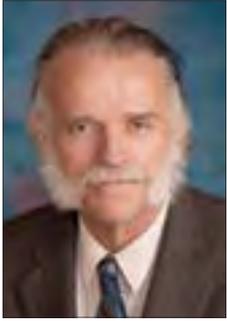




TRAIL NEWS

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Winter 2011-12



IT IS HARD FOR ME TO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE FOURTH QUARTERLY ARTICLE THAT I AM WRITING FOR THE TRAIL NEWS. It means that I am nearing the end of my first year of service as Mayor of this fabulous city. It is also hard for me believe that I am returning to a topic that I discussed in my second article, and by the time you read this article, you will know more about this topic than I now know.

The Metro Region Government announced that it was submitting a bid for the property where the Blue Heron Mill was situated using funds provided by bonds

overwhelmingly supported by voters for procuring open spaces in or near the Metro regional boundary. The purposes for these funds was to purchase lands from willing sellers that had high value as natural habitat, for access to natural areas, for protection of fish and wildlife, or for protection of archeological sites. The former mill site meets all of those criteria, and it is for these reasons that the Metro Council became convinced that this would be a key site for procurement.

Willamette Falls is a major natural feature that was created by basalt flow that dammed the Willamette River, creating two very different major features: The upper Willamette Valley with deep fertile soils forming the base of a vibrant agricultural industry; and the lower Willamette, which, being barely above sea level, created an extensive regional river-lane to ocean commerce. While Willamette Falls has been transformed over time to provide power for electrical and for industrial production, it's nature-created architecture is still largely intact and is impressive to those who have taken river voyages to its base. These features would be visible to the greater public if access were provided to the top of the falls. The falls is traversed by endangered species including upper Willamette spring Chinook salmon, sea-run cutthroat trout, and lamprey. The falls area is the site of many historically significant industrial structures including the foundation of the Oregon City Woolen Mill, generations of paper and wood processing industries, and the original outfalls of c-turbines that created power

for the first long-distance transmission of electricity and later power for the first inter-urban street cars. For millennia Willamette Falls was also (and occasionally still is) the fishing grounds of various tribes from the Pacific Northwest, ancient petroglyphs testifying to the importance of this site to the original human inhabitants of this tumwater.

This site, more than any other within the Metro Region, has the potential of becoming a regional destination for our residents and tourists to experience that natural feature which resulted in Oregon City becoming the center of early development and the Capitol of the Oregon territory. With the right kind of development we can not only have access to the falls but create a trail that links the river from the Columbia through the urban region, past the falls, the Canemah Bluffs, and the Willamette Narrows to the gateway of the agriculturally rich lands of Clackamas County.

Whether or not Metro is the successful bidder, Oregon City's Comprehensive Plan requires a master plan for the area. Such a Master Plan will require public input. In addition to public access and protection of our natural and cultural resources, the public process should look at potential use of historically significant buildings and the potential of small-scale industrial and commercial uses consistent with the nature of the Falls area. The site's development will probably not begin for several years because the effect of more than a century and a half of industrial use on the site will have to be evaluated.

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.orcity.org and are available on demand following the meeting. Willamette Falls Cable broadcasts meetings live on Channel 23 at 7:00pm and rebroadcasts them throughout the month.

For a broadcast schedule call 503.650.0275 or logon to <http://www.wftvmedia.org>.

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

Economic Development Manager—Eric Underwood

Library Director—Maureen Cole



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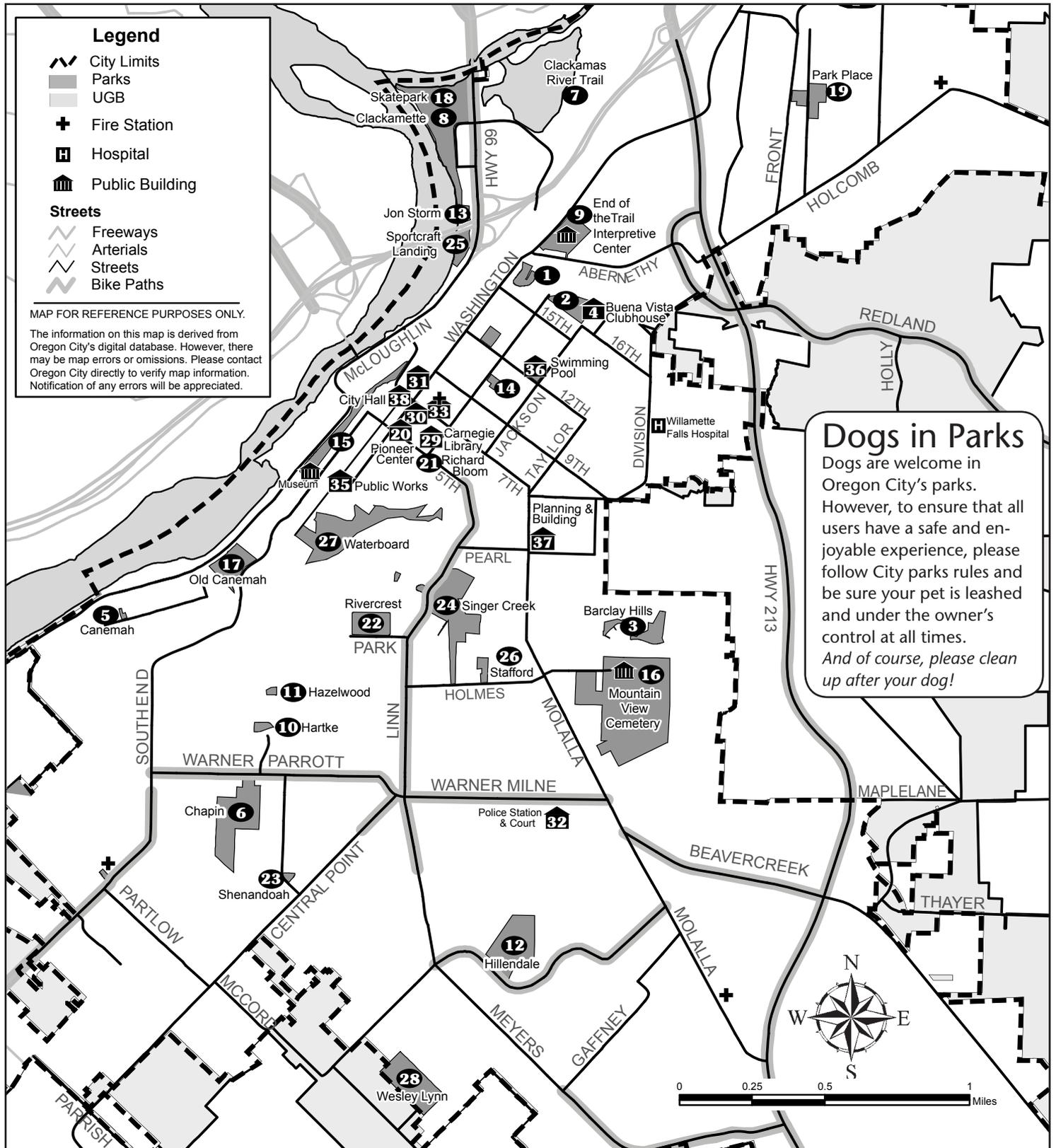
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Building Dept 722.3789	Public Works Engineering 657.0891	Community Contacts (Area Code 503)
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City of Oregon City Parks & Facilities Map



Major City Parks

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

City Facilities

- 4 Buena Vista Clubhouse** — 1601 Jackson Street
- 29 Carnegie Center/Public Library** [TEMPORARY]
606 John Adams Street
- 38 City Hall** — 625 Center Street
- 9 End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center**
1726 Washington Street
- 30 Ermatinger House** — 616 6th Street
- 33 Main Fire Station** — 624 7th Street
- 31 McLoughlin House** — 713 Center Street
- 16 Mountain View Cemetery & Parks Operations**
500 Hilda Street
- 20 Pioneer Community Center** — 615 5th Street
- 37 Planning & Building** — 221 Molalla Ave, Ste 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
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1	Abernethy Creek Park													
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3	Barclay Hills Park													
4	Buena Vista Clubhouse													
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7	Clackamas River Trail													
8	Clackamette Park													
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15	McLoughlin Promenade													
16	Mountain View Cemetery													
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18	Oregon City Skatepark													
19	Park Place Park													
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Sportcraft Boat Ramp Grand Re-Opening Held Nov. 14

THE RAMP RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON OCTOBER 25, ONE WEEK AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND UNDER BUDGET. The old ramp has been completely removed and replaced with a new delineated two-lane ramp, in addition to new pilings, floating docks and signage. The parking lot also received a much needed facelift, including re-striping, one new ADA boat and trailer parking area, one new ADA single-car parking area and signage. The Sportcraft Boat Ramp Replacement Project was made possible by grant funds awarded from Oregon State Marine Board and Federal Sport Fish Restoration from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The City of Oregon City provided 20% of the costs as matching funds. The project contractor, Emerick Construction Co., provided a significantly improved boat ramp facility. We appreciate our partners in this project and are excited to provide a facility that will continue to benefit the community for years to come.

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

Parks News

Canemah Children's Park Project

THE CANEMAH NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN'S PARK PROJECT IS PROGRESSING TOWARD COMPLETION. The project, which began in July, is expected to be finished over the winter and will be open to the public in the spring of 2012.

The project includes landscaping, trails and a pathway connecting to the Metro Canemah Bluff property, a new basketball court, new playground, interpretive signage, lawn areas, picnic areas, invasive species removal, native plantings, a restroom, a parking lot, and new fencing. The large playground portion of the park was constructed in September as a community volunteer project. The Canemah Neighborhood Association and a number of community members volunteered their time and efforts over the course of two days to install the playground, saving the project approximately \$12,000 in installation costs.

A community grand opening celebration is being planned for this coming spring; date and time will be announced when confirmed.



The new large playground in Canemah Park was constructed in September as a community volunteer project, saving approximately \$12,000 in installation costs.

Accommodations & Private Events

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

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

There are Three Ways to Make a Reservation:

- 1 Call Park Operations at 503.496.1201
- 2 Stop by the office Monday–Friday, 8:30am–3:30pm
- 3 Send an email to Cathy: cmitchell@orcity.org.

We'll check the availability and call you within 48 hours.

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

Buena Vista Clubhouse—Are you looking for a place to hold your upcoming family or company holiday party? The Buena Vista Clubhouse is the perfect venue to hold your next event. Amenities include a full kitchen, spacious dining/dancing area, small stage, newly remodeled restroom, chairs and tables. Rental rates start at \$100 for the first 4 hours and \$25 for each additional hour. A \$150 refundable deposit is also required with the reservation. The Clubhouse can accommodate parties up to 65 people. Contact our office for availability or to schedule a tour.

Clackamette RV Park—Clackamette RV Park is open year-round and is located at the southwest end of Clackamette Park. The park offers 35 sites with water and electricity, and an RV dump station is located at the park entrance (\$5 dump fee). Maximum stay is 10 days. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis only. We do not accept advance reservations. Rates are \$20 and \$25 per night, depending on the location. Pay by cash or Visa/MasterCard only. We DO NOT accept checks or foreign currency.

Clackamette RV Park | 1955 Clackamette Dr | Oregon City, OR 97045

Sportcraft Boat Ramp Renovation

Re-Opened to the Public October 25

For details see page 5.

Cemetery Office Information

Mountain View Cemetery Staff

Larry Potter _____ Parks/Cemetery Maintenance Manager
Jon Waverly _____ Park Maintenance Specialist II
Jamie Davie _____ Office Specialist II
Cathy Mitchell _____ Office Assistant

Office Hours

Monday—Friday
8:30am—3:30pm

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



Attention Genealogists!

Did you know that our burial records are now available online? We are happy to announce that with the recent launch of our new website, we are now able to provide a searchable database of our burial records to those researching genealogy and historical information. Features of our new site include downloadable maps of the cemetery, burial records, FAQs page, testimonials, detailed pricing information and new photos. Please visit our website at www.orcity.org/cemetery.



Cremation Garden Expansion

Mountain View Cemetery provides families with many in-ground burial options for cremation, including single and double cremation lots in the beautifully landscaped Cascade Memorial Garden. With the recent sale of the last available cremation garden berm in the existing garden, Mountain View Cemetery has begun construction on the new cremation garden expansion adjacent to the existing garden. The new garden will consist of single and double cremation lots, natural stone memorial markers, native plants and materials, dry creek beds and pathways. Additional features will be added as the construction progresses. Completion of the new memorial garden is scheduled for early summer 2012.



