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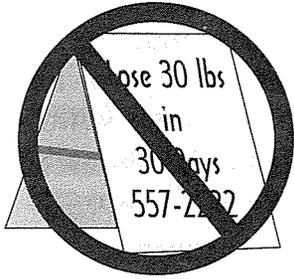
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Oregon City Toughens Policy on Sign Code Enforcement



City of Oregon City Interim City Manager Chris Jordan announced that the City is taking a tougher stance against illegal signs that keep appearing along City streets.

According to Chris Jordan, it has been the City's policy to notify the owner of an illegal sign placed in the City right-of-way, and provide the owner with 10 days to remove the sign. Under the new policy, City staff will remove the illegal

signs immediately. The owner of the sign will have 10 days to re-claim the illegal sign.

The City code prohibits several types of signs and locations for signs, including signs erected or maintained on public property or within the public right-of-way, without permission of the City. Also, signs erected upon trees are prohibited, as well as portable signs, A-frame signs and sandwich boards.

For additional information regarding the new enforcement policy, please contact Chris Jordan at 657-0891, ext. 103. For more information about the City's sign code or about acquiring a sign permit, please contact the City's Community Development Department at 657-0891.

Volunteer! To Make a Difference – Become a Crime Victim Specialist

The Clackamas County District Attorney's Victim Assistance Unit is currently accepting applications for the annual 1999 Fall training class.

A volunteer Victim Specialist assists victims of crime in the realization that they are not alone.

A volunteer gives a victim the gifts of:

- Crisis intervention and emotional support
- Referrals for counseling, social services and other needs
- Assistance in applying for Crime Victim's Compensation
- Victim's Rights information
- Accompaniment to meetings with law enforcement and court hearings
- Information regarding case status

A volunteer Victim Specialist works side-by-side with law enforce-

ment, hospital personnel and prosecutors on behalf of crime victims.

Program requirements include being a minimum of 21 years of age, possess the ability to work effectively with diversity, maintain confidentiality, have a strong moral character and have no record of criminal conduct. For more information or to apply, call 655-8616.

Second Hand Row at the Pioneer Community Center, Thursdays at 9am to 12pm

Come to the Pioneer Community Center on Thursday mornings for our weekly rummage sale. Great prices and service! It's like a guaranteed garage sale every week! Shop 'till you drop! Call 657-8287 for more information.

Come to the Birthday Lunch at The Pioneer Community Center, Friday August 6th 11:30 am

We will be celebrating July, August, and September Birthdays. Come to the Center for lunch, a special treat, and to celebrate Birthdays! Call 657-8287 for more information.

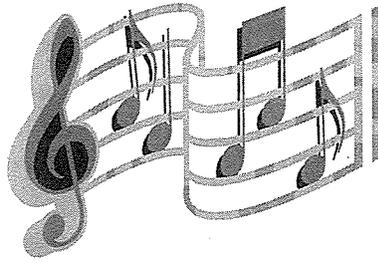
Gift Shop Consignments at the Pioneer Community Center

We are looking to add some new crafters to consign their wares in our newly remodeled gift shop. Consignments are accepted every Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 10 am and must be all handcrafted items. Call 657-8287 for details.

Happenings at the Oregon City Carnegie Center

The month of August features new works by the Carnegie's own artists. View the popular works of Anne Richardson, Linda Savage, Carol Armstrong, Susan Laird, Bob Jackson, Leland John and more as they display their summer pieces. Also featured in August will be a vintage collectible show that will run during the same time as the Carnegie artists show. Drop in for many of the century's most desirable items including linens, china, and more before the backdrop of fine art. All pieces will be available for purchase. Note: The Carnegie will accept consigned items upon acceptance by jury for resale. If you have pieces that you would like to include in the show, contact Susan at 557-9199.

Look for the upcoming Harvest Festival in September. The Harvest Festival will feature music, farmer's market, craft booths, bar-b-que and more. Interested in participating? Vendors are being sought to enhance the festival. Call Susan at 557-9199 for the entry forms.



Recreation

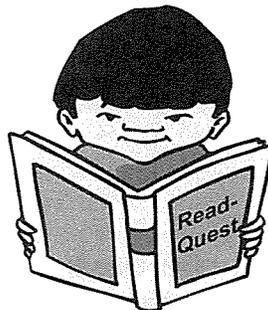
The Concerts in the Park continue.

August 5	<i>Dixieland Dispatch Jazz Band</i>
August 12	<i>J.T. & the Tourists</i>
August 19	<i>Swing Shift Elks Big Band</i>
August 26	<i>Jamie's Rock and Roll Legends</i>

Join the free outdoor concerts at 7:00 p.m. Bar-b-ques are hosted by local groups and begin at 6:00 p.m. Call ahead for the menu.

