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# CITY OF OREGON CITY

# Trail News

OREGON CITY

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## Friends of the Pool General Meeting

Friends of the Pool invites all interested parties to attend their general meeting on Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the pool. The pool is located at 1211 Jackson Street in Oregon City. Agenda items will include an update on current pool operations and funding, as well as the outlook for the '98 - '99 budget year. For more information or directions, please call the pool at 657-8273.

## Smoke Alarms DO Save Lives

On Friday, December 26, 1997, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Mary Beth Gerring was walking her dog when she heard the beeping of a smoke detector going off in the home of Rose Mesecher, 87, at 112 S. Center Street. She then noticed light smoke coming from the house and immediately contacted a next door neighbor, David Burt, who ran to Ms. Mesecher's and broke down the front door while Mary Beth call 9-1-1.

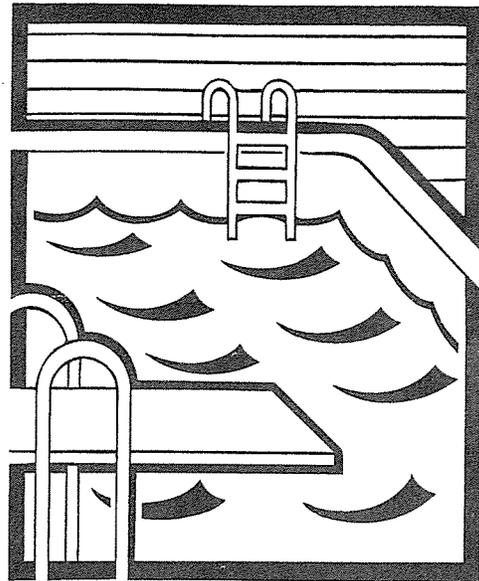
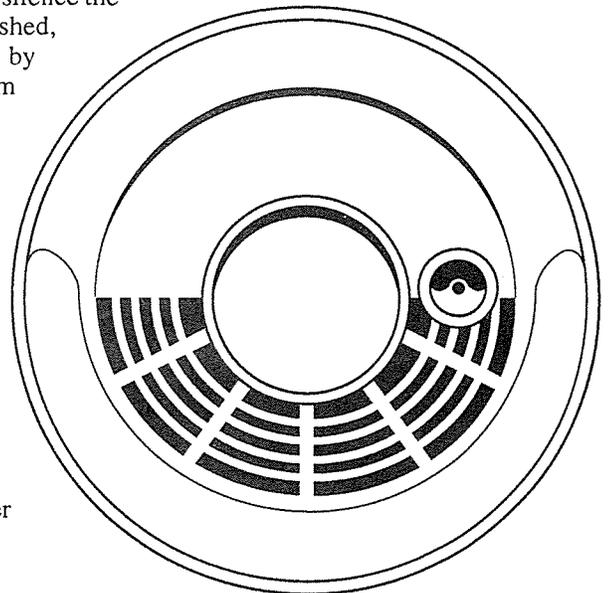
Mr. Burt entered the smoke filled house, discovered Ms. Mesecher unconscious on the floor between the living room and kitchen, and removed her from the home. Once outside, she regained consciousness. By this time, the fire department and emergency medical technicians arrived on the scene and treated her for smoke inhalation, then had her transported to Willamette Falls Hospital.

The fire started in an overstuffed chair. The flame damage was limited to the chair, but there was smoke damage throughout the house.

A new smoke detector had been installed in the home late in the summer by the Oregon City Fire Department. They were paying a courtesy call to Ms. Mesecher to provide her with parts for her walker, which they noticed, were missing when they responded to an earlier medical incident. During this visit, they noticed there were no smoke alarms in the home and they installed the detector at no cost to Ms. Mesecher. It is the policy of the Oregon City Fire Department to check for working smoke alarms during any emergency response and either replace the batteries or install a new smoke detector. This is only one example of the life-saving benefits of a "proactive" fire prevention program.

State laws are now being changed to make smoke alarms more effective and user friendly. As of January 1, 1998, all smoke alarms sold in Oregon are required to have a hush button. The hush button will silence the alarm for 15 minutes when it is pushed, should it inadvertently be set off by something like burned toast or steam from a shower. This hush feature was developed to discourage people from removing the batteries from smoke alarms.

