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A Busy Summer with More to Come

There have been several exciting projects completed, started and that will continue in Oregon City.

ONE OF THE MOST VISIBLE ON-GOING PROJECTS IS THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF THE HISTORIC CARNEGIE LIBRARY, which began in August and is expected to take a little over a year to complete. With the overwhelming support of the voters, which authorized the City to borrow \$6 million of the \$10.5 million for the project, the two-story expansion will increase

the size of the library from 5,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet to better serve the over 54,000 annual visitors and users. Oregon City citizens should know that the trees removed from the site were rough milled and are being stored for use in this and other projects within Oregon City, as well as for artisan and craftsmen use. There will be more information at a later date on how and when this wood will be available to private artists and craftsmen.

IN AUGUST OF 2014 THE CITY DECLARED A MORATORIUM ON SEWER PERMIT APPROVALS IN SEVEN AREAS OF THE CITY due to lack of additional sewer capacity. Ensuring our public infrastructure is adequate to meet current and future demands is essential for providing for the needs of our citizens, continued economic prosperity and for the future growth and investment in our community. The Commission has made fixing these infrastructure needs a priority, and the City has been working diligently to address the constrained areas and has made significant progress. The City has completed the infrastructure improvements and lifted the moratorium for one of the areas, 12th and Main Streets, and is currently constructing the improvements which will lift the moratorium for three additional areas near 14th and Division Streets. The City has issued the design and engineering contracts for two additional areas along Linn Avenue with an anticipated construction completion date in the fall of 2016. The design and engineering work for the final constrained area is anticipated to begin in 2016.

THE CITY HAS ALSO BEEN WORKING ON IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING OUR ROADWAYS OVER THE SUMMER. Utilizing multiple funds, including the Pavement Utility Maintenance Fee (PMUF), the City was able to complete micro seal projects on Beavercreek Road from Molalla Avenue to Library Court and all of Red Soils Court. In addition, slurry seal projects were completed on 43 street segments throughout the City, totaling nearly 5 street miles. Performing preventive maintenance of our existing roadway infrastructure is one of the best ways to protect the roadway and prevent more costly improvements at a later date. There were also several major roadway reconstruction projects that occurred, including Center Street, 9th Street, Washington Street and Molalla Avenue. Thank you for your patience while these extensive, and important, construction projects occurred.

THE WILLAMETTE FALLS LEGACY PROJECT AND THE RIVERWALK CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS. The public partners, represented by Oregon City, the State of Oregon, Clackamas County and Metro, recently selected the premier team of Snøhetta, DIALOG and Mayer/Reed to lead the Riverwalk design process. Starting this fall, this team will begin the process that will provide the project with a first phase of design, which will provide details about the location, elevations, potential materials and estimated cost for the Riverwalk. Furthermore, the partners were able to secure another \$7.5 million investment from the State Legislature for the project. This is added to the initial \$5 million investment from the State in 2013, \$5 million from Metro's Natural Areas Program and a contribution from the Falls Legacy, LLC, the private property owner. The first phase of Riverwalk construction will likely begin in 2017–2018 and our success in creating a new Oregon landmark depends greatly on our ability to capture what is special about the Falls to you. If you are interested in following the project or being more involved, please visit the project website at www.rediscoverthefalls.com.

FINALLY, THE CITY COMMISSION MADE A DIFFICULT, BUT NECESSARY AND UNANIMOUS DECISION to release Mr. Frasher from his employment as the City Manager for Oregon City. The City Manager reports to the Commission, and the position is an at-will employee entrusted with responsibilities of great consequence for our community. The Commission's vote to release Mr. Frasher was a result of our loss of confidence in him as a leader of the City and our belief that it was time for a change. In an effort to provide as much information as possible, the City has released the results of the thorough investigation of the initial complaint, which was significant. Many factors can contribute to a personnel decision such as this, and although frustrating, there are necessary reasons for ensuring confidentiality of all employees involved and preventing the release of any additional information. Thank you for patience and understanding, as the Commission addressed this issue in the best interest of the citizens of Oregon City.

Respectfully,
Dan Holladay, Mayor – City of Oregon City



Established in 1844
at the End of the
Oregon Trail

Mayor—Dan Holladay
Commissioners
Position 1—Brian Shaw | *Position 2*—Rocky L. Smith, Jr.
Position 3—Carol Pauli | *Position 4*—Renate Mengelberg
City Manager Pro-Tem—Tony Konkol
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Finance Director—Wyatt Parno
Human Resources Director—Jim Loeffler
Police Chief/Public Safety Director—James Band
Public Works Director—John Lewis
Community Development Director—Tony Konkol
Community Services Director—Scott Archer
Economic Development Manager—Eric Underwood
Library Director—Maureen Cole

THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS are volunteers who do not keep regular office hours. Please call 503.657.0891 for contact information.

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 at 7:00pm on Channel 23 and rebroadcasts them throughout the month. Logon to www.wfmcstudios.org for a broadcast schedule or call 503.650.0275.

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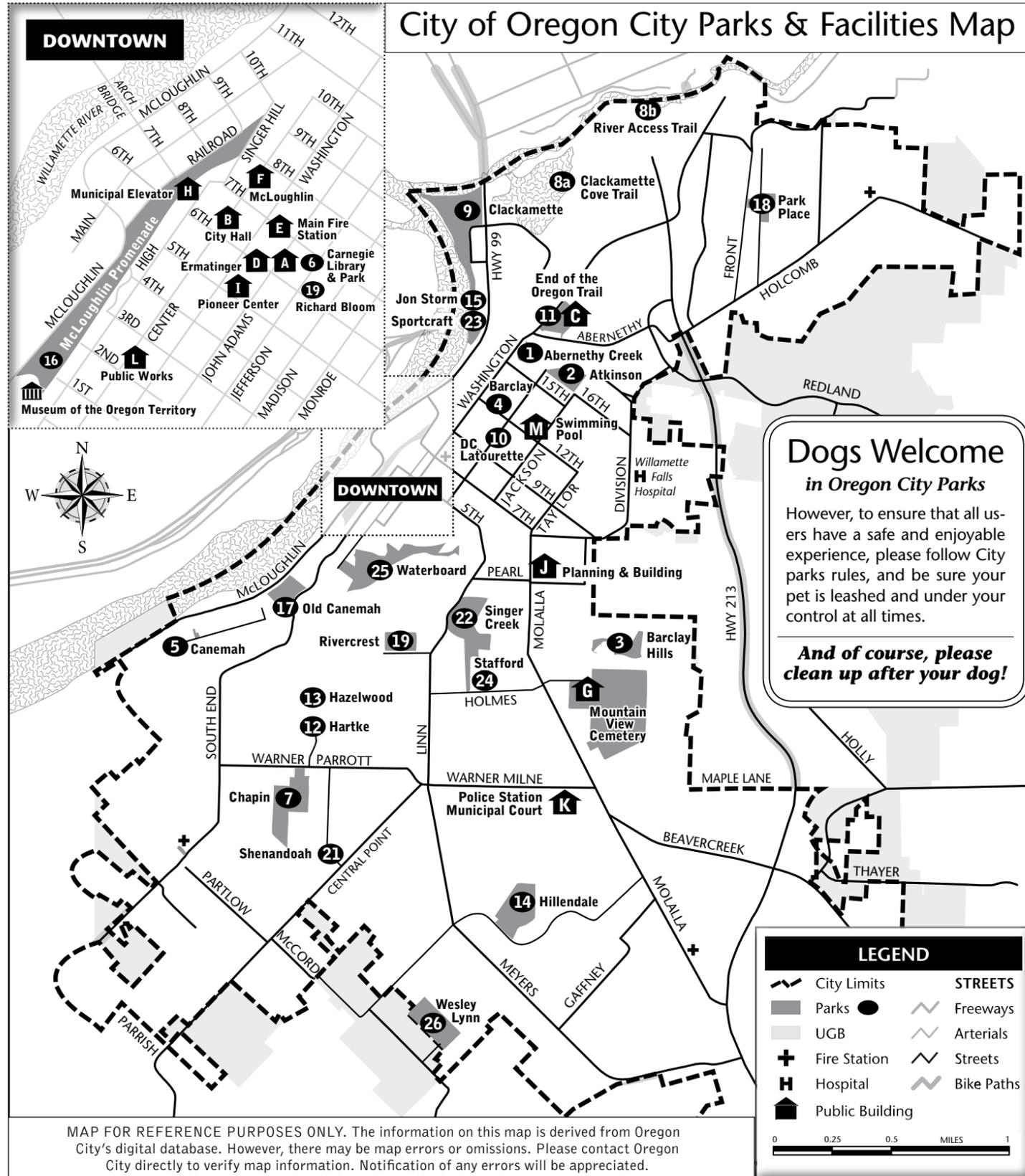
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MAJOR CITY PARKS

- 7 Chapin Park**
340 Warner Parrott Road
- 9 Clackamette Park**
1955 Clackamette Drive
- 14 Hillendale Park**
19260 Clairmont Way
- 15 Jon Storm Park**
1801 Clackamette Drive
- 18 Park Place Park**
16180 Front Avenue
- 20 Rivercrest Park**
131 Park Drive
- 26 Wesley Lynn Park**
12901 Frontier Parkway

CITY FACILITIES

- A Carnegie Public Library**
606 John Adams Street
- B City Hall**
625 Center Street
- C End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive/Visitor Ctr**
1726 Washington Street
- D Ermatinger House**
616 6th Street
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624 7th Street
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500 Hilda Street
- H Municipal Elevator**
300 7th Street
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- K Police Station, Municipal Court, Code Enforcement**
320 Warner Milne Rd
- L Public Works**
122 S Center Street
- M Swimming Pool**
1211 Jackson Street

CITY BOAT DOCK & LAUNCHES

- 9 Clackamette Park**
1955 Clackamette Drive
2 reservable picnic shelters, restrooms. *Launch closed.*
- 15 Jon Storm (Transient Dock)**
1801 Clackamette Drive
72-hour moorage, a pump-out station, restrooms, one reservable picnic shelter.
- 23 Sportcraft**
1701 Clackamette Drive
A 2-lane launch with floats and a restroom.

Test: Off-Leash Dog Areas (OLDA)

Barclay Park | Park Place Park | Wesley Lynn Park
Local dogs and their owners are invited to check out the new designated off-leash dog areas at three park sites. The off-leash area is open for a one-year trial period to evaluate the opportunity for dog owners to have a designated off-leash area. The purpose of off-leash dog areas is to provide a safe and enjoyable recreational experience to dog owners/handlers and their dogs, while not impacting other park visitors or the environment. A few factors will be taken into consideration when the City determines whether or not to make the off-leash areas permanent:

- 1 Satisfaction level of owners with the facility and experience
- 2 Other visitors in the park (visitors with and without dogs)
- 3 Safety of dogs and park visitors
- 4 Cleanliness of park (cleaning up pet waste)

OLDA Rules

- Owners are legally responsible for the behavior of their dog(s) at all times
- Dog waste must be cleaned up by their owners IMMEDIATELY
- Dogs must be leashed while entering and exiting the park
- Owners must be within the OLDA and supervising their dog with leash readily available
- Aggressive dogs must be removed IMMEDIATELY
- Dogs should be under voice control

Prohibited

- Human & Dog Food or Treats
- Aggressive Dogs
- Sick Dogs
- Puppies (under 4 months)
- Dogs in Heat

Map Numbers	Parks & Amenities																							
	Basketball Courts	Barbecues	Benches	Boat Dock	Boat Launch	Children's Play Area	Dog Pits	Drinking Fountains	Electricity	Horseshoe Pits	Park Host	Parking Spaces	Pickle Ball Court	Picnic Tables	Restrooms--seasonal	Skate Park	Soccer Fields	Softball Diamonds	Spray Park	Tennis Courts	Trail/Walking Path	Volleyball Court	Bridge / View Deck	
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Test Parks for Off-Leash Dog Areas (OLDA)

Parks Office Information

Open	Monday–Friday	8:00am–4:00pm
	Saturday, Sunday and in observance of these holidays:	
Closed	Christmas Day	Friday, December 25
	New Year's Day	Friday, January 1
	MLK Jr. Day	Monday, January 18
	Presidents' Day	Monday, February 15
Staff	Jon Waverly	Parks & Cemetery Maintenance Manager
	Steve Little	Parks Maintenance Specialist III
	Mark Anderson	Parks Maintenance Specialist III
	Gavin Bruhn	Parks Maintenance Specialist III
	Bryce King	Parks Maintenance Specialist II
	Judd Mesaris	Parks Maintenance Specialist I
	Austin VanNette	Parks Maintenance Specialist I
	Sara McGrew	Office Specialist II
	Jinny King	Office Specialist I

Park Shelter/Facility Reservations

Hosting a Gathering? Let Us Provide the Space!

THE PARKS OFFICE ACCEPTS RESERVATIONS FOR SHELTER USE UP TO ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE. View shelters and parks at www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation/shelter-reservations. Our park shelters and facilities are available for special events such as showers, reunions, fund-raisers and birthday parties. Chapin, Clackamette*, Hillendale, Rivercrest* and Wesley Lynn Parks are all great outdoor locations with covered shelters and surrounding grass areas that can be reserved for special events. *Clackamette & Rivercrest Parks each have 2 covered shelters.

There are Two Ways to Make a Reservation

- 1 Call Park Operations at 503.496.1201
- 2 Stop by our office Monday–Friday, 8:00am–4:00pm

PLEASE NOTE:

- Fees must be paid in full to reserve and hold a park shelter.
- Reservations may be made up to one year in advance.
- Refunds are allowed for cancellations received by Oregon City Parks office at least two weeks prior to the date of activity. A \$10 processing fee will be deducted from all refunds.
- No refunds are given for cancellations within 2 weeks of activity.

Clackamette RV Park

The RV park is open year-round (weather dependent) and is a great location for out-of-town guests. The park offers 38 sites (each with water and 30 amp electricity hookups), RV dump station (\$5 dump fee), horseshoe pits and a children's play area nearby at Clackamette Park.

- Maximum stay is limited to 10 days.
- Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis only. We do not take advance reservations.
- Site prices are \$20 or \$25 per night, depending on location.
- Payment is made on site by cash, VISA or MasterCard only. We DO NOT accept checks or foreign currency.

Seasonal Park Updates

SPRAYPARKS ARE CLOSED

Rivercrest and Carnegie Sprayparks are closed for the season. They will open sometime after Memorial Day (weather, staff, and seasonal maintenance permitting).

LIMITED RESTROOM ACCESS

As the weather changes, some of the park restrooms will be closed. This is a necessary step to prevent damage from the winter weather. You may call our office for more information on specific restroom closures.

PARK SAFETY THIS WINTER

As daylight hours diminish, please remember to keep safety in mind. Parking lots, sidewalks and walking paths can be quite dangerous on snowy and icy days. Here are some tips to help keep you and your family safe while using the parks:

- Plan on extra time for getting to your destination, and don't rush while walking or driving.
- Wear shoes with good traction that are appropriate for winter walking conditions.
- Wear visible clothing with reflective gear.
- Stay on designated pathways.
- Watch out for and avoid slippery surfaces.
- Wait for vehicles to completely stop before crossing a road. Vehicles may not be able to stop immediately due to road conditions.
- Please follow seasonal trail warnings/advisories.

Barclay Hills Park Playground

Replacement/Upgrade Project

The much-anticipated replacement and upgrade project for the Barclay Hills Neighborhood playground is underway and is expected to be complete by spring 2016. We are pleased to announce that the Oregon City High School Construction Class is partnering with the City on this project. This partnership will create savings for the City, which will be re-invested into the playground. Please stay tuned to our website and future editions of the Trail News for project updates.



Cemetery Office Information

Open	Monday–Friday	8:00am–4:00pm
	Saturday, Sunday and in observance of these holidays:	
Closed	Christmas Day	Friday, December 25
	New Year's Day	Friday, January 1
	MLK Jr. Day	Monday, January 18
	Presidents' Day	Monday, February 15
Staff	Jon Waverly	Parks & Cemetery Maintenance Manager
	Gavin Bruhn	Parks Maintenance Specialist III
	Sara McGrew	Office Specialist II
	Jinny King	Office Specialist I
Info	To learn more about the activities or services offered at the Cemetery, please call 503.657.8299.	

Annual Fall Clean-up November 25

The Mountain View Cemetery staff is very appreciative of all the hard work and time it takes to tackle these projects. Volunteers will spend time cleaning family lots in the Pioneer section, raking leaves, removing moss, and picking up branches. If you or someone you know would like to participate in this cleanup, you may call our office for more information.

Burial Options

Mountain View Cemetery can help you with pre-planning your cemetery arrangements. There are many placement options available for full-body or cremation:

- Full-Body Burial Lots
- Crypts & Niches
- Cremation Lots
- Scattering Canyon

Please call our office for more information or to make an appointment.

Memorial Options

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



Cemetery Celebrity

Dr. Forbes Barclay (1812–1873)

Forbes Barclay was born in Scotland in 1812. He was a prominent pioneer who served as a physician and surgeon for the Hudson's Bay Company in the 1830's and 1840's. He settled in Oregon City in the late 1840's, where he served as city coroner, mayor, city school superintendent and city councilman. An interesting fact is that the first known burial at Mountain View Cemetery took place in December of 1847 for John Barclay, the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. Forbes Barclay.

POMC Event

National Day of Remembrance Brings Comfort and Solace

THE GREATER PORTLAND POMC CHAPTER IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT EVEN AFTER A MORNING OF RAIN, PEOPLE CAME OUT TO REMEMBER VICTIMS AND SUPPORT THOSE WHO HAD LOST LOVED ONES TO HOMICIDE. The rain stopped just before the beginning of the program for the September 25th Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims. The sun even came out, as well.

