

CITY OF OREGON CITY Trail News

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Cookbooks!

The Oregon City Employees have compiled a cookbook of some favorite recipes. You may order books until May 1st for \$7.00 each or after May 1st for \$9.00. Call City Hall at 657-0891 to place an order.

Downtown Survey and Inventory of Historic Resources

Field Study of Downtown Buildings

The City of Oregon City has received a matching grant from the State Historic Preservation Office to hire a consultant to conduct a detailed study of properties within the Downtown Central Business District. The survey area includes approximately twenty-eight properties along either side of Main Street between Fifth and Tenth Streets. Initial archival research is already underway and the fieldwork phase of the project will begin in early March. Data obtained during the survey will provide detailed information that will enable the City to design guidelines and amend existing codes in order to encourage preservation of historic properties within the study area. The study will also identify and document significant properties eligible for inclusion in the City's Inventory of Historic Properties and/or the National Register of Historic Places.

For more information about the Downtown Survey Project, call Paul Espe, Associate Planner at 503-657-0891.

At the Library

April Library Programs to Feature Music, Dance and Gardening

April 18 th	7:30 p.m.	Flamingo Music and Dance
April 27 th	7:30 p.m.	Master Gardening Clinic
April 30 th	2-4 p.m.	Willamette Falls Symphony Quartet

All programs are free to the public. These programs are made possible by a grant from the Friends of the Oregon City Library.

Seven Day Schedule Continues through April

The library will be open for business every day in April according to the following schedule:

Monday – Thursday	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday	11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sundays	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Telephone: 503-657-8269 for information or other business. 503-659-8634 for Telecirc renewals or other information regarding your account.

Children's Activities at the Library

Storytimes for preschoolers continue at their regularly scheduled times of: 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays for pre-schoolers age 3-5

11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, repeat of Tuesday program

11:00 a.m. on Thursday for toddlers, age 2.



Special programs for children during April:

April 4th craft "April Showers Bring May Flowers" (requires prior sign-up)

April 19th craft "Hand Print Bunny" (prior sign-up)

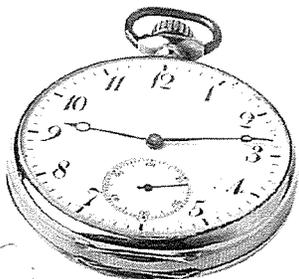
April 23rd "The Worms Ate my Lunch" Presentation by Metro recycling Program on composting with worms.

For details on these programs and other services for children call the children's librarian at 503-657-8269.

Book Discussion Schedule

April is Poetry month and those attending the classics discussion group are asked to bring their favorite poem to the meeting. Please note that this month's meeting has been rescheduled to the second Tuesday, April 11th, at 9:00 a.m. in the library.

On tap for the April 25th meeting of the mystery book discussion group is "Snapshot" by Linda Barnes. This group meets at 9:30 a.m. in the library.



Library Volunteers: Making It Better

April is National Volunteer Month and Oregon City is fortunate in having a lot of really good volunteers involved in helping to maintain and improve the library's service. Here are some of the things that our volunteers do: homebound delivery, database maintenance; repair of books, audio-visual materials and magazines; staffing the Carnegie Book Corner; leading book discussion groups; shelf cleaning; vertical file development; clerical assistance; graphics for replacement covers; sorting donations; assist with children's programs and, taking care of the monthly raffle display.

These are the things that help make a "basic" service into something better and currently over 50 people volunteer their time on a regular basis in one of these activities. On behalf of the City of Oregon City, the library staff, the library board and, of course, the 45,000 people who are served by the library - "thank you!"



Library Schedules Patron Appreciation Day

Join the Friends of the Library and the Library Board for refreshments in observance of Patron Appreciation Day on Thursday, April 13th. Along with recognizing the many volunteers who help out at the library, we thought it would also be a good time to say "Thanks" to the community for your support over the years. Along with refreshments throughout the day there will be book-mending demonstrations

for those who would like to learn how it's done.

April 15th is Getting Closer....

... and your library has all the forms and publications you will probably need to participate in this Great American Tradition. Both state and federal forms are available.

