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Scuttlebutt from the Mayor

During the Mayoral campaign of '98 I handed out a list of questions asking for opinions about the City. One question was "how big do you think Oregon City (population) should be?" Over three hundred folks returned the questionnaire. The population of OC at the time was about 22,000.

The answers ranged from 15,000 (about the 1980 population) to 50,000. The average was about 32,000. That's what those responding thought should be the limit on growth. Despite an ordinance, which places every annexation on the ballot, and the downturn in the economy, Oregon City is now passing through 27,000 and more homes are being built every day.

I raise the issue because we are now deep into the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan (not formally revised since 1982), which will set the pattern of growth for the next 20 years. How do you feel about more people, more cars, and more school kids, more of everything? And how much are you willing to pay, in both taxes and the other problems that come with another 5,000, 10,000, or 20,000 new neighbors?

If you have ideas, opinions, or objections, you should be participating in the community meetings, the Planning Commission hearings and the final adoption by the City Commission. Write letters to the editor. Write letters to your favorite Commissioner. Write letters to Planning Commission members.

Whatever you do, do it now...or as the man said... "forever hold your peace", or in this case, in a couple of years, your complaints about the size and shape of Oregon City.

Mayor John F. Williams, Jr.

Holiday Programs at the Library

The Oregon City Library offers a wide range of cultural programming, from music to lectures, demonstrations to dance. You won't want to miss a single one. Mark your calendar and join us for these holiday programs:

- Thursday, December 12th from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. ~ *Darby O'Gill* will play traditional Irish and Celtic Christmas songs with a Darby sense of humor. This four-member band includes bodhran (Irish drums), accordion, guitar, flute, bass, cello and mandolin.
- Thursday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. ~ Sixth-graders from *Redland Elementary School* will bring their voices to the library with a medley of seasonal tunes.
- Friday, December 20th at 10:30 a.m. ~ Students from *John McLoughlin Elementary School* will perform at the library with more seasonal favorites.
- Date to be announced ~ The *Oregon City High School Choir*, under the direction of Phil Hilfikker, will perform an a cappella winter concert.

A Dickens Christmas

"A Christmas Carol" will come to life December 7th, at the Francis Ermatinger House, 619 6th Street, as characters from this famous novel recreate its most memorable and loved scenes. Join Scrooge, Morley and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future, as you tour this historic house. Tours run every half-hour from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and are \$5.00 for adults. Call 503-650-1851 for a reservation or information.

Holiday Tree Lighting

On Saturday, December 7th, the Downtown Business Association and the City of Oregon City will welcome in the Holiday season with an old fashioned tree lighting celebration at the Clackamas County Courthouse, 807 Main Street. School Choirs and a Brass Band will perform from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Santa arrives and the tree lighting is at 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available. For additional information, call Andy Busch at 503-656-2621.



Fireside with Santa

Santa is back to visit with some of his favorite kids. Santa will be at the Carnegie Center December 7th, 8th and 14th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. This is a wonderful Holiday tradition for a lot of children. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$6.00 per person attending, and include a visit with Santa, a gift for each child, along with refreshments and entertainment for everyone.

Christmas Luncheon Tea

The annual Carnegie Arts League tea will take place this year on December 14th. This special Holiday luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m. and merrily winds its way through entertainment, food, tea and, of course, a raffle! A good time is guaranteed for all! Tickets are \$20.00 per person. All proceeds benefit the Carnegie Center. Call 503-557-9199 for reservations.

Heritage Holiday Events

The following calendar events are included as part of the Oregon City Heritage Holidays during the month of December:

- Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays throughout December ~ Victorian Living History Tea: Seating at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Historic Ermatinger House, 619 6th Street. Tickets are \$10.00 and reservations are required; call 503-650-1851.
- December 1st ~ Candle Light Tour of the Dr. John McLoughlin House, 713 Center Street, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 for Adults. For information call 503-656-5146.
- December 14th ~ Holiday Parlour Tours and Tea (tour some of Oregon City's Historic homes, and experience tea at the Ermatinger House) from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for the tour only. The tour and tea is \$18 and requires a reservation. For information or reservations, call 503-650-1851.
- December 7th thru 18th ~ Village Vignettes (Christmas in Miniature). Daily from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Stevens-Crawford Heritage House, 603 Sixth Street, Tickets are \$4.00 for Adults. For information call 503-655-2866.