POMC is thankful to BCT, Shari's Restaurant, Pioneer Rental, Costco, Starbucks, Meg Garvin, Oregon City Police Department, Anna-Marie Wood, as well as help from the staff at Mountain View Cemetery. Everyone contributed to helping make it a day to honor those whose lives have been so cruelly taken away.

Fundraising to build an additional Memorial Wall behind the existing memorial already is underway. The memorial has proven its importance to the many members who visit it. It is the only memorial in the Northwest that honors victims of homicide. POMC is grateful that the City of Oregon City allowed the memorial to be built in such a historic cemetery that is so well kept.

Presentation of Colors—Sgt. Matt Paschall & Sgt. Justin Young



Swim Schedule January 18—March 26			Closures & Cancellations		
Recreation Swim	Friday	7:30pm—9:00pm	EVENT	DATES	STATUS
	Saturday	12:30pm—2:00pm	OC Swim Meets	March 5–6	Facility Closed
*Family Swim	Tuesday	7:15pm—8:30pm	Christmas Eve	December 24	Closed after 4:00pm
Aqua Jogging/ Water Walking <i>Independent workout, space may vary</i>	Monday—Friday	8:00am—9:00am	Christmas Day	December 25	Facility Closed
	Monday—Friday	1:00pm—2:00pm	New Year's Eve	December 31	Closed after 4:00pm
	Saturday	11:00am—12:30pm	New Year's Day	January 1	Facility Closed
Lap Swim <i>Number of available lanes may vary.</i>	Monday—Friday	6:00am—8:00am	★ CHILDREN MUST BE 9 YEARS OLD TO SWIM WITHOUT AN ADULT ★		
	Monday—Friday	12:00pm—2:00pm			
	Wednesday	7:30pm—8:30pm	ASK US HOW TO EARN REWARDS WHILE YOU WORK OUT!		
	Saturday	11:00am—12:30pm			
Water Exercise <i>Instructed Classes Details on facing page.</i>	Shallow	Mon, Wed & Fri	8:00am—9:00am		
		Tuesday & Thursday	6:15pm—7:15pm		
	Deep	Monday—Thursday	8:00am—9:00am		
		Tuesday & Thursday	6:15pm—7:15pm		
	SS&LC**	Tuesday & Thursday	8:00am—9:00am		
			**Shallow Stretching and Light Cardio		

Admission Prices

* Family Swim & Family Memberships are for Youth and Parents/Guardians in one home.	DROP-IN FEES	<i>Per Session</i> Recreational Swim Lap Swim, Aqua Jogging/ Water Walking	Youth (2–18)		Adult (19+)		Senior (62+)	
			R	NR	R	NR	R	NR
			\$3.25	\$4.25	\$3.50	\$4.75	\$3.25	\$4.25
		Water Exercise	\$3.75	\$4.75	\$4.00	\$5.25	\$3.75	\$4.75
		Family* Swim		\$6.50 Resident Family* \$8.75 Non-Resident Family*				
R = Residents Are those who live inside the city limits of Oregon City.	PUNCH CARDS	<i>Valid for</i> Water Exercise, Rec Swim Lap Swim, Aqua Jog/Walk	10 Sessions		20 Sessions		40 Sessions	
			R	NR	R	NR	R	NR
		Adults	\$31.00	\$46.25	\$53.50	\$80.25	\$87.50	\$130.50
		Youth & Seniors	\$24.75	\$37.50	\$35.50	\$53.00	\$56.50	\$84.50
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!	MEMBERSHIPS	<i>Include</i> Recreational Swim, Lap Swim, Aqua Jogging/ Water Walking & Family* Swim	INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES*					
			1st Person or Individual		2nd Person in Family		Each Additional Family Member	
			R	NR	R	NR	R	NR
		Adult/Family	3 Months	\$53.00	\$89.00	\$42.50	\$75.50	\$9.25
	Annual	\$106.50	\$178.50	\$85.75	\$142.50	\$17.50	\$28.75	
Youth/Senior/Family	3 Months	\$47.75	\$79.50	\$42.75	\$75.75	\$9.25	\$14.75	
	Annual	\$95.75	\$160.75	\$85.75	\$142.50	\$17.50	\$28.75	
All Ages	Water Exercise	With any Membership—pay 50 cents per Class						

First Friday Fun Swim

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH DURING OUR EVENING RECREATION SWIM SESSION 7:30–9:00PM!

Winter Dates:

DECEMBER 4

JANUARY 8

FEBRUARY 5

MARCH 4

WE WILL BE DOING A PENNY DIVE AND HANDING OUT CANDY ON FIRST FRIDAYS!

Water Exercise *Instructed*

All classes are open to ALL levels!
Flotation belts & equipment are available on site.

Shallow Water Exercise

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00—9:00am

Tuesday & Thursday 6:15—7:15pm

Aerobic—Cardio-Respiratory/Body Toning

Deep Water Exercise

Monday—Thursday 8:00—9:00am

Tuesday & Thursday 6:15—7:15pm

Aerobic—Cardio-Respiratory/Body Toning.

SS&LC—Shallow Stretching and Light Cardio

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00—9:00am

Low-impact, stretching with a lower level of cardio.

Oregon City Swim Team 503.655.4169 | ocst.coach@gmail.com

The Oregon City Swim Team is a competitive swim club that promotes lifetime fitness, character growth and personal excellence through hard work and challenges, both in and out of the pool. OCST provides an environment in which swimmers of all abilities can develop to their fullest, whether they are beginners or world-class athletes. *If you're interested in joining, call or email the Swim Club.*

Lifeguard Training at OC Swimming Pool | Participants must attend all scheduled classes.

This course focuses on the job of a lifeguard in a swimming pool environment. Classes emphasize victim recognition, surveillance and equipment-based rescues; includes First Aid and CPR for the Professional Rescuer.

PREREQUISITES—Participants must be at least 15 years old and must be able to:

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

Bring the Lifeguard Manual*, a swimsuit and towel...you will get wet.

For more information, call Melissa Tierney 503.974.5516.

\$124 Resident | \$144 Non-Resident Fees include all class materials.

WINTER SESSION Registration deadline—November 20

Thursday–Friday December 3–4 4:00pm–9:00pm

Saturday–Sunday December 5–6 9:00am–5:00pm

SPRING SESSION Registration deadline—March 7

Monday–Friday March 21–25 9:00am–3:00pm

*Lifeguard manual is available for download on the American Red Cross website at www.redcross.org. Go to TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS > LEARN MORE > LIFEGUARDING > (scroll down) LIFEGUARD MANUAL.

Download the manual, read Chapters 1–8, and bring a copy to class.



Reserve Our Party Room & Indoor Heated Pool!

Reserve online at www.orcity.org/swimmingpool or contact Melissa at 503.974.5516

COMMUNITY PARTY ROOM 2,000 sq. ft.	Available All Year Saturdays 11:00am-8:00pm	\$31/hr Resident \$46/hr Non-Resident
INDOOR HEATED SWIMMING POOL 25 meters	Available All Year* Saturdays 2:00pm-8:00pm	\$75/hr Resident \$95/hr Non-Resident



Oregon City's Swimming Lessons

Which class should I enroll my child in?

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



For a full description of all of our lesson levels, scan here >>>
Or go to www.orcity.org/swimmingpool.

PRESCHOOLERS—Oregon City's Swim Lesson Program

WATER BABIES—6 MONTHS TO 3 YEARS. Parents or guardians and children both have something to learn in this introductory class. You and your child will learn 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—3 TO 6 YEARS. For beginners! Participants learn basic water safety and swimming skills through fun games and activities, including floating on their front and back, submerging face in water, combined arm and leg movement, and basic water safety.

AGES 5 & UP—Oregon City's Learn-to-Swim Program

LEVEL 1—AN INTRODUCTORY CLASS IN 3 FEET OF WATER. In order for your child to graduate to Level 2 he/she must complete Level 1 skills unassisted. Skills learned include: opening eyes underwater; blow mouth and nose bubbles; front crawl and back crawl; floating and gliding skills; and basic water safety.

LEVEL 2—SKILLS LEARNED INCLUDE: holding their breath and exploring underwater with open eyes; picking up a submerged object; gliding and floating on the front and back; the unsupported ability to perform a beginning front crawl for a distance of at least 15 meters; more water safety; an introduction to basic water rescue skills will also be taught.

LEVEL 3—SAFELY ADAPTS STUDENTS TO DEEPER WATER AND MORE ADVANCED SKILLS. Skills learned include: effective use of multiple kicks; front crawl with rhythmic breathing; back crawl; jumping and diving into deep water, treading in deep water.

LEVEL 4—INTRODUCES A NUMBER OF NEW SKILLS. Skills learned include: decent execution of front and back crawl, breaststroke, butterfly, and elementary backstroke; strong ability to tread water; swimming underwater.

LEVEL 5—SEEKS TO REFINE EVERY STROKE IN THE SWIMMER'S REPERTOIRE. Skills learned include: very strong treading skills; flip turns for front and back crawl; excellent execution of butterfly, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, front and back crawl, and sidestroke; more water safety and an introduction to rescue breathing.

LEVEL 6—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.



Swim Lesson Registration

Please Register Early!!

- Winter Registration begins December 18
- Spring Registration begins February 26
- Online Registration at www.orcity.org.
- Phone Registration—Call 503.657.8273
- In-Person Registration—Oregon City Swimming Pool, 1211 Jackson St
- Private Lessons—Register in person, by phone or online.
- Gift Certificates—Register in person; present Certificate at registration.

Swim Lesson Fees

9 Group Lessons—Residents	\$39.50
9 Group Lessons—Non-Residents	\$59.25
1 Private Lesson—1 Student, 1 Instructor	\$22.00
1 Semi-Private Lesson—2 Students, 1 Instructor	\$32.00

WINTER & SPRING Swim Lesson Schedules January 18—May 27, 2016

LEGEND	Preschool Lessons		Learn-to-Swim Lessons		INFO	
	WB=Water Babies	1=Level 1	4=Level 4			
	STA=Swim Tots A	2=Level 2	5=Level 5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ All group & private swimming lessons last 27 minutes. ■ 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. 	
	STB=Swim Tots B	3=Level 3	6=Level 6			
	PL=Private & Semi-Private Lessons					
PRIVATE	Register online for private lessons & see all available dates/times!					
	MID-DAY	Saturday	11:00am—12:30pm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Private & Semi-Private Lessons (PL) are taught at the student's level. ■ Many PLs are available during group lesson times. See schedules below.
	EVENING	Mon, Wed & Fri	6:00pm—7:30pm			
WINTER EVENINGS Registration begins December 18						
GROUP—9 Lessons Per Session	Mon, Wed & Fri	6:00pm	6:30pm	7:00pm	<h3>Important Reminders</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Please read the information on the facing page. Children should be placed in classes according to their age and previous swim experience. Know the last class your child was in, and provide that information during registration. ■ All participants are tested in the first lesson to ensure they're in the proper class. Instructors have the right to determine your child's level of performance and place them accordingly. ■ If classes are full, please add your name to the wait list. We do our best to open up more classes!! ■ Swim lessons are different from other sports or activities. Children often need to retake a level 2 or 3 times to become proficient in their skills. Please consider this when registering your child. ■ If you have questions for your child's instructor, feel free to speak to them after class. But remember, they often have another class to teach within a few minutes. 	
	S1 JAN 18—FEB 5	WB, STA, 1, 3 {PL, PL}	STB, 1, 2, 3 {PL, PL}	STA, 1, 2, 4 {PL, PL}		
	S2 FEB 8—FEB 26	WB, STB, 1, 3 {PL, PL}	STA, 1, 2, 4 {PL, PL}	STB, 1, 2, 5 {PL, PL}		
	S3 FEB 29—MAR 18	WB, STA, 1, 3 {PL, PL}	STB, 1, 2, 3 {PL, PL}	STA, 1, 2, 4 {PL, PL}		
	S4 MAR 21—MAR 25	{PL, PL}	{PL, PL}	{PL, PL}		
	SPRING EVENINGS Registration begins February 26					
	Mon, Wed & Fri	6:00pm	6:30pm	7:00pm		
	S1 MAR 28—APR 15	WB, STA, 1, 3 {PL, PL}	STB, 1, 2, 4 {PL, PL}	STA, 1, 2, 5 {PL, PL}		
	S2 APR 28—MAY 6	WB, STB, 1, 3 {PL, PL}	STA, 1, 2, 3 {PL, PL}	STB, 1, 2, 5 {PL, PL}		
	S3 MAY 9—MAY 27	WB, STA, 1, 3 {PL, PL}	STB, 1, 2, 4 {PL, PL}	STA, 1, 2, 6 {PL, PL}		



Registration & Fees

- **How to Register**—Swim lesson registrations can be done online at www.orcity.org, by calling 503.657.8273 or in person at the Swimming Pool, 1211 Jackson St.
- **City Resident Discount**—A resident is anyone who lives inside the city limits of Oregon City. Non-residents pay higher fees since they do not pay Oregon City property taxes which help fund Parks & Recreation programs.
- **Scholarships**—For aquatic and select recreation programs scholarships are available to qualifying Oregon City residents. For more info call Melissa Tierney at 503.974.5516 or pick up an application at one of our facilities.
- **For More Information** New classes, updates, registration fees and more information are available at www.orcity.org.



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weights and resistance. It is doable yet challenging, to help you produce the results you want. With motivating, driving music, so you will jam through RIPPED with a smile. Please bring two sets of dumbbells—one light pair and one heavy pair (3–10 lbs), water and a yoga mat. Questions? Email Erin at ironefitness@gmail.com or like us on Facebook.

Mondays & Wednesdays | 6:00pm–7:00pm
 OC Pool—Community Room, 1211 Jackson Street
 \$6 per day—pay at the door | \$40 Punch Card for 8 classes



Yoga for Life

The Roots is a Hatha practice designed to help tune the mind-body for any level of yoga student. All the poses are performed using universal principles of alignment, which help to avoid injuries and make the poses particularly therapeutic and transformative. Bring a yoga mat & block. Questions? Email Sarah at Wasumada@hotmail.com.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 7:30–8:45am
 OC Pool—Community Room, 1211 Jackson Street
 \$10 Drop-in fee—pay at the door | \$160 Punch Card for 20 classes—buy from instructor Sarah Colarchik, RYI-200

INDOOR PLAYGROUND 10:00am–Noon

Parents & Preschoolers | Mon, Wed & Fri | Thru May 27

JOIN US FOR THIS POPULAR PARENT-CHILD DROP-IN ACTIVITY AT THE OREGON CITY SWIMMING POOL! Three mornings a week children and their parents can play for 2 hours at our indoor playground in the Oregon City Community Room...crawl through tunnels, play on trikes, bounce balls, slide, run, jump and just have fun!

- PARENTS ■ Check in at the front desk before you start playing.
- PLEASE ■ Ask our front desk staff for an updated monthly calendar!
- NOTE: ■ Playground equipment is disinfected regularly!

\$3 per Child drop-in fee | Parents & Children under 12 months old are FREE!!

OC Pool—Community Room | 1211 Jackson St | 503.657.8273

Winter Day Camps Ages 5–10

Children are well supervised during all phases of our day camps, and Life-guards are provided for all swimming pool activities—campers swim from 2:00–4:00pm each day. Campers should eat a good lunch before they arrive, wear clothes that can get messy and bring a swim suit & towel daily.

Monday–Thursday | December 21–31 | 12:30–4:00pm
 4–Day Session: \$44.25 Resident | \$60.75 Non-Resident
 Oregon City Swimming Pool, 1211 Jackson Street

SESSION 1 December 21–24 DOWN HOME HOLIDAY

- Activities include stringing popcorn & cranberries, making pinecone bird feeders, holiday tree ornaments and more!

SESSION 2 December 28–31 RING IN THE NEW YEAR

- We'll play instruments, sing karaoke, limbo and march our way through the week. New Year's Eve Party on Thursday!

For more information & to register, call 503.657.8273

Spring Break Aqua Camp!

Spring Fling—Besides enjoying 2 hours of swimming each afternoon, your little camper will be choosing from multiple activities and crafts EVERY day. Choices include painting, sand art, bubbles, board games, outdoor sports and more! All supervised by CPR/First Aid Certified counselors. Lifeguards are provided for all swimming pool activities. Campers should eat a good lunch before they arrive, wear clothes that can get messy and bring a swim suit & towel every day.

Ages 5–10
Monday–Friday
March 21–25
12:30–4:00pm

Oregon City Pool,
1211 Jackson St.

\$55.25 Resident
\$76.25 Non-Resident

503.657.8273
For more information

Register at www.orcity.org or call 503.657.8273

Hours of Operation

Open Monday–Friday 9:00am–4:00pm

Closed Saturdays, Sundays & the dates below:
 Christmas Eve Thu, December 24
 Christmas Day Fri, December 24
 MLK Jr. Day Mon, January 18
 President's Day Mon, February 15
 Spring Cleaning March 21–25

Lunch Monday–Friday

- Lunch & Dessert Bar 11:30am–12:30pm
- Meals-on-Wheels 10:30am–12:45pm

Drop-In Groups/Activities

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT 3rd Wednesdays | 12:00–1:30pm

BILLIARDS The beautiful pool table in our TV Room is free to use. Ask for pool balls at the front desk.
 Monday–Friday | 9:00am–4:00pm

BINGO A lively, friendly group meets weekly for fun & small cash prizes.
 Thursdays | 12:30–3:00pm
 25 cents per card

GRIEF SUPPORT 2nd & 4th Thursdays
 1:30–3:00pm

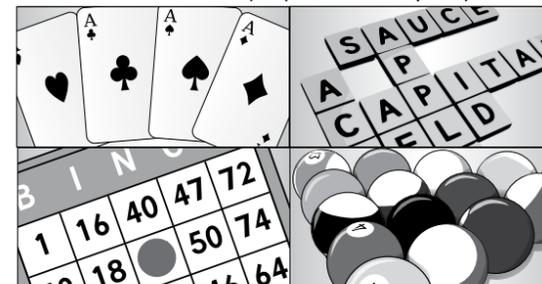
NARANON Meets in the Center's Basement
 Thursdays | 7:00–9:00pm

PINOCHLE (DBL-DECK) Fridays | 1:00–3:30pm | 25 cents

PIONEER PANTRY Tuesdays & Fridays | 9:00am

POKER Mondays | 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
 12:00–3:30pm | \$1.00

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



Senior Services & Programs

NUTRITION PROGRAM—Lunch with dessert bar is served in the Pioneer Center's Dining Room Monday–Friday, 11:30am–12:30pm. Suggested donation for ages 60+ is \$3.00. Cost for under age 60 is \$4.50. For more info call 503.657.8287.