Library Memorials: Remembering a Loved One

A donation for the purchase of a book or other library materials (furniture or equipment) can be a good way to memorialize a loved one who has passed on. The library will work with the donor to make sure the funds are used to purchase appropriate materials which will then have a plate installed which provides the name of the memorialized and the donor.

Library Building Program Completed

Continuing the process begun a few years ago with the commissioning of a Needs Assessment Study for a new public library facility in Oregon City, the narrative description (Building Program) for a 32,000 square foot facility has been completed and is available for view in the library's reference department.

Intended to serve as a guide for the initial design work by an architect, the Building Program provides an overall description of considerations for the exterior and interior aspects of the building along with a detailed description of the various functional spaces within the building.

Although the original recommendation of the library building consultant was for a 59,000 square foot facility (to meet the needs of the Oregon City regional population in the year 2020), it was felt that the cost was prohibitive and so a phased construction approach was decided upon. As the service area population

grows the building can be expanded to meet service demand. The current library facility, which is now in lease space in the Hilltop Mall, is 13,000 square feet in size. Currently the City is searching for a suitable site in the Hilltop area on which to build a new library.

For more information on the library development process contact the library director.

Alarm Permits

If you have an alarm system at your business or residence and live within the City limits of Oregon City, you must obtain an Alarm Permit Application from the Police Department. Types of alarm systems that do not require the Police Department Permit are fire alarms and alarms that are not monitored by an alarm company and are silent in nature. If your alarm system is of the audible type you must get an alarm permit regardless of whether it is monitored by an alarm company.



Volunteers

The Oregon City Police Department is continuing to look for volunteers to spend a few hours each week assisting with customer service needs. We are looking for people that are willing to answer phones, assist citizens in the lobby, handle a great deal of paperwork or assist officers with miscellaneous tasks as needed. If you are interested in helping the Police please contact Amy Lobdell at 503-722-3784 for more information.

In the Gallery

April 3rd-30th Paintings by Jerry Fenter

Popular Northwest artist Jerry Fenter uses watercolor to paint vibrant paintings of people, places and things. A reception for the artist is planned for Saturday, April 8th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bunny Hop Family Dance

April 22nd from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Center, 615 5th Street. The cost is \$2.00 per person or \$10.00 per family (same address!). The Bunny Hop is back, generously sponsored by InSTATS and Mar Equus Studio. Live and very danceable music by The Rebels. Don't forget the Easter Basket auction and the Nighttime Egg Hunt! This dance is for the whole family. This

year the Bunny Hop will be held at the Pioneer Center (kitty corner from the Carnegie). The fun is the same, only the location is different.

Egg Hunt for ages 2-6 at the Pioneer Center.

Egg Hunt for ages 7-10 at the Carnegie Center.

Kids Craft Club

Join the fun every Friday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. and make all kinds of neat stuff! Kids' Craft club is free to all kids (it is included with children's museum admission).

April 7th Pony Bead Key Chains

April 14th Humpty Dumpty

April 21st Easter Bonnets

April 28th Paint with Stencils

Saturday Fund for Kids

April 18th 11:00 a.m. Magnificent Magnets

We will be back upstairs with Mad Science to discover how much fun magnets can be. This workshop will show kids how to build chains and play with some of the wildest forces in the universe! This is a free event.

Saturday Nite Java

Saturday evenings from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Great Espresso and exceptional music for everyone. There is a \$1.00 suggested donation at the door.

April 7th Spare Lead and No Idea

April 14th A Man Called Sun

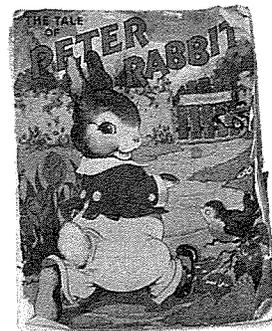
April 22nd Scholars 'n' Fools

April 29th Valhere



Open Studio

Carnegie Center's Open Studio is open to all artists who would like a place to work on a project in the company of other artists. There is no instruction, but there is feedback. On Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.