For general information, please call 503-650-1851.

Oregon City Needs You

Applications for service on both the Natural Resource and the Planning Commissions are available at City Hall. If you are interested, and would like more information or an application for either of these commissions, please call Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at 503-657-0891.

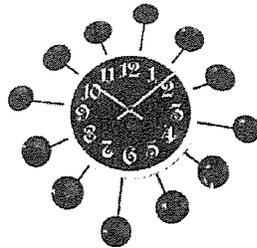
McLoughlin Blvd. Enhancement Project

Oregon City received funding through ODOT to plan a "new Look" for

McLoughlin Boulevard between the UPRR tunnel and the Clackamas River. Plans for the downtown recognize the need to redefine the old "highway" and provide a warmer welcome for people who live, work, shop, eat, and recreate downtown Oregon City.

Goals for the enhancement project include a friendlier pedestrian environment, more efficient vehicular traffic management, Tri-Met access, bicycle connectivity, and streetscape amenities (such as landscaping, art, and riverfront plazas or a promenade). A Citizen Advisory Committee has been formed that will guide the project. An open house will be held in January to receive input from the businesses in the downtown area, as well as others interested in the project outcome.

Mark your calendars for January 23, 2003, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.! Those that are interested in what McLoughlin Boulevard will look like for generations to come, please plan to attend this Stakeholders Open House at the Carnegie Center. Your input is very important to make sure that improvements made to the highway are worthwhile and will be valued by the community. For additional information, call City Hall at 503-657-0891.



Visit the Library

The Oregon City Library is located at 362 Warner Milne Road in the Hilltop Mall, just across the parking lot from the cinemas. The hours are:

*Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

For the latest information on our events or services check out our website at <http://www.oregoncity.lib.or.us>, call us at 503-657-8269, or stop by the library to pick up a calendar of activities, or check out our new events bulletin board.

Technology Classes

The library offers a series of free one-hour sessions for the community on using the Internet and other library resources. Classes are designed for people with "some" Internet experience. Since classes are limited to twelve participants, you will need to pre-register with the reference librarians. For additional information, please call or visit the library. Following are dates and session topics:

- December 13th at 1:00 p.m. ~ Library Catalog: use the Web to access library collections and services. Includes basic and advanced search functions, placing holds, and creating lists.
- December 20th at 1:00 p.m. ~ Recipes on the Web: wondering how to roast your holiday turkey or how to make cranberry sauce just like Grandma? This class will cover websites that offer recipes for all your holiday and year-round meals.

Book Discussion Groups

The Library's two book discussion groups meet year-round. New participants are always welcome.

The "Classics" group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. The upcoming topic is:

December 3rd ~ "84 Charing Cross Road" by Helene Hanff

The "Mystery" group usually meets on the fourth Tuesday each month at 9:00 a.m., however, the December date is changed due to the holidays. The topic will be:

December 17th ~ "The Doorbell Rang" by Rex Stout

The Friends Bookstore

The Friends of the Library operate a Used Book Store at the Oregon City Antique Mall, 502 Seventh Street. They are open 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday. You will find prices very reasonable: hardbound books - \$1.00 and up; paperback books - \$.50 and up; CD's, videos, cassettes & children's books are at varied prices.

Story hours and Crafts for Kids



We offer 4 weekly story hours for children ages 2 and up through December 18th:

For 2 year olds: *Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.*
For 3-5 year olds: *Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.*
 Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.
 (repeat of Tuesday)
All ages: *Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.*

Preschool Crafts

Preschool crafts for children ages 3-5. There will be 3 sessions offered for each craft and require signing up. Contact the Children's Department to put your child on the list.

- Make a Puzzle Wreath
- Ornaments, Ornaments, Ornaments
- Create a Winter Snow Dome

Special Children's Programs

Join us for festive songs and stories with a very popular performer, Anne-Louise Sterry. She will be in the children's department on Thursday, December 12th at 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Book Drive

The Friends of the Oregon City Library are still looking for book donations for book bags they provide to Oregon City public school children, in kindergarten through 6th grade. Last year the Friends filled over 350 book bags. They expect the need to be even greater this holiday season.

They are especially in need of beginning readers for grades K through 3, and dictionaries to put in each bag. They need help from the community to reach this goal.