New Year's Eve at Noon—Join us on Thursday, December 31 for a festive lunch to ring in the New Year! We'll have sparkling cider, noise makers and special desserts!

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. Hot meals are delivered Monday through Friday, 10:30am–12:45pm. Frozen meals are provided for closures, weekends and holidays. The service also provides a menu and a newsletter with upcoming events and meal information. For more information call the Pioneer Community Center Meals on Wheels Coordinator Shirley Ryan at 503.722.5979.

GROCERY SHOPPING TRIPS—For ages 60 and over or disabled. We provide transportation to Market of Choice, Fred Meyer, Albertsons, Haggens, Grocery Outlet and Safeway. To schedule a ride, call 503.657.8287 up to one week ahead of time. Space is limited, so please call early. Pick up begins at 12:45pm. Suggested donation: \$1 each way.

TRANSPORTATION—For ages 60 and over or disabled. Passengers must live in Oregon City or in West Linn. Vans are lift-equipped. Call 503.657.8287 up to 7 days ahead to schedule a ride. Suggested donation: \$1.00 each way

HEALTH SERVICES—Blood pressure (Helping Hands Home Care) and hearing testing (Able Hearing). No appointment needed.
 2nd Tuesday each month | 10:00am–12:00pm | Free

MEDICARE INSURANCE ASSISTANCE—SHIBA volunteers provide free counseling to people with Medicare. Call SHIBA at 503.655.8269 to receive assistance with your Medicare benefits.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP—A caregiver's support group for those whose loved ones have Alzheimer's or other types of dementia. Call Sarah at 503.416.0214 for more information.
 3rd Wednesday each month | 12:00–1:30pm | Free

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP—This support group, led by Chaplain Joanne Petrie (Bristol Hospice), provides a safe haven to share your thoughts, feelings and problems related to your loss. Learn how other group members cope with, and are working through their grief. Call 503.698.8911 for more information.
 2nd & 4th Thursdays each month | 1:30–3:30pm | Free

PEDICURES—RNs Bea and Jan offer pedicures at the Center for seniors and the disabled. They have 30 years of experience with foot hygiene and cuticle care. Ingrown nails, calluses and corns can be corrected. Bring two small towels. Call 503.657.8287 ext."0" for more information or to schedule an appointment.
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 2nd Wednesdays | by Appointment | \$30—Pay to RNs

SENIOR LAW PROJECT—Once a month, a local volunteer attorney provides free half-hour consultations regarding estate planning for Clackamas County residents, ages 60+. For more information and to schedule appointments, call Jamie at 503.722.3268.

2nd Monday each month | On-going | by Appointment | Free

COMPUTERS/INTERNET—Computers with Internet access are in our Computer Lab. NOTE: The Pioneer Center offers free Wi-Fi! Printers are not available.
 Monday–Friday | 9:00am–4:00pm

CENTER IS CLOSED: Thursday–Friday, December 24–25 | Monday, January 18 | Monday, February 15 | Monday–Friday, March 21–25



Holiday Giving Tree

Help us provide a little brightness and cheer to our community's less fortunate this holiday season. We are sponsoring a holiday giving tree decorated with wishes for the very low-income elderly and disabled residents of the Oregon City Residential Center. The wishes provide each resident with much needed items they may not otherwise receive or be able to afford during the holidays. **HOW IT WORKS:** Simply select an ornament from the giving tree at the Pioneer Center. Gift ideas are printed on each ornament. Purchase the gift(s) listed and return the ornament and unwrapped gift(s) to the Pioneer Center before Friday, December 11. Donations of holiday wrapping paper, bows and gift boxes are also greatly appreciated. Pioneer Center volunteers will wrap and deliver the gifts to the Oregon City Residential Center for Christmas.



Chinook & Entertainment Books

We still have 2016 Entertainment Books (\$30) and Chinook Books (\$22) available for purchase! They offer 15 months of savings for the whole family at many Oregon City and Clackamas County businesses, as well as at many places in the Portland Metro area. They make great holiday gifts too! Stop by the Pioneer Center today to get your copy! They pay for themselves quickly and help support our local seniors!

Holiday Wreaths *A Pioneer Center Tradition*

\$18 | Place orders at the Center before November 20
Please help support the Pioneer Adult Community Center by purchasing a beautiful holiday wreath! Our fresh 22-inch diameter wreaths are assembled in Clackamas County and contain noble fir, cedar, berried juniper and pine cones, and are finished with a colorful hand-tied bow. Your purchase helps support our Nutrition and Meals on Wheels programs. **Please pick up your wreath at the Pioneer Center, 12:00–4:00pm on Tuesday, December 1.**

March for Meals–Donate Today!

During the month of March, the Pioneer Center will once again participate in the nationwide March for Meals campaign! Please consider volunteering at our center and/or making a donation to our Meals on Wheels Program! Our program provides a nutritious noon meal with warm conversation and a security check for homebound seniors and disabled residents in Oregon City and West Linn. If you see our March for Meals collection containers at community businesses, please consider making a donation! If your business, church or social group is interested in sponsoring a collection container or having a fundraising drive, please call 503.722.3781 or email jspencer@orcity.org. Every donation to Meals on Wheels stays right here in Oregon City and West Linn, as an investment in the health, well-being and dignity of a senior!

Volunteer Today!

The Pioneer Community Center provides a wide array of services to our community's seniors and to citizens at large. Our small staff needs your help to keep our programs operating and running smoothly. **We are currently looking for Friday Kitchen Servers, Friday Meals on Wheels Drivers, Wednesday and Thursday Receptionists, as well as Substitute Receptionists.** There are many different opportunities for you to share your skills and make a difference in our community. Flexible positions are available Monday–Friday between 8:00am–4:00pm. *For more information about our volunteer opportunities, contact Jamie at jdavie@orcity.org or 503.722.3268. You can make a difference in our community!*
PLEASE NOTE: Background Checks may take 2–3 weeks to process.

Year-Round Donations

We accept items that are used in many of our programs, including:

- **Sponsor a Senior for a Day Trip or Activity**—We have a fun, active group that goes on day trips at least twice a month. Donate \$15 and a very happy senior will be on their way! You can also sponsor a senior for our Big Band Dance or other Center activities.
- **Recycle Your Newspapers Here**—Our large easily-accessible drop box (generously donated by B&B Leasing) is located in the parking lot, across from our main entrance. All money raised helps to fund our Meals-on-Wheels program. *Every page counts!*
- **Health Equipment**—Donations of good, clean working medical equipment are greatly appreciated. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes and crutches are available for short-term loan at no charge.
- **Fill A Stocking, Fill A Heart**—We are a FASFAH donation site and accept donations year round. For more info please refer to their website www.fillastocking.org/donateitems or call 503.632.0577.
- **FIDO**—We are a donation site for FIDO and accept donations of unopened dog and cat food. FIDO's AniMeals program delivers pet food along with the Meals on Wheels program. Delivery is every other week to recipients who are often at risk of sacrificing their own nutrition to feed their pet companions.

Cover the Miles Program

Our Meals on Wheels drivers provide our homebound seniors a hot meal, along with companionship, caring and support. Some drivers log over 60 miles on a round trip! Our Cover the Miles Program provides mileage reimbursement to our drivers who need it—many are seniors themselves and are on fixed incomes. YOU, your business or organization, can adopt a route for an annual tax-deductible donation of \$100 to \$500. We'll list you/your group/your business in our newsletter and in the Trail News. Your name will also be on the magnetic door sign we provide for our drivers' vehicles, which reads: "Meals on Wheels route sponsored by (your name)".

Thank You to Our 2015 Program Sponsors

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Peter & Anne Bellamy	OC Optimist Club	David & Lori Sobelson
Clackamas FCU	OC Rotary Club	

Arts & Crafts

TO REGISTER: ☎ call instructor

Acrylic & Oil Painting

Instructor—Shirlee Lind ☎ 503.722.3845

For beginning and experienced artists. Emphasis is on learning brush techniques, color mixing, shading and composition. Demonstrations with experimental techniques to create texture and depth using mixed media. To register, call at least one week before class begins. Pick up a supply list at the Center prior to first class.

Wednesdays | January 6–March 16

SESSION 1 9:30–11:30am | **SESSION 2** 12:30–2:30pm
\$95 (Over62—\$60) | 11 weeks, 11 classes

Busy Bees

Have fun making crafts, sewing quilts and aprons, etc. for fundraisers or simply working on your own projects in the company of others.

Mondays | Ongoing | 9:00am–Noon

Free (Closed: Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 21)

Knitting & Crocheting

Instructor—Janice Tipton ☎ 503.829.8031

[BEGINNING] Learn basic knitting and crocheting stitches. Bring your own needles and yarn. For more information or to register please call.

Wednesdays | Ongoing | 10:00am–1:00pm

\$20 = 4-week session (No Class: March 23)

Watercolor Painting

Instructor—Melissa Gannon ☎ 503.557.3963

Explore the exciting, challenging medium of transparent watercolor! Learn to mix colors, the basics of composition, elements of perspective and drawing. All levels welcome. To register, call Melissa. Pick up a supply list at the Pioneer Center prior to first class.

Thursdays | Jan 7–Feb 25 | 11:00am–1:30pm

\$100 (Over62—\$60) | 8 weeks, 8 classes



Computer Skills **TO REGISTER:** ☎ call instructor

Instructor—Jerry King ☎ 503.723.9497. **Call for fees, scheduling & more info.** Students get hands-on practice during each 2-hour class. 4 weeks, 4 classes. Maximum 8 students per class. (No Class: Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 21)

Level 1—First Steps Instructor—Jerry King ☎ 503.723.9497

Learn to communicate with the computer by understanding the signs and symbols a computer uses to communicate with you. Learn the *minimize, maximize, restore down* and *close* commands, how to reposition and resize a window, how to save and print files, and an introduction to the Internet. Students also learn and practice mouse commands, and how to hover to identify program tools.

Level 1—Intro to Windows 8 Instructor—Jerry King ☎ 503.723.9497

NEW! Learn how to navigate Windows 8 effectively and why it's so different. You will learn all about the start screen, charms bar, hot screen corners, Windows Store app and live tiles. You will also discover how to use Mail, Internet Explorer 10, system-wide search, and how the OneDrive works.

Level 2—Computer Basics Instructor—Jerry King ☎ 503.723.9497

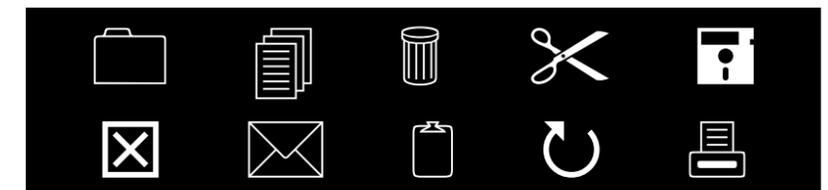
This course opens with a survey of computer terminology and components. You'll learn to set up folders and subfolders in Windows, and create shortcuts to your desktop. This lets you organize your files and find them quickly. Discover the different ways to connect to the internet and how to use a browser, search engines and e-mail. Students will e-mail a friend and attach a picture.

Level 3—Word Processing Instructor—Jerry King ☎ 503.723.9497

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

Level 3—Mastering E-mail Instructor—Jerry King ☎ 503.723.9497

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



TO REGISTER: ☺ at Pioneer Center | ☎ call instructor | WWW go online | ✉ email instructor | 📧 mail instructor | ⓘ MORE INFO

Fitness & Relaxation

Cardio Movement ☺

Instructor—Shirley Hall
Class combines walking and aerobics for a calorie-burning workout, all to the beat of dance music. Bring light hand-held weights.
Tuesdays & Thursdays | Jan 5–Mar 17 | 10:45–11:30am | \$83 (Over62—\$58)
11 weeks, 22 classes

Cross-Training Program ☺

Instructor—Shirley Hall
Get in shape this fall! This modified workout program is designed for overall body fitness, combining cardio, weight training and stretching exercises. Bring light hand-held weights and an exercise mat.
Mondays | Jan 4–Mar 14
9:30–10:30am | \$45 (Over62—\$32)
11 weeks, 9 classes
(No Class: Jan 18, Feb 15)

Gentle Pilates Stretching/Yoga ☺

Instructor—Shirley Hall
[ADULTS OF ALL AGES] Yoga movements and Pilates stretches increase your strength and promote more flexibility and balance. Please bring a yoga mat.
Tuesdays & Thursdays | Jan 5–Mar 17
9:30–10:30am | \$110 (Over62—\$77)
11 weeks, 22 classes

Mindfulness Meditation—The Way to Good Health and Happiness

Instructor—Surja Tjahaja ☎ 503.656.8910
Learn how to calm the mind while strengthening concentration with simple breathing methods and comfortable sitting, walking, lying down and standing postures. Using direct experience in the present moment and cultivating bio-feedback skills, this non-religious technique helps direct the mind to a more peaceful state. For more information or to register, call Surja.
Mondays | Jan 4–Mar 14 | 7:00–8:30pm
\$88 = 11 weeks, 9 classes | \$10 = drop-in
(No Class: Jan 18, Feb 15)

Qi–Gong

Instructor—Nick Hancock ☎ 503.266.9939
✉ Mail registration: Balance and Harmony
181 N. Grant St, Ste 103 | Canby OR 97013
📍 www.balancenharmony.com
This moving meditation 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. Beginners welcome.
Tuesdays | Jan 5–Mar 15
9:00–10:00am | \$100 (Over55—\$65)
11 weeks, 11 classes

Tai Chi

Instructor—Nick Hancock ☎ 503.266.9939
✉ Mail registration: Balance and Harmony
181 N. Grant St, Ste 103 | Canby OR 97013
📍 www.balancenharmony.com
[MIXED LEVEL] 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 4–Mar 16
10:30–11:30am | \$150 (Over55—\$100)
11 weeks, 20 classes
(No Class: Jan 18, Feb 15)

Taoist Tai Chi™ Taijiquan

☎ 503.220.5970 | ✉ oregon@taoist.org
📍 www.taoist.org
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 body. Restores calmness and peace of mind. Wear flat shoes and loose clothing.
[ALL LEVELS] Mondays | Jan 4–Apr 25
(No class: Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 21)
Suggested Donation \$140 (Over62—\$110) for 4 months. Includes Lifetime Membership in International Taoist Tai Chi Society.
[BEGINNING] 6:00–7:30pm
[CONTINUING/INTERMEDIATE] 7:30–9:00pm
For Society members who took Beginning class.

Weight Room Adults 50+ Years

Enjoy the Weight Room and exercise with others!
Prerequisite—Orientation required.
[ORIENTATION]
By appointment only: ☎ 503.657.8287
Individual weight training session introduces a personalized fitness program designed to meet your individual needs and goals.
Monday–Friday | Ongoing | 9:00am–4:00pm | \$20 = 24 visits | (Closed: Dec 24–25, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 21–25)

Yoga Instructor—Jenny Juffs

To register call Kim: ☎ 503.936.5211
[ALL LEVELS] Dress comfortably, bring water and a yoga mat.
Thursdays | Jan 7–Mar 10
\$80 (Over62—\$72) | 10 weeks, 10 classes
[BEGINNING-1] 5:30–6:30pm
No drop-ins at this level
Here's a chance to try yoga! Work on flexibility, mobility and strength in a safe, supportive, fun class. Focus on breathing, technique and holding poses. No previous experience needed.

[BEGINNING-2] 6:30–7:30

Drop-ins welcome for \$10 per class
Further your yoga knowledge. Previous experience preferred. Class introduces more intermediate poses and techniques. Focus on body awareness, strength and flexibility. Bolsters, straps and partner stretches are utilized.

Zumba Fitness

Instructor—Bev Bunting ☎ 503.348.3842
This easy-to-follow Latin-inspired class is like a dance fitness party. Dress comfortably, wear sneakers and bring water. The first class (January 6) is free for first-timers. So try it out, and then call Bev or register right at the first class.
Wednesdays | Jan 6–Mar 16
5:30–6:30pm
\$5 = drop-in, per class
\$20 = punchcard, 5 classes
\$40 = 11 weeks, 11 classes

NEW! Language Studies

Spanish [LEVELS 1 & 2] ☺

Instructor—Lucia Torres ⓘ email Lucia at trilma@msn.com
Tuesdays | January 5–March 15 | \$68 (Over62—\$51)
11 weeks, 10 classes (No class: Jan 26)

[LEVEL 1] 9:30–11:00am

For students with little or no Spanish language experience.

[LEVEL 2] 11:00am–12:30pm

For students who have a basic knowledge of Spanish-continued development of reading, writing and speaking skills.

Music & Dancing

Line Dancing Ongoing, no partner needed. | 50¢ drop-in fee

[BEGINNING] Instructor—Rich Learn line dance basics and simple dances, even if you have two left feet!

Mondays | 1:00–2:00pm (Closed: Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 21–25)

[BEGINNING & INTERMEDIATE] Instructors—Staff

Learn the latest steps, as well as the traditional ones.