Carnegie Book Corner

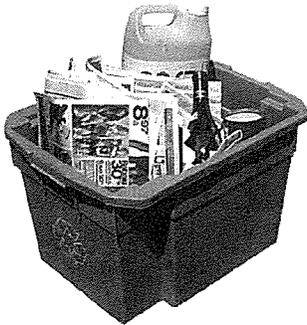
Visit the Friends of the Oregon City Library Book Corner in the coffee shop at the Carnegie Center. You'll find books for...children, mystery lovers, romantics, cooks, gardeners, history buffs and everyone! Donations are accepted during regular Carnegie Center business hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Oregon City Library. The Book Corner is looking for volunteers to assist with the bookstore.

Osteoporosis Exercise Class

This class includes stretching; strengthening posture and balance exercises for those with osteoporosis and those who want to decrease their risk of osteoporosis related problems. Trainer Justine Rogers, PT, Physical Therapy, will be teaching the class. The cost is \$37.50 (\$30.00 for 50+ members) and is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. until April 26th. To register, please call 503-657-6919.

Vision Northwest Support Group

We are thinking about starting up a Vision Support Group here at the Pioneer Community Center. I know that there are lots of you who have one form of a vision problem or another. This support group will help you get together with others who have the same or similar vision problems or situation that you may have. Sometimes talking and listening to others can be very helpful. If you are interested, please call Beth or Julie at 503-657-8287.



Don't Miss the Bin – Recycle More at Home!

Changes to the curbside recycling program in October 1999 made it simpler to recycle at home. It takes fewer bags and less sorting to recycle, and overall we are on target to meet regional residential recycling goals. But, we are still "missing the bin", by not recycling all we can.

According to a Metro study, 42% of the cardboard, 47% of the scrap paper and 64% of the magazines generated in 1998 by area residences were NOT recycled.

Cardboard – flatten, put in bin or place large pieces under the bin

Newspaper and Magazines – put together, loose in bin

Scrap Paper – includes junk mail, paper egg cartons, cracker

boxes, cereal boxes, non-foil gift wrap. Bag with milk cartons and drink boxes and put in your recycling bin on top of the loose newspaper, magazines and cardboard.

Call the Clackamas County Recycling Partnership, 503-557-6363 with any recycling questions, or to request a "What to Recycle" list to put on your refrigerator.



Water Quality News

Do you have an irrigation system for your lawn or other landscaped areas? If so, the system must be isolated from the drinking water supply by means of a backflow prevention assembly. This protects the public water supply and your domestic drinking water from pollution that may occur as a result of backflow conditions.

Generally a double check valve backflow assembly is adequate protection. If you add chemicals to the irrigation water however, a reduced pressure backflow assembly would be required due to the higher risk of contamination. To ensure that the devices are working properly, all backflow assemblies must be tested by a state-certified backflow tester after they are installed, and then every year after that.

For additional information about Oregon City's Cross Connection Control Program, please contact your water quality technician at 503-657-8241 ext. 107.

Creative Memories Scrapbook Classes and Workshop

Creative Memories Consultant, Cindy Towle will hold Scrapbooking Workshops for "Seasoned Scrapbookers", plus beginners classes. These will be held once a month starting April 12th at the Pioneer Community Center.

At the Beginners Workshop you will learn how to move beyond your first page (or 10th page), whatever the case may be and learn new ways to design pages, simple borders and writing techniques. At each "Workshop" there will be a "Crop Talk", which will help you come up with the right page layout for your photos. The cost of this workshop is \$5.00. The Beginning Class will teach you how to mount your photos in a safe, fast and fun way. The cost of this class is \$7.00 (includes materials to do one page only).

Please sign-up prior to the day classes and workshops will begin: especially beginning classes. If there is no one signed up by the end of the prior day, classes will not be held.

****Supplies are available to purchase**.**

Woodenshoe Tulip Show Trip

Tuesday, April 4, 2000 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the cost is \$42.00 per person. What a wonderful breathtaking sight! There are over 30 gorgeous acres of the most colorful blooming lovely tulips you'll ever see. Lunch will follow as we take a trip to the Mt. Angel Brewing Company, at your own expense. When we are through with lunch we will make a stop at the Woodburn Outlet Mall and special sweet tooth stop at Oregon's famous Hazelnut Factory (bring your credit cards for you'll see many things you'll want to buy). Sign up at the Pioneer Community Center or call 503-657-8287 for more information.