New or good used books may be left, unwrapped, in the decorated boxes at any of the following Oregon City locations:

- Friends Used Book Store - 502 7th Street, in the Antique Mall
- Oregon City Public Library - 362 Warner Milne Road, in the Children's Department
- Carnegie Center - 606 John Adams Street, Upstairs

Checks may be sent to: Janie Burns, Treasurer, Friends of the OC Library, 362 Warner Milne Road, Oregon City, 97045. Please note "For Holiday Book Drive" on your check.

If you have questions, please call Marty Wallauer, at 503-557-9089, or Harryette Shuell, at 503-722-8467.

Park Operations Update

Please take a drive and check out the additions made in our city parks.

- Rivercrest Park – 4 new concrete pads and picnic tables are being installed at the park.
- Hillendale Park– this park has received a major face lift that sports enthusiasts will enjoy. A new ball field and soccer field have gone in, as well as a resurfacing of the existing tennis court and a new parking facility.
- Canemah Park – the new picnic shelter is in its final stages of completion.
- Mountain View Cemetery – a new wrought iron fence and electronic gates have been installed along the newest section of cemetery property.

If you have any questions regarding projects going on in our parks, please feel free to call the Parks Department at 503-657-8299.

Holiday and Heating Safety

Each year Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue responds to dozens of fires related to holiday candles and home heating equipment fires. Turning safety items into holiday

gifts may be one way to show friends and family how much you care. Smoke alarms, fire safety ladders and disaster preparedness kits are all cost-effective examples of gifts that last and have lasting impact.

Here are some holiday safety tips for your household:

- **Holiday Trees:** The Christmas tree is one of the most recognized seasonal symbols in the world, and many people prefer to use real, rather than artificial, in their homes and businesses. Though the average numbers of Christmas tree fires and associated losses have steadily declined since 1980, Christmas trees are still a fire hazard if not treated properly.

Fortunately, there is a fairly simple solution to this problem: water. A tree's needle moisture content governs whether the tree can ignite and continue to burn, so keeping a real tree moist will allow it to resist ignition and continued combustion. Trees can dry out during transport, storage, and sale so it is imperative that trees are immediately watered when they are brought home.

- **Candles:** During the holiday season, candles are often times used to decorate homes. When using candles, certain precautions must be followed to avoid a fire tragedy.
 1. Place your candles in a non-flammable, well-supported base.
 2. Keep candles away from flammable decorations, such as evergreen boughs, gift-wrap, and stockings.
 3. Never leave burning candles unattended. Extinguish them before leaving the house or going to bed, and keep in mind, pets, especially cats, have been known to knock-over candles.
 4. Keep candles (and matches and lighters) out-of-reach of small children!

For further information, or questions on holiday safety, contact Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue at 503-657-1365.

Holiday Food Recycling

Food for thought ~ don't throw away good food. Clackamas County's Solid Waste and Recycling Office suggests putting leftovers from holiday parties to good use. Donate leftover food to local

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agencies and organizations. They use it to feed the more than 500,000 people in Oregon, who use food bank services each year.

Donating is easy. Identify food suitable for donation and inspect it carefully. Contact a food rescue organization near you to arrange donation. Federal and Oregon laws protect food donors from liability when they donate food in good faith. The Good Samaritan laws were specifically designed to protect you, the donor.

Metro's food donation guide (available on-line at www.metro-region.org/food) expands on food donation and Good Samaritan laws, and identifies organizations near you that need donated food. To speak with someone about food donation, call Metro 503-234-3000 or Clackamas County 503-353-4463.

Holidays at the Carnegie Center

If you are looking for a perfect gift, the Carnegie Center, 606 John Adams Street, is the perfect place to start. We have many one-of-a-kind holiday items for sale including: ceramics, glass and wood items; cards; paintings; and jewelry, all made by local artists. There are also new bowls, plates, pens, boxes and ornaments, all made from the Historic Abernethy Elm.

The Carnegie is also a perfect place to unwind from everyday stress. Have a latte and enjoy the quiet, or wander through the art gallery.

When it is cold outside, bring the kids inside to play at the Carnegie Center Children's Museum. They will be delighted with play places that are just their size! Admission is \$2.50 per child, adults are free.