[BEG] Tuesdays, 2:00–1:00pm | [INT] Tuesdays, 1:00–3:00pm

Music Together Family Class

Instructor—Wendy Reznicek ☎ 971.678.6742 | Register at
www.valleykidsmusic.com ✉ valleykidsmusic@gmail.com

This essential Music Together® class is one a child can attend from birth to age 5 through all 9 song collections. It follows the recommendations of child development researchers—grouping children of mixed ages to foster natural, family-style learning. Children participate at their own level in singing, moving, chanting, listening, watching or exploring musical instruments. Any caregivers (parents, grandparents, nanny) can bring the children. The whole family is welcome!

Saturdays | Jan 16–Mar 19 | 9:30–10:15am | \$150

10 weeks, 10 classes *Free Demo Class: Sat, Jan 9 | 9:30am*

Pioneer Singers

Chorus Director—Melinda Byers ☎ 503.381.9827

Attention former singers in the Oregon City area! Come tune up your vocal cords and have fun too! We are a growing chorus and would like to have you sit in to see if you would like to be part of our group. Singing strengthens your body, mind & spirit. We are always looking for new members who enjoy singing choral renditions of show tunes & good time oldies. You don't need to be able to read music. ⓘ Call Melinda.

Fridays | 10:00am–Noon | \$30 per semester

Wednesday Afternoon Ballroom Dances

The 16–piece Swing Street Glenn Tadina Big Band and the 14–piece Black Magic 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 503.769.5598. Come early for lunch!

LUNCH 11:30am–12:30pm (Closed: March 23)

\$3.00–60+ suggested donation | \$4.50–60 and under

DANCE 12:45–3:00pm | \$5.00 at the door (Closed: March 23)

Free Seminars, Programs & Events

WINTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

The Pioneer Center provides applications and assistance to low-income seniors for the following programs:

■ **LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP):** Funds are available during the fall and winter for eligible low-income seniors who need help with their Portland General Electric and NW Natural bills. *Must be a Clackamas County resident and meet federal low-income guidelines. Apply by November 30.*

■ **HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM:** Applications are available for Christmas gift and food baskets for seniors residing in Oregon City and West Linn who are at or below federal food stamp guidelines. *Must be an Oregon City or West Linn resident. Apply by December 1. For more information, or to see if you qualify for either program, call Jamie at 503.722.3268. **Applicants must meet federal low-income guidelines to qualify for both programs***

ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP: WHY A WILL ISN'T ENOUGH

Attorney Richard B. Schneider provides practical advice on safeguarding your assets and health care wishes during and after your lifetime. Get up to date knowledge about: Wills, Living Trusts, Health Care Documents, Issues Regarding Guardianship, and Conservatorship. Call Laura at 503.241.1215 for more information or to reserve your seat today!

Tuesday, January 26 | 10:00–11:30am

A MATTER OF BALANCE: FALL-PREVENTION COURSE

Are you concerned about falling? This award-winning 8-week program teaches participants how to manage falls, reduce fall risks and increase activity levels. To register call Kahyra at 503.494.2909 or go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/MOB_Pioneer_Class.

Wednesdays | Feb 3–Mar 30 | 10:00am–12:00pm (No class: Mar 23)

AARP TAX-AIDE

IRS-trained volunteers annually help over 2 million nationwide file their taxes. The Pioneer Center will once again be an AARP Tax-Aide site in 2016, providing free tax preparation assistance for low- to middle-income Clackamas County taxpayers. Trained tax volunteers will be at the Pioneer Center twice a week, with a focus on helping those age 60 and older. Beginning Monday, January 4 you can call 503.657.8287 to schedule an appointment. Please call as soon as possible, as the time slots fill up very quickly.

Tuesdays & Fridays | February 2–April 12 (Closed: March 21–25)

Hourly Appointments: 9:00am–2:00pm

WORKSOURCE WORKSHOPS

WorkSource Oregon and Northwest Family Services have teamed up to help job seekers land their dream jobs through refining and learning new skills. By participating in 6 free classes you will be automatically entered into a raffle for a \$100 Fred Meyer's gift card! Visit www.nwfs.org/for-job-seekers/worksource-clackamas-workshops for the current workshop schedule. To register, visit the WorkSource Center at 506 High Street, Oregon City. If you have any questions, call 971.673.6400 ext. 22473.

Extended Trips *Spring & Autumn 2016*

Three trips are presented by the Pioneer Community Center, Collette Tours & American Travel Bureau. For more information, contact Lori Thrasher with American Travel Bureau at ljthrasher@comcast.net or 503.789.5487.

TRAVEL SLIDE SHOW!—Monday, November 30 | 10:00am Join us to learn about the following exciting trips. Collette Tours & Lori Thrasher from American Travel Bureau will be here to provide information and answer your questions.



Blarney Castle, Co. Cork, Ireland
photo by Shadowgate: Creative Commons Attribution—<https://www.flickr.com/people/79586279@N00>

SHADES OF IRELAND March 15–24, 2016 (10 days) Spend St. Patrick's Day in Dublin!

From vibrant and history-filled Dublin, across rolling green hills to the dramatic coast, experience all of the charms of Ireland on this magical tour of the Emerald Isle. Live like royalty during an overnight stay on the grounds of a castle. Visit the new House of Waterford Crystal factory. See the Atlantic from the stunning 700-foot Cliffs of Moher. Experience the world-famous beauty of the Ring of Kerry. Have coffee and scones at a working farm. See beautiful Killarney from your seat in an Irish jaunting car. Journey to historic Blarney Castle, lean back and kiss its famous stone!

- This tour requires moderate physical activity, including longer days, walking longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces.
- Trip includes round-trip airfare from PDX, air taxes & fees, hotel transfers, lodging and 13 meals (8 breakfasts & 5 dinners).
- Per person rate—\$3,399 (double occupancy).
- Does not include \$260 cancellation waiver & insurance.

THE COLORADO ROCKIES July 16–24, 2016 (9 days) Featuring National Parks and Historic Trains

Join us as we traverse the Colorado Rockies. At every turn you will find the beauty of nature in the form of Alpine lakes, towering peaks and rolling meadows. View the "Roof of the Rockies" and travel to the Island in the Sky mesa. Pass through the town of Moab and see where many western films were made. Visit the Colorado National Monument and journey to Colorado's wine country. Then it's all aboard the 1881 coal-fired, steam powered locomotive on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. Embark on a journey aboard the Pike's Peak Cog Railway and later travel to the Garden of the Gods to see the legendary symbol of the 1859 Gold Rush.

- Tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestone streets.
- Trip includes round-trip airfare from PDX, air taxes & fees, hotel transfers, lodging and 12 meals (8 breakfasts & 4 dinners).
- Per person rate—\$2,799 (double occupancy).
- Does not include \$205 cancellation waiver & insurance.

ISLANDS OF NEW ENGLAND September 15–22, 2016 (8 days)

New England's miles of sandy beaches, majestic coasts and rolling surf invite relaxation. The Islands of New England tour spends eight days exploring New England's charms, from the cobblestone streets of Nantucket to a dry harvest cranberry bog. Step back in time at Plimoth Plantation to sample traditional recipes from that period, learn some Pilgrim etiquette and enjoy a Thanksgiving feast where you'll learn to "eat like a Pilgrim." In Provincetown, the choice is yours—set out on a whale watch cruise or embark on a scenic adventure through the iconic sand dunes of the Cape. Visit Boston and Providence, the Gilded Age mansions of Newport, the lively artist colony of Provincetown, and the beautiful islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Complete the New England experience as you indulge in a traditional lobster feast.

- Trip includes round-trip airfare from PDX, air taxes & fees, hotel transfers, lodging, attractions and many meals.
- Per person rate—\$2,749 (double occupancy).
- Does not include \$205 cancellation waiver & insurance.



Pikes Peak Cog Railway near the summit of Pikes Peak. Photo courtesy of <http://www.coloradoscenicrails.com>



Extended Trip *Autumn 2016*

THIS TRIP IS PRESENTED BY THE PIONEER CENTER THROUGH PREMIER WORLD DISCOVERY. For more info, contact Ryan Campbell: rcampbell@premierworlddiscovery.com or 360.219.7799.

TRAVEL SLIDE SHOW!—Tuesday, December 15 | 10:00am An informational presentation about this trip, led by Ryan Campbell, District Sales Manager of Premier World Discovery.



GREAT TRAINS & GRAND CANYONS October 2–7, 2016 (6 days)

Have you always wanted to see the Grand Canyon? Well now is your chance—by train! Enjoy a 6 day, 5 night stay while someone else does the driving! This tour includes five nights in Sedona, as well as a Sedona Trolley Tour featuring the Chapel of the Holy Cross and the Airport Mesa for spectacular views. Experience an unforgettable day with a drive through the amazing Oak Creek Canyon, and then board the Grand Canyon Railway for awe-inspiring views of the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park! Next, journey to the Montezuma Castle

National Monument and the old mining town of Jerome. Board the Verde Canyon Railroad and take in the spectacular views of two national forests!

- Trip includes round-trip airfare from PDX, sightseeing & admissions, hotel transfers, motorcoach transportation, lodging and 8 meals (5 breakfasts & 3 dinners).
- Per person rate—\$1,999 (double occupancy).
- Does not include \$200 cancellation waiver & post departure plan.

Facility Rentals at Pioneer Community Center

An ideal event venue
for as low as \$65/hour

- WEDDINGS
- MEETINGS
- HOLIDAY PARTIES
- ANNIVERSARIES
- SEMINARS
- BIRTHDAY PARTIES
- MEMORIALS
- FUNDRAISERS
- RETIREMENT PARTIES

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



- 3,500 square foot ballroom
- Solid hardwood floor—ideal for dancing and catered events
- Tables & chairs for 200, theater or reception style
- Elevated stage for live band, DJ or speaker (podium available)
- Food service area; outside catering is allowed
- Alcohol is permitted; non-smoking venue
- Additional rooms available for dressing or storage

Our staff will help to 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 an appointment to tour the facilities, call Jessica at 503.722.3781. Our rental agreement is available online at www.ocity.org/pioneercenter/rentals.

Day Trips *Tentative Winter/Spring Schedule*

- Participants must be 60 years of age or older, or have a disability.
- For complete trip details please call 503.722.3781 or stop by the Center.
- Trips are scheduled on Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted.
- All trips include a lunch stop—you pay.
- All trip fees must be paid before your name is added to the trip list. If there is an additional entrance fee, we will notify you in advance. Our trips are quite popular and we often have a waiting list.
- If you're not able to self-ambulate, please bring a caregiver/friend to assist you on the trip.
- The Center must be notified at least one week in advance if you can't participate, and a voucher will be issued. No vouchers are given to "no-shows."
- Trips are subject to change or cancellation due to lack of participation or the weather.
- To register or to be placed on the waiting list, stop by the Pioneer Center at 615 5th St, Oregon City.

JAN 6	Slappy Cakes & Tour of Bee Thinking
JAN 21 (Thu)	Rose City Dog Show
FEB 3	Pendleton Mill Tour & H2O Resource Center
FEB 17	Oregon Culinary Lunch and Tour
MAR 2	Salem Capitol Tour
MAR 14 (Mon)	Dine Out—Celebrate Pie Day at Shari's
MAR 16	Providence Park Stadium Tour & Kell's Irish Pub
MAR 30	Spirit Mountain Casino
APR 6	Guide Dogs for the Blind Tour
APR 20	Progressive Lunch Outing

Library Hours & Info

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
	Friday, December 25	Christmas Day
Closed	Friday., January 1	New Year's Day
	Monday., January 18	MLK Day
	Monday, February 15	President's Day
More Info	For the latest information on our entire range of programs and services visit www.orcity.org/library or call 503.657.8269.	

Library News from Director Maureen Cole

As we head into the holidays and another Oregon winter (will it be wet? will it be dry?) I am pleased to report that the library expansion is going well and we seem to be surviving the construction process. During the time frame that this Trail News is current, you will see the addition closed in. A big thank you goes out to all library patrons who put up with bumps, vibrations, and noises as they go about seeking materials and enjoying programs at the library. Here's a tip: construction work ends each day about 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. We are happy to see you at any time and really appreciate you sticking with us. Don't forget about our construction webcam as a way to track progress. Best wishes from your friends at the library!

Want All the Latest News? Sometimes things change, so sign up for the library's monthly newsletter at www.orcity.org/library/webform/email-newsletter and like us on Facebook!

NEW! 3M Cloud Library

3M Cloud Library is an eBook/eAudiobook service, and is the second one for Libraries in Clackamas County (in addition to Library2Go/OverDrive). It is very similar to Library2Go, but easier to use! Download the 3M Cloud Library app at LINCC.org, ebook.3M.com, the iTunes Store, Google Play or NOOK Apps Storefront.

Help Us Serve You Better



The FREE library card issued to each member at registration is your key to checking out, renewing materials, picking up holds and using the Internet. Please bring your library card for prompt, accurate and secure services. If you've lost your card, please let us issue a new one for you. Using an ID instead of your library card requires staff to look up your information over and over, delaying your service as well as those next in line. You also need your PIN for all online services. If you don't know it, stop by the circulation desk for look-up.



End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center 1726 Washington Street | 6:30pm

December 11—Alive Inside: In this uplifting exploration of music and the mind, social worker Dan Cohen fights a broken healthcare system, demonstrating the power of music to combat memory loss. Combining family visits with testimony from experts like Oliver Sacks, the film also includes music that will have us humming. This film strikes just the right note for the pre-holiday craziness.

January 8—CyberSeniors: A humorous and heartwarming feature documentary, CYBER-SENIORS adds to the important international conversation about the growing generation gap. Focusing on a group of senior citizens who take their first steps into cyber-space under the tutelage of teenage mentors, the film expertly renders a thought-provoking look at a spirited group of men and women who are enriched by digitally re-connecting with their families and each other. Finding their footing rather quickly, the group moves on to compete for the most YouTube views while swiftly building their online inventory of friends. The inspiration for the Cyber-Seniors documentary came from a high school project that was launched by two sisters.

February 12—Secret State of North Korea: In Secret State of North Korea, FRONTLINE shines a light on the hidden world of the North Korean people, drawing on undercover footage from inside the country as well as interviews with defectors—including a former top official—who are working to try to chisel away at the regime's influence.

March 11—The Way We Talk: What is stuttering? Where does it come from? Is it passed down through families? Director Mike Turner, who will attend the viewing, wondered about all this because of his own stuttering. He set out to get answers and open the door to the silence that many stutterers share. Learn what he discovered about the role stuttering played in his family and his identity in a conversation which is sure to be fascinating.

Half Off for the Holidays!

50% Off Library Fines | November 28—January 2

Our holiday gift to you! Oregon City Public Library will match each dollar you pay toward your fines.

■ This offer does not apply to damage fees or lost items.

■ Redeemable only at Oregon City Public Library.

More Winter Events 7:00pm

Thursday, December 10 | Library

Harpist Joanna Pearson—Start the holiday season off with an evening of beautiful music by Oregon City's favorite harpist, Joanna Pearson.

Monday, January 25 | Pioneer Community Ctr

Mindfulness Eating Practice—Surja Tjahaja presents Mindfulness Eating Practice, a hands-on food experience that invites people to turn off their auto pilot and pay attention to a most fundamental experience—what and how we eat. Eating is more than just chewing and swallowing. Through the experience of mindful eating, we learn about our relationship to food, take control of our impulses, heighten our sensory awareness, and come to appreciate the interdependent nature of life. A favorite of Oregon City Library program attendees, last year Mr. Tjahaja presented the very popular *Demystifying Meditation* twice, as well as *The Happiness Game*.

Thursday, February 25 | Library

Author Jane Kirkpatrick—New York Times best-selling author Jane Kirkpatrick returns to Oregon City to discuss her new book *The Memory Weaver*. Based on true events, the emotional journey follows Eliza Spalding Warren as she is forced to confront her past. Don't miss this popular author and terrific speaker on her return visit to Oregon City!

Elevated Readers Book Club

Thursday, January 7 | 6:15–8:00pm

Discussion: *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Brown
If you'd like more information about our discussion schedule (which varies occasionally), a list of titles we're reading, or questions to help make the most of your reading, send your email address to Betty at barmstrong@orcity.org.

Children 12 and under can pay their library fines just by reading! Simply come into the library and read...one hour equals \$1⁰⁰ off your overdue fines.

Ask at the children's desk for more info.

Monthly Family Storytime

6:00–7:00pm | 3rd Tuesdays:

Dec 15, Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 15
Join Karen and Debbie for stories, songs, games and crafts! For family members of all ages.



¡La Hora de Cuento Bilingüe!

Por los niños de 2 a 8 | 10:15am
El primero miércoles del mes:
1 dic, 6 enero, 3 feb, 2 marzo

¡Vengan a la hora de cuento bilingüe! Tendremos cuentos, canciones y rimas en español e inglés.

Bilingual Storytime!

Ages 2–8 | 10:15am
1st Wednesday each month:
Dec 1, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 2

Come to bilingual storytime! We will have stories, songs and rhymes in Spanish and English.

Weekly Storytimes Monday–Thursday | 10:15am

Your child's early experiences with books and language lay the foundation for success in learning to read. During our Library storytimes, toddlers and preschoolers enjoy books, songs and rhymes while building language and literacy skills. Simple crafts, live music and special guests—along with our storytime leaders—will make storytime a special time for your child.