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:

- Graffiti removal
- Picking up litter
- Tree and flower plantings
- Brush removal, landscaping and weeding
- Grave and headstone restoration
- And so much more...

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

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



Recreation Registration & Fees

How to Register—You can register for all recreation programs online at www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation. Swim lesson registrations can be done online, by calling 503.657.8273 or in person at the Swimming Pool, 1211 Jackson Street. For information about new class offerings and updated information, go to www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation.

Scholarship Information—Scholarships for aquatic and select recreation programs are available to qualifying Oregon City residents. For more information call Rochelle Parsch at 503.496.1572 or pick up an application at one of our facilities.

City Resident Discount—A resident is any person who lives inside the city limits of Oregon City. Non-residents pay a higher fee for classes and activities since they do not pay Oregon City property taxes which help fund Parks and Recreation programs.

NEW Classes!

Guided Meditation/Self-Hypnosis

What is Guided Meditation/Self-hypnosis and how does it work? Non-therapeutic Guided Meditation/Self-hypnosis is a tool to guide and coach people facing personal challenges in their daily lives. It creates a focused concentration state of mind...entered into as naturally as watching TV, listening to music or even day-dreaming. In this Guided Meditation/Self-hypnosis class you will learn how to reach this state of mind more easily and effectively. You can use this to set goals for stress reduction, smoking cessation or regaining ideal body image, among many other challenges a person might face. Participants will receive a certificate of completion during the last class. Instructor—Charla Spafford, CHt., Infinite Success Hypnosis, LLC.

Thursdays | December 1–15 | 7:30–9:30pm | \$45 | OC Pool Community Room

Hypnosis For Weight Loss

Hypnosis is a great tool for managing weight loss. In this class we will discuss these five topics and many more:

- The nation's epidemic of obesity
- 5 reasons why a person gains weight
- Learn what your triggers for overeating may be
- How hypnosis works for weight management
- Tips for being successful and setting your weight management goals

Instructor—Charla Spafford, CHt. Certified Hypnotherapist

Wednesdays | 7:00–9:00pm | OC Pool Community Room | \$45 per person

SESSION 1 Jan 4–19 | SESSION 2 Feb 15–29 | SESSION 3 Mar 14–28



OCCE Oregon City Community Education Programs & Services

We offer a wide range of services to the community. Our Community Education Department offers classes that are not just in classrooms anymore! We partner with local

businesses in addition to independent instructors. The quarterly class offerings are listed towards the back of the CCC catalog in the Community Education section, under Oregon City Community Education Programs. Registration is also available at: www.Activityreg.com [click OREGON, click EASTHAM, click REGISTER FOR ACTIVITIES]. Or call our office at 503.785.8520, 7:00am–4:00pm. For Oregon City children in grades K–6, we have a No-School-Day program located at Eastham Community School (1404 7th St, Oregon City) all year round! Look for our logo, because we send home informational fliers with all the children enrolled in the Oregon City School District K–6th grades.

Kenpo Karate *Ages 6 years & up*

[BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE] 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. Eight group lessons.

Mondays | January 16–March 12

5:30–6:30pm | OC Pool

\$102 Resident | \$122 Non-Resident

[ADVANCED] 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. Class is physically demanding.

Mondays | January 16–March 12

7:00–8:00pm | OC Pool

\$102 Resident | \$122 Non-Resident

Private sessions with a personal trainer are also available for an additional fee. Schedule with instructor, David Barnes.

Kumite Karate *Ages 6 years & up*

[SPARRING] 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 | January 16–March 12

6:30–7:00pm | OC Pool

\$51 Resident | \$71 Non-Resident

SCHOOL'S OUT

AQUA CAMPS!

Ages 5–10 years

IF YOU ENJOYED SUMMER AQUA CAMP, YOU'LL HAVE A BLAST AT OUR WINTER AND SPRING BREAK AQUA CAMPS! Each week is filled with fun activities, games, and crafts! There will be swimming every day from 2:00–4:00pm as well, so don't forget to bring a suit and towel! Also, parents might want to pack a light snack for "snack time."
Monday–Friday | 12:30–4:00pm (Swimming 2:00–4:00pm) | Residents \$49.00 | Non-Residents \$69.00



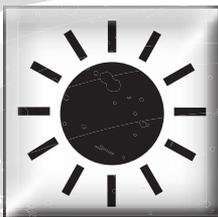
WINTER Break Aqua Camps



KITCHEN COOK-OFF

December 19–23, 2011

Are your kids crazed for kitchen cooking? This week we'll cook, create and decorate snacks every day as we explore basic cooking techniques!



SUMMER SUN FUN

December 26–30, 2011

Tired of the cold? Join us as aqua camp heats up the last week of the year with sizzling summer activities! We'll enjoy sack races, tent forts, a dip in the pool and so much more!



SIMPLY SPORTS

January 2–6, 2012

Dive into the New Year with a week of sports! Play some of your classic all-American favorites as we teach you new sports too. If you enjoy playing sports and learning new games, then Simply Sports is the week for you!



SPRING Break Aqua Camps



MAD SCIENCE

March 26–30, 2012

Help us explore the world around us and dig into the fun of science! Together we'll be learning, experimenting, making flubber, and at the end of the week we are going to have an egg drop contest!

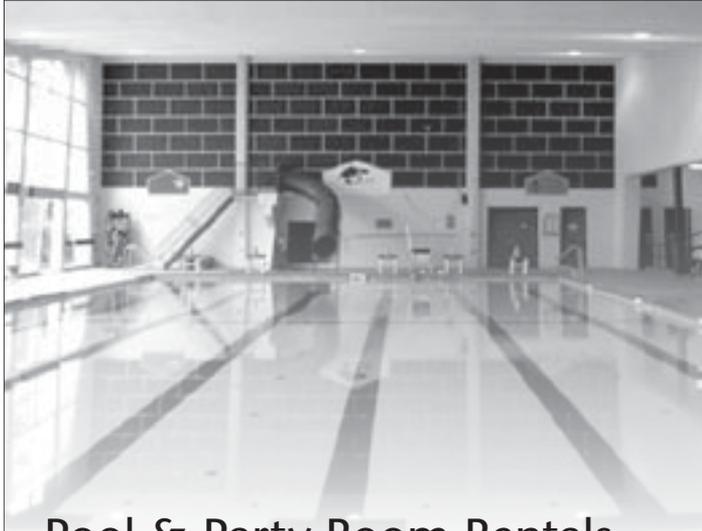


CURIOSLY CREATIVE

April 2–6, 2012

Always been interested in art but haven't had a chance to explore all it has to offer? Join us this week as we try our hand at all kinds of artwork! If thoughts of clay, painting, writing, drawing, designing or crafting get you excited, Curiously Creative is the week for you!

ALL CAMPS ARE HELD AT THE OREGON CITY SWIMMING POOL & COMMUNITY ROOM, 1211 JACKSON STREET
REGISTER AT www.oregoncityparks.org | 503.657.8273



Pool & Party Room Rentals

Available Saturdays, 2:00–8:00pm

The indoor heated Pool and the 2,000 sq. ft. Party Room are available for private rentals year-round. Rent one (or both!) facilities for YOUR special occasion!

- Party Room rentals start at \$14.50 per hour.
- Pool Rentals start at \$71 per hour, lifeguards provided.

For more information and reservations call 503.657.8273



Swim Teams

Oregon City Swim Team & OC Masters Swim Team

OCST is a competitive team that promotes Lifetime Fitness, Character Growth and Personal Excellence through hard work, both in and out of the pool. OCST provides an environment in which swimmers of all abilities, from beginner to elite champions, can develop to their fullest potential!

Our Masters Swim Team is also an excellent choice for those who are 18 and over and desire focused workouts to gain strength and/or speed for competition or fitness.

If you are interested in joining OCST, contact us at 503.655.4169, or e-mail ocst.coach@gmail.com. The OC Masters team contact is jsaltenb@comcast.net.

Water Exercise *All classes 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.

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.

Lifeguard Training *Spring 2012*

Participants must attend all 5 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
- must be able to swim continuously for 300 yards
- must be able to tread water for 2 minutes using legs only
- must be able retrieve a 10–pound brick from 7 feet of water and return it to the surface

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

Session 1 Register by March 19
 Mon–Fri | March 26–30 | 10:00am–3:30pm | OC Pool
 Session 2 Register by April 9
 Mon–Fri | April 9–13 | 3:30–9:00pm | OC Pool
 \$120 Resident | \$140 Non-Resident (all class materials included)

Winter Swim Schedule *December 1—March 31*

Recreational Swim <i>Daytime & Evenings</i>	Tuesdays & Fridays EXCEPT: <i>February 7, 10 March 13, 16 April 10, 13, 17, 20 May 8, 11</i>	11:00am—12:00pm	WINTER BREAK Recreational Swim	
			Monday–Friday <i>December 19–January 6</i>	2:00—4:00pm
	Fridays	7:30—9:00pm	SPRING BREAK Recreational Swim	
	Saturdays	12:30—2:00pm	Monday–Friday <i>March 26–April 6</i>	2:00—4:00pm
Family* Swim	Tuesdays	7:15—8:30pm	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>CHILDREN 8 AND YOUNGER MUST ALWAYS BE WITH AN ADULT IN THE WATER!</p> </div>	
Adult Swim	Monday–Friday	8:00—9:00am		
	Monday–Friday	1:00—2:00pm		
	Saturdays	11:00am—12:30pm		
Lap Swim <i>Number of available lanes may vary</i>	Monday–Friday	11:00am—2:00pm	<i>Lap swim cancelled from 11:00am–12:00pm on Feb 6–10 Mar 12–16 Apr 9–13 Apr 16–20 May 7–11</i>	
	Saturdays	11:00am—12:30pm		
Water Exercise	<i>Shallow</i>	Mon, Wed & Fri	8:00—9:00am	<h3>Pool Closures</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> ■ March 10–11 <i>Swim Club Meet</i>
		Tuesday & Thursday	6:15—7:15pm	
	<i>Deep</i>	Mon, Wed & Fri	8:00—9:00am	
		Tuesday & Thursday	6:15—7:15pm	
	<i>Arthritis</i>	Tuesday & Thursday	8:00—9:00am	

Admission Prices

<p>R=Residents Are those who live inside the city limits of Oregon City.</p> <p>NR=Non-Residents Pay a higher fee for classes and activities since they do not pay Oregon City property taxes which help fund the Parks and Recreation programs. For more information, please ask our friendly front desk staff!</p> <p>* Family Swim & Family Memberships are for Youth and Parents/Guardians in one home.</p>	DROP-IN FEES	<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 Swim, Recreational Swim, Adult & Family* Swim</i>	INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES*						
			1st Person or Individual		2nd Person in Family		Each Additional Family Member		
			R	NR	R	NR	R	NR	
Adult/Family			3 Months	\$50.00	\$85.25	\$40.25	\$72.50	\$8.50	\$14.00
	Annual	\$100.50	\$170.50	\$80.75	\$136.25	\$16.50	\$27.25		
Youth/Senior/Family	3 Months	\$45.00	\$76.75	\$40.25	\$72.50	\$8.50	\$14.00		
	Annual	\$90.50	\$153.50	\$80.75	\$136.25	\$16.50	\$27.25		
All Ages	Water Exercise	With any Membership—pay 50 cents per Class							

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.

OC Pool's New, Improved Look See page 39

Indoor Playground & Swimming See page 39

Swim Lesson Registration

Please register early before classes fill!!

- **Winter Registration** begins December 2
Spring Registration begins March 9
- **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.