The wading pool at the Carnegie Center will be open seven days a week from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. The pools are supervised by attendants and are open during good weather.

Are your relatives in town and you are not sure how to entertain them? Purchase a PASTport ticket and let them visit the city's historical attractions. For one low price they can visit the McLoughlin House, Stevens/Crawford House, End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Ermatinger House and the Clackamas County Historical Society Museum. Call 557-9199 for information.



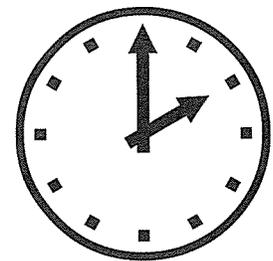
ReadQuest for Kids Continues at the Library

It's not too late to join the library's Readquest this summer. The Summer Reading Program is open to children from toddlers to teens. Participants are asked to read for at least 15 minutes each day and to keep track of what they read. Story times, special programs and crafts are offered all summer, free of charge. Special reading incentives include raffles for Beanie Babies and Furbys. Teens can enter weekly drawings for a variety of prizes with a special grand prize at the end of the year - a portable CD player.

Upcoming programs:

July 15	<i>Songs and stories by Anne-Louse Sterry</i>
July 22	<i>Actors In Action present "King Arthur's Court"</i>
July 29	<i>Magical Fun with Bob Eaton</i>
August 5	<i>Meet children's author Mike Thaler</i>
August 12	<i>Mad Science - interactive science experiences</i>

For details about the library's Summer Reading program contact Lynda Ackerson at 657-8269.



Library Hours

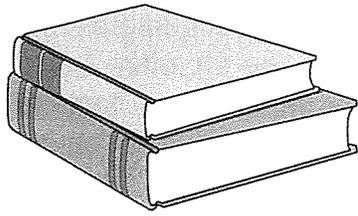
Monday - Thursday	11 AM to 8 PM
Friday & Saturday	11 AM to 6 PM
Sundays	- closed -

Telephone: 657-8269 for regular business; 659-8634 for renewals via touch-tone.

The Oregon City Public Library will be closed:

Friday, August 20th	for staff training and facility clean-up.
Monday, September 6th	in observance of Labor Day.

Books on Reserve - Don't Lose Your Place in Line!



If you're going to be out of town for a few weeks and don't want the "reserve" you have placed on a book or video being canceled because you weren't able to come in and pick it up - there is a solution. Your reserve can be made "inactive" while you're gone and re-activated when you

return. This will preserve your place in the hold queue and you could return to discover that you're #1.

Avoid Overdue Charges - Get a Vacation Renewal Card

You can renew your library materials while out of town by using a Vacation Renewal Card available at the main desk. All you have to do is fill out your name, library card number and a list of the items you want to renew. Just drop the card in the mail on or before the due date for the materials and they will be renewed for the standard period.

Please be aware that there are two exceptions to this service: (1) Materials that have a waiting list and materials designated "no renewal". And don't forget, you can also call the renewal line at (503) 659-8634 and renew via a touch-tone phone.

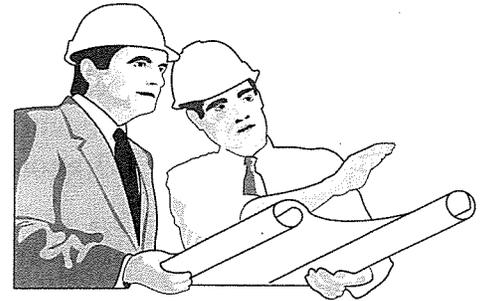
For Used Books Oregon City is Hard to Beat

While there are numerous opportunities to purchase good used books throughout the Metropolitan area, Oregon City has some of the best selection and pricing you'll find. Not only do we have an outstanding private-sector paperback exchange in the Hilltop area, but the library now has two outlets: the Carnegie Center and the book sale cart in the library itself. Operated by the Friends of the Library, the bookstore at the Carnegie Center features the very best (every item is hand-selected from zillions of donations and library discards) in used books while the sale cart at the library concentrates on discards from the library's hardback fiction collection. Proceeds from these sales go to improve services at the library.

Library Board Guides Operation, Advises City

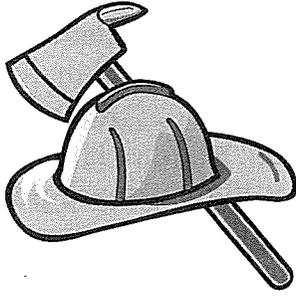
Many people don't realize that the library, like most City departments, has a citizen board to advise the administration and elected officials on policy issues and guide the overall development of services and facilities. Library board members are appointed by the mayor to four-year terms and meet monthly to review activities and plan for improved services. Currently the seven-member board is

comprised of Martha Wallauer, Kim Willson-St.Clair, Martin Engel, Cheryl O'Donnell, Anne Donelson, Elaine Hill and Dr. John Schilke. Board meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month (excepting July) and are open to the public.