Introduction to Watercolor

What a perfect present for you! Artist Jude Welter will introduce you to the basics of watercolor painting. Everything is provided – all you need is you. You will leave the class fulfilled and with a completed work of art. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$20.00 per person.

Call for Artists

The Carnegie Center is looking for artists to display their work this winter in the gallery. Artists are selected from slides or photographs of their work. For information, call the Carnegie at 503-557-9199.



Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart

Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart has been busy the past year in preparation for this month's Christmas holiday. The non-profit, tax-exempt organization provides filled stockings to individuals facing difficult times this holiday season, and needs your help! Last year we provided 2,400 stockings, and expect this year's demand to be greater.

You can pick up an empty stocking at any of the Oregon City locations listed below. Fill it with needed items from the "gift suggestion list" you will find inside the stocking. Then, return it to one of the locations **no later than December 13th** for Christmas delivery. The committee members deliver the filled stockings to agencies that then distribute them to their clients.

Especially needed are stockings or bulk items for teens and adults. Call 503-632-0577, if your group would like to collect items in bulk, need a large number of stockings to fill, or to volunteer. Volunteers are needed to sort stockings before they go to the various agencies.

Stockings are available at:

- Bank of the West ~ 1301 S. Molalla Avenue
- Berry Park Retirement Community ~ 13669 Gaffney Lane
- Clackamas Federal Credit Union ~ 270 Warner Milne Road
- O.C. City Hall ~ 320 Warner Milne Road
- Hopp's Upholstery & Shoe Repair ~ 916 Main Street

- Nelson's Nautilus ~ 1715 S. Beaver Creek Road
- Oregon City Library ~ Danielson's Shopping Center
- Main Properties ~ 125 Molalla Avenue
- Pioneer Community Center ~ 615 5th Street

Dine Out with the Pioneer Center

For lunch on Mondays we dine-out at a different restaurant each week. If you need transportation, and live in Oregon City, Beaver Creek or West Linn area, please call the center at 503-657-8287. If you have your own transportation, and would like to join us, be at the center at 11:30 a.m. The restaurants for December are:

- December 2nd ~ *High Rocks Steakery & Lounge*
- December 9th ~ *Antonio's*
- December 16th ~ *Red Robin*
- December 23rd ~ *Clackamas Town Center*
- December 30th ~ *Country Buffet*

Friday Movies

All movies are at the Pioneer Center at 10:00 a.m.

- December 6th ~ *"Miracle on 34th Street"*
- December 13th ~ *"Home Alone 1"*
- December 20th ~ *"The Santa Clause"*
- December 27th ~ *"Scrooge"*

Free Support Group for Women Who Are 50 OR Older:

Clackamas Women's Service offers a weekly support group, for woman 50 or older, who would like to discuss life issues in a supportive, safe environment with their peers. The group is free and confidential.

Topics discussed are determined by the women who participate in the group. Issues that may be discussed are emotional abuse, domestic violence, sexual assaults, loss of spouse, divorce and other issues that may lead to isolation. This group is a safe place to discuss experiences and express feelings.

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We meet each Monday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, please call Anne, at Clackamas Women's Services, at 503-654-2807.

Be Safe this Winter!!

Don't forget to be safe in icy weather. Falls break bones and can cause you to lose your independence!

Weather Closure

When weather conditions make it unsafe to be out, please listen to the Oregon City School District announcement of closure. If they are closed, and it's safe for staff to come to the center, we will be open, otherwise we will be closed too! Remember: safety first—we care!

“Great Job!”

Congratulations to Phyllis Seeger! She was chosen as the Volunteer of the Year from JCPenney Volunteer Foundation. She has donated her award of \$250.00 to the Meals on Wheels Program at the Pioneer Center.

Blood Pressure Clinic Change

There is a time change for the blood pressure clinic at the Pioneer Center. The clinic will now start at 10:00 a.m., every second Thursday of the month. For additional information, call the Center at 503-657-8287.

Computer Class:

Watch for flyers on a New Advance Computer Class taught by Jerry King. For information call Jerry King at 503-723-9497.

Holiday Safety Tips

These safety tips are provided by the Oregon City Police Department, to help you and your family enjoy a safe holiday season.

Shopping with Children

- Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard if they get separated from you in a shopping mall.
- Keep children under age 4 in a stroller or supervise them closely.
- If you place your child in a shopping cart, always use the safety belt, and stay close to the cart.
- Never let your child stand in or push a shopping cart.