Swim Lesson Fees

All lessons last 27 minutes

- Residents (9 Group lessons) \$37.50
- Non-Residents (9 Group lessons) \$56.00
- Private Lessons (1 student, 1 lesson) \$21.00
- Semi-Private Lessons (2 students, 1 lesson) \$30.00

Important Reminders

- Please take time to read the information on the facing page. Children should be placed in classes according to their age and previous swim experience. Know the last class your child was in, and 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 Schedule					NEW! Daytime Swim Lessons					
GROUP LESSONS	EVENINGS		3 Weeks—Mon, Wed, Fri			MORNINGS	Week-1 Mon–Fri Week-2 Mon–Thu			
	WINTER	Registration begins December 2		6:00pm	6:30pm	7:00pm	Registration open continuously	9:30am	10:00am	10:30am
	SESSION 1	Jan 2—Jan 20	WB, STA, 1, 2	STA, 1, 2, 3	STB, 1, 2, 4	*Jan 17—Jan 27	STA, STB, 1, 2	STA, STB, 1, 3	STA, STB, 1, 2	
	SESSION 2	Jan 30—Feb 17	WB, STA, 1, 2	STB, 1, 2, 3	STA, 1, 2, 4	*Week-1 starts on Tuesday, ends on Friday (January 16=MLK Jr. Day)				
	SESSION 3	Feb 27—Mar 16	WB, STA, 1, 2	STA, 1, 2, 3	STB, 1, 2, 5	All Lessons Last 27 Minutes				
	SPRING	Registration begins March 9		6:00pm	6:30pm	7:00pm	Registration open continuously	9:30am	10:00am	10:30am
	SESSION 1	Apr 2—Apr 20	WB, STA, 1, 2	STA, 1, 2, 3	STB, 1, 2, 4	April 23—May 3	STA, STB, 1, 2	STA, STB, 1, 3	STA, STB, 1, 2	
	SESSION 2	Apr 23—May 11	WB, STA, 1, 2	STB, 1, 2, 3	STA, 1, 2, 4	May 21—**Jun 1	STA, STB, 1, 3	STA, STB, 1, 2	STA, STB, 1, 2	
	SESSION 3	May 14—Jun 4*	WB, STA, 1, 2	STA, 1, 2, 3	STB, 1, 2, 6	**Week-2 starts on Tuesday, ends on Friday (May 28=Memorial Day)				
	*No class on Monday, May 28. Session ends on a Monday					All Lessons Last 27 Minutes				
MORE INFO ■ Not sure what to sign your child up for? Please see a description of each lesson level on the facing page. ■ Please call 503.657.8273 or stop by the swimming pool for more session information and/or to register.					LEGEND Preschool Lessons: WB=Water Babies STA=Swim Tots A STB=Swim Tots B Learn-to-Swim Lessons: 1=Level 1 4=Level 4 2=Level 2 5=Level 5 3=Level 3 6=Level 6					
PRIVATE	LESSONS AVAILABLE	January 2—June 4			Private & Semi-Private Lessons are taught at the student's level. All Lessons Last 27 Minutes.					
	MID-DAY	Saturdays	11:00am—12:30pm							
	EVENINGS	Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays	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!!

Hours of Operation

Open Monday—Friday | 9:00am—4:00pm

Closed Saturdays, Sundays & other days listed below:
 Christmas — Fri & Mon, December 23 & 26
 New Years — Monday, January 2
 MLK Day — Monday, January 16
 Presidents' Day — Monday, February 20
 Cleaning & Maintenance — Mon–Fri, March 26–30

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

Pioneer Center Facility Rentals

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

Weddings	Meetings	Birthday Parties
Anniversaries	Seminars	Retirement Parties
Memorials	Fund-Raisers	Holiday Parties

The Pioneer Center & the Peace Garden are located in beautiful Historic Oregon City. The outdoor garden is available for weddings, receptions and photo opportunities. With its beautiful ballroom, the Center is perfect for a sit-down dinner or a dance for up to 200 people. The space has a beautiful hardwood floor, serving area and elevated stage for a live band or DJ.

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

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

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

AARP Tax-Aide February 1—April 15

The Pioneer Center will again be a AARP Tax-Aide site for free tax assistance for low to middle income Clackamas County taxpayers, with a focus on those 60 and older. IRS trained volunteers help over 2 million nationwide annually file their taxes. Volunteers will be at the Pioneer Center Tuesdays and Fridays from February 1 through April 15 with hourly appointments from 9:00am through 2:00pm. We will start making appointments on January 9. Call 503.657.8287 (extension "0") to make your appointment. Please call as soon as possible as appointments fill up fast.

Drop-In Groups & Activities

*Center is Closed: Fri & Mon, Dec 23 & 26 | Mon, Jan 2 | Mon, Jan 16
 Mon, Feb 20 | Mon–Fri, Mar 26–30*

AA	Meets weekly in the Center's Basement <i>Sundays 1:30–3:30pm</i>
AA SPANISH	Meets twice weekly in the Center's Basement <i>Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00–9:00pm</i>
ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT	Meets in Classroom #1 <i>Second Thursdays 1:00–3:00pm</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>
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>
CHESS	Games in Pioneer Center's Basement <i>Tuesdays 7:00–10:00pm Free</i>
NARANON	Meets weekly in the Center's Basement <i>Thursdays 7:00–9:00pm</i>
PINOCHLE	These card players meet 4 times a week. <i>Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 12:00pm 25¢</i>
POKER	<i>2nd & 4th Tuesdays 12:00–3:30pm</i>
POPCORN!	<i>Every Friday morning Free</i>
SCRABBLE	Challenge this fun, friendly group every week. <i>Fridays 12:30–3:00pm Free</i>

"March for Meals" March 1—31

"March for Meals" is an annual national campaign, held every March, designed to increase public awareness, recruit new volunteers and increase funding for "Meals on Wheels". We are working to stop Senior hunger! MOW provides a nutritious meal with warm conversation and a security check for our community's homebound seniors and disabled.

Clackamas Federal Credit Union has done a special "March for Meals" campaign for the last two years and plans to participate again this year! Last year they collected over \$2300 from their members. Many, many thanks to their members' generosity! You amazed us!

We will have our "March for Meals" plastic collection containers at numerous Oregon City and West Linn businesses throughout the month of March. When you see them, please make a generous donation. Every donation to "Meals on Wheels" stays right here in Oregon City and West Linn and is an investment in the health, well being and dignity of a Senior.

Speaking of Taxes...Think of "Meals on Wheels"

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

Senior Services & Programs

Closed: December 23 & 26 | January 2 & 16 | February 20 | March 26–30

Nutrition Program—Lunch with dessert bar is served in the Pioneer Center’s Dining Room, Monday–Friday, 11:30am–12:30pm. *Suggested donation for ages 60+ is \$2.50. Cost for under 60 is \$4.50. For more info call 503.722.5979.*

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

Transportation—For those over 60 (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*

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.

MON	Market of Choice (West Linn)	WED	Albertsons
TUES	Fred Meyer	FRI	Haggens -or- Grocery Outlet
<i>Pick-up starts at 12:45pm. Suggested donation: \$1.00 each way</i>			

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

Senior Health Insurance Benefit Assistance (SHIBA)—For info and free appointments call Beth at 503.722.3268. *Monday–Friday | On-going | By Appointment*

Alzheimer’s Support Group—A free caregivers support group for Alzheimer’s and other types of dementia. Call 503.317.2245 for more information. *2nd Thursday each month | 1:00–3:00pm*

Pedicures—RNs Bea and Jan offer pedicures for seniors and the disabled at the Center. They have 30 years combined experience with foot soaks, foot hygiene and cuticle care. Please tell the receptionist if it’s been a long time since you’ve had your nails done, or are a diabetic with foot problems, so she can allow sufficient time for you. Bring two towels. Call 503.657.8287 for more info or to schedule an appointment. *Every other Tuesdays & every 2nd Wednesday each month | By Appointment \$25—Pay RNs Bea and Jan directly*

Senior Law Project—Local volunteer lawyers provide free legal advice one day a month for clients 60+ years old. For more info and to schedule free appointments call Beth Koller at 503.722.3268. *2nd Monday each month | By Appointment*

Computers/Internet Access—Are located in our Computer Lab. The Pioneer Center now offers free Wi-Fi. *Monday–Friday | 9:00am–4:00pm*

Thank You!

All of Your Contributions Really Make a Difference!

As we transition to 2012, the Pioneer Center would like to extend our thanks and sincere appreciation to all those in the community who contributed their time and resources to make the lives of our seniors and disabled better in 2011. We could not do all that we do without their dedication and willingness to help. We have some of the best volunteers and community support around!!!

We keep thanking BCT (Beavercreek Cooperative Telephone) but they continue to keep “giving” to our “Meals on Wheels” and Nutrition programs throughout the year. They not only have a MOW route once a month, we are also one of their chosen non-profits that benefits from all of the annual community fundraising they do, including their summer Backyard Bash and their upcoming Holiday Bazaar. Thank you BCT. . . YOU ROCK!

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 503.722.5979.

Holiday Volunteer Drivers Needed!

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

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



“Branson Musical Getaway”

October 19–24, 2012

PIONEER CENTER, COLLETTE TOURS AND AMERICAN TRAVEL BUREAU ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR FALL 2012 TRIP! This 6–day trip will take to the mid-west’s entertainment capital, **Branson, Missouri!** Enjoy **seven** fabulous shows, from the *12 Irish Tenors* to “*America’s Got Talent’s*” *Dutton Family*. Experience the tragedy and heroism when you visit the *Titanic Museum* and see artifacts and read stories of this fateful voyage. See how Spumante and cream sherry are produced at *Stone Hill Winery*. Cruise *Table Rock Lake* and visit a recreated 1880’s mining town, *Silver Dollar City*.

Trip includes airfare from Portland, air taxes and fees, hotel transfers, lodging and 8 meals (5 breakfasts, 3 dinners). Cancellation insurance of \$165 is not included. This tour requires average physical activity. The per person rate is \$1,799 double occupancy. *For more information, please call Lori Thrasher with American Travel Bureau at 503.789.5487.*

NOTE—PLEASE JOIN US ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 10:00–11:00AM FOR A TRAVEL SLIDE SHOW ABOUT OUR EXCITING FALL 2012 TRIP. Ben Stanford, District Sales Manager for Collette Tours, will be at the Pioneer Center to provide more information and to answer questions about the trip to Branson. Light refreshments will be served. *Please call the Pioneer Center and let us know you plan to attend.*

“American Music Cities”

WE ARE STILL OFFERING OUR “**AMERICAN MUSIC CITIES**” PACKAGE UNTIL FEBRUARY 1, SPACE AVAILABLE. Trip dates are March 18–25, 2012 and features 8 days visiting New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville. Per person rate of \$2,049 includes airfare from Portland, taxes, fees and transfers, lodging and 10 meals. *Please call Lori with American Travel Bureau at 503.789.5487.*

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.
- **The Center must be notified TWO WEEKS in advance if you cannot participate.** No refund or credit is given to “no-shows.” Trips may be canceled by the Center due to lack of interest, illness or weather.
- To register or to be placed on the waiting list, stop by the Center or call 503.657.8287 [ext.0].

Note: *December Holiday trips are full with a waiting list. Sorry!*

- JAN 04 **Bob’s Red Mill & Dave’s Killer Breads**—Take a tour of the 15,000 sq. ft. plant to see how their products are made using 1800’s millstones. Visit their store & also Dave’s Killer Bread’s then have lunch at the *Red Mill Restaurant*.
- JAN 18 **OMSI, “Body Worlds”, & OMNIMAX theater**—A day of exploration including the world renown “Body Worlds & the Brain”. This exhibits shows the power, beauty & fragility of the human body. Lunch at *EastBurn Restaurant*.
- FEB 01 **The Hat Museum**—Learn about the history of hats. Displayed are 1,000+ hats from 1845 to 2011, from vintage and international hats to men’s and costume hats. Housed in a 1910 Ladd’s Addition house on the National Register of Historic Places.
- FEB 15 **Doll House Tea Room**—We will be having “high tea” at this charming Milwaukie house. Enjoy special treats including scones or crumpets, tea sandwiches, fruits & cheeses, and yummy desserts all accented with a choice of brewed loose leaf tea or coffee.
- MAR 07 **Albertina Kerr Center**—Our visit will include stops at Kerr’s Economy Jar (antiques & collectibles), Kerr’s Thrift & Gift Shops. Then we will have lunch at *Albertina’s*, one of Portland’s favorite restaurants.
- MAR 21 **“Wings of Wonder”**—Oregon’s largest butterfly exhibit is located near Independence and is a haven for photographers! Tour the conservatory filled with lush tropical plants, as exotic and native butterflies flit around, then check out the room with exotic reptiles and snakes!

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 [ext.0] 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!

DEC 05	Tebo’s	FEB 06	Highcliffe
DEC 19	Bj Willy’s (WL)	FEB 27	La Hacienda
JAN 09	KC Midway	MAR 05	Stanley’s Corner
JAN 23	Mi Famiglia	MAR 19	OC Biscuits Cafe

Christmas Parlor Tour *Saturday, December 10 | 2:00–7:00pm | \$20*

Here's your chance to visit some of Oregon City's finest historic homes while they are beautifully decorated for the holidays. The tour includes six locally designated homes, three museums and the Carnegie Center. Actors in period dress will bring each home to life as they engage in holiday activities of the era!