Monday	Ages 3–5	PRE-SCHOOL	Check our website and watch for flyers announcing the fun!
Tuesday	Up to age 3	TODDLER	
Wednesday	Ages 3–5	PRE-SCHOOL	
Thursday	Up to age 3	TODDLER	

Winter Crafts for Kids! Wednesdays | 2:00pm

December 2	Ages 4–7	Christmas Countdown Calendar	
December 9	Ages 3–6	Christmas Crafts & Ornaments	
December 16	Ages 7–10		
January 13	Ages 3–6	Be a Weatherman	Just drop in to join the fun! Advance sign-up is not required for any of these winter crafts for kids!
January 27	Ages 7–10		
February 3	Ages 3–6	Valentine Crafts	
February 10	Ages 7–10		
March 9	Ages 3–10	Grow Easter Grass	
March 23	Ages 7–10	Easter Crafts	

Teen Activities! Thursdays | 6:30–8:00pm

December 3	Teen Video Game Night
January 7	Teen Video Game Night
January 21	Duct Tape Art
February 4	Teen Video Game Night
February 18	Henna Body Art Workshop with Kelly Welker
March 3	Teen Video Game Night

Free Resume Help!

In Reference, Walk-ins Welcome!

Whether you need a second pair of eyes to proofread or you're starting from scratch, the library is here to help with your resume. You can schedule an appointment or just walk in!

Tuesdays–Saturdays with Gina, 503.657.8269 ext. 1017.

Smartphones 101

Saturday, November 28 | 10:00am

Pioneer Community Center

(Washington Street entrance)

Do you have questions about your smartphone? Join us for this free informal session and get some answers!

Don't forget to bring your smartphone.

Technology Tutor

Appointments

- Dumbfounded by your new device?
- Scared of social networks?
- Eager to learn about eBooks?
- Confused by computers?
- Mildly perplexed by Microsoft Office?
- Interested in the Internet?

WE'RE HERE TO HELP! Make an appointment with a skilled librarian today! We can help you get started with a variety of devices, software programs, library databases, and web applications.

To schedule a one-on-one appointment, call 503.657.8269 ext.1017, email gbacon@orcity.org or mkrause@orcity.org or stop by to fill out an interest form.

Free Family Cultural Passes

Check Out Some Free Fun!

The libraries throughout Clackamas County offer for check out one-day family passes to local cultural venues. You can check out a pass and treat your family to a FREE adventure. To reserve a pass for a specific day, come into the library or call 503.657.8269.

Participating venues include:

- Chinese Garden
 - Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden
 - Japanese Garden
 - (Closed for construction through March 1, 2016)
 - Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum
 - Pittock Mansion
 - Portland Art Museum
- (Adults pay a \$5 entrance fee with the cultural pass)

OREGON CITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION

from Karen Martini

STACK. What is it? Definitions:

- 1 "A more or less orderly pile or heap." Hmm.
- 2 "A set of shelves for books or other materials, arranged compactly one above the other, as in a library." Better.

The Oregon City Public Library will have a lot of stacks—about 44 of them—and all of them will be filled with materials. While there may be important library identification on the ends, there is plenty of blank space, too.

So, consider this: What if your name, your family name, or your business name was displayed on the end of a stack—a recognition that honors your contributions to Oregon City's newly renovated library? A \$1,000 contribution to the Oregon City Library Foundation will trigger some communication with you and an artistically designed nameplate that will be proudly displayed.

Interested? For this and other ideas about how you might see yourself in the new library with naming opportunities ranging up to \$100,000, visit our website at www.oclibraryfoundation.org or email us at contact@oclibraryfoundation.org.

Friends of the Oregon City Library

from Lynda Orzen

Meet the New Management Team at the Friends of the Library Bookstore! In August of this year it was decided to create a management team to run the daily operations of the bookstore. Since we had several volunteers that had expertise in certain areas, we let them take on the responsibilities. This new arrangement has worked to serve the bookstore very well. We have been able to increase visibility in the community and sales at the bookstore. Please drop in and meet our new team, Carole Van Domelen, Janice Gunderson, Harryette Shuell, Fran Mertz and Carolyn Misterek.

Friends of the Library Bookstore is open Monday–Saturday, 10:00am–5:00pm at 502 Seventh Street in Oregon City. Like us on Facebook!

USED BOOKSTORE
& More

502 7th Street
Oregon City

Monday–Saturday | 10:00am–5:00pm

● BOOKS ● MEMORABILIA ● CARDS ●

Code Enforcement Reminders

Noise Ordinance

The city recently adopted a new noise ordinance with very specific restrictions for a variety of sounds such as; domestic power tools, construction hours, sounds produced by animals, motor vehicles on private property, etc. Oregon City Municipal Code 9.12.023 Noises Prohibited became effective July 1, 2015. Please contact our office at 503.496.1559 or see our website at www.orcity.org/code-enforcement for more information or questions regarding the new ordinance.

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

Code Enforcement is reactive and accepts anonymous complaints. Once the office has received your concern it is then prioritized and scheduled to have an officer investigate the allegation, taking necessary corrective actions to bring the property into compliance. Citizens may submit their concerns one of three ways:

- 1 Calling the information and complaint line at 503.496.1559
- 2 In person at the Oregon City Code Enforcement Office, located in the Oregon City Police Station at 320 Warner Milne Rd.
- 3 By visiting the OCRequest site at www.goveoutreach.com/oregoncity/faq.php.

Concerns submitted through OC Request are not updated. These concerns are logged into the Code Enforcement Database and closed in OC Request. The concerns are investigated and tracked in the Code Enforcement Database only. A status update may be requested via the Information and Complaint line at 503.496.1559.

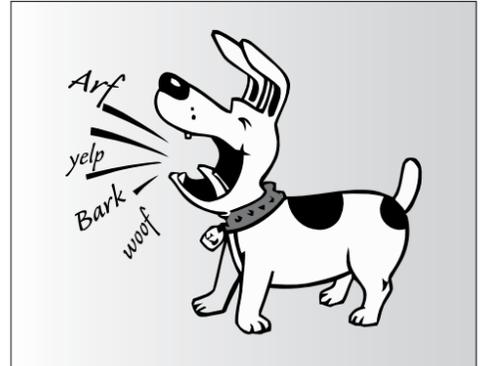
FAQs Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

- Q *Who is responsible for sidewalk maintenance?*
A Adjacent property owners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks abutting their property. Sidewalks should be safe and accessible for the use of the general public including those with mobility and vision disabilities. Clearing debris, overgrown vegetation, snow and maintaining sidewalks in good repair is all part of property ownership.
- Q *Limbs from my neighbor's street tree fell down in the windstorm last week; the limbs are obstructing on-street parking and are hazardous for passing vehicles. Who is responsible to clean up the mess?*
A The abutting property owner to the tree is responsible for the prompt removal of fallen trees, broken limbs and leaf removal; keeping the area safe for pedestrians and motorists.

Grocery Cart Return

IF YOU FIND AN ABANDONED GROCERY CART IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD from Fred Meyer, Safeway or Albertsons you can call 503.899.2475 and leave a voice message letting them know the address where the cart is located. Be sure to identify which of the three stores the cart is from. The cart will be picked up within 72 hours and their normal route in Oregon City is Tuesday, Saturday and every other Thursday.

Bi-Mart and Walgreens are not a part of this pick-up service so you would need to call the store directly for these carts to be picked up and removed.



Updated Signage Options Effective November 1

In collaboration with residents and businesses, the standards for signage on private property and within the right-of-way have been updated!

To learn more about your signage options call Laura Terway, AICP, Planner at 503.496.1553 or visit our website at www.OCSignCode.org.

What? I need a Permit?

To find out when you need a permit for your home project, call the Oregon City Building Department at 503.722.3789.

www.ThinkPermit.com



Alarm Systems & the Holidays

Don't let your Holiday Season be ruined by false alarms!

MOTION DETECTORS AND HOLIDAY DECORATIONS. When decorating the interior of your home or business for the holidays, ensure that decorations will not activate motion detectors, especially when forced air heating systems are turned on! After decorating, inspect to make sure no festive decorations interfere with window and door contacts. Secure outdoor/indoor lights around doors and windows

so that in the event they hit the glass portion of the window, they will not activate glass break detectors. With inclement weather and higher wind gusts during the winter, please check doors and windows for cracks or a loose fit in the frame to deter false alarms.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS—TEMPORARY USERS, HOLIDAY TRAVEL. Ensure that everyone with a key to your home or business knows how to use your alarm system, from keypads to pass codes and canceling a police response.

■ **Homes Alarm Users:** The Holiday Season provides an opportunity for family and friends to visit, and children are home from college. Let your alarm company know if you will be out of town, and advise them of who will be house-sitting and what additional, temporary contact numbers may need to be added.

■ **Business Alarm Users:** Let your alarm company know if you have hired temporary employees who will be using the alarm system during this holiday season and what additional, temporary contact numbers may need to be added.

With everyone's help, you can make this a safe, happy and false alarm free Holiday Season.



OCPD Fingerprinting Service

The Oregon City Police now provide a fingerprinting service. For an appointment to have your fingerprints done, call 503.496.1681 Monday–Thursday, 7:00am–6:00pm. The fee is \$15 per card, cash only. For more info visit www.orcity.org/police/fingerprinting-service.

Victim Assistance Program *victim Advocates Wanted*

THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATES, **BOTH MEN AND WOMEN**, WHO ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING PEOPLE WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CRIME. The criteria for becoming an advocate includes the ability to care about others, good listening skills, be at least 18 years old, have reliable transportation and no criminal background. Victim Advocates provide crisis intervention and follow-up support, keep victims informed of their case status, accompany victims to court (if applicable) and encourage them to exercise their rights as a victim. Becoming a Victim Advocate is a very rewarding opportunity to help people within your community. Applications are now being accepted for the Spring 2016 training session, set to begin in April. All accepted applicants will receive the necessary training to prepare them to be a Victim Advocate. For more information or an application, please call Krysti Bellmore at 503.655.8616. You can also email her at krystibel@co.clackamas.or.us.



OCPD Sponsors Spring 2016 Community Shred-It Event

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR APRIL 23, 9:00AM–12:00PM. The event will be held in the parking lot of the Police Department at 320 Warner Milne Rd. Details will be included in the next Trail News.

Holiday Safety Tips

AS THE HOLIDAYS APPROACH, REMEMBER THESE SAFETY TIPS TO ENSURE YOU HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON:

AS YOU FIND TIME TO SHOP

- Be aware of your surroundings. Look for suspicious persons, etc. when you are in any area.
- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm.
- Remember where you parked your car.
- If shopping late in the day or after dark, park in an area that is well lighted.
- Shop in pairs, at the very least. Take a friend or family member shopping with you. There is something to be said for safety in numbers.
- As you return to your car, make sure to keep your car key in your hand.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Carry cash and wallets in a front pocket to reduce your chances of having your pocket picked.
- Don't leave car phones, purses or any other item of value in your parked car where they can be seen. Always conceal these items.
- Don't leave purchased merchandise in your parked car where it can be seen. Conceal these items also.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.

AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES (ATM)

- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a mall or other well-lit location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone standing near you.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

AT HOME

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.



Winter & Holiday Candle Safety *Tips to Keep Your Family Safe*

CANDLES ARE A LEADING CAUSE OF HOUSE FIRES, ESPECIALLY DURING HOLIDAY AND COLD WEATHER MONTHS. Statistics show that most candle fires start when they're left unattended.

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

www.clackamasfire.com

District Office	503.742.2600
Fire Prevention	503.742.2660
Public Info	503.742.2693
Daily Burn Message	503.632.0211
DEQ Complaints	503.229.5293

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

"Flushable" Products

Often Clog Sanitary Sewer Pump Stations

MANY PRODUCTS MARKED AS "FLUSHABLE" MAY NOT NECESSARILY CLOG SEWER PIPES, but often clog sewer pumps, causing major problems to the cities and agencies who maintain them. In Oregon City, 14 major sanitary sewage pump stations and 7 minor pump stations are required to convey sanitary sewage to the Tri-City Treatment Plant. All of these pump stations require ongoing maintenance regardless of materials conveyed through their systems, but maintenance needs are increasing due to the types of materials being introduced by users into the sewer system.

At a large Seattle Public Utilities sewer pump station, about half of its maintenance costs are spent on clearing clogs. An engineering supervisor for sewer services in Vancouver, WA estimates that **baby wipes make up half of the material clogging the city's sewer system** and residents pay an extra \$4.37 each year to address the problem. To prove their point, workers dyed several types of wipes and sent them through the system and found that flushable products aren't breaking down. In addition, other items which often clog sewage pump stations are: facial tissue, cotton swabs, hair, dental floss and cat litter.

Paper towels, baby wipes, adult wipes and other wet wipes are **never** designed to be flushed (even though some say they are) and are often intact after traveling through sewer lines. Wipes labeled as flushable only means they'll fit down your home's pipes. Down the line, however, they can catch on pipe joints and tree roots, and wind around pumps. "Flushable" wipes have become such a problem that cities and homeowners have begun filing lawsuits against their manufacturers because they notoriously block private sewer laterals, public sewer mains and bind up municipal pump stations.

What's the alternative? Although it's tempting to use your toilet as a personal trash transporter, please use garbage receptacles for these nondegradable products.

Clogged Drain? *Don't Mix Drain Cleaners!*

WATCHING THE WATER IN YOUR SINK OR BATHTUB REFUSE TO GO DOWN THE DRAIN can be very frustrating, and it doesn't take long for standing water in plumbing fixtures to become stagnant. Your first line of defense is most likely a plunger. If, after several minutes of intense plunging, the clog remains stubborn, you may be tempted to invest in drain cleaners.

Chemical drain cleaners are designed to eat through minor clogs, allowing the water to flow freely again. While most professional plumbers advise against using these cleaners (not only do they eat away at the clog, but they can also eat away at your pipes) the average homeowner is bound to use a drain cleaner at some point.

So, if you find yourself standing in front of the drain cleaners at your local hardware store, keep one thing in mind: **DO NOT** mix your drain cleaners. Drain cleaners are not all the same. The chemicals and compounds used to create different drain cleaners means that they are not always compatible to mix. For instance, some drain cleaners use bleaches, while others use acids. Both bleaches and acids will chew away at a clog, but if you mix different types of cleaners, you can get a severely toxic reaction. For example:

- Mixing an acid-based cleaner (vinegar, lemon juice, toilet bowl cleaners) with a base cleaner (slippery products like dish soap, Windex, Mr. Clean, etc.) could result in hot water coming up out of the drain—scalding hot water that could burn you.
- Mixing an acid-based cleaner with a bleach-based cleaner can have even more toxic results—chlorine gas.

Chlorine gas can be quite irritating to the skin, lungs and eyes. In large amounts, it can be deadly. Chlorine gas was even used during WWI as a chemical weapon. To avoid the dangers of accidentally mixing drain cleaners, your best bet is to not use the cleaners at all and call a plumber for help. *However, if you are compelled to give drain cleaners a try, be sure to never mix different kinds of cleaners.*

Sanitary Sewer Moratorium Construction Project Update

ON AUGUST 6, 2014, THE CITY COMMISSION ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON LAND DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING PERMIT APPROVALS, IN CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN OREGON CITY, BASED ON A LACK OF SANITARY SEWER CAPACITY.

On October 1, 2014, the City Commission adopted an Ordinance adopting the City of Oregon City 2014 Sanitary Sewer Master Plan (SSMP), which sets forth solutions necessary to correct the problem, creating the need for the moratorium and which serves as the City's corrective program. The City Commission adopted a Resolution on September 17, 2014, adopting new monthly sanitary sewer collection charges that will allow for the implementation of the SSMP identified solutions to resolve the current capacity deficiencies. The figure below at right shows the designated moratorium areas.

The moratorium was extended for a year through the adoption of Ordinance No. 15-1002 (effective April 1, 2015) and the subsequent adoption of Ordinance No. 15-1015 (effective October 1, 2015). Since the first extension of the sanitary sewer moratorium, the City has taken more steps to implement solutions to resolve current capacity deficiencies. Construction of the 12th and Main Street project was completed in August 2015, allowing the 12th St NW area moratorium to be lifted. Construction of the Madison St. and 14th St. to Division project has begun and will be completed by the end of 2015, allowing the lifting of the 12th St. SW, 12th St. NE, and 12th St./13th St./Division St. area moratoriums. Updates to the Settler's Point Pump Station Project were also completed this summer allowing development restrictions to be lifted for areas including the Lindsay Anne Estates subdivision.

The City recently awarded a contract for the Linn Ave. project, for design in fall/winter of 2015-16 and planned construction in summer 2016. The project's completion is expected to allow the lifting of the Linn Ave. N and Linn Ave. S moratorium areas in the fall 2016.

While this moratorium remains in effect, no building or plumbing permit, and/or a public works sewer or construction plan permit applications may be accepted or issued until flow-constrained sewer conditions are remedied and the moratorium is officially lifted.

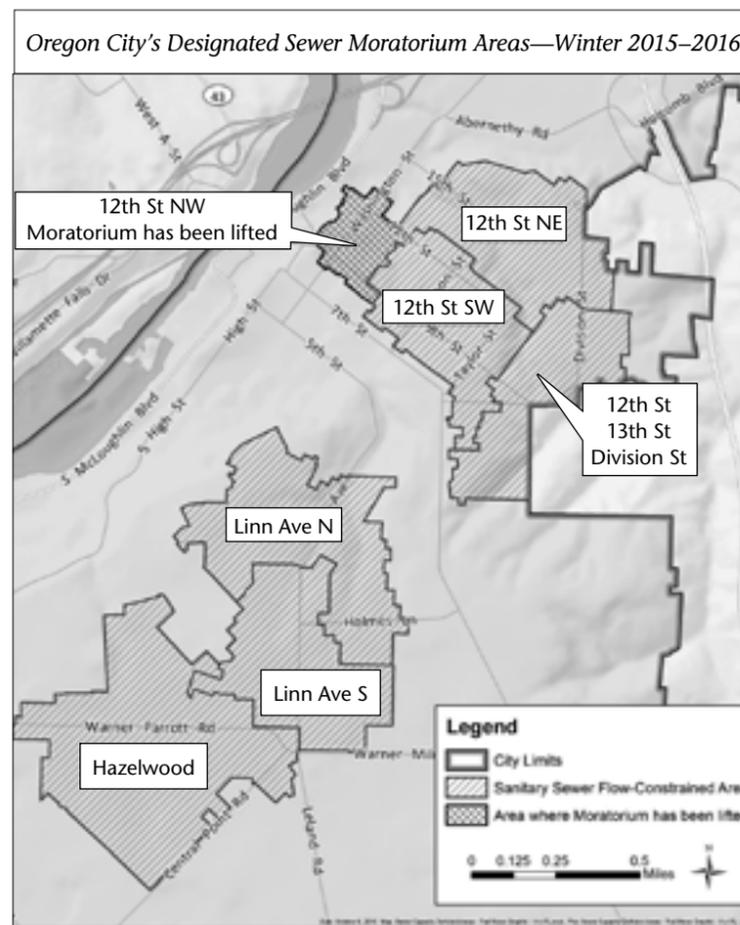
Any development or redevelopment proposal using conventional wastewater conveyance that does not increase wastewater flows to these capacity constrained areas will be exempt from the moratorium.