Library Facility Planning Update

The search for an appropriate site for a new library continues. In this case "appropriate" means a site that is in the Hilltop area that would be convenient to the majority of people in the Oregon City area, be of adequate size (at least 3 acres to accommodate parking and future expansion), have good access to main transportation routes and, highly desirable, be reasonably priced. With the steady growth of the past decade there's not a lot of land available that meets these criteria and the library building committee under the leadership of D.A. Hilderbrand continues the search. In other news, the building program for a new library facility is nearing completion. This is the document that describes in detail each space in the facility and serves as a basic guide for the architect during the design process.



Happenings at the Fire Department

The summer months will be very busy for the firefighters and fire administration of Oregon City.

On July 1st, the City officially became part of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue's service area. As part of the four-year service contract, Oregon City firefighters have been sworn in as TVF&R employees.

"Though there will be a new name added to the uniforms, the same high quality of service that has been delivered by the Oregon City Fire Department for the last 146 years will continue. The fire district staff will also remain active members on the City's team", states Assistant Fire Marshal Clark Poulton.

During the month of July, firefighters will become familiarized with the special teams (such as hazardous materials, technical rescue and water rescue) and equipment of TVF&R. In addition to integration training, firefighters will be participating in several exercises including water rescue drills and wildland training. Since homes are being built on hillsides and in rural areas on the edges of town – referred to as the wildland urban

interface – there is a great need to prepare for wildfires.

Firefighters will also be spending their time landscaping around Station #204, located on 7th Street. The remodeling of Station #204, which will also house administrative offices, is on schedule and expected to be completed by October 1, 1999.

Firefighters may move in sooner, however, so that the neighborhood can be returned to its historical appearance as soon as possible.

"Everyone is looking forward to the change", says Lieutenant Bob Mueller who has been working out of the temporary modular station since renovations began last October. "We won't miss the idiosyncrasies of the old station configuration. Before there were so many wasted areas and a lot of unusable space. We'll be thrilled just to have the bathroom on the same level as the sleeping quarters".

Not only do the crews have a new station to look forward to, but they will also be participating in a lot of fun summer activities such as the Neighborhood Night Out where all eight of the Oregon City neighborhood associations will have socials at their local parks. Like last year, the Oregon City engines and crews will also attend the West Linn Old Fashioned Fair. Of course, the crews will make time to visit the Parks and Recreation Department's summer camps to hose off the kids during the hot weather (they may even get a chance to sneak in a fire safety message).

There will be plenty of fire safety messages, and lots of fun activities, at this year's Fire Prevention Fair. Firefighters and staff have already begun planning activities for the October event, which may include new happenings such as the TVF&R Combat Challenge Team and a Child Seat Inspection Clinic. Anyone interested in volunteering for this event should call 657-1365 for more information.

Fire Prevention Message

The tri-county area is growing at a phenomenal rate. Homes are now being built on steep hillsides and in rural areas on the edges of town. These areas are called the wildland urban interface and could be in danger this summer. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue urges you to protect your home and family this summer by creating a defensible home...During a wildfire, time, resources and water are precious commodities! Firefighters must quickly choose the safest and best place to take a stand against the fire. What you have done before fire strikes may determine whether firefighters are able to save your home.

Landscaping

Create a defensible space or firebreak by clearing flammable vegetation at least 30 feet around your home. Keep lawns and shrubs well watered. Remove lower limbs from trees 10 feet up from the ground and cut back limbs so they don't hang over your roof.

Roofing

Untreated wood shakes are the number one cause of home losses in surface areas. When it's time for a new roof, replace wood shakes with fire resistant materials such as tile, metal or composition roofing. Remove pine needles and leaves that collect in gutters.

Access

Driveways and roads should be wide enough for fire apparatus – 10 feet wide and 30 feet long, with a 12 foot clearance. Bridges should support at least 50,000 pounds (for water tankers). Also, help us locate your home quickly by making sure your address is easily identifiable from the roadway.

For a free handout or a speaker on protecting your home from wild-fire, contact Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue at 657-1365.

Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust Seeks Volunteers

The Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust (OCCIT) was established in 1982. It serves to assure that acquired funds will be used as designated by their source without intervention of the budget process. It provides a way for public/private partnership in maintaining City services. The Clackamas County Room Tax is the primary source of funding therefore, the funds are used to promote tourism in Oregon City. The Mayor and Commissioners along with four additional members serve as the Trustees of the OCCIT. Currently, there are two open positions.