Tickets are available at the Friends of the Library Bookstore, 502 7th St. A souvenir map/program will lead you on this self-guided tour. Light refreshments will be available at the Bookstore. This tour is a fundraiser for our City's museums, hosted by the Oregon City Heritage Coordinating Committee. *For more information, please call 503.650.1851.*

Gift Certificates

A Pioneer Center Gift Certificate would be the perfect Holiday 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

Class Info & Registration *No Activities: December 23 & 26 | January 2 & 16 | February 20 | March 26–30*

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

- **PAYMENT**—Cash/Check preferred; VISA also accepted for amounts over \$50. Full payment due before first class begins.
- **OVER62 DISCOUNT**—Citizens 62 years of age and up qualify for the reduced *Over62* class fees at the Pioneer Community Center. Please have your ID available.
- **CANCELLATIONS**—Classes/programs/events may be cancelled due to lack of participation.

- **REFUND POLICY**—A full refund will be given **ONLY** if requested before the first day of class. No refund can be given if a class has already begun.

Fitness & Relaxation *No Activities: December 23 & 26 | January 2 & 16 | February 20 | March 26–30*

Cardio-Dance *Instructor—Shirley Hall*

A high-energy, low-impact aerobic dance class for active adults who want to stay in shape. Bring a mat for cool-down. (Note: There are 4 dates this session when class will not be held.)

*Tuesdays & Thursdays | Jan 10–Mar 22
10:45–11:30am | \$69 (Over 62—\$35)
11 weeks, 18 classes (No class: TBA)*

Cross-Training *Instructor—Shirley Hall*

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

*Mondays | Jan 9–Mar 19
9:30–10:15am | \$27 (Over 62—\$14)
11 weeks, 9 classes (No class: Jan 16, Feb 20)*

Gentle Pilates Stretching/Yoga

Instructor—Shirley Hall

[ADULTS OF ALL AGES] Use Yoga movements and Pilates stretches to strengthen and promote more flexibility and balance. Please bring a mat and light hand-held weights.

*Tuesdays & Thursdays | Jan 10–Mar 22
9:30–10:30am | \$91 (Over 62—\$46)
11 weeks, 22 classes*

Tai Chi *Instructor—Phyllis Crain*

[BEGINNING] This ancient Chinese movement improves strength, flexibility, concentration and balance by combining gentle physical exercise and mental discipline.

The slow and controlled movements also strengthen muscles and reduce stress.

*Mondays & Wednesdays | Jan 9–Mar 21
11:30am–12:15pm | \$69 (Over 62—\$35)
11 weeks, 20 classes (No class: Jan 16, Feb 20)*

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

*Mondays & Wednesdays | Jan 9–Mar 21
10:40–11:25am | \$69 (Over 62—\$35)
11 weeks, 20 classes (No class: Jan 16, Feb 20)*

Taoist Tai Chi™ Taijiquan

Call 503.220.5970 or go to www.taoist.org.

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

*Mondays | Jan 2–Apr 30
6:00–7:30pm | Suggested Donation: \$180
(Students and Over 62—\$120)*

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

*Mondays | Jan 2–Apr 30 | 7:30–9:00pm
Suggested Donation \$180 (Students & Over62—\$120)*

Weight Room *For Adults 50 Years and Up*

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

*Monday–Friday | Ongoing by Appointment only. Call 503.657.8287
\$20 | Closed: Dec 23 & 25, Jan 2 & 16, Feb 20, Mar 26–30*

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

*Monday–Friday | Ongoing | 9:00am–4:00pm
\$20 for 24 visits | Closed: Dec 23 & 25, Jan 2 & 16, Feb 20, Mar 26–30*

Yoga Classes *To register call Instructor Jenny Juffs 503.419.9738. Dress comfortably; bring water and a yoga mat.*

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

*Thursdays | Jan 5–Mar 15 | 5:30–6:30pm
\$96 (Over62—\$88) | 12 weeks, 12 classes*

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

*Thursdays | Jan 5–Mar 15 | 6:30–7:30pm
\$96 (Over62—\$88) | 12 weeks, 12 classes*

No Activities: December 23 & 26 | January 2 & 16 | February 20 | March 26–30

Arts & Crafts

Acrylic Painting Instructor—Shirley Lind

For beginning and experienced artists. Emphasis on learning brush techniques, color mixing, shading and composition. Class includes painting landscapes, wildlife, flowers, or your preference with one-on-one supervision. Pick up a supply list when registering.

Wednesdays | January 11–March 21
9:30–11:30am | \$101 (Over62—\$51)
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 | Closed: See top of page.

Knitting & Crocheting [BEGINNING]

Learn basic knitting and crocheting stitches. Bring your own needles and yarn. For more information or to register please call instructor Janice Tipton at 503.829.8031.

Wednesdays | Ongoing
10:00am–Noon | \$20 | 4 weeks, 4 classes

Oil Painting Instructor—Shirley Lind

For beginning and experienced artists. Emphasis will be on learning brush techniques, color mixing, shading and composition. Class will include painting landscapes, wildlife, flowers, or your preference with one-on-one supervision. Pick up supply list when registering.

Wednesdays | January 11–March 21
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 12–March 22
11:00am–1:30pm | \$126 (Over62—\$63)
11 weeks, 11 classes

Music & Dancing

Line Dancing

[BEGINNING] Learn line dance basics and simple dances even if you have two left feet. No partner needed. Instructors—Rich/Rine
Mondays | Ongoing | 1:00–2:00pm | 50¢

[INTERMEDIATE] Learn the latest line dance steps, as well as the traditional ones. No partner needed. Instructors—Rine/Smith
Tuesdays | Ongoing | 12:00–3:00pm | 50¢

Pioneer Singers

If you enjoy singing choral renditions of show tunes and good time oldies, call instructor Melinda Byers at 503.655.5644 for more information.

Fridays | Ongoing, through June 2012
10:00am–Noon | \$30 per semester

Computer Skills

 Instructor—Jerry King 503.723.9497

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

Level 1—First Step

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

Level 3—Word Processing

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

Wednesday Afternoon Ballroom Dances

The Swing Street Glenn Tadina Big Band (16-piece band) and the Black Magic Band (14-piece band) jump and jive on alternating weeks at the Pioneer Center. Their great music ranges from the Swing, Cha-Cha, Tango and Rumba to the Waltz and Fox Trot, plus a variety of other dance rhythms. For each band's play dates, call Glenn Tadina at 503.657.8257 or 503.769.5598. Come early for lunch!

LUNCH 11:30am–12:30pm
\$4.50 for 60 years & under
\$2.50 suggested donation for 60+
DANCE Wednesdays | Ongoing
12:30–3:00pm | \$5 per person

Level 3—Mastering E-mail

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

Level 4—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.





Maureen Cole
DIRECTOR

Library News

Greetings Friends!

As I write this, I look out to a beautiful fall day. I savor it all the more because I know this weather is not going to last. I enjoy my time in the Carnegie Building in much the same way. I know it's not going to last forever, but it is wonderful being in this beautiful building.

Our work to acquire a new building site is progressing. The Library Board has been working with me to evaluate possible sites. Since this is really the key to the entire building project, we are taking the time to ensure that ours is a well thought-out recommendation to the City Commission.

Big news! Library2Go, our provider of eBooks and audio books, has finally embraced the Kindle! Now all you Kindle owners can find new titles for free through the library website: <http://www.orcity.org/library/use-library2go>

In addition to our monthly music programs, Harpists Joanna and Elizabeth Pearson will be playing at the Library on December 10 starting at 2:00pm as part of the Christmas Parlour Tours. Hear seasonal songs, guaranteed to both soothe and enrich your holiday spirit.

We are very excited to announce that this year's Community Wide Read title is *Robopocalypse* by Portland author Daniel Wilson. This title has been optioned by Steven Spielberg; the movie is scheduled to come out in summer 2013. Daniel will visit and speak to us in Oregon City on Thursday, February 23. The Library has several copies of this title for check out. As you can probably detect from the title, the story is about a robot uprising and how humans, the world over, respond. As in many good science fiction books, it takes us to a world slightly different from our own, and through this lens we learn a great deal about what it means to be human and what inner strength we find when needed. This title can be read by teens as well as adults, and we hope that lots of high schoolers attend the author event. Daniel is a robotics engineer who has written non-fiction, fiction, and even childrens' books on this topic. We will also be encouraging the younger set to enjoy *A Boy and his 'Bot* by Wilson. Stay tuned for details on how to win a free copy! We're in the process of creating some programs to go along with this title—perhaps some Lego Robotics? We'll be promoting these activities after the first of the year. Keep an eye out for them!

Thanks for all of your support!

Maureen Cole

Hours & Information

Location	Carnegie Center, 606 John Adams Street	
Open	Monday–Wednesday	10:00am–7:00pm
	Thursday–Saturday	10:00am–6:00pm
	Sunday	12:00pm–5:00pm
Closed	Sat–Mon, December 24–26	Christmas
	Sunday, January 1	New Year's Day
	Monday, January 16	MLK Day
	Monday, February 20	President's Day
More Info	For the latest information on the library's entire range of programs and services call us at 503.657.8269 or visit www.orcity.org/library .	

Storyhours *There will be a brief break December 19–23.*

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

TODDLERS	Under 3 Years	Thursdays	10:15am
PRESCHOOLERS	3–5 Year Olds	Tuesdays & Wednesdays	10:15am

Special Children's Events!

Holiday Craft Ages 3–8 | Tue & Wed, December 20 & 21 | 1:00pm
Space is limited to 20 children at each session. Please sign up at the Library's children's desk.

Bob Eaton–Magician Wednesday, January 4 | 1:00pm
Join local magician Bob Eaton as he returns with more magical tricks to entertain you.

Special Evening Events!

The Pearson Sisters Thursday, December 15 | 7:00pm
We hope you are ready for some holiday cheer! Harpists, Joanna & Elizabeth Pearson captivate us with their heavenly harps for a seasonal treat.

William Stafford Birthday Event Thursday, January 19 | 7:00pm
Help celebrate the birthday of Oregon's Poet Laureate (1975–1989) at this poetry event.

Heartstrings Thursday, February 16 | 7:00pm
Husband and wife duo, Nancy and Rob Downie, play folk songs, traditional Americana and contemporary music on a unique collection of instruments.

Author Visit—Daniel H. Wilson Thursday, February 23 | 7:00pm
We are excited to announce author, Daniel H. Wilson will join us for a discussion of his technological thriller and Oregon City's Community Wide Read selection, *Robopocalypse*.

Will Hornyak Thursday, March 15 | 7:00pm
Local storyteller extraordinaire, Will Hornyak returns with some special stories for St. Patrick's Day.

Help Us Serve You Better

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

Self-Check Machine

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

Online Databases

DID YOU KNOW THAT AS A LIBRARY CARD HOLDER AT THE OREGON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY YOU HAVE ACCESS TO OVER 35 ONLINE DATABASES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE BOTH FROM THE LIBRARY AND AT HOME? You can learn a new language with Mango Languages, prepare for exams with Learning Express, find out "what to read next" with Novelist, or do general research with World Book Online or the Gale Virtual Reference Library. And this summer, we have added two new databases to our collection...Chilton's Online Auto Repair Manuals and Legal Forms, which contains a wide selection of legal forms (some specific to Oregon, others multi-state), as well as a directory of attorneys practicing in state and a dictionary of legal definitions defined in laymen's terms.

We have handy cards in our reference area detailing the various databases and how to access them, and our staff is always ready to help if you have any questions. We hope you will stop by and learn about this great resource!

Book Clubs Are Back!!

The Oregon City Public Library Is Hosting Its First Book Club In Many Years. "The Elevated Readers" typically meet every other month on the first Thursday from 6:15–8:00pm. Our book selection for January will be Robo-pocalypse by Daniel H. Wilson. The book club is now open to anyone who is interested, so please stop by! *For more information, please email Betty with your name and phone number at bettyja@lincc.org.*

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 two titles and keep them for two 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!*

Library2Go & eBooks

Thanks to a generous state grant, libraries in Clackamas County now have access to an expanded collection of eBooks. Known devices that will work for the OverDrive eBooks are the Sony Reader, Barnes and Noble's Nook, and now, also, the Kindle. OverDrive is also mobile, and will work on your iPhone or iPad, as well as Android, Blackberry and other mobile devices. Please call or visit us at the Library if you have any questions about eBooks or how to install eBooks onto your reader devices. Our next instructional program on how to download eBooks will be held on January 12 at 7:00pm.

Teen Advisory Board at the Library!

DO YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, HAVE AN INTEREST IN HELPING US SELECT YOUNG ADULT TITLES? Are you interested in special programs for young adults? Are you interested in helping us design a Young Adult area in our future library? Then you should think about joining our teen advisory board. Past events have included book clubs, a magazine sale, and a gaming night. Our next gaming night will be January 5 at 7:00pm at the library.

