Street

THE 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 with all its contents was 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. 503.655.2866

Current Exhibit: Antique and collectible dolls & doll houses
Thursday-Saturday | Noon-4:00pm | Last tour given at 3:30pm | Fee \$5; children under 5 are free





Clackamas County Tourism & Culture

For a complete list of events visit www.MtHoodTerritory.com

CHRISTMAS FANTASY TRAIL—Walk a Christmas Fantasy Trail with thousands of lights, walk through 40-foot castle with Christmas scenes, walk through tunnels, a maze, suspension bridge, crooked house and more. Great for all ages!

December 3–29 | Mon–Sat | 6–9pm | Wenzel Farm | 19754 S. Ridge Rd, Oregon City | \$4 adult; \$3.50 children 12 & under | 503.631.2047

FOREST TOURS—Go behind the scenes to see what is happening in the forest today. Tours feature recent community volunteer activities: there are different things to see and experience each season. Hopkins Demonstration Forest is actively managed to provide a sustainable flow of a variety of forest products—be a part of what they do!

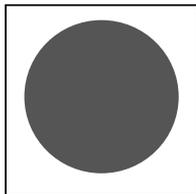
2nd Saturdays | Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14, Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 13, Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10 | Hopkins Demonstration Forest | 16750 S Brockway Road, Oregon City | 503.632.2150

VICTORIAN HANDCRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS—This ongoing hands-on demonstration series features a variety of Victorian needlework and handwork techniques. Experience for yourself this important aspect of ladies' lives in the 1800s! All programs are free of charge.

Feb 26: *Make-Do Pincusions* | Mar 12: *Paper Landscapes* | Noon–4pm | McLoughlin House | 713 Center St, Oregon City | 503.656.5146

WINTER SOLSTICE & CHRISTMAS SHIPS—Held in late December, Milwaukie's Winter Solstice Event has been a cherished tradition for years. Neighbors gather together at the Milwaukie Riverfront Park one night to view the Christmas ships, warm by the roaring bonfire and enjoy caroling and warm refreshments. The Christmas Ship Fleet averages 50–60 boats between the Columbia and Willamette River fleets. Both fleets are out every night for 2 weeks in December. For schedule and more info: www.ChristmasShips.org or call Beth Ragel at 503.786.7568.

December 18 | 4:30–6:30pm | Ships scheduled to come by around 5:30pm | Jefferson Street Boat Ramp, Milwaukie



Oregon City–Tateshina Sister City Committee

3 NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ABOUT JAPAN

This spring, the Oregon City-Tateshina Sister City Committee will once again host a group of junior high school students and chaperones from our Sister

City, Tateshina, Japan. Students come for a week (usually over spring break) to experience life with American families and practice their English skills. We're looking for hosts in the greater Oregon City area who can take two students for all or part of a week. If you'd like to get in on the fun, or would just like more information about hosting, please call the contact people listed below.

Tateshina expects to have a job opening, beginning in August, for an Assistant English Teacher (AET) at their junior high school in Japan. This is a paid, one-year position which involves assisting Japanese teachers who are teaching English to students and also serving as a friendship ambassador, teaching English to community members in the evening. Requirements include a four-year college degree (can be any discipline) and considerable maturity, with the ability to handle cultural isolation. Some skill in speaking Japanese is a definite plus. Because of the lead time involved in securing a work visa, we'll be considering applications later this winter/early spring.

Closer to home, have you spotted the display at the Oregon City Library of items received from our friends in Tateshina? Stop by the Carnegie Center site to view a small selection of Japanese clothing, crafts, and photos. Perhaps, it will peak your interest in Japanese culture. *If so, you're welcome to join us for our monthly meetings—usually the 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00pm at City Hall. Call Elise Lunas, President of the Sister City Committee at 503.656.5578 or Beth Werber, Secretary at 503.557.2906 for information about any of the sister city activities.*



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	Summer	Autumn
DEC—MAR	APR—JUN	AUG—NOV
Alpine Skiing	Bocce Ball	Aquatics
Basketball	Golf	Bowling
Cross Country Skiing	Gymnastics	Long Distance
Power Lifting	Softball	Running/Walking
Snowboarding	Track & Field	Soccer
Snowshoeing		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.

Downtown Oregon City

IN 2010 DOWNTOWN OREGON CITY HOSTED AND PRODUCED A RANGE OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT MADE OREGON CITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, AND VISIT. The non-profit Main Street Oregon City was created just over two years ago to work with downtown stakeholders (business owners, property owners, community leaders, residents, and volunteers). We look forward to another successful year of positive change downtown.



2010 Success of Note

- FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK celebrated the commerce and culture of our community.
- FIRST CITY CELEBRATION celebrated our unique heritage and identity with 60 artists, 9 wine tasting stations and 4,000 visitors.
- CRUISE TO DOWNTOWN & CAR SHOW brought 3,000+ visitors, 240 cars downtown.
- 8TH STREET FARMERS MARKET on Wednesday afternoons in summer and Saturdays in winter highlights local agriculture in a charming downtown setting.
- DOWNTOWN SIGN FUND improved the looks of downtown business signs.
- SINGER FALLS PUBLIC ART INITIATIVE began campaign to improve the base of Singer Falls.
- DOWNTOWN CIRCULATION STUDY explored a return to a retail-friendly 2-way Main St.
- INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS \$3.5 Million in grants under review
- NORTH END DEVELOPMENT STUDY explored infill mixed use and residential development downtown.
- MURAL BROCHURE WALKING TOUR highlights downtown's 8 heritage murals.

2010 New Businesses Downtown

Downtown Oregon City also welcomed at least 12 new businesses, including:

- 1 OH SHINY! ARTISAN MARKET, 216 14th St
- 2 MAIN STREET MINI MART, 718 Main St
- 3 PHO THI, 716 Main St
- 4 WYNONA STUDIOS, 719 Main St
- 5 LAVENDER COTTAGE, 220 14th St
- 6 TOTALLY UNIQUE HAIR DESIGN, 504 Main St
- 7 COLUMBIA INSURANCE, 804 Main St
- 8 SEVEN SEAS CANVAS, 605 Main St
- 9 SALON JOIE DE VIVRE HAIR SALON, 721 Main St
- 10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, 718 Main St
- 11 ADVANCED DENTAL, 1508 Washington St
- 12 L&C TRUCKS, 1625 Washington St

2010 Golden Awards

- We also shared a couple of awards through our Best of Downtown Oregon City "Golden" Award series.
- THE GOLDEN CABBAGE award presented to Jackie Hammond Williams for the 8th Street Farmers Market.
 - THE GOLDEN WINDOW award to J J Foster and Linda Bell of Wynona Studios for their creative storefront displays.
 - THE GOLDEN HUBCAP award to Andy Bush for his work on the Downtown Car Show.
 - THE GOLDEN SHOE award to Don Slack for stepping up and taking a role in leading the downtown revitalization program as our first volunteer board president.

Learn more about downtown at <http://downtownoregoncity.org/>.

See You Downtown!
Lloyd Purdy, *Downtown Manager*





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Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 7TH ANNUAL
DADDY DAUGHTER EXTRAVAGANZA AT THE
ABERNETHY CENTER!**

**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
- ♥ Music ~ RJ Mobile Music
- ♥ Balloon Made Art ~ Justin James
- ♥ Photos ~ Parks & Recreation staff

**Maximum capacity is 160, so register early
because this event fills quickly!**

Saturday ~ February 5, 2011

6:00—9:00pm

The Abernethy Center

606 15th Street, Oregon City

\$30 Per Person

Register by January 28, 2011

**To register call 503.657.8273 or go online to
www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation**