Living Trust and Wills

Wills have always been a traditional means of financial planning to protect estates for survivors. It is extremely important that we all have Wills and keep them updated. If you want your survivors to receive what is left of your estate when you die, get a Will. A Will protects you and is not as expensive as you might think.

The word probate means to prove. When a Will goes through probate, the Court decides whether a Will is valid, in order to properly distribute an estate. An estate can be in probate for as few as six months and as long as several years until the case is finally closed. The average time in probate is usually one year. If property is jointly owned, probate can be avoided since it can pass directly to the co-owner(s) hands through "right of survivorship". Life insurance and pension benefits paid directly to the survivors (and not to your estate) as well as property owned in trust will not have to go through probate.

A Will affects only probate property. The Executor of the estate, in most cases, deals with a Will's instructions. The term "interstate" is used for those dying without leaving a Will. A formula is then used by the state to determine distribution of the estate. In order to make sure your survivors receive your estate according to your wishes, it is best to do something **NOW**.

Having joint ownership with another person to avoid probate can cause some problems. If the co-owner is not trustworthy and fails to pay his/her debts, creditors may make claims against your assets that would also be in your name. If this is or might be a problem, a Living Trust might be a better answer.

In making decisions between a Will and Living Trust, there are things to consider. A Will and the probate involved may be more expensive than a Living Trust. The risk of joint ownership needs to be determined. To be sure that any of these options are right for you and your needs, seek advice from an attorney whom specializes in estate planning for the legal consequences and an accountant for the financial impact to you and your heirs. If you care about those who will inherit your estate, do something now. It will be difficult enough for them to deal with your loss without the added burden of dealing with an estate without a Will. Call 503-657-8287 if you need a name of some lawyers or make an appointment for the Law Project.

Current Events at Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue – East Division



the festive open house in June where families can ride in the antique fire engine, tour the fire station, climb on the new truck, and learn – in the TVFR

On March 15th, the Main Fire Station was dedicated to the citizens and city commission who made the renovations possible. With the exception of some landscaping, all of the finishing touches on the station are done (and the staff has even received all of their furniture!). Plans are underway for

Fire Safety House – how to escape a home safely in case of a fire. Families will also get a chance to tour the fire safety house at the Pioneer Family Fair (formerly the Family Festival Weekend) at Clackamette Park on May 12th, 13th and 14th. In addition, families can see the Sprinkler House, a water rescue exhibition and the TVFR Combat Challenge Team demonstrate fire fighting skills.

Plans are also underway for the annual Fire Prevention and Safety Fair at Danielson's Fresh Marketplace. Last year was a great success, especially with a visit from the 204th Air Rescue Squadron and a car extrication demonstration from the TVF&R Heavy Rescue Squad. This year the event will take place in September and volunteers are still needed. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Community Liaison Cassandra Coogan at 503-657-1365.

Operations Update

A new rescue unit is now responding out of the Main Fire Station in Oregon City. Rescue Unit 54, with a crew of two firefighter/EMTs, responds in conjunction with Truck 54 with a crew of four firefighter/EMTs to medical calls, motor vehicle accidents and house fires. In addition, the rescue will be a resource for the entire East Division when there are large incidents that may require additional medical resources. The public is welcome to come by and meet the new firefighters.

The new 24-hour Battalion Chief position in the East Division is working well. Having the additional chief staff has greatly reduced communication problems associated with units being dispatched by multiple agencies.

Neighborhood Calendar

Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA)

Contact: Larry Jacobson, Chairman at 503-657-3740
Or visit their E-Mail address at: BHNA@AOL.COM

Canemah Neighborhood Association (CNA)

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2000
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Clackamas County Historical Society
211 Tumwater Drive

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2000
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall
320 Warner Milne Road
Contact: Howard Post, Chairman at 503-650-0976

Caufield Neighborhood Group

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2000

Location: Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
Oregon City Hilltop Fire Station #50
19340 S. Molalla Avenue

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2000
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
Oregon City Hilltop Fire Station #50
19340 S. Molalla Avenue

Contact: Lynda Orzen, Contact Person at 503-518-3073

Falls View Neighborhood Association (FVNA)

Contact: Lee Spurgeon, Chairman at 503-656-9758

Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association (GLNA)

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2000
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Gaffney Lane Elementary School
13521 S. Gaffney Lane