The Teen Advisory Board meets the first Tuesday of the month, 4:00–5:00pm downstairs at the library. Snacks will be provided. All teens are welcome, so we hope to see you (and a friend or two!) there. For more information, please contact Jennie or Peter at 503.657.8269 ext. 1014. www.facebook.com/pages/Oregon-City-Public-Library/170.979.491684

Free Wi-Fi At the Library!

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



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Library/170.979.491684](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Oregon-City-Public-Library/170.979.491684)

Library Donations

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

Materials—Friends of the Library happily accepts donations of books, videos, CDs and books on tape. Money from sale of materials is used by the Friends for a variety of projects to improve library services.

Please do not bring donations to the library!!! Please bring them directly to the bookstore at 502 Seventh Street.

FAVORITE DONATIONS ARE:

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

NOT ACCEPTED ARE:

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

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

Federal Tax Forms

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE PROVIDES THE MOST COMMON FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION IN THE NATION'S LIBRARIES. We typically receive these forms beginning in late December/early January and we will have them available as they are received. By a decision of the Oregon Department of Revenue, **there will be NO State forms available for distribution.**

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

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



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

Book Store 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 who are willing to help with one or more of the following:

- Sales
- Book Pricing
- Shelving
- Sorting & Organizing Donations
- Shelf Reading, for order and proper shelving
- Housekeeping

Questions? Email the Book Store at oclibraryfriends@gmail.com. Pick up an application at the Book Store during business hours or download from <https://sites.google.com/site/oclibraryfriends/index/volunteer>

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



Three Rivers

Artist Guild

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

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

Neighborhood Association Meetings

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COUNCIL [CIC]

General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 1st Monday every month

Where City Hall—Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street

Info Chris Wadsworth, CIC Liaison 503.496.1681 | cwadsworth@orcity.org | For any questions about neighborhood associations please feel free to contact the CIC Liaison at any time.

BARCLAY HILLS [BHNA]

General Meetings

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

Where Christ Church Apostolic, 600 Barclay Hills Drive

Info Cathi Sleight, Chair | 503.722.8908 | cathi-sleight@yahoo.com
Walter White, Vice Chair | flywpwhite@msn.com
Gail Doyle, Secretary | gaildoy@msn.com
Don Wright, Treasurer | oregonotis@gmail.com

CANEMAH [CNA]

General Meetings—TBA

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

CAUFIELD [CFNA]

General Meetings

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

Where Oregon City Police Department, 320 Warner Milne Rd

Info Larry Hanlon, Co-Chair | larryhanlon@hotmail.com

GAFFNEY LANE [GLNA]

General Meetings

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

Where The Meadows Courtyard, 13637 Garden Meadows Dr

Info Need chairperson and other volunteers to help with Gaffney Lane NA. If interested contact Chris Wadsworth at 503.496.1681 or cwadsworth@orcity.org.

HAZEL GROVE—WESTLING FARM [HG-WFNA]

General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 3rd Thursdays | Jan 19, Mar 15, May 17, Sep, Nov

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

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

There will be a guest speaker at each meeting.

Come join the neighborhood association, volunteer for a committee.

HILLENDALE [HNA]

General Meetings

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

Where Oregon City Police Department, 320 Warner Milne Road

Info Rae Gordon, Chair | Blues_rae@msn.com

Steve Andersen, Co-Chair | sjanders@pcc.edu

MCLOUGHLIN [MNA]

General Meetings

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

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

Info Tim Powell, Co-Chair | timpowell1954@comcast.net

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

PARK PLACE [PPNA] ppna@comcast.net

General Meetings

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

Where Community Building, Longview Way

Steering Committee

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

Info Steve VanHaverbeke, Chair | steve@vanhaverbeke.org

Nick Dierckman, Vice Chair | ndierckman@gmail.com

Linda VanHaverbeke, Secretary | linda@vanhaverbeke.org

Don Slack, Treasurer | donslack5@msn.com

RIVERCREST [RNA]

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

Steering Committee

When 7:00pm | 3rd Thursdays | Feb 16, May 17, Oct 18

General Meetings

When 7:00pm | 3rd Thursdays | Mar 16, Jun 21, Nov 15

Info Diane McKnight, Chair 503.656.6435 | jdmcknight2@juno.com

SOUTH END [SENA]

General Meetings

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

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

Info Norm Stewart, Chair | nwsos@comcast.net

TOWER VISTA [TVNA]

General Meetings

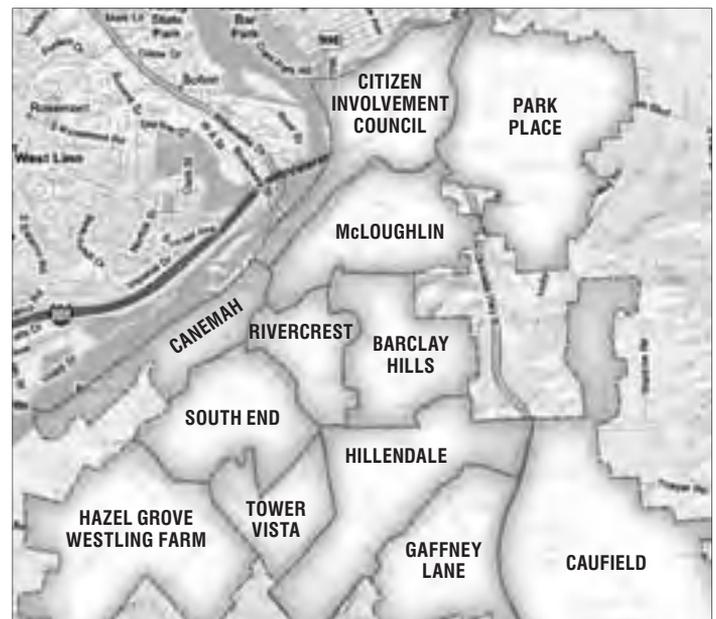
When 7:00pm | 2nd Wednesdays | Sep, Dec, Mar, Jun

Where Ainsworth House, 19130 Lot Whitcomb Drive

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

Scott Young, Co-Chair | young19229@comcast.net

Irene Darling, Secretary | young19229@comcast.net



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

Spring is Oregon City Grant Season

THE CITY OF OREGON CITY HAS TWO GRANT PROGRAMS THAT COULD HELP YOUR GROUP FUND A PROJECT IN THE 2012–13 FISCAL YEAR. This past spring the Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust and the Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Committee awarded a combined \$156,800 to groups with projects that were of benefit to the citizens in Oregon City. The amount available for each program to award varies each year.

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

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

Applications and specifics for each grant program will be available online at www.orcity.org by January 31, 2012. For more information, contact Michele Beneville at 503.496.1542 or mbbeneville@orcity.org.

City Meetings

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

Visit www.orcity.org/community for updated information about neighborhoods, meetings and events.

Preservation Grant Program

50/50 Matching Grant Program for Historic Homes

WHAT DOES THE GRANT PAY FOR?

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

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

For information contact:

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Planner

City of Oregon City | PO Box 3040

503.496.1564 | crobertson@orcity.org



Historic homeowners may apply for grant funds to repair their homes through the Oregon City Planning Division.

Business Licensing

Who Needs an Oregon City Business License?

- **BUSINESSES OPERATING IN OREGON CITY** A business license is required for all businesses operating within the city limits, including commercial, home-based businesses and rental properties. Businesses operating in the City must comply with all building, zoning, signage, fire and safety requirements.
- **DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION** A business license is required for door-to-door solicitors. Each solicitor must carry a copy of the business license when making calls. Prior to canvassing neighborhoods, please notify the Oregon City Police at 503.657.4964.
- **METRO CONTRACTORS** For businesses not located in the Oregon City city limits, a Metro Contractor's License or Oregon City License is required. Metro rules and applications are available by calling 503.797.1710 or online at www.metro-region.org.
- **ORDINANCE VIOLATION** Any unlicensed business is subject to a Civil infraction issued by Code Enforcement and is subject to a fine of up to \$300 per day until brought into compliance (Municipal Code 1.20.090—Fines, Ord. 95-1028 §2 (part), 1995).



License Application & Approval

Completion of an application does not imply business license approval. The business may not begin until a license is approved by the City.

Annual Renewals

Renewal notices will be mailed to the address on your existing business license. Renewals may be submitted to the city starting December 1st. Annual business license fees are due in January. Home-based businesses located in the City are also required to fill out the Home Occupation Worksheet annually.

How to Obtain & Submit Forms

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 In person at City Hall
625 Center Street 2 Online at www.orcity.org 3 Call 503.657.0891 | Return completed application & fee to:
City of Oregon City—Business Licensing
PO Box 3040 625 Center St
Oregon City, Oregon 97045 |
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You Can Apply Online!

- Visit our website at www.orcity.org and select Online Services, then click Business Licenses.
- New Users—Create a username and password with your personal contact information.
- Use this logon and select Apply for a License.
- Select General Business Type and click Next.
- Complete the information about your business and click Next.
- Confirm your application information before submitting, then proceed through our secure payment process.
- You will receive your business license in the mail.

What to Expect When You Apply for a Business License from the City of Oregon City

- Please visit the Planning and Building Departments at 221 Molalla Avenue to be sure your business is in compliance with zoning and building codes. 503.722.3789
- Complete and submit the application
- Pay the associated fee (see table below)
- The application will then be reviewed by Code Enforcement, Public Safety, and Community Development for compliance with municipal code. You may be contacted for more information about your application. This process may take up to 3 weeks if additional information is required.
- Once your application is approved, a license will be issued and mailed to you.

2011-12 Business License Fees

If your business is located	Number of employees			
	1-25	26-50	51-100	101+
INSIDE CITY LIMITS	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$112.50	\$150.00
OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS	\$150.00	\$225.00	\$300.00	\$450.00

A new business that begins July through December need only pay half of the annual fee.

Business Licensing questions? Call 503.657.0891



Get Help With Energy Upgrades

IS YOUR HOME DRAFTY IN WINTER?
Do your heating and cooling systems seem to run constantly? It's probably

a good time to weatherize. From insulation to air sealing, weatherization helps prevent air escape, controls moisture and keeps pollutants out. And it's one of the easiest ways to increase comfort, conserve energy and save money.

But, what can you do about it? Where do you start? Energize!

Clackamas County Energy Programs can help you navigate your options. Free energy assessments are offered by Energy Trust of Oregon and Clean Energy Works of Oregon (CEWO) or many of their approved contractors. Cash incentives/rebates are available from Energy Trust of Oregon and Clackamas County (while funds last) for weatherization upgrades (attic and floor insulation, air sealing, duct sealing). For a whole house retrofit, no-money-down and no-fee financing (to be repaid on your energy bill) is available through the CEWO program.

This is a good time to act! For more information about any of these programs, call 503.742.4460 or 503.742.4468, or go to www.clackamas.us/sustainability.

Growing Solar *A Community-Led Solar Initiative*

A COMMUNITY-BASED SOLAR PROJECT IS UNDERWAY TO OFFER RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GENERATE THEIR OWN SOLAR ENERGY. This project is bringing community members together to select a solar contractor(s) that can offer a bulk discount price for multiple homes, streamline the contracting process and provide the extra education you need to get up to speed.

The cost to install solar power dropped by 17 percent in 2010 and is on pace to drop further this year. With the combination incentives, tax credits and financing options, this may be the best year to install solar in Oregon.

This project is supported by OSU Extension Service/4-H and Clackamas County Office of Sustainability. Join your neighbors and add solar energy! For more information call 503.557.6363 or email info@growingsolar.org. For questions on obtaining solar permits, call the Oregon City Building Department at 503.772.3789.



Master Recycler

Sign Up for this Popular Class!

THE NEXT MASTER RECYCLER COURSE BEGINS MARCH 28 IN OREGON CITY. There are eight Wednesday evening sessions and two Saturday field trips. Topics covered include:

- recycling processes
- thoughtful consumption
- composting
- alternatives to hazardous household products
- green building

Course graduates agree to volunteer for 30 hours, putting their skills to work. Hosted by Clackamas County Office of Sustainability. Class size is limited. For more information visit www.masterrecycler.org or call 503.823.7530.

What? I need a Permit?



To find out when you need a permit for your home project call the OREGON CITY BUILDING DEPARTMENT

503.722.3789

7:30am—6:00pm

Monday—Thursday

or check online 24/7 at:

www.ThinkPermit.com



Security Alarm Systems

Tips To Make Your Alarm System Work For You

BEFORE ACTIVATING YOUR ALARM SYSTEM:

- Check to make sure all doors and windows are locked.
- Be sure to keep your pets, fans, heaters, plants, curtains, etc., away from motion sensors.
- Rehearse with all key holders the procedures to cancel a false alarm.
- All users, such as children, babysitters, house cleaners or any person who is allowed access to your home needs to know how to operate your alarm.
- All users need to know the arming codes, pass codes, telephone numbers and procedures for canceling accidental alarm activation.
- Ensure your security company checks and services your system regularly
- Ensure your system is current and conforms to the Security Industry Association (SIA) false alarm prevention standards.