The new battery powered smoke alarms sold in Oregon will have a 10-year battery. Although the battery is meant to last 10 years and you shouldn't have to replace your batteries annually, you should still test your smoke alarm once a week. Remember that a smoke alarm has to be "working" in order to save your life and property!



## Help Wanted:

### Swim Instructor

The Oregon City Swimming Pool is currently seeking a swim instructor to work school days, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Experienced preferred, however, we will train.

### Rare Beanie Baby to be Auctioned

The Friends of the Oregon City Pool are thrilled to announce the donation of a "Princess Di Bear" beanie baby for the March raffle. The collectable was generously donated by Cecile Doyle of J.D. Pence Aquatic Supply Inc. of Forest Grove. Tickets are \$ 1.00 each and will go on sale March 2nd at the pool.

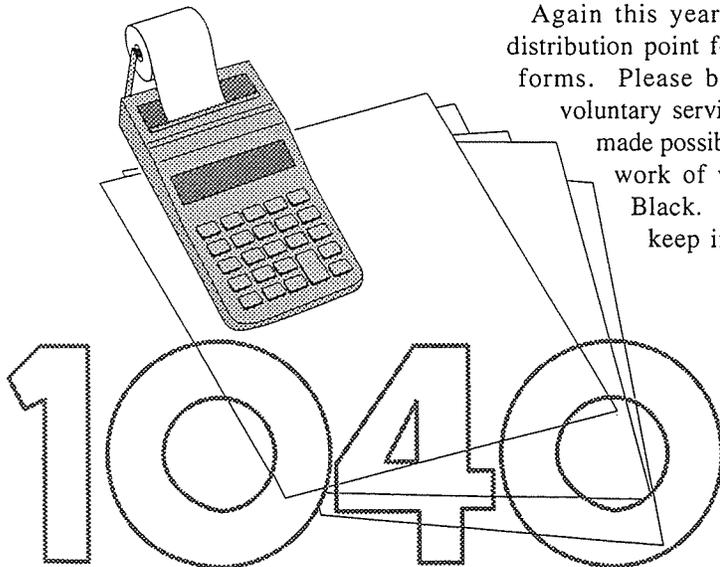
Friends of the Pool is a non profit, tax exempt organization dedicated to the continuing operation and improvement of the Oregon City Swimming Pool and its programs. All monies raised by the Friends are used to fund pool operations that are not funded for in the current budget year. Raffles are held by the Friends monthly, thanks to the generous donations of raffle prizes by pool users. If you would like to donate a raffle item, or would like more information about the Friends, please call the pool at 657-8273

## Information from your Oregon City Police

Oregon City Police Department has formed a traffic team with the mandate of enforcing traffic laws and improving safety on our streets and highways. In 1997, Oregon State Highway 99E was listed as a traffic safety corridor by the Oregon Department of Transportation. This occurred because of the number of accidents that have traditionally happened there. In 1996, 43 traffic crashes occurred on OSH 99E during the months of May to December in Oregon City. In 1997, 25 crashes occurred there during the same time frame. This represents a 42% decrease in traffic crashes in Oregon City on OSH 99E.

## Movies Now Available at the Library

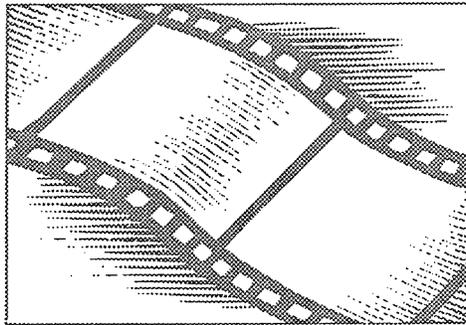
Thanks to a major donation from the Friends of the Library, the Oregon City Public Library now has feature movies available on video. Along with contemporary classics, the emphasis in this new collection will be on the newer video releases, which have high demand. Video movies will be loaned out for 3 days and individuals may place a Reserve on specific titles. As of the end of January, about one hundred videos had been processed and placed on the