The OCCIT is accepting applications from volunteers interested in serving on the Trust through August 27, 1999. You may request an application by calling 657-0891. For further information, call Mary E. Palmer, Community Involvement Coordinator.

Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust Accepting Grant Requests

The OCCIT is accepting grant requests for projects that promote tourism throughout Oregon City. Grant requests must be received by 3:00 p.m., Friday, October 1, 1999. They will be reviewed at the annual Trust meeting on Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. To receive a grant request form, contact Mary E. Palmer, Community Involvement Coordinator at 657-0891.

McLoughlin Neighborhood Sale and Block Party

Come join in a weekend of fun and activities in the McLoughlin Neighborhood. On Friday, August 6th thru Sunday, August 8th, the third annual McLoughlin District Neighborhood Sale will be held. For information on how you can participate in the sale, call Terry Stewart at 493-6925.

Wrapping up the weekend on Sunday, August 8th, the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association will host a potluck block party from 5-8 p.m. at the Carnegie Center Park. This event is in conjunction with National Night Out, a celebration of getting to know each other as neighbors. Come join us for an evening of games, music, food and fun. For further information on the block party, call Daphne Wuest at 655-9238 or Mary E. Palmer, Community Involvement Coordinator at 657-0891.

Get to Know your Neighbors – a Good Reason for a Block Party

Block parties are a great way to meet your neighbors, develop informal lines of communication, share information, and learn about some of the activities taking place on your block, in your neighborhood and around town. A party can be as simple or as elaborate as you would like. It may last a couple of hours or all day. Some parties take the form of a watermelon or ice cream social, a bar-b-que or a dessert extravaganza. Neighbors can meet in a yard, a neighborhood park or close a street. Some block parties follow activities such as a neighborhood garage or plant sale or a clean-up.

Summer is the perfect time for a block party. If you would like to close a street or use a park, be sure to get a permit from the City. If you would like assistance planning your block party or you would like a speaker from a City department, call Mary E. Palmer, Community Involvement Coordinator at 657-0891.

Neighborhood Calendar

Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA)

Contact: Larry Jacobson, Chairman at 657-3740 for the summer schedule, or via their E-mail address: BHNA@AOL.COM

Canemah Neighborhood Association (CNA)

Thursday, September 16, 1999
Steering Committee Meeting

Location: City Hall
320 Warner Milne Road
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Contact: Howard Post, Chairman at 650-0976

Falls View Neighborhood Association (FVNA)

Contact: Lee Spurgeon, Chairman at 656-9758

Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association (GLNA)

Thursday, September 16, 1999
General Membership Meeting

Location: Gaffney Lane Elementary
13521 S. Gaffney Lane
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Derrick Beneville, Chairman at 657-7535

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

Contact: Bill Vickers, Acting Chairman at 655-3762

Hillendale Neighborhood Association (HNA)

Contact: Debbie Watkins, Chairman at 655-3070

Web Site:

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

McLoughlin Neighborhood Association (MNA)

Wednesday, August 4, 1999
Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Carnegie Center
606 John Adams Street
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Dirk Ellis, Co-Chairman at 557-4987

Or Denyse McGriff, Co-Chairman at 656-3912

Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Group

Contact: Andy Busch, Contact Person at 723-0108

Or Mary E. Palmer at 657-0891

Park Place Neighborhood Association (PPNA)

Contact: Julie Puderbaugh, Chairman at 661-5093

Rivercrest Neighborhood Association (RNA)

Contact: Diane McKnight, Chairman at 656-6435

South End Neighborhood Association (SENA)

Contact: Mary Smith, Chairman at 655-7946

Thayer Neighborhood Association (TNA)

Contact: Paul Trahan, Chairman at 557-9722

Tower Vista Neighborhood Association (TVNA)

Contact: David Adelhart, Chairman at 657-7708

Caufield Neighborhood Group

Date: Tuesday, September 21, 1999
Organization Meeting

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

Oregon City Hilltop Fire Station #203
19340 S. Molalla Avenue

Contact: Lynda Orzen, Contact Person at 518-3073

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team

Thursday, October 14, 1999

Location: Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

Oregon City Hilltop Fire Station #203
19340 S. Molalla

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Contact: Ken Dawson, TVFR at 657-1365

Chief's Advisory Committee (Police and Fire)

For further information call Nancy Brooks at 657-4964

Or Mary E. Palmer at 657-0891

Citizen Involvement Committee Council (CICC)

Tuesday, September 14, 1999
Monthly meeting

Location: Clackamas Community College

19600 S. Molalla Avenue
Community Center

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Mary E. Palmer at 657-0891

For further information, call Mary E. Palmer, Community Involvement Coordinator at 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
Parks and Recreation		
Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
Parking Advisory Board	As Announced	
Transportation Advisory Committee	2nd Wednesday	6:30 pm