NOTIFY YOUR SECURITY COMPANY:

- If you think your system isn't working properly.
- If you hire a house cleaner or babysitter, get a new pet, sell your house or are testing your system.
- If you remodel your home, including replacing windows or doors, sanding or installing new floors, changing phone systems, installing intercoms, ceiling fans or skylights, fumigating

or installing anything near the system control panel.

CONTACT THE ALARM COORDINATOR (SHARON COUGHLIN – 503.496.1684 OR 503.657.4964)

- If you change your phone service.
- If you change your name.
- If your home situation changes, such as a person with a physical disability moves into your home.
- If you cancel your alarm monitoring, sell your house, move, etc.

AS A SPECIAL NOTE: *if you have a power outage, low battery signal, or loss of telephone service, please DO NOT contact police, contact your alarm security company for the appropriate resource.*

CHECKLIST

- 1 Are you and those with access to your home educated on the proper operation of the system?
- 2 Have you regularly communicated with your security company, advising them of changes, problems, or maintenance needs?
- 3 Did you notify the Alarm Administration Office of changes in phone numbers or living situation?

Mark Your Calendars

April 28, 2012—Spring Shred & Cell Phone Recycling Event

Additional details will be published in the Spring Oregon Trail News. For questions contact Sharon Coughlin with the Police Department 503.496.1684.

Unclaimed/Found Property for Auction

THE OREGON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY DIVISION IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO HOLD UNCLAIMED AND FOUND PROPERTY 90 DAYS BEFORE SENDING IT TO AUCTION.

Every attempt 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 | Tools | Lawn Ornaments



Code Enforcement Reminder

Limit the Hazards During Wintery Conditions

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





Operation Santa Claus

November 30–December 18

DURING THIS 47TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY AND FOOD DRIVE, fire district volunteers and employees lead Santa's fire engine parade through neighborhood streets, collecting toys and non-perishable food items to fill hundreds of food baskets for needy families. New donated toys bring a little extra Christmas cheer to children. Donated funds are used to purchase perishable items for food baskets, and help to cover miscellaneous expenses.

For complete info & a neighborhood parade schedule, visit www.clackamasfire.com/operationsanta.html.

Safety Tips & Reminders

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

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.



www.clackamasfire.com

503.742.2600 — District Office

503.742.2660 — Fire Prevention

503.742.2693 — Public Information

Daily Burn Message

Recorded Info On Burning

Updated Daily

503.632.0211

Burning within city limits is prohibited.

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

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

■ Q *What can be done with abandoned shopping carts in my neighborhood?*

A In an effort to minimize losses in cart inventory due to stolen property and prevent assessed fines through city ordinances, the Northwest Grocery Association has teamed with NW Cart Retrieval Service—a proactive approach and a solution to the growing problem of abandoned shopping carts. ***Call NW Cart Retrieval at 888.55CARTS and report abandoned carts in your community.**

■ 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 *My neighbor has an old tent structure that I have to look at from my dining window, is this allowed?*

A Tent structures are regulated as all membrane structures are. Membrane structures shall be located behind the front building line of the primary structure and shall not be visible from the abutting right-of-way.

■ Q *Does the nuisance ordinance apply to my private property?*

A Yes. See chapter 8.08 & 8.20.160 of the Municipal Code.

■ Q *Can I park my commercial vehicle on the street in front of my home?*

A NO. It is unlawful for anyone to park or cause to be parked, any truck, truck trailer or commercial vehicle in or on any street, alley, sidewalk or parking strip in areas where no mode of parking is indicated by signs or markings, **unless** the vehicle is being used for the purpose of loading/unloading in connection with the property immediately in front of which it is parked, **and** the vehicle is **not** owned by the business in front of which it is parked.

For more information, contact the complaint & information line at 503.496.1559 or visit www.oregoncity.org/codeenforcement.



Two-Way Main Street

Fall 2011

CONSTRUCTION IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN DOWNTOWN OREGON

CITY WITH THE FIRST PHASE OF IMPROVEMENTS ESTIMATED FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY DECEMBER 2011. The second phase is estimated to begin construction in January 2012 and be complete prior to the reopening of the Arch Bridge. Improvements include:

1st Phase—Main Street Improvements

- Two-way conversion on Main Street from 5th to 10th Streets.
- Raised concrete table intersection at 10th and Main Streets.
- ADA ramp and sidewalk improvements at the intersection and along 10th Street.
- Installation of new energy efficient parking meters for improved pedestrian comfort, safety and access.
- Landscaping and storm drainage features.
- Striping improvements (sharrows).
- Street lighting.

2nd Phase—Main Street Sidewalk & Illumination Improvements Project, 5th to 10th Streets

- Fill gaps and/or replace ADA deficient and crumbling sidewalks, curbs, and ramps.
- Install bicycle parking, street furnishings, and additional urban tree canopy.
- Construct enhanced (table) pedestrian crossing at 7th Street and Railroad Avenue (similar to 10th and Main Streets).
- Add additional energy efficient parking meters throughout the commercial district.
- Implement post-Arch Bridge rehabilitation recommendation from the Downtown Circulation Study.

The public is encouraged to stop by and see the changes during the construction work. Also, please remember that downtown Oregon City is open for business so feel free to stop and visit your local merchants.

Regular construction updates will continue to be available at www.oregoncity.org/publicworks/main-street-improvement-projects.



Transportation System Plan (TSP)

2012 Update

THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN (TSP) ANALYZES HOW WE GET AROUND THE CITY. The TSP Update will review our roads, sidewalks, and pathways for opportunities to improve driving, biking, walking, riding the bus and moving freight around Oregon City. Once projects are identified, the plan will rank transportation investments.

We want to hear from you! Please get involved by going to our web site at www.OCTransportationPlan.org. Start a discussion or submit a comment on the interactive comment map. Example comments include:

- A route you have difficulty walking or biking
- A place where you wish a road or path would be
- Examples of street designs you like, such as green streets
- A recent street improvement you found helpful
- An intersection you have experienced to be unsafe
- A location that is congested
- A location where you would like a bus stop



Jughandle Project

Rapid Bridge Construction

CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY ON THE NEW BRIDGE ON HWY 213 JUST

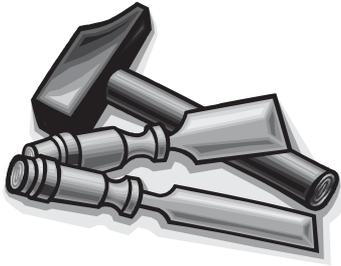
SOUTH OF THE EXISTING UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD BRIDGE TO ACCOMMODATE THE WASHINGTON STREET ROADWAY REALIGNMENT/HIGHWAY UNDERPASS. The construction method for this work is termed "Rapid Bridge Construction".

The City's contractor is building the new Hwy 213 bridge adjacent to the highway where its construction will have little to no interference with traffic. In early 2012, over the course of four days, the contractor will remove a section of roadway on Hwy 213 approximately 130-foot long by 8-foot deep, and use hydraulic machinery to slide the completed bridge superstructure into place. The connection between the new bridge and the bridge supports will be secured and the roadway paved, allowing vehicles to cross the bridge within 48 hours of its installation.

Stay tuned for the four-day closure announcement which will occur in early 2012. To follow the construction progress, view live images from the construction site camera at www.jughandleproject.com. Photos are uploaded every 15 minutes courtesy of OBEC Consulting Engineers. The project website also features weekly construction updates and a work zone map showing where construction is currently taking place.

Pile driving on the Jughandle Project, October 2011





Carving a New OC Gateway Sign

SINCE 1991, THE “OREGON CITY, END OF THE OREGON TRAIL” SIGN HAS BEEN WELCOM-

ING RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO OREGON CITY FROM A LARGE GRASSY KNOLL ABOVE THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 213 (TRAILS END HIGHWAY) AND WASHINGTON STREET. Measuring 3 feet high by 30 feet long, this solid piece of Douglas-fir was hand carved by a West Linn resident, John Forsloff. The sign is supported by a basalt rock base and piers that create a monumental frame for the welcome sign.

Over the last 20 years, this same iconic wood sign located on the former Rossman Landfill, has decayed and settled. Today, those who pass by and take notice of the worn-out and lopsided welcome sign question what's in store for the monument that signifies the destination of one of history's great migrations.

We are honored to announce that the City will be replacing the original masterpiece with a replica created by the original carver. During the entire month of November, Mr. Forsloff will hand carve a 2000 pound piece of laminated cedar with a rubber mallet and chisel. No machinery will be used to create this work of art!

Once the carving is complete, the wood will rest until early spring 2012 when it will be coated with a latex paint to help protect the sign for another twenty years. In the summer of 2012, the sign will be reconstructed in its original location utilizing the original stone masonry. Mr. Forsloff and the City look forward to the new sign which will once again greet the community and highlight our role for early settlers as the End of the Oregon Trail.

To follow the progress of the construction adjacent to the sign, visit www.jughandleproject.com. The website includes frequent construction updates and photos of the construction which are uploaded every 15 minutes.



OC Inclement Weather Operations

WHEN WINTER WEATHER BRINGS SNOW AND/OR ICE TO OREGON CITY, TRAVELLING OUR STREETS CAN BE A CHALLENGE. Historically, plowing and sanding have been the City's first line of defense to ensure public safety during winter weather

events. In recent years, the City began using Magnesium Chloride, a liquid de-icer. This product is also in use by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Clackamas County and many other jurisdictions in Oregon and Washington.

This product contains 70% water along with magnesium chloride, and a corrosion inhibitor to reduce impacts to vehicles. It can cause corrosion if equipment is exposed for an extended period; however, it is highly water-soluble and a quick rinse will dilute and clean vehicles easily. This product works well at cold temperatures, is inexpensive and is safer on the environment than traditional methods.

Winter de-icer can be used in several ways including:

- Preventing snow and ice from sticking to street surfaces through its application on dry streets before severe weather events.
- Melting snow and ice on street surfaces.
- Applying it with sand to help the sand stick and stay in place on icy street surfaces.

Another advantage of de-icer is that 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.

Utilizing liquid de-icer allows the Street Division to improve safety, improve the efficiency of City crews, and address environmental conditions resulting from other methods of winter operations. The Street Division's goal is to apply the least amount of de-icer and sand needed to maintain a safe driving surface for Oregon City travelers. If needed, the Street Division will also plow snow and in some cases, close steeper streets when there are safety concerns.

Both sand and winter de-icer have drawbacks, but each has strengths that, under certain conditions, make each one valuable for improving safety on Oregon City streets. *Remember, even the best preventative measures don't eliminate risk. It is always up to motorists to drive at speeds appropriate for the road and weather conditions.*



Be Flood Ready! Protect Your Family & Property from Flood Hazards.

The 100-Year Floodplain—IN 2008, THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) UPDATED ITS 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN MAPS SHOWING THAT 277 OREGON CITY TAX LOTS ARE LOCATED ENTIRELY OR PARTIALLY WITHIN THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN. These areas are indicated on the adjacent map and are also available on OCWebMaps on the City's web site.

A 100-year floodplain is an area that has a one-percent chance of flooding in any given year. Most lenders require flood insurance for structures located within the 100-year floodplain and some property owners, whether they are in the floodplain or not, choose to purchase flood insurance.

Flood Insurance—The City of Oregon City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which is a federal program operated by FEMA to make flood insurance available to everyone. To participate, the City has met minimum NFIP standards, which include adopting and enforcing floodplain zoning regulations.

In 1990, the NFIP introduced its Community Rating System (CRS) assigning municipalities grades of 1 to 10 (1 being the best). The idea is that if a city has taken steps to reduce the risk of flood damage in the community that goes beyond the NFIP's minimum requirements, the community's residents should pay less for flood insurance because of the reduced risk.

To find out if your property is in the 100-year floodplain, please check with the Planning and Building Divisions at 503.722.3789.

Contact your insurance agent for more information about flood insurance, rates and coverage. Property owners can insure their buildings and contents, and renters can insure their possessions. Remember, you do not have to live in a floodplain to suffer flood damage or to qualify for flood insurance.

A History of Flooding in Oregon City—In February and November of 1996, Oregon City and its surrounding area were hit with widespread, localized flooding. The flooding occurred due to the combined factors of rain, snow melt, frozen ground and high tides. Low lying areas along the Willamette River, Clackamas River and Abernethy Creek flooded.