Shopping Safety Tips

- Stay alert at all times and pay attention to your surroundings.
- Park your car in well-lit spaces.
- Always lock your car, roll up the windows, and hide packages in the trunk or under a blanket.
- Don't overload yourself with packages.
- Have your car keys in hand before heading to the parking lot.

Toy Safety

- Make sure the toys you give children are safe for them. Read the package labels and follow age recommendations.
- Do not give children under the age of 3 toys that contain small or metal parts, or toys that break easily and can be swallowed.
- Do not give children under the age of 8 toys that have sharp edges, points, or heating elements.
- Avoid toys that shoot small objects into the air.
- Include helmets and other protective gear (such as elbow, knee, and wrist pads) when giving bicycles, skates, or skateboards as gifts.

- If you are considering buying your child a BB or pellet gun, make sure your child knows the proper way to use it. Supervise your children when they use these guns.
- Dispose of toy packaging properly (do not burn in fireplace). Keep packaging materials away from children because they can become a choking or suffocation hazard.
- Keep batteries away from children. They are toxic if swallowed.

Water Quality News

Oregon City Water Division receives occasional calls from customers about the presence of “white chunks”, or eggshell-like particles, that clog faucet aerators and showerheads. This problem is caused by hot water heaters that are experiencing dip tube failure.

The dip tube delivers cold water to the bottom of the hot water heater tank. Many dip tubes manufactured between 1993 and 1996 were found to be defective and, over time, have begun to deteriorate. As the plastic dip tube breaks apart, pieces flow out of the tank through the hot water outlet and clog aerators and showerheads. These plastic pieces could be white or light green in color and if placed in a glass of water they will float. They are in no way toxic and will not make the water toxic. The defective dip tube can however, affect the performance of your water heater.

There are two solutions to this problem. One is to flush all the dip tube debris from the heater tank, install a new dip tube, and then flush all the strainers and aerators. The second solution is to replace the water heater and then clean and flush the strainers and aerators. Contact Gail Johnson at 503-657-8241, extension 107, or gjohnson@ci.oregon-city.or.us, with any water quality questions or concerns.

Parks & Recreation Classes for December

Following is a partial list of Parks & Recreation classes. For more information on the classes listed, call 503-722-9816.

- Indoor Playground (Ages 5 and under)
~ The indoor playground will promote a safe and cooperative environment for playtime between children and their parents, while encouraging the development of large motor skills.

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Children will also gain experience with group interaction and cooperative play. Parents will be responsible for set-up and takedown of equipment, and supervision of their children. The playground is at the Oregon City Pool, and will be available Monday – Friday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. There is a \$1 drop in fee. *There will be no Indoor Playground 12/23 thru 12/27.*

- Christmas Crafts (Ages 3-5) ~ Join your child and make Christmas gifts and decorations for your family and friends. Sign up for one session—there are three sessions held during the week, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Gingerbread Houses (Ages 6-12) ~ Build your own gingerbread house to decorate for the upcoming holidays. Use gumdrops, icing, peppermint candies and more to individualize your house. Held Saturday, December 7th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Dough Art Ornaments (Ages 6-12) ~ Experiment with several types of dough as you create these special handmade ornaments. Test the limits of your creativity as you make dough out of bread, cinnamon and more. Held Saturday, December 14th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Cookie Decorating (Ages 6-12) ~ Learn how to put those special touches on your cookies to impress your friends and family. You will be decorating like a pro in no time. Held Saturday, December 21st, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- No School Day Getaway (Ages 11-14) ~ Looking for something fun to do on those days where there isn't any school? Tired of sitting at home and watching reruns on TV? Spend Monday, December 2nd, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with Oregon City Parks & Recreation. We will be going to Bullwinkle's for pizza and laser tag. The bus departs from the Carnegie Center.

Winter Water Tips

Here are some precautionary measures you can take now to help avoid the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes.

1. *Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses and protect outside pipes and*

faucets. In some homes, the outside faucet has a separate shut-off in the basement or crawl space. If you do have a separate valve for outside faucets, shut it off. Then go outside, disconnect the garden hose and turn on the faucets to drain water from the line. If you don't have a separate valve to turn off the outside faucets then wrap the outside faucets or hose bibs. Also, remember to disconnect garden hoses from the faucets. Otherwise, a single hard overnight freeze can burst either the faucet or the pipe it is connected to.