Who Knew? — The Truth About Sanitary Sewer Rates

RATEPAYERS NATIONWIDE TEND TO THINK "ALL SEWER RATES SHOULD BE EQUAL". It's difficult to understand how much operating costs vary drastically from one jurisdiction to the next. As shown below, the number of pump stations varies significantly between agencies depending upon terrain, density and excavation difficulties. Differing operating systems also mean expenses vary significantly by jurisdiction.

Oregon Agency	Wastewater Pump Stations	Pump Stations per 1,000 people
PORTLAND	96	0.16
LINCOLN CITY	28	3.48
BEND	82	1.01
OREGON CITY	14	0.42

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Storm & Sanitary Sewer Capital Project Update

PUBLIC WORKS HAS HAD A BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL 2015 CONSTRUCTION SEASON! In addition to numerous paving and waterline projects, the following storm drainage and sanitary sewer projects were designed and constructed (or are under construction) this year:

- **Settler's Point Sewage Pump Station Improvements** *Completed in August 2015*
Project upgraded pump station capacity to accommodate proposed new development and improved remote monitoring and operation of the station by City staff.
- **12th and Main Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement** *Completed in August 2015*
Project repaired a deteriorated manhole and sewer main running down Main Street and upsized a sewer main in 12th Street. The benefits of the project included reducing groundwater inflow, increasing sewer capacity, easing maintenance activities and enabling the lifting of a sewer moratorium area.
- **14th Street Storm Drain Improvements** *Completed in July 2015*
Project installed new storm drain inlets, removed a storm drainage outfall which was damaging private property and the adjacent creek, and added an asphalt drainage berm to direct runoff flows on 14th Street more effectively.
- **Coffee Creek Storm Drain Improvements** *Completed in September 2015*
Project in the Canemah neighborhood decommissioned a corroded steel pipe which passed through private property and under a structure, replacing it with modern polyethylene pipes that go around the property. Additional elements of the project included improving drainage of hillside seepage, rehabilitating a historic rock channel beneath 3rd Street, and access improvements to drainage structures.



- **Madison and 14th Street to Division Street Sewer Project** *Estimated Completion in November 2015*
When completed, this project will upsized sewer mains in Madison, 14th, Buchanan, 13th, and Division Streets, as well as adding service laterals in select locations and repairing cross connections between sanitary and storm pipes in the right-of-way. Benefits of this project include reducing groundwater inflow, improving sewer capacity, improving sewer connection access for residents, and enabling the lifting of three sewer moratorium areas.



To Sand or Not to Sand? That is the Question.

THE STREET DIVISION OF OREGON CITY PUBLIC WORKS RESPONDS TO SNOW AND ICE EVENTS BY MAKING THE ROADS AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE. As part of the City's overall goal, use of a number of strategies are implemented to address the changing conditions that often occur during our winter weather storm events. Our crews utilize liquid de-icer (70% water, magnesium chloride, and a corrosion inhibitor to reduce impacts to vehicles) as part of its overall response efforts, in addition to plowing and in some instances, the application of sand.

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

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

In some rare cases when de-icer may not be as effective as other treatments, City crews will apply sand. Sand is usually effective on steep hills, corners and intersections as an additional measure to improve traction. Due to environmental concerns and the fact that sand typically is blown off or worn off these areas easily, we typically keep sand application at a minimum.

If needed, OCPW will also plow snow and in some cases, close steeper streets when there are safety concerns. Remember, even the best preventive measures don't eliminate risk. It is always up to motorists to drive at speeds appropriate for the road and weather conditions.

For more information about the City's winter weather response plan, check out our webpage at www.oregoncity.org/publicworks/inclement-weather.

Protect Life and Property from Flood Damage

MOST OREGON CITY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS BELIEVE FLOODING IS NOT AN ISSUE FOR THEM; THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

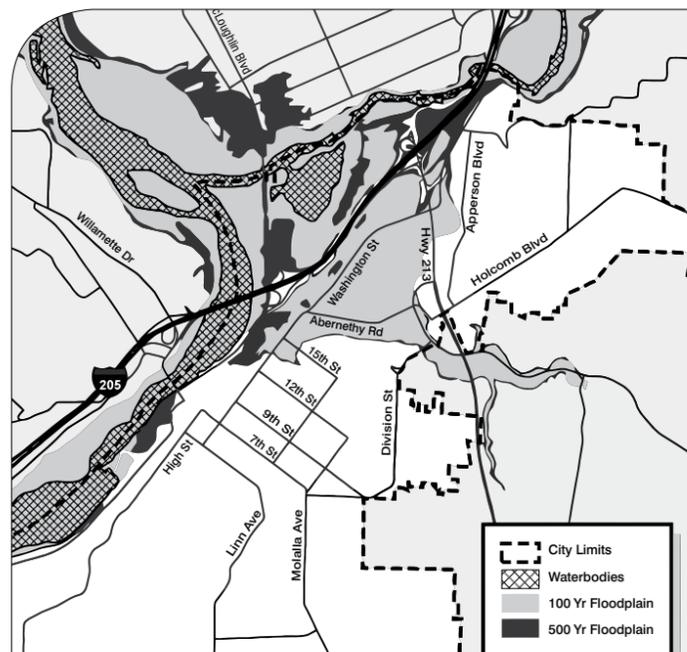
TYPES OF FLOODING

In the Pacific Northwest, flooding is most common from October through April. Oregon City is subject to two types of flooding:

- RIVERINE FLOODING** (relating to rivers) occurs along our three major waterways: the Willamette and Clackamas Rivers 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 drainageways. Local drainage flooding is more likely to create smaller scale inundations of roads or properties. There are three general types of problems:
 - High water tables after local storms sometimes mean wet crawlspaces, yards and basements.
 - In some areas, the lay of the land means surface water doesn't drain quickly to a receiving stream or storm sewer.
 - Storm sewers and culverts may be too small to convey heavier flows.

NATURAL & BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS OF FLOODING

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



OREGON CITY FLOODPLAIN

There are 277 Oregon City tax lots located entirely or partially within the 100-year floodplain. A 100-year floodplain is an area that has a 1% 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.

OREGON CITY HAS A HISTORY OF FLOODING

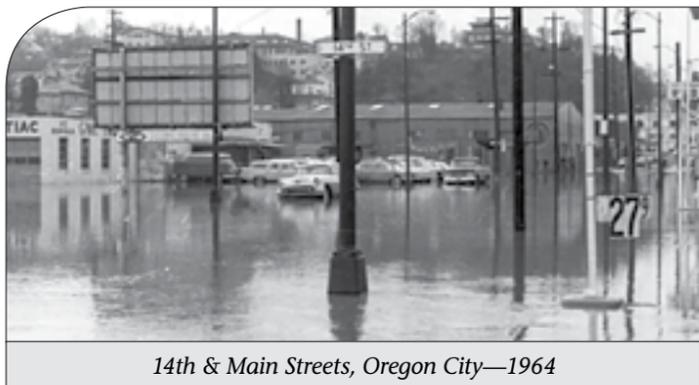
Although most Oregon City homes/businesses are not located in the 100-year floodplain and do not have high risk flooding factors, Oregon City receives an average annual precipitation of just over 47 inches making it subject to flooding. Since 1861, severe riverine flooding on the Willamette River occurred in 1890, 1924, 1943, 1948, 1956, 1964 and 1996. Major floods on the Clackamas River were recorded in 1923, 1931, 1960, 1964 and 1996.

PROBLEMS WITH THE NFIP

In 1968, Congress created the *National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)*, a federal program operated by FEMA, because most homeowners' insurance policies did not cover floods. As a result, property owners who experienced a flood often found themselves financially devastated and unable to rebuild.

The NFIP was formed to fill that gap and was designed to incorporate community adoption of minimum standards for new construction and development to minimize future risk of flood damage. Pre-existing homes and businesses, however, could remain as they were. Owners of many of these older properties were eligible to obtain insurance at lower, subsidized rates that did not reflect the property's true flood risk.

In addition, as the initial flood risk identified by the NFIP has been updated, many homes and businesses that were built in compliance with standards at the time of their construction have received discounted rates in areas where the risk of flooding has since been revised. This "Grandfathering" approach prevented rate increases for existing properties when the flood risk in their area increased.



MAJOR CHANGES TO THE NFIP

Because of insurance payouts following significant natural disasters including Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, flooding in the Missouri River Basin, and other nationwide natural disasters, the NFIP is currently \$24 billion in debt. Reforms are being called for to require flood insurance premiums to actually reflect the real risk of flooding. In 2012, the U.S. Congress passed the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 which called on FEMA and other agencies to make a number of changes to the way the NFIP is run. In 2014, the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 was signed into law. The law repeals and modifies certain provisions of the Act of 2012 and makes additional program changes to other aspects of the program not covered by that act. However, many provisions of the Act of 2012 remain and are still being implemented.

The intent is to strengthen the NFIP and ensure fiscal soundness. Today, the program is focused on implementing recent legislation by adjusting premium increases, issuing new rates and map updates and supporting mitigation measures. More information is available at www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program.

REDUCED FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUMS

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 community has taken steps to reduce the risk of flood damage that goes beyond the NFIP's minimum requirements, the community's residents should pay less for flood insurance because of the reduced risk. Flood insurance is sold through private insurance companies and agents and has been backed by the federal government.

Fortunately for owners of property in the floodplain, Oregon City is the only city in Clackamas County that participates in the NFIP and has met minimum NFIP standards. The City's current rating is a Level 7 making property owners eligible for up to a 15% decrease in flood insurance.

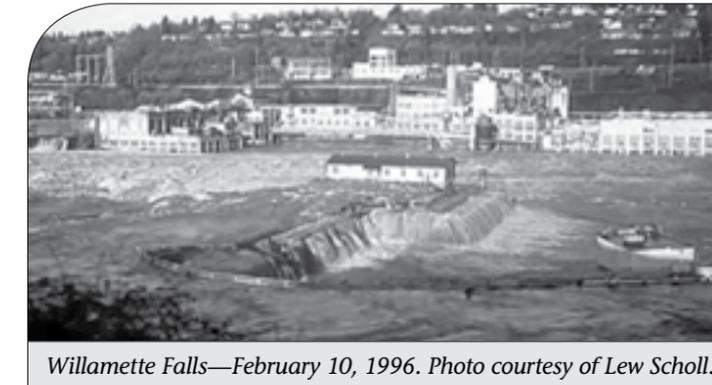
As a result of our Level 7 rating, flood insurance premiums in the 100 year floodplain in 2013 were reduced an average of \$618/year from \$4,120 to \$3,502 per property. Annual city-wide rates (62 policies in and out of floodplain) average \$850 for residential and \$3,850 for nonresidential properties.

As for flood insurance payouts, following the floods of February 1996, 206 businesses/households applied for FEMA disaster assistance and received a total of \$1,336,500. An additional 12 flood insurance policy holders filed claims and received a combined total payout of \$969,000. The difference is an average payout of \$6,488 (FEMA) vs. \$80,750 (flood insurance).

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF?

Below is a partial list of measures that can be implemented to keep lives and property safe. See www.ready.gov/floods for a complete list.

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| Know your flood hazard | Know if you are in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 100-year floodplain A 500-year floodplain An area susceptible to local drainage flooding |
| Insure your property for flood hazards | If you own a property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider flood insurance; you don't have to live in a floodplain to benefit from flood insurance. Buy flood insurance if your home/business is in a floodplain. Renters in floodplains are encouraged to purchase personal property flood insurance. |
| Protect people from the hazard | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN! Most flood-related deaths are a result of drivers ignoring warnings and attempting to traverse unsafe roads/bridges. Other life and safety threats from flooding include electrocution, contaminated water and damage to emergency service and public health facilities. Designate a place where your family can rendezvous after a disaster. |
| Protect your property from the hazard | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep debris & trash out of streams & ditches. If your structure is in a flood zone, elevate your furnace, water heater, electric panel, etc. Consider installing "backwater valves" to prevent drainage systems from backing up into your home/business. |
| Build responsibly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before you build, get a permit from the Building Division. (www.orcity.org/building or 503.722.3789) BUILDING PERMITS SAVE LIVES! |
| Protect natural floodplain functions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO DUMPING in waterways, ditches or any water quality facilities. |



Water Conservation *5 Great Tips You Can Put into Effect this Winter*

TAKE STOCK OF YOUR WATER USAGE HABITS

Even if you're careful about your water usage in the home, chances are that there are important steps you're *not* taking and factors that you're *not* considering. As the air begins to cool, for example, you may enjoy taking a few extra minutes in a hot shower. Standard shower heads use more than two gallons of water a minute. Even a small amount of extra shower time every day adds up to large water waste. There are a number of products, such as flow meter bags, that can help you gauge your water usage. It's easier to control your usage when you know your usage.

WATER PLANTS LESS

Cooler temperatures and increased rainfall means outdoor plants and lawns require much less water. Purchase a rain sensor switch to stop your irrigation system from coming on when it is raining and make sure your irrigation system is turned off and drained no later than October 31 to prevent the pipes from freezing during the winter.

INSTALL EFFICIENT FAUCETS & SHOWER HEADS

Not running water needlessly—such as when scrubbing dishes after a large holiday celebration—is a good step towards water conservation, but many households can further decrease water use by installing high efficiency faucet aerators and shower heads.

UPGRADE YOUR TOILETS

Toilets are the number one water waster in the home, replacing your old toilet with a new EPA High Efficiency Toilet (HET) is an excellent way to reduce unnecessary water waste. If you're unable to replace your toilets for any reason, you can use toilet tank banks, or fill cycle diverters to reduce the amount of water used per flush.

CHECK BEHIND THE SCENES

Check all faucets and, wherever possible, pipes for leaks. A single drip may seem insignificant, but that volume adds up—a single dripping faucet can waste more than 3,000 gallons a year. To check for leaks in hidden pipes, monitor your water meter for an hour or two **when no water is being used**. If the meter dial is moving, there is a leak.

These tips are a good place to start, but they are just that—starting places. There are a myriad of different ways to conserve water at home.

To learn more indoor and outdoor water saving tips, information about the Clackamas River Water Providers Rebate Program, and how to receive water saving devices such as tank bags, fill cycle diverters, flow meter bags, efficient faucet aerators, shower heads, and much more visit our website at www.clackamasproviders.org or call us at 503.723.3511.



FOT Planting Event

Saturday, December 5 | 8:45am

Friends of Trees and the City of Oregon City are hosting a community planting event! To sign up as a planting volunteer and get event details, call 503.467.2525 or email oregoncity@friendsoftrees.org. Volunteers should arrive at the meeting destination by 8:45am to register and be assigned to a planting crew. *Dress appropriately for the weather and wear sturdy shoes/rubber boots. We provide gloves, tools and planting guidance, as well as breakfast snacks, hot coffee/tea and a complimentary community-supported potluck lunch at the end!*

How OC Protects & Promotes Trees

WHEN TREES ARE PROPOSED TO BE CUT DOWN FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT, OREGON CITY REQUIRES REPLACEMENT OF THE TREES BASED ON THEIR SIZE, LOCATION AND HEALTH. Replanting requirements are higher for trees that are larger, healthy and outside of the building footprint (in a parking lot area, for example). These rules are intended to discourage the cutting of healthy trees, and instead promote the integration of existing trees into new development.

Some trees are permanently protected, even when there is no proposed development. Cutting of trees or the removal of native vegetation within the Natural Resource Overlay District is prohibited, unless part of an approved development activity. Replanting is required for any tree removal in this district. Tree removal on steep slopes is also limited and regulated to protect against landslides and erosion. These areas are identified by the Geologic Hazard Overlay District.