1996 was not the first time Oregon City sustained flooding. History shows that the main streets of Oregon City were flooded as early as 1861, when the Willamette River overtopped and inundated the streets with four feet of water.

Since 1861, severe riverine flooding on the Willamette occurred in 1890, 1924, 1943, 1948, 1956, 1964 and 1996. Major floods on the Clackamas were recorded in 1923, 1931, 1960, 1964 and 1996.

Types of Flooding—River channels, ditches and other watercourses can only carry so much water. When precipitation brings more water (or when a blockage occurs in the water course), the surrounding land is flooded. In the Pacific Northwest, flooding is most common from October through April. Oregon City is subject to two types of flooding: riverine and local drainage.

Riverine flooding occurs along our three major waterways: the Willamette River, the Clackamas River and Abernethy Creek. Riverine flooding is a threat to life and safety. It can endanger people either when a flash flood hits an area with no warning, or when floodwaters slowly rise and people ignore basic safety precautions.

Local drainage flooding occurs along smaller creeks and drainage ways throughout Oregon City. Local drainage flooding is more likely to create smaller scale inundations of roads or properties. There are three general types of problems:

- 1 High water tables after local storms sometimes mean wet crawlspaces, yards and basements. This is especially true in the south parts of Oregon City.
- 2 In some areas, the lay of the land means surface water doesn't drain quickly to a receiving stream or storm sewer.
- 3 Storm sewers and culverts may be too small to convey heavier flows.

Life and safety threats from flooding include impassibility of roads and bridges, electrocution, contaminated water and

damage to emergency service and public health facilities. More people are killed in their vehicles by floods than in any other location because the driver ignores warning signs or barriers, and tries to travel a road or cross a bridge.

Natural and Beneficial Functions of Flooding—Flooding is a natural process that helps restore a river's health, clean its sediments, create critical aquatic and stream-side habitat, exchange nutrients between the river and floodplain and renew its fisheries. Floods can clean out accumulations of large wood. They can also bring leaves, needles, wood and dissolved nutrients into the river giving aquatic communities access to new habitats and increased food supplies.

Floodplains in their natural and relatively undisturbed state provide numerous beneficial natural resource functions and values, including: moderation of floods, flood storage, water quality

GOOD NEWS FOR OREGON CITY FLOOD INSURANCE BUYERS!

Based on what the City of Oregon City has done to reduce the risk of flood damage, Oregon City's current rating is a Level 7 qualifying property owners for a 15% reduction in flood insurance rates for properties in the 100-year floodplain and a 5% reduction for properties outside the 100-year floodplain.

Please check with your insurance agent and make sure they are aware of the City's classification and are providing you with this discount.

Oregon City Public Works Operations Maintains a Sandbagging Station at 122 S. Center Street.

maintenance and groundwater recharge; habitat value for plants and animals; and scientific, historic, agricultural, recreational and aesthetic values.

A History of Flood Loss Claims—Following the February 1996 flood, 300 Oregon City households applied for FEMA disaster assistance. Of those, 206 received a total of \$1,336,500 in assistance. In contrast to the FEMA figures, there were only 12 flood insurance claim policies. Two of those claims were for residential properties located outside the mapped floodplain, but apparently were subject to local drainage problems. These 12 insured properties received \$969,000. These figures show that the few who were insured received much higher payments than those who received disaster assistance.

In addition to Oregon City property losses that occurred in 1996, one flood insurance payout occurred in 1982 and several claims were paid in 1997.

Protecting Property—When flooding occurs, there is not only the threat to life and safety, but also property. Be prepared in the event of a flood. The last several years, the Oregon City Public Works Center located at 122 S. Center Street has maintained a sandbagging station (see related article "Self-Service Sandbag Station Open at Public Works Operations).

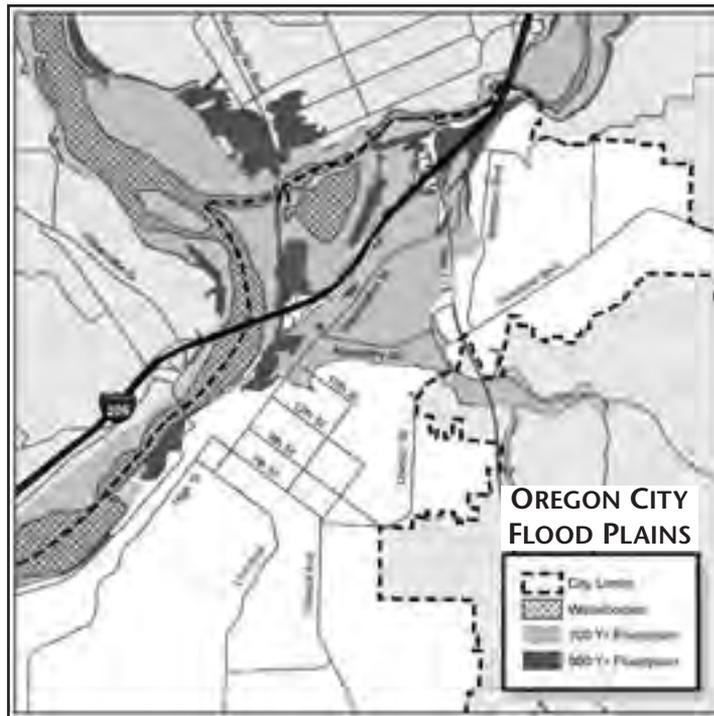
There are other steps that can be taken to protect your property from flood damage. Consider elevating your house above the flood hazard or diverting possible floodwaters around your structures.

Property owners are responsible for maintenance activities for their own property, but if you think the maintenance requirement is within the city-wide drainage system, call the Oregon City Public Works Stormwater Management Division at 503.657.8241. A crew can be dispatched to evaluate the problem.

Floodplain Development Requirements—All construction or fill within a floodplain (except normal farming activities) require a grading or fill permit and a floodplain management permit. If you plan on building or grading within the floodplain or drainage swale, please contact the Oregon City Community Development Department at 503.722.3789. If you know of any non-permitted floodplain construction or fill, please contact the Oregon City Code Enforcement Division at 503.496.1559.

All new structures constructed within a flood hazard area are required to be constructed such that the lowest floor of the structure is at least one foot above the flood hazard. Substantially damaged or improved structures have the same elevation requirements as new construction.

A substantially improved/damaged structure is where the cost of the improvement/damage is equal to or greater than 50 percent of the fair value of the structure, before the improvements are made or the damage occurred.



Sandbag Stations

Self-Service Sandbag Station Open at Public Works Operations

OREGON CITY RESIDENTS, PROPERTY OWNERS, AND BUSINESSES CAN PREVENT PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY FLOODING OR OTHER STORM-RELATED EVENTS BY USING THE CITY'S SELF-SERVICE SANDBAG STATION.

Located at Public Works Operations, 122 South Center Street, sand, shovels, and sandbags are available 24 hours a day. For more information, check the City's website at www.orcity.org, and click on the "Public Works" link under "Departments".





How Safe Is Your Home *While You're Away On Vacation?*

THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AREN'T THE ONLY PUBLIC AGENCIES THAT HAVE AN INTEREST IN KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE WHILE ON VACATION. As the department that is responsible for water, stormwater, and sanitary sewer infrastructure, the Oregon City Public Works Department also wants to ensure your home is as safe as possible.

When going on vacation or just out of town, whether it is for the weekend, a week or even longer, make sure you take the necessary steps to keep your home and property safe when you are gone. The best way to do this is to have someone you trust stay there. You may be lucky enough to have a conscientious relative who'll move in temporarily and water the plants, feed the pets, and pick up the newspapers. If not, there are services you can use for house-sitting and pet-sitting while you're away. This can be a pricey option, but it's a solution that touches all the bases.

If you end up going out of town without someone staying at your house, consider implementing the following measures:

Hold Your Mail. When you're leaving for more than a couple of days, call the post office at 1.800.ASK.USPS to see about having your mail delivery stopped until you get back. This request can also be made online at www.usps.com.

Stop Newspaper Delivery. A pile of newspapers on the doorstep is a sure indicator that a home is unoccupied. Stopping the newspaper when you leave town for a while is an easy detail to forget, but one that, if forgotten, will make you an obvious target.

Keep Eyes on Your Property. Even if you stop newspaper delivery and mail service, there are still some clues that can make it obvious that you're not around. How about door hangers or periodic deliveries? Because you can't plan for every contingency (power outage or tripped breakers, neighborhood animal left stuck in the garage, appliance left on, frozen pipes, etc.) consider having someone you trust check on your house periodically. Whether it's a neighbor or relative, nothing beats having a person check the premises every few days while you're gone.

Do a Safety Check Around Your House. Before you leave, check your washing machine hoses for bulges that could burst and flood your house. Aging water heaters can also leak and cause flooding. If your basement is prone to flooding, make sure you have a sump pump installed. When it gets cold, winterize your house to help prevent frozen, and then thawed, broken water pipes. Keep in mind that even if you do everything to keep your house fail-safe, pipes can still burst or sewers can back up.

Make Your Home Look Lived In. An occupied home looks lived in. Lights go on and off, and cars come and go. When you're away, everything stops. To help create the illusion that the residence is still occupied, invest in timers that turn on the interior lights for a few hours every eve-

ning. If you can get a neighbor to take out your garbage and put the cans back after the garbage pickup or even park vehicles in your driveway, it's another way to send the message that everything is proceeding normally at your house.

Keep the Landscape Trimmed and Hardscapes Clear. In the summer/fall, find someone to take care of critical landscaping chores in your absence. In the winter/spring, find someone to keep your driveway and sidewalks clear of leaves, debris, and on rare occasions, snow.

Do a Last Minute Lock Check/Remove Spare Keys. Before leaving give all the doors and windows a lock check before you go. It seems very obvious but many forget to lock windows which give thieves an easy way in. While you're at it, remember to remove the spare key. If you don't make it easy, there's a better chance that when you get home, your house will be in the same condition as when you left it.

Don't Project Your Moves. Show some caution when you talk about your trip. The less information you put in cyberspace, the less likely it is to reach the wrong ears and eyes. Don't post anything to your Facebook, Twitter or any other social media outlet about your vacation plans. It is hard to keep track of who is reading those Tweets and you don't want to let the wrong people know that no one will be home. Do not tell a lot of people in person either as there is no way to tell who is listening.

Pull the Plug on Electronics. Disconnecting the power to some of your electronics like your desktop computer, coffee pot and television can save you money while you're gone and eliminate the worry that you've accidentally left them on by mistake. Disabling your garage door is also an effective way to keep thieves from opening it with a universal remote. Also, don't leave a portable GPS in your car when parking at a transit station or airport. It'll alert thieves that you're not home and give them a convenient map to your house.

Install Added Security Features. Installing a home security system or even just exterior lights that run on timers is a good way to ramp up security and make your house safer whether you're around or not. One of the nice things about these features is that they're working when you're awake, asleep, on vacation or hosting an outdoor barbecue.

Remember that following these few simple tips before leaving for your getaway can alleviate a lot of stress and reduce the chance of having to file a home owner's insurance claim upon your return.



Winterizing Your Water Pipes

WHEN COLD WINTER WEATHER ARRIVES, WATER PIPES CAN FREEZE IF NOT PROPERLY PROTECTED. Exterior hose bibs, irrigation lines, and water supply lines located in unheated or poorly insulated areas, like basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages, or kitchen cabinets, are pipes that freeze most frequently.

How can you protect water pipes from freezing?

- **Insulate** all water pipes in unheated or poorly insulated spaces. Foam insulation is relatively inexpensive. Even rags or newspaper can be used, but must be kept dry to be effective.
- **Disconnect** outside hoses.
- **Cover** hose bibs and crawl space vents.
- **Drain** hoses and irrigation lines, including the backflow prevention device. Follow the manufacturer's or installer's recommendations for winterizing the backflow preventer and irrigation system.
- During a prolonged period of extremely cold weather (20 degrees or below), **flow a small but steady stream of cold water** at the inside faucet located the farthest from your water meter.

What to do if the pipes do freeze?

- **Wrap** the frozen section of pipe with warm towels, if possible.
- **Keep a faucet open.** As thawing occurs water will begin to flow, aiding in the thawing process.
- It is **not recommended** to use flame or electric appliances to thaw pipes since the risk of fire or electrocution are too great. Contact a licensed plumber if you need further assistance.
- If any pipes have frozen and burst, when thawing occurs water will flow, possibly causing water damage. To minimize the damage, **know where your water shut-off is located.** If you need the water turned off at the water meter call your water division for assistance.

To contact a member of the Oregon City Water Division call Public Works at 503.657.8241. Clackamas River Water customers can call 503.722.9220.

Wastewater Treatment Questions?