Contact: Derrick Beneville, Chairman at 503-557-7535

Hazel Grove - Westling Farm Neighborhood Group (HG-WFNA)

General Membership Meeting
Date:
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Cornerstone Family Life Center

Contact: Bill Vickers, Chairman at 503-655-3762

Hillendale Neighborhood Association (HNA)

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 4, 2000
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
Oregon City Hilltop Fire Station #50

19340 S. Molalla Avenue
Contact: Debbie Watkins, Chairman at 503-655-3070
Web site:

<http://www.geocities.com/Hearthland/Pointe/3055>

McLoughlin Neighborhood Association (MNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 6, 2000
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Carnegie Center
606 John Adams Street
General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 4, 2000

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Pioneer Community Center
615 Fifth Street

Contact: Dirk Ellis, Co-Chairman at 503-557-4987
Or Denyse McGriff, Co-Chairman at 503-656-3912

Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Group

General Membership Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2000
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Church of the Nazarene
716 Taylor Street

Contact: Andy Busch, Contact Person at 503-723-0108

Park Place Neighborhood Association (PPNA)

General Membership Meeting
Date: Monday, April 10, 2000 and
Monday, May 13, 2000
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Park Place Elementary School
16075 S. Front Avenue

Contact: Julie Puderbaugh, Chairman at 503-661-5093

Rivercrest Neighborhood Association (RNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2000
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: To Be Determined
General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2000 and
Thursday, June 22, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: First Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Room

1321 Linn Avenue

Contact: Diane McKnight, Chairman at 503-656-6435

South End Neighborhood Association (SENA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2000 and
Thursday, June 15, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: King Elementary School, Library
995 South End Road

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2000
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: King Elementary School, Library
995 South End Road

Contact: Mary Smith, Chairman at 503-655-7946

Thayer Neighborhood Association (TNA)

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2000
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Clackamas Community College
19600 S. Molalla Avenue
Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: To Be Determined

Contact: Melanie Paulo, Acting Chairman at 503-656-6436

Tower Vista Neighborhood Association (TVNA)

Contact: David Adelhart, Chairman at 503-657-7708

Chief's Advisory Committee (Police and Fire)

Monthly Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2000 and
Tuesday, May 16, 2000
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
Oregon City Hilltop Fire Station #50

19340 S. Molalla Avenue

Contact: Nancy Brooks, Admin. Asst. at 503-655-4964

Citizen Involvement Committee Council (CICC)

Monthly Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2000 and
Tuesday, May 9, 2000 and
Tuesday, June 13, 2000
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Clackamas Community College
Community Center Room 127

19600 S. Molalla Avenue

Contact: Derrick Beneville, CICC Chairman at 503-557-7535

Or Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at 503-657-0891

For further information, call Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at 503-657-0891.

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY SERVICES (POLICE, FIRE, MEDICAL)	911
POLICE BUSINESS	657-4964
ANIMAL CONTROL (CLACKAMAS COUNTY)	655-8628
FIRE BUSINESS	657-1365
CITY HALL	657-0891
PLANNING / ZONING / BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTIONS	657-0891
CODE COMPLIANCE / HISTORIC PRESERVATION	657-0891
MUNICIPAL COURT	657-8154
PUBLIC WORKS	657-8241
LIBRARY	657-8269
PIONEER COMMUNITY CENTER	657-8287
SWIMMING POOL	657-8273
WATER / SEWER BILLING	657-8151
CEMETERY / PARKS (REPAIR & PICNIC RESERVATIONS)	657-8299
CAMPGROUNDS & RV PARK	650-6399
CARNEGIE CENTER	557-9199

CITY MEETING DATES

City Commission	1st & 3rd Wednesday	7:00 pm
Civic Improvement Trust	As Announced	
Urban Renewal Agency	As Announced	
Budget Committee	As Announced	
Rate and Fee Review Committee	2nd Monday	6:00 pm
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Monday	7:00 pm
Historic Review Board	Last Thursday	7:00 pm
Library Board	4th Thursday	5:00 pm
Metro Enhancement Committee	As Announced	
Pioneer Community Center		
at the center	4th Monday	10:00 am
Parks and Recreation		
Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
Parking Advisory Board	As Announced	
Transportation Advisory Committee	3rd Tuesday	6:00 pm