Street trees are in the public right-of-way and are maintained by adjoining property owners. If a resident wishes to remove a street tree, replacement is required. Oregon City also plants and maintains hundreds of new trees each year in its parks, storm ponds, and other properties. We are happy to be a Tree City USA! *For questions related to tree protection or removal, call the Planning Division at 503.722.3789.*



Eight Reasons to Appreciate Trees in Oregon City

OREGON CITY IS HOME TO A LOT OF TREES. We have trees that have been around since before John McLoughlin settled here, and trees that were just planted this year. We have Doug Firs, White Oaks, and Paperbark Maples. We have huge trees in our City Parks, and small trees lining our streets. Lots of our residents have fruit trees that provide tasty apples, pears, cherries, and plums. These trees all contribute to our City and our way of life in many ways that we don't always notice! Here are eight reasons why our trees are so valuable to our community:

- 1 CLEAN AIR.** Researchers have found that urban trees and forests are saving an average of one life every year per city because of the particulates that they remove from the air. A study in the Journal of Preventative Medicine found that people experienced more deaths from heart disease and respiratory disease when they lived in areas where trees had disappeared.
- 2 CLEAN WATER.** Forests provide natural filtration and storage systems that process nearly two-thirds of the water supply in the United States. When you drink a glass of tap water in a restaurant, you're drinking water that was filtered largely by the forests of Oregon. The forests do such a good job that the city only needs to do a minimum of additional filtering.
- 3 INCREASED PROPERTY VALUES.** People are drawn to homes and businesses near trees. The proof is in the prices: research shows that property values are higher for houses surrounded by trees, and consumers spend more at shops near green landscapes.
- 4 MENTAL HEALTH.** Feeling down? Take a walk in the woods. Several studies found that access to nature yields better cognitive functioning, more self-discipline, and greater mental health overall. One study even found that hospital patients who can see trees out their windows are hospitalized 8% fewer days than their counterparts.
- 5 TEMPERATURE CONTROL.** The shade and wind-breaking qualities that trees provide benefit everyone, from the individual taking shelter from a hot summer day to entire cities. The annual mean air temperature of cities can be up to 5 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than their surroundings. Trees reduce this "heat island effect."
- 6 FLOOD CONTROL.** Trees can hold vast amounts of water that would otherwise stream down hills and surge along rivers into towns. That's why trees are such an important part of stormwater management for many cities.
- 7 CARBON SEQUESTRATION.** Burning fossil fuels puts heat-trapping carbon dioxide into our atmosphere. Planting trees can slow down this process. A tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year, and can sequester one ton of carbon dioxide by the time it reaches 40 years old.
- 8 WILDLIFE HABITAT.** Wildlife use trees for food, shelter, nesting, and mating. These habitats support the incredible variety of living things on the planet, known as biodiversity. By protecting trees, we also save all the other plants and animals they shelter.

Can you think of more reasons? Post on our facebook page or tweet us @OCCityHall. *This article cites information found at www.Earthshare.org.*

Native Oak Stewardship *Workshops*

Sponsored by the Oregon City Natural Resources Committee

DO YOU HAVE OREGON WHITE OAK IN YOUR YARD OR NEIGHBORHOOD? Are you interested in learning about landscaping practices that can enhance oak habitat and species?

Beginning spring 2016, The Intertwine Alliance Oak-Prairie Work Group will facilitate a workshop series taught by oak/prairie landscaping specialist Mark Griswold Wilson for urban residential landowners to learn about and implement 'nature-scaping' with native oak. Workshops will consist of one class session, followed by two hands-on trainings. Residential homeowners in Oregon City and neighboring urban communities are eligible to participate.

Class size will be limited to better support learning and interaction with the instructor. Workshops will be free, and there might be an opportunity for cost-shared plant materials, depending on the design and need. Ideally, we are seeking clusters of neighbors and/or landowners in close proximity to a natural area supporting native oak. To learn more and register your interest in the workshop series, take a short survey at <http://tinyurl.com/oakscaping-workshop>.

Even if you cannot participate in these workshops, you can do your part to help us conserve the rich legacy of Oregon white oak habitats and become an active steward:

- Plant and nurture Oregon white oak and associated native plant species
- Leave the oak leaves, don't overprune
- Avoid lawns, irrigation, and fertilizers under oaks
- Be an 'oak ambassador' and talk to your neighbors



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

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COUNCIL [CIC]

General Meetings
When 7:00pm | December 7
Where City Hall—Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street
Info Laura Terway, CIC Staff Liaison | 503.496.1553 | lterway@oregoncity.org

BARCLAY HILLS [BHNA]

General Meetings
When 7:00pm | Please see www.oregoncity.org
Where St. John the Apostle Cemetery, 445 Warner Rd
Info Tony Uzuegbunam, Chair | fred.don1@gmail.com

CANEMAH [CNA]

General Meetings
When 7:00pm | November 19
Where Oregon City United Methodist Church, 18955 South End Road
Info Linda Baysinger, Chair | team.baysinger@comcast.net

CAUFIELD [CFNA]

General Meetings
When 7:00pm | Please see www.oregoncity.org
Where Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone, 15223 Henrici Road
Info Mike Mermelstein, Co-Chair | mike1376@aol.com
Gary Davis, Co-Chair | davisgj2@comcast.net

GAFFNEY LANE [GLNA]

General Meetings
When 7:00pm | Please see www.oregoncity.org
Where The Meadows Courtyard, 13637 Garden Meadows Dr
Info Amy Willhite, Chair | awillhit@yahoo.com

HAZEL GROVE—WESTLING FARM [HG-WFNA]

General Meetings
When Please see www.oregoncity.org
Where Oregon City United Methodist Church, 18955 S. South End Rd
Info Vacant

HILLENDALE [HNA]

General Meetings
When 7:00pm | Please see www.oregoncity.org
Where Living Hope Church, 19691 Meyers Road
Info Roy Harris, Chair | royandanna@centurylink.net

MCLOUGHLIN [MNA]

General Meetings
When 7:00pm | Please see www.oregoncity.org
Where Fire Station #15, 624 7th Street
Info Denise McGriff, Chair | guttmcg@msn.com

PARK PLACE [PPNA] PPNA@COMCAST.NET

General Meetings
When 7:00pm | Please see www.oregoncity.org
Where Alliance Charter Academy, 16075 Front Ave
Info Bob La Salle, Chair | jeanbob06@comcast.net

RIVERCREST [RNA]

General Meetings
When 7:00pm | November 19
Where First Presbyterian Church, 1321 Linn Avenue
Info Harris Gwinn, Chair | harrisgwinn@msn.com

SOUTH END [SENA] SENA97045@GMAIL.COM

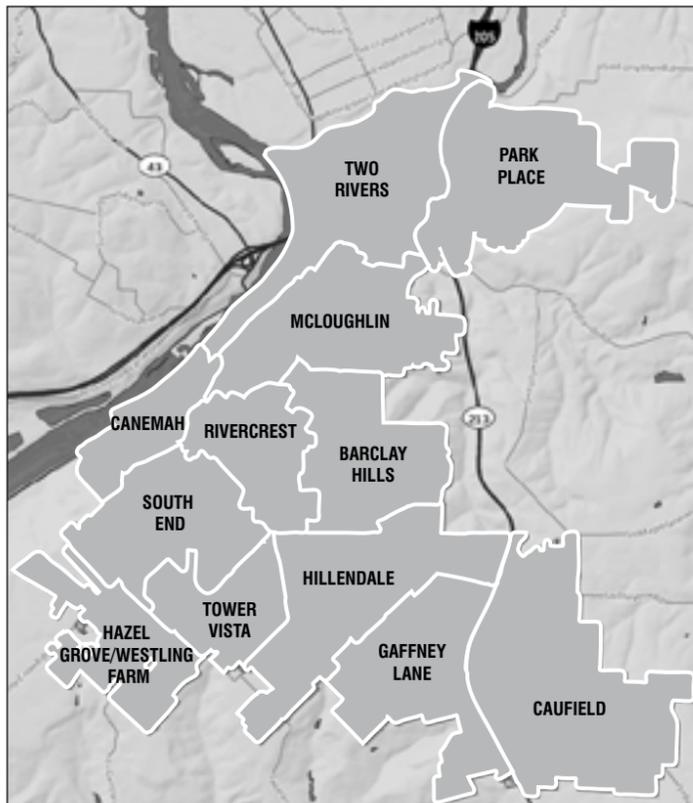
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Where Oregon City United Methodist Church, 18955 S. South End Road
Info Bill McConnel, Chair | 503.860.1037 | sena97045@gmail.com

TOWER VISTA [TVNA]

General Meetings
When Please see www.oregoncity.org
Where Ainsworth House, 19130 Lot Whitcomb Drive
Info Vacant

TWO RIVERS [TRNA]

General Meetings
When 7:00pm | Please see www.oregoncity.org
Where Rivershore Bar & Grill, 1900 Clackamas Drive
Info Bryon Boyce, Chair | bryony@birdlink.net



Download a current detailed map of Oregon City Neighborhoods at <https://webmaps.oregoncity.org/galleries/mapsPublic/index.html>.

City Meetings

Budget Committee	As Announced
Chief's Advisory Committee (Police & Fire Departments)	3rd Tuesdays Jan, Mar, May, Sep, Nov 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 Wednesdays Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec 4:30pm
Metro Enhancement Committee	As Announced
Natural Resources Committee	2nd Wednesdays 7:00pm
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



For more information and a complete list of all city events, please visit the City Calendar at www.oregoncity.org/calendar.

Spring is Oregon City Grant Season

DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE A PROJECT THAT WOULD BE AN ENHANCEMENT AROUND OREGON CITY OR BRING TOURISTS HERE? The City of Oregon City has two grant programs that could help your group fund a project in the 2016-17 fiscal year. This year the Oregon City Enhancement Committee and the Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust awarded a combined \$201,482. The amount available for each program to award varies each year. Applications and specifics for each grant program will be available online at www.oregoncity.org by January 30, 2016.

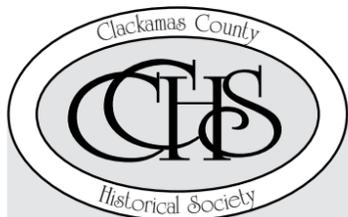
For more information, contact Michele Beneville at 503.496.1542 or mbbeneville@oregoncity.org.

Enhancement Grants Fund Community Projects

THE OREGON CITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MET IN JUNE TO REVIEW AND APPROVE PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING 2015–16 GRANT APPLICATIONS. The grant program was created in 1988 as part of an agreement between the City and Metro. It funds projects that result in the rehabilitation, improvement and enhancement of areas within the city and/or provides opportunities that benefit residents of the city. The program compensates the community affected by Metro South Station, the garbage transfer station at the corner of Highway 213 and Washington Street in Oregon City. The fund generates a one-dollar per ton surcharge collected on garbage disposed of at the station. The committee is comprised of nine members appointed by and including the Mayor, City Commissioners, three citizens and Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette. This year the committee received twelve grant applications and approved funding for the following projects:

- \$25,000 to the Clackamas Community College Foundation to restore the headwaters of Newell Creek.
- \$9,864 to Clackamas County Historical Society to help preserve the Museum of the Oregon Territory building's curb appeal, public safety & lobby presentation.
- \$9,120 to Clackamas County Juvenile Department for its GREEN Corps Fresh Start Expansion program—an educational program that provides valuable trainings in work and life skills, as well as horticulture and small business management for at-risk youth.
- \$8,000 to Depave for an outdoor classroom at Eastham Community Schools.
- \$23,750 to Main Street Oregon City for a downtown Clean Team program for weekend and quarterly cleaning and maintenance.
- \$13,000 to Main Street Oregon City for a storefront micro-grant program for downtown businesses.
- \$14,350 to Willamette Falls Media Center to establish a community patio on the north side of its building, along with young adult educational opportunities assisting on the project.
- \$6,000 to the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce for work with high school students throughout the school district for career exploration and job readiness.
- \$3,175 to Oregon City Farmers Market for winter market signage.
- \$13,000 to Oregon City Willamette Falls Legacy Project partners to do Riverwalk signage.
- \$17,350 funding for Rivers of Life Center to do clean up and beautification projects at the Holcomb/Abernethy/Redland Roads gateway, along with a south gateway project next to the Metro South transfer station.
- \$5,550 to Oregon City Chamber of Commerce to prepare a disaster readiness workbook for local businesses.

For more information, call Michele Beneville 503.493.1542 or send an e-mail to mbbeneville@oregoncity.org. You may also visit the Oregon City web site at www.oregoncity.org.



Open Year-Round

TUE-SAT 10:30am-4:30pm

Museum Admission

\$5 Adults | \$3 Children 5-18
FREE for: Children under 5, Active duty military and their families, CCHS members

CCHS Membership

Incentives now include:

- 10% off all gift shop purchases, including a growing selection of historic books and novels, toys, prints and jewelry
- Discounted event tickets
- Special Members Only events

Museum Tours

Our docents are available to plan escorted tours of the museum for groups of students, seniors or the general public. The Museum is handicap accessible and easily navigated with mobility devices or wheelchairs. We also offer several children's activities for school groups or home school programs. For more information, please contact our tour coordinator at Tours@clackamashistory.org or 503.655.5574.



Museum of the Oregon Territory (MOOT)

211 Tumwater Drive, Oregon City | 503.655.5574 | www.clackamashistory.org

EXHIBITS & UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Exhibits The museum exhibits present the history of Native Americans and early settlers of the Oregon Territory, from the stone age to homesteading and the industrialization of the Willamette Valley. Other areas include the Antique Pharmacy and the Family History Society Research Library. A CHANGED WORLD: RELICS FROM WORLD WAR II *Runs through mid-December*

Programs

TRIBES OF NORTHWESTERN OREGON *Thursday, November 12 | 7:00-8:00pm | Free*
Presentation by David Lewis, PhD and Greg Archuleta about the Native Peoples of the Oregon Territory. They will focus on the Kalapuya, Chinook and Molalla tribes with Greg discussing the ethnobotany and traditional arts of the tribes, while David explores the tribes' ethnography and history in the 19th century. This is a great opportunity to learn about the history, traditions and culture of the Native People in the Oregon Territory!

HOLIDAY DRINKS & SPIRITS *Wednesday, December 2 | 6:30-8:30pm | \$TBA*
Enjoy traditional holiday drinks and celebrate the season with friends at the Museum! Learn about the history of classic drinks such as hot buttered rum, hard eggnog and more while enjoying a taste (or two!) of each drink. Proceeds directly support Clackamas County Historical Society and their ongoing efforts to preserve and interpret local history.

CCHS QUARTERLY MEETING *Thursday, December 10 | 7:00-8:00pm | Free*
Clackamas County Historical Society welcomes local historian Robert Hamm as he presents excerpts from his new book *Becoming Oregon*. The lecture will highlight important moments in our state's history as told through newspaper stories and other primary documents. Come learn about the roots of our unique "Oregon" identity in this engaging and eye-opening presentation.

WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS: ONE-NIGHT-ONLY PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT & FUNDRAISER *Friday, February 19 | Time & Price TBA—Check www.clackamashistory.org for details.*
Engaging photographs act as a window to the past, and provide an intimate look at everything from daily family life to the rapidly changing nature of our towns and cities! Come and see the hidden gems from the extensive photography collection here at the Museum! Photographs, cameras and other items will be on display this one night only. Enjoy a cocktail and refreshments and let loose in our historical photo booth! All proceeds benefit CCHS.

OREGON HUMANITIES CONVERSATION PROJECT: "WHITE OUT? THE FUTURE OF RACIAL DIVERSITY IN OREGON." *Wednesday, February 24 | Check www.clackamashistory.org for time | Free*
The Oregon Humanities Conversation Project is a select series of guided conversations that are part presentation and part discussion. Focusing on issues relevant to local Oregonians, the series will cover a wide berth of topics. The first presenter, Emily Drew, addresses the challenges faced when trying to create diverse, integrated neighborhoods and what we can do to embrace the opportunity.

Stevens-Crawford Heritage House (SCHH)

603 Sixth Street, Oregon City | 503.655.2866 | www.clackamashistory.org
Open Thursday-Saturday | 12:00-4:00pm | Admission is Free

"HERITAGE HOLIDAYS" *Saturday, December 5 | 10:00am-4:00pm | Free*
Come celebrate the holiday season with a tour of the historic homes in Oregon City! Stevens-Crawford Heritage House is participating in this multi-house event and will be decorated to the nines by local garden clubs and organizations in the theme of "Angels on High." Enjoy light refreshments and musical entertainment as you marvel at the festive decorations. Donations are encouraged and will benefit the Stevens Crawford Heritage House.



End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive & Visitor Information Center

1726 Washington Street, Oregon City | 503.657.9336 | www.historicoregoncity.org | info@historicoregoncity.org

Hours (OPEN DAILY)

Check our website for current admission fees and schedule.

Sunday 10:30am-5:00pm
Mon-Sat 9:30am-5:00pm
CLOSED Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
New Years' Day

NEW-Annual Pass!

An annual pass to the End of the Oregon Trail lets you can attend events, bring out-of-town guests, and see new rotating exhibits all for just one price! Visit the center just twice in one year, and you are already experiencing the pass discount—not to mention 10% off purchases in the country store gift shop. The pass is also reciprocal and grants admission to other great heritage sites.

Family Pass-\$75
(2 adults, 2 children & 1 guest)
Adult Pass-\$50 (2 adults & 1 guest)

Visitor Center

As a state welcome center, we have Oregon state parks passes and a wealth of free travel information and brochures. Grab a complimentary coffee or tea and browse the country store's selection of locally made gifts, books, and pioneer-era games. Stock up for a picnic on the lawn with all new healthy lunch options including smoked salmon, cheese and crackers, and fresh fruit before purchasing admission into the interpretive center at least one hour before closing.

Interpretive Center

Experience history through the *Bound for Oregon* feature film and numerous displays on Oregon Trail history, genealogy assistance for descendants of pioneers, and exciting and interactive exhibits that include period games, crafts and dress-up. Outside the Interpretive Center, enjoy the heritage garden, a guided walk of one-thousandth of the trail, and Abernethy Green with pioneer lawn games.

EXHIBITS & UPCOMING EVENTS (Included in museum admission)

HOLIDAYS AT THE END OF THE TRAIL

Party like a pioneer at the Interpretive Center with holiday-theme crafts, cookies and history talks throughout the season. Rent our theater or other facilities for your holiday festivities and do some shopping at our country store with 10% off all purchases in December. Check our website for details or visit the center where you can also ask about gift cards that give admission and a discount for stocking stuffers!

JANE KIRKPATRICK PRESENTS NEW BOOK *Sunday, November 29 | 3:00-4:00pm*

Award-winning and best-selling author Jane Kirkpatrick speaks about memory, history and her latest book, *The Memory Weaver*. Based on true events now on display in the center's rotating exhibit, it is her latest literary journey into the past, where threads of western landscapes, family and faith weave a tapestry of hope in every pioneering woman's heart. Readers will find themselves swept up in this emotional story of the memories that entangle us and the healing that awaits us when we bravely unravel the threads of the past.