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

TRICITY
SERVICE DISTRICT



\$ Water Rebates Offered \$

PARTICIPATING WATER PROVIDERS—CITY OF ESTACADA, CITY OF GLADSTONE, OAK LODGE WATER DISTRICT, SOUTH FORK WATER BOARD (OREGON CITY & WEST LINN), AND SUNRISE WATER AUTHORITY (DAMASCUS & HAPPY VALLEY)

To help our customers use water more efficiently and save money on water bills, the Clackamas River Water Providers (CRWP) is offering **TOILET AND LANDSCAPE WATER USE REBATES** up to \$150 in value. *These rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis until the program funds are depleted.* Applications are available on the CRWP website at www.clackamasproviders.org, where you will find more information about the rebate program, a list of eligibility requirements, and the application. You may also call 503.723.3511.

Toilet Rebate—Apply for up to a \$100 rebate when you replace your current water-wasting toilet with a new EPA WaterSense High Efficiency Toilet (HET). Replacing an old toilet with an EPA WaterSense HET could save as much as 4,000 gallons per person per year. *Limit: 1 toilet per account.*

Landscape Rebate (2 choices)—Apply for up to a maximum combination landscape rebate of \$50 when you purchase a rain sensor and/or a manual hose bib timer. Over-watering is the number one cause of wasted water in the summer and the leading cause of plant disease and insect problems. *Limit: 1 each rebate per account.*

The Clackamas River Water Providers is a coalition of municipal water providers on the Clackamas River which serve drinking water to more than 300,000 people in Clackamas County. We are committed to helping our customers do whatever they can to use water more efficiently.

For more information about our rebate program, please visit our website at www.clackamasproviders.org or call 503.723.3511.



Working together to Protect and Conserve our Drinking Water



Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS... is to give a Christmas stocking to a less fortunate person in Clackamas County.

At Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart we are preparing to fill as many as 3000 stockings again this year. For many, this stocking will be their only Christmas gift. We appreciate everyone who has helped by filling a stocking, volunteering in our workshop, donating items, or making a monetary donation. We have been able to continue our mission to bring a little Christmas joy to the lives of so many because of everyone's continued support.

Stockings—We hope to have all or most of the stockings being filled by the public and businesses returned on or before the first Friday in December. But stockings can still be returned after that date to any of the many public sites or by calling 503.632.0577. Early returns of stockings help us to have time to fill all of the requests.

Taste of Clackamas Holiday Dinner and Dessert Auction—This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! We hope you will join us again this year at the Abernethy Center on Thursday, December 8, from 6:00–9:00pm. Come enjoy a variety of delicious foods from local restaurants, bid on your favorite desserts, find your favorite raffle prize, and enjoy the beauty of the venue. Cost: \$20.

Bingo—Save the date for Saturday, April 28. Our popular Bingo Night will be held at the Pioneer Community Center. Cost: Adults \$15 | Seniors age 65+ \$10 | Children 11 & under \$5

Fundraisers—Proceeds from all fundraisers go directly back into the organization to make and fill stockings.

Fabric—We need donations of fabric all year to sew our handmade stockings. Please watch for fabric sales during and after Christmas and consider donating fabric to Fill A Stocking, Fill A Heart. We can also use material in children's prints and other prints we can use to make teen and male stockings. These don't have to be in Christmas prints. If you have questions about sewing, e-mail sewastocking@yahoo.com.

Volunteer—Opportunities are aplenty. Call 503.632.0577 or email us at info@fillastocking.org. If you are interested in volunteering at the workshop email us at fahworkshop@yahoo.com.

Donate—Cash donations help us purchase items, and donations of bulk items help us fill the stockings. Donations of new men's and women's socks are especially needed.

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



Call Nancy Busch at 503.496.1571 for more information.

Annual Tree Lighting Event

Saturday, December 3 | 4:30pm

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

Christmas Parlor Tour

Saturday, December 10 | 2:00–7:00pm | \$20

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO SEE THE INTERIORS OF SOME OF OREGON CITY'S FINEST HISTORIC HOMES? Well, here's your chance! Plus, they'll be beautifully decorated for the Holidays! The Historic Oregon City Heritage Coordinating Committee will be hosting a Christmas Parlor Tour of six locally designated historic homes, three museums and the Carnegie Center. Each historic property will have actors in period dress providing historic information and engaging in holiday activities of the house's time period. Tours run 2:00–7:00pm and are self-guided, with a map and program provided. Light refreshments available at the Bookstore. Tickets are \$20 and will be for sale at the Friends of the Library Bookstore, 502 Seventh Street. For more information please call 503.650.1851.





Holiday Wreaths

\$17 | Through December

SUPPORT THE PIONEER ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER BY PURCHASING A BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY WREATH TO COMPLETE YOUR HOLIDAY DECORATING. Our fresh 22" diameter wreaths are constructed of noble fir, cedar,

berried juniper and pine cones, and finished with a colorful bow. The cost of \$17 for this wonderful holiday decoration helps support the Center's Nutrition & Meals-on-Wheels programs. They make unique Holiday gifts, too. Call the Pioneer Center to purchase one today. Wreaths will be available for pick up at the Center the first week of December.

Heritage Holidays *Stevens-Crawford House*

Saturday, December 3 | 10:00am–4:00pm | Free

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC, CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH REFRESHMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT. Rooms will be decorated by local Garden and Women's Club. *For more info call 503.655.2866.*

Exhibit continues December 7–17 | Noon–4:00pm

Adults \$5 | Children under 5 Free

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



603 6th Street, Oregon City



Oregon City Farmers Market

THE WINTER MARKET CONTINUES ON 8TH STREET AT MAIN, EVERY OTHER SATURDAY THROUGH APRIL 2012 (3 MARKETS IN MARCH) 10:00AM–2:00PM.

This open-air market has all kinds of seasonal foods (perfect for holiday shopping and gifts) including produce from local farms, meats, salami, cheese, pickles, preserves, fresh fish, wild mushrooms, honey, preserves, baked goods, wines, crafts, trees and wreaths for the holidays.....plus hot food, drinks and live music!

Kids POP Club enables youngsters (5–12 years) to receive \$2 every time they visit the Market to shop for fresh fruit and veggies. Debit Cards are accepted and Oregon Trail Card shoppers benefit from a \$5 matching fund donated by the Rotary Club Foundation of Oregon City!! Easy parking in Downtown Oregon City on Saturdays...or park on the bluff and ride the Elevator. Find us (LIKE us!) on Facebook.

For more info: www.orcityfarmersmarket.com | 503.734.0192

November	December	January	February	March	April
5-19	3-17	7-21	4-18	3-17 31	7-21

Saturdays 10am-2pm
 Kids Join the Market's POP Club
 Ride the Elevator to the Market
 Hot Food & Live Music
 orcityfarmersmarket.com
 503-734-0192



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 Basketball Cross Country Skiing Power Lifting Snowboarding Snowshoeing	Bocce Ball Golf Gymnastics Softball Track & Field	Aquatics Bowling Long Distance Running/Walking Soccer Volleyball

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



Christmas Fantasy Trail Castle



Ski and snowboard late on Mt. Hood on New Year's Eve and enjoy the fireworks.



Clackamas County Tourism & Cultural Affairs

For all 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, maze, suspension bridge, crooked house and more. Great for all ages!

December 2–29 | Wenzel Farm | 19754 S. Ridge Rd, Oregon City | 503.631.2047 | Admission fee.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE Clackamas Community College Theatre Arts Student-directed one-act plays, stand-up comedy and comedy improv. It's free so bring a friend! No RSVP or tickets necessary. Call Kelly at 503.594.3153 for information. Tuesday–Friday | November 29–December 1 | Noon–1:00pm | Additional performance Dec 1 at 7:30pm | CCC Niemeyer Center/Osterman Theatre | 19600 Molalla Ave, Oregon City | 503.657.6958

PIONEER HOLIDAY ART SHOW Three Rivers Artist Guild presents this annual sale.

Saturday & Sunday | December 3 & 4 | 10am–4pm | Pioneer Community Center | 615 5th St, Oregon City | 503.657.8287

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA Ski/board late at Mt. Hood Skibowl's 24th annual event. Live music & fireworks! Saturday | December 31 | Fireworks at midnight, ski & snowboard until 2:00am | Mt. Hood Skibowl | 87000 E Hwy 26, Government Camp | 503-222-2695 | 866-MTHOOD3



Annual Awards Dinner & Auction...*"Unmasking the Future"*

Sat, Jan 28 | 5:30pm | Pacific Crest Grand Ballroom

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

State of the City Address & Luncheon

Friday, February 17 | 11:00am-1:00pm | Location to be announced

This annual event brings together business leaders and community members to hear the State of our City. All are invited to attend the luncheon and address by Mayor Doug Neeley. Seats may be reserved for this event beginning on January 23, 2012 via www.oregoncity.org.

9th Annual Irish Stew Cook-Off

Thursday, March 15 | 5:30-7:30pm | Pioneer Community Center, 615 5th St

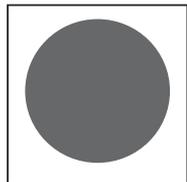
The color of the day is GREEN and lots of fun and fund-raising is on the menu for the 9th Annual Irish Stew Cook Off. Chefs create their special Irish Stew recipes that are judged on taste and aroma by impartial judges. Chefs will also be judged on their fund-raising efforts and decorating abilities. Everyone is invited to buy a tasting spoon for \$5 (children 10 and under are free) to sample all the stews, and vote for their favorite. Enjoy a no-host bar and live music.



Mayor Doug Neeley will deliver his State of the City address again at the 2012 Chamber-hosted luncheon.



Official judges of the 2010 Irish Stew Cook-Off



Oregon City-Tateshina Sister City News *Host Families Still Needed*

THE RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST IN THE LAST EDITION OF THE *TRAIL NEWS* FOR HOST FAMILIES HAS BEEN GREAT! We've heard from several new families

who share an interest in learning more about Japanese culture or who want to help students from Japan learn more about our state and country.

We could still use another family or two who would like to host a pair of students, as we've confirmed that our sister city, Tateshina, will be sending eight junior high school students this year, plus two chaperones, for a week's visit at the end of March.

As part of their visit, we take students on a tour of Oregon City and sometimes visit local businesses. If you own a business in the Oregon City area and think students might be interested in getting a brief tour of your operation or learning more about it through an on-site visit, please contact us at the numbers below.

Also, the second Monday in January, the Oregon City-Tateshina Sister City Committee will hold its annual meeting for the election of board members and officers at 7:00pm at City Hall. If you're interested in serving on this all-volunteer board, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Elise Lunas, Chairperson at 503.656.5578 or Beth Werber, Secretary at 503.557.2906.



In past years, Sister City students have enjoyed the scenic Columbia River Gorge with host families.

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Indoor Playground & Swimming for Parents and Children

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

September 19, 2011—May 25, 2012



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

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

- Check in at the front desk before you start playing.
- Talk to our friendly front desk staff for an updated monthly calendar! *Various swim times will be cancelled due to School District swim lessons.*

Indoor Playground

*Monday, Wednesday & Fridays
10:00am—Noon*

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

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

Indoor Swimming

*Tuesdays & Fridays
11:00am—Noon*

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

**Regular admission fees apply.
Please see page 11.**

Children under 12 months old are FREE!!

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

OC Pool's New, Improved Look! *Our 46-Year-Old Swimming Pool Looks Fantastic!*

THANK YOU, OREGON CITY COMMISSIONERS, FOR YOUR SUPPORT! In 2009, the Oregon City Pool underwent some much needed repairs and a facelift to address several deferred maintenance, aesthetics and safety issues. Since 2009 the Community Services Department worked even harder to improve the facility for the our community. Here's a snapshot of what we've done:



Replaced natatorium acoustical tiles and damaged diving board. Improved look & safety of pool deck with a poured polymer coating



Added decorative long-lasting polymer coating to locker room showers



Installed new carpet in the hallways



Replaced Community Room and kitchen laminate flooring



STOP BY AND VISIT! You have to SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!
Our facility offers something for everyone!



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Daddy~Daughter Dinner Dance

*Saturday ~ February 11, 2012 | 6:00—9:00pm | \$30 Per Person
@ The Abernethy Center | 606 15th Street, Oregon City*

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

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

♥ *Food ~ Abernethy Center Catering*

♥ *Photos ~ Parks & Recreation staff*

♥ *Music ~ RJ Mobile Music*

♥ *Balloon Made Art ~
Justin James*

**Registration Deadline
is February 3, 2012.**

**Maximum capacity is 180
guests, so register early
because this event fills quickly!**

♥ **Register at www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation or 503.657.8273**