2. *Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas.* If you have pipe lines in an unheated garage or cold crawl space under the house, wrap the water pipes before temperatures plummet. Hardware or building supply stores will have good pipe wrapping materials available.
3. *Find the master shut-off. It may be near the water heater or the washing machine.* More likely it's where the water line comes into your house from the street. If a pipe bursts anywhere in the house – kitchen, bath, basement, or crawl space – this valve turns it off. So find it now and paint it a bright color or hang a tag on it. Be sure everyone in the family knows where it is and what it does.
4. *Seal off access doors, vents and cracks.* Repair broken basement windows. Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes. But don't plug air vents—your furnace or water heater needs for good combustion.
5. *Open the cupboard doors beneath your home's sinks.* This will allow warm air to circulate around the pipes.
6. *Allow water to trickle from faucets with pipes underneath your home or near outside walls that may be exposed to extreme weather conditions.* Over a 24 hour period this will cost less than 15 cents per faucet – much less than the cost to repair broken pipes!
7. *Have your plumber's telephone number handy.* During an extended cold spell, your pipes

might freeze despite the best precautions.

For more information regarding water conservation or winter water tips, please call Kimberly Swan at South Fork Water Board at 503-723-9692.

Be Flood Ready!

Protect your family and property from flood hazards. In February and November of 1996, Oregon City and its surrounding area, was hit with wide-spread, localized flooding. The flooding occurred due to the combined factors of rain, snowmelt, frozen ground and high tides. Low lying areas along the Willamette River, Clackamas River and Abernethy Creek flooded first.

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

While the flooding in 1996 is still fresh in many memories, the floods of 1861, 1890 and 1964 were even worse. Most recently, severe winter storms in January 1997 brought flooding to the Willamette and Clackamas Rivers.

Are You in a Flood Zone?

The majority of areas affected by the 1996 flooding were already mapped within the 100-year floodplain. A 100-year floodplain is an area that has a one-percent chance of flooding in any given year. These areas have been mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

However, additional areas were also flooded by the February 1996 flood. This area is subject to development restrictions and is mapped as a flood management overlay district. For more exact information to find out if you are in a flood zone, call the City of Oregon City Community Development Building Division at 503-657-0891. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Surviving a Flood

Preparing for a flood before it occurs can prevent loss of property, possessions and, in the worst situation, lives. Here are some tips to prepare you before a storm becomes an emergency.

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- Know the safest route from your home or business to high, safe ground.
- Put insurance policies and lists of personal property in a safe place, such as a safe deposit box.
- Prepare a family disaster supply kit. The kit should contain items such as:
 1. Flashlight
 2. Portable, battery-operated radio
 3. Extra batteries
 4. First aid kit and manual
 5. Emergency food and water
 6. Non-electric can opener
 7. Essential medications
 8. Cash and credit cards
 9. Sturdy shoes and warm outer wear for your family
 10. Blankets

Monitor local weather forecasts.

Floodwaters can rise rapidly. Be prepared to evacuate before the water level reaches your property.

- If evacuation is required and you can safely do so, turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve.
- Move to higher ground if you can do so safely. DO NOT attempt to walk through moving water.
- Do not drive in flooded areas.
- Do not remove manhole covers or drain gates.

- If you are caught at home by rising water, move to the second floor or the roof. Take your disaster supplies kit with you. Wait for help and don't try to swim to safety.
- Watch for downed power lines.
- If you come in contact with floodwaters, wash hands with soap and clean water.
- Stay out of disaster areas unless authorities give you permission to enter.

Flood Insurance

If you live in a floodplain, you should have flood insurance. Your homeowner's insurance policy will not cover losses due to flooding.

The City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which makes flood insurance available to everyone. The City makes continual efforts to reduce flood damage potential, which reduces insurance rates.

For many people, their home and its contents represent their greatest investment. If you are located within a SFHA, you are urged you to buy flood insurance to protect yourself from flood losses. Contact the insurance agent that manages your homeowner's insurance.