HISTORIAN MELINDA JETTÉ *Saturday, January 9 | 1:00-2:00pm*

Melinda Jetté presents her book, *At the Hearth of the Crossed Races*. This history of the nineteenth-century settlement of French Prairie in the Willamette Valley provides a window into the multi-racial history of the Pacific Northwest and offers an alternate vision of early Oregon in the lives of the biracial French-Indian families whose community challenged notions of white supremacy, racial separation, and social exclusion.

LOCAL AUTHOR STEVEN ARNDT *Saturday, January 30 | 1:00-2:00pm*

Steven Arndt presents the latest installment of his book series, *Ghost Towns in Oregon, A-Z*. Did you know Oregon is home to more than 250 ghost towns—the most of any state in this country? Steven Arndt's presentation is rooted in his lifelong passion for the topic, and is full of fun facts that will inspire you to experience these ghost towns for yourself.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WITH AUTHOR SUSAN BUTRUILLE

Saturday, March 5 | 11:00am-12:00pm
Watch out for tea-drinking women! Susan Butruille presents, "*Tea, True Womanhood and Uppity Women*." The award-winning author shares stories and songs from her Western Women's Voices series and her play, *Recipe for Justice*, about women winning the vote.

"HEARTSTRINGS" MUSICAL DUO—"Sounds Along the Oregon Trail"

Monthly Performances—Check dates at www.historicoregoncity.org
Nancy and Rob Downie play a variety of instruments that were common during the Oregon Trail migration period, including hammered and mountain dulcimers, fiddle, acoustic bass, banjo and Native American flute. Their program features music from the Lewis and Clark era through the Civil War, information on the history of the tunes, and the origin and construction of their instruments. The program ends with a sing-along, and a chance for visitors to see the instruments "up close and personal" and to have a mini-lesson! www.heartstringsduo.com

For more information about the exhibits, call the Center at 503.657.9336.

For admission pricing, upcoming exhibits, family-friendly events, book signings and more, please visit our website at www.historicoregoncity.org





McLoughlin House

713 Center Street, Oregon City
503.656.5146

www.mcloughlinhouse.org

Open Friday & Saturday

10:00am–4:00pm | Free Admission

THE MCLOUGHLIN HOUSE REOPENS IN MID-FEBRUARY AND WILL BE CELEBRATING OREGON'S 157TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WITH A FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AND REFRESHMENTS. The National Park Service will

be 100 years old throughout 2016 and McLoughlin House will be hosting a Lantern Tour in celebration of their centennial.

Dr. John McLoughlin (1784–1857) was superintendent of the British Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) based at Ft. Vancouver on the Columbia RIVER. The fur trade brought the first permanent white settlers to the area. Dr. McLoughlin crossed the Rockies in 1824 and established Ft. Vancouver in 1825. He proved to be a shrewd businessman, but was always fair in dealing with natives and settlers alike. When American pioneers arrived on the Oregon Trail, they asked McLoughlin for supplies to help them survive their first winter in Oregon. His kindness to them eventually cost him his job with the Hudson Bay Company.

He had purchased HBC's land claim at Willamette Falls (Oregon City), and he and his family moved into his newly-built mansion in 1846 after being forced to retire. He died in this home in 1857. His key role in Oregon's early history prompted a later state legislature to name him the "Father of Oregon".

The home opened as a museum in 1910, and it continues to draw thousands of visitors each year. It is one of several historic homes in Oregon City which are open to the public. These sites include the Barclay House and the Rose Farm, where the first Oregon Territorial Legislature met in July 1849. Authentic furnishings, artifacts and early photos take visitors back 150 years to the beginnings of the 'American West'. Other historic house museums in the area include the Ermatinger House and the Stevens-Crawford House.

Tours—The McLoughlin House can only be accessed by free guided tours. Tours begin next door at the Barclay House and last approximately 45 minutes. For more information, contact us at mcloughlinmemorial@gmail.com.

Victorian Craft Demonstrations—This free ongoing hands-on demonstration series features a variety of Victorian needlework and handwork techniques. Experience for yourself this important aspect of the lives of ladies in the 1800s!
2nd Saturday each month | November 14–Snowflakes | Admission is free



Celebrate Oregon's Birthday at Rose Farm

Sunday, February 14 | 12:00–4:00pm

William L. Holmes House

536 Holmes Lane, Oregon City

This home, completed in 1847, is the oldest American home in Oregon City. Refreshments will be served and admission is by donation. For more information contact Denyse McGriff at 503.656.3912.

Useful Contact Info

Emergency Service	911
COMMUNITY	Area Code 503
End of Oregon Trail Interpretive Center	657.9336 www.historicoregoncity.org
Ermatinger House	650.1851
McLoughlin House	656.5146
Museum of the Oregon Territory	655.5574 www.clackamashistory.org
Oregon City Soccer	672.9264 ext. 484
Oregon City Youth Baseball & Softball	632.0569
Oregon City Youth Football	632.0547
Redland Baseball	www.redlandball.org
Stevens-Crawford Heritage House	655.2866
Tri-Cities Adult Softball Association	659.2992
YMCA	657.9795
CITY GOVERNMENT	Area Code 503
City Hall	657.0891
Building Department	722.3789
Code Enforcement	496.1559
Community Services	496.1546
Fire Business	742.2670
Library	657.8269
Mountain View Cemetery	657.8299
Municipal Court	657.8154
Parks Department	496.1201
Pioneer Community Center	657.8287
Planning Department	722.3789
Police Business	657.4964
Public Affairs	657.0891
Public Works Operations	657.8241
Public Works—Engineering	657.0891
Recreation	496.1565
Swimming Pool & Activity Registration	657.8273
South Fork Water Board	657.5030
Utility (Water) Billing	657.8151
OTHER GOVERNMENT	Area Code 503
Animal Control	655.8628
Clackamas Community College	657.6958
Clackamas County	353.4400
Clackamas County Commissioners	655.8581
Eastham Community Center	785.8520
Fish & Wildlife	657.2000
Oregon City School District	785.8000



CEVA Volleyball

www.cevaregion.org

Columbia Empire Volleyball Association (CEVA)

promotes, fosters and teaches life-long lessons through volleyball in Oregon and SW Washington. As one of the 40+ regions of USA Volleyball, CEVA is dedicated to providing quality volleyball opportunities through high caliber programs, member services and community involvement. CEVA offers playing opportunities for Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Adults and Outdoor Volleyball.



Oregon City Youth Lacrosse

Oregon City Youth Lacrosse is available for boys in grades 1 through 8. The practices start in March, games are played in April through mid-June. There will be a mandatory meeting in February 2016. Watch for more information and flyers from your school. If you have questions, email Devon Sommer at devon_sommer@yahoo.com or visit www.oregoncitylax.com.



Oregon City Community Education

Programs & Services

Oregon City School District's Community Education Department offers a variety of programs at Eastham Community Center, 1404 Seventh Street, Oregon City:
Early Childhood Program for ages 0–5 years
| Extended Day Program | Youth Sports | Summer Meal Program | Facility Rentals | Community Education | Driver Education
For more information or to register call 503.785.8520 or visit www.orecity.k12.or.us.



Special Olympics Ages 8 to 80

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. 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. It 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 may apply. Seasonal programs are:

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



OC–Tateshina Sister City News

OREGON CITY JUST CELEBRATED ITS 41ST ANNIVERSARY YEAR AS A SISTER CITY—ONE OF THE LONGEST RUNNING, STILL ACTIVE, SISTER CITY COMMITTEES IN OREGON! This special relationship with Tateshina, Japan gives us the opportunity to have a part in fostering friendship and understanding between our two countries. Spring Break of 2016 is just around the corner. The Oregon Sister City Committee is expecting a delegation of 8 Tateshina Junior High School students and their chaperones to arrive on March 19 and leave on March 26. This is a great experience for both the Japanese students and the families that host them. When you host students, you have an opportunity to share your life in Oregon City and Oregon with them. Many families who have hosted in the past have said that they gained almost as much from the experience as their guests. You may make friendships that continue even after the students return to Japan. Email is an excellent connector.

If you would like more information about hosting students or about the Sister City program, please contact either Rick Campbell, Chairperson at 503.557.7875 or Beth Werber, Secretary at 503.557.2906. You are welcome to join us for our monthly meetings, which last about an hour. They're usually held the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm at City Hall, 625 Center St, Oregon City.



Announcements & Special Events



Oregon City Farmers Market

THE 6TH SEASON OF THE OREGON CITY WINTER FARMERS MARKET OPENS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 at the same location as the summer market—the parking lot at 2051 Kaen Road off Beavercreek Road, 10:00am–2:00pm. The winter market runs every other Saturday through April (three Saturdays in April). Pick up a schedule with the dates from the Market's Information Booth.

Live music, hot food and coffee make shopping in the fresh air fun during the winter months! Approximately 30 local farmers and vendors set up all winter long with plenty of fresh produce, pastured certified Organic meats, fresh seafood, fresh eggs, wild mushrooms, jams and pickles, baked goods, salsas, hummus, nut butters, wines, local brandy, honey, coffee beans, dog treats, soaps, lotions, candles, crafts and gift baskets, plus trees and wreaths during the Holiday Season. In the spring there will be a good selection of vegetable starts and fresh flowers. The Market's annual Seed Swap is on March 19.

The Kids POP (Power Of Produce) Club gives children 5–12 years old \$2 in tokens to buy fresh produce every time they come to the Market. Debit and SNAP cards are accepted at the Information Booth. The \$5 SNAP Match continues through December. Starting in January, SNAP customers will see an increased match, and will receive up to \$10 in coupons to buy fresh fruits and vegetables every market day!

The Market opens an hour later during the winter—at 10:00am, and closes at 2:00pm. Don't forget, the Market is open rain, shine or sleet. If in doubt about the weather, call the manager at 503.734.0192.

For up-to-date information, please follow the Oregon City Farmers Market on Facebook and sign up to receive market updates on our website at www.orcityfarmersmarket.com.

Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart

VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY MAKING AND FILLING CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS IN THEIR WORKSHOP. You can share some Christmas joy with others by picking up an empty stocking from one of the 35+ businesses throughout Clackamas County listed on our website. Each stocking comes with a suggested list of personal necessities and age-appropriate gifts to include. Recipients range from newborns to senior adults; we have an over-supply of gifts for girls ages 3–8, but greatly need gifts and items for teen boys, adult men and adult women.

NEEDED ITEMS: Shampoo and toothpaste for kids and adults | Kids all-in-one shampoo for ages 3–8 | Warm hats, gloves and crew socks for adults | Crew socks for children ages 1–2 and boys ages 3–6 | Christmas fabric and yarn

We have no paid staff and are completely supported by individual, group and local business donations, and by fundraising events. Last year, thanks to the help of surrounding communities, we provided 3,600+ Christmas stockings to families and individuals, who have little or nothing during the holidays. That's over 7,000 pairs of socks!

SHARE YOUR FRED MEYER REWARDS WITH FASFAH! Every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you can help FASFAH receive a donation! You still earn your Rewards and Fuel Points as usual. Help us reach a goal of 200 supporters! Our non-profit number is 91156; sign up at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

SUPPORT FASFAH THROUGH AMAZONSMILE. When you shop at AmazonSmile you'll find the same selection and prices as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. Go to www.smile.amazon.com and choose Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart from the list.

THE TASTE DINNER & AUCTION. Get a taste of great food from local restaurants and bid on fantastic silent and live auction items. Bring your hearts and wallets, and help FASFAH bring a little joy to those less fortunate during the holiday season. Thursday, December 3 | 6:00–9:00pm (doors open at 5:30pm) | The Abernethy Center, 606 15th Street | \$25 per person; reserve a table for 10 | Cash, checks & credit cards accepted. Contact us or purchase tickets online at thetaste2015.bpt.me.

For more ways to help check www.fillastocking.org or find us on Facebook. Have questions? Send an email to info@fillastocking.org or leave us a message at 503.632.0577.

Operation Santa Claus 41st Annual Clackamas Fire District #1 Holiday Toy & Food Drive

THE SLEIGH BELLS FROM OPERATION SANTA CLAUS HAVE BEEN RINGING FOR THE CITIZENS OF CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1 SINCE 1974. Firefighters recognized the need to provide toys and food baskets to families and individuals who were less fortunate, and not likely to experience the joys of the holiday season. Hence, Operation Santa Claus was formed. Operation Santa Claus is funded 100% by donations from members of the community. During this month-long holiday toy and food drive, fire district volunteers and employees lead Santa's fire engine parade down neighborhood streets to collect toys and non-perishable food items, which are used to fill hundreds of food baskets for needy families. Donated new toys bring a little extra Christmas cheer to children. Donated funds are used to purchase perishable items for food baskets, and also help to cover miscellaneous expenses.

For complete information about how you can help and for a neighborhood parade schedule, visit www.clackamasfire.com/operationsanta.html.



Elevator's 100 Year Anniversary 1915–2015

Saturday, December 5 | 3:30–4:30pm | Railroad & 7th Streets

HELP CELEBRATE THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THIS OREGON CITY LANDMARK! STOP BY THE OBSERVATION DECK FOR HOT CHOCOLATE AND "ELEVATOR" COOKIES BEFORE JOINING THE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY.

In the early days, there were 722 steps from lower Oregon City to the top of the bluff. In 1912, voters authorized bonds to construct and operate an elevator "from the lower to the upper town at some point to be selected". After years of discussion and conflict, the original elevator—constructed of steel and wood—was placed into service on December 3, 1915 and almost the entire population of Oregon City (3,869 persons) rode the elevator that day. The 89-foot ride involved wheezing and jerking for 3 to 5 minutes, and once at the top, a 35-foot catwalk bridged the span between the elevator and the bluff. The elevator originally operated on hydraulic power, but it was replaced by electricity in 1924, and the ride was reduced to 30 seconds. Because of dependability issues, the original elevator was replaced with the existing structure, dedicated on May 5, 1955 and officially accepted by the City Commission on July 13, 1955. The Oregon City Municipal Elevator remains North America's only vertical street in, "Elevator Street", as platted. It is also one of only a handful of municipal elevators around the world.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 5 | 4:30pm | Liberty Plaza

JOIN SANTA IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OREGON CITY! Sponsored by the Downtown Oregon City Association, festivities include performances and a holiday carol sing-a-long led by the Clackamas Community College Choir and the Oregon City High School Choir! Santa arrives at 5:00pm, so get here early and enjoy the music and refreshments! Don't forget to bring a camera to snap a holiday family photo!

Oregon City Christmas Parlor Tour 2015

Saturday, December 12 | 11:00am–4:00pm | \$20 per person

Hosted by the Historic Oregon City Heritage Coordinating Committee

Visit some of Oregon City's Finest Historic Homes while they're beautifully decorated for the holidays! The Christmas Parlor Tour includes six locally designated homes and three museums. The tour is self-guided—a map and program are provided.

For more information, call 503.657.8095.

Tickets go on sale November 1.

To purchase, call 503.655.5574.

Event Sponsored by:

Forte Floral Artistry
John Jenkins Graphic Design
Northwest Ghost Tours
Oregon Dollhouse & Miniatures—Sheri O'Brien
Oregon Realty Company—Terry Stewart

Holiday Wreaths \$18

Place Your Order by November 20 at the Pioneer Community Center!

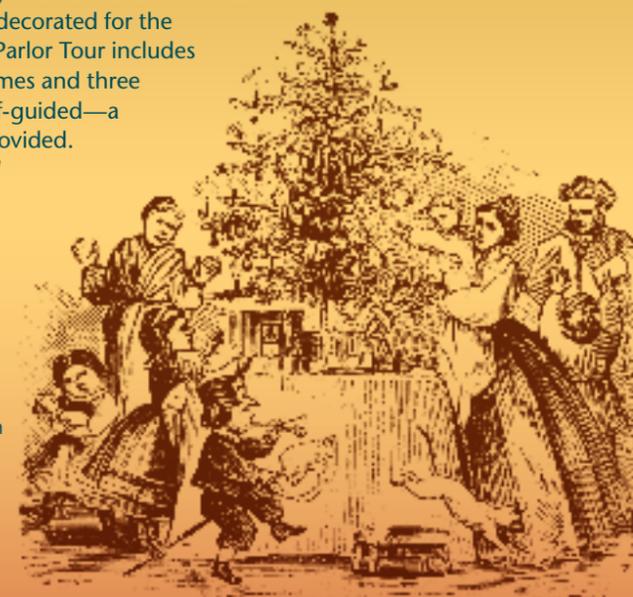
Your wreath purchase helps support our Nutrition and Meals on Wheels programs. Please pick up your wreath at the Pioneer Center on Tuesday, December 1, noon–4:00pm.

Celebrate the Holidays with WFMC

1101 Jackson Street

Saturday, December 5 | 1:00–5:00pm

Come have a fantastically festive, fun-filled time doing activities and playing games with Mrs. Claus and her jolly Holiday Elves. Every child will get to be an honorary Holiday Elf and be on TV! For more information about this event and the other services and events offered at the WFMC studios, visit www.wfmcstudios.org.





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Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 12TH ANNUAL DADDY~DAUGHTER EXTRAVAGANZA!

This Valentine's Day-themed event is a great opportunity for dads and their daughters, in 6th grade and under, to spend some very memorable quality time together. The event includes dinner, dessert, dancing, keepsake photos and more. *Bring all your little girls!*

Friday – February 12, 2016

6:00–9:00pm | \$35 Per Person

at The Abernethy Center Ballroom

606 Fifteenth Street, Oregon City

- FOOD – Abernethy Center Catering
- PHOTOS – Parks & Recreation Staff
- MUSIC – R.J. Mobile Music
- MORE FUN – Balloon-Made Art

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

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

- Registration deadline is January 31!
- www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation
- 503.657.8273