Road Construction Information



Oregon City residents experienced construction throughout their community in 2002 that included over 18,600 feet of waterline, 2,000 feet of new or replacement sanitary sewer pipe, two major intersection realignment and signalization projects, and the Molalla Avenue facelift. Your patience and cooperation throughout construction was very much appreciated. In many areas, final paving will need to be completed as weather allows.

Location	What's Going On	Public Works Staff Contact
Molalla Ave. Improvements - Pearl St. to Barclay Hills Dr.	Final sidewalk, landscaping, and striping	Sharon Zimmerman
Washington St. Bridge (Abernethy Creek)	Bridge replacement - detour route via 17th, Main and 15th Streets	Nancy Kraushaar
Division St. - Morton to Taylor	Pavement repairs (one lane)- project delayed until next year	Nancy Kraushaar
Highway 213/Washington St.	Road widening (adding one lane)	Sharon Zimmerman
Beemer Way and Hunter Ave.	Water pipe replacement, final paving	John Burrell
Hiram Ave. (Holcomb to Cleveland)	Water pipe replacement, final paving	John Burrell
Van Buren St. (12th to 16th)	Water pipe replacement, final paving	John Burrell
John Q. Adams St. (11th to 14th)	Water pipe replacement, final paving	John Burrell
Monroe St. (11th to 14th)	Water pipe replacement, final paving	John Burrell
12th St. and 13th St. (Jackson to Madison)	Water pipe replacement, final paving	John Burrell
Apperson and Miller St. (Hwy 99E to 3rd)	Water pipe replacement, final paving	John Burrell

Neighborhood Calendar

Clackamas Neighborhood Association (CNA)

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2002
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Oregon City Fire Station,
2474 7th Street

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2003
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall,
1000 Warner Milne Road
Contact: Howard Post, Chairman at 503-650-
1776

Hillendale Association of Neighbors (CAN)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2002
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Clackamas Community College,
Community Center Room 127
General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 30, 2003
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: To be Announced
Contact: Cathi VanDamme, Co-Chairman at
503-518-5552 or e-mail to
vdamme@aol.com

Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association (GLNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2002 and
Wednesday, January 7, 2003
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria,
178 S. Beavercreek Road
General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2003
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Gaffney Lane Elementary School,
421 S. Gaffney Lane
Contact: Shelly Alway, Vice-Chairman at
503-650-4125 or visit GLNA at
www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/glna

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

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2003
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Cornerstone United Methodist
Church,
18955 S. South End Road
Contact: Kathy Hogan, Co-Chairman at
503-657-9435

Hillendale Neighborhood Association (HNA)

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2002
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Prince of Life Lutheran Church,
13896 S. Meyers Road (behind Hagggen's)
Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2003
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria,
1678 S. Beavercreek Road
Contact: Debbie Watkins, Chairman at
503-655-3070 or visit HNA at
www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/hnasoc

McLoughlin Neighborhood Association (MNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2002
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Oregon City Fire Station,
624 7th Street
General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2003
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Carnegie Center,
606 John Adams Street
Contact: Tim Powell, Co-Chairman at
503-650-2466 or Rick Winterhalter,
Co-Chairman at 503-650-7550
www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/mccloughlin

Park Place Neighborhood Association (PPNA)

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, January 20, 2003
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Shari's Restaurant,
1926 McLoughlin Boulevard
General Membership Meeting
Date: Monday, February 18, 2003
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 200 Longview Way,
Oregon City
Contact: Lois Keifer, Acting Chairman at
503-722-7142 or visit PPNA at
www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/ppna

Rivercrest Neighborhood Association (RNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2003
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church,
1321 Linn Street
Contact: Diane McKnight Chairman at
503-656-6435
www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/rcna

South End Neighborhood Association (SENA)

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2003
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Cornerstone United Methodist
Church,
18955 S. South End Road
Contact: Karen S. Montoya, Chairman at
503-557-8065

Chief's Advisory Committee Meeting(s) (Police and Fire)

Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2002
For more information, contact Nancy Brooks,
Administrative Assistant at 503-657-0891

Citizen Involvement Committee Council (CICC)

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2002
Contact: Timothy Powell, Chairman at
503-650-2466

For additional neighborhood 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
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	
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
Parking Advisory Board	As Announced	
Transportation Advisory Committee	3rd Tuesday	6:00 pm
Arts Commission	1st Tuesday	4:00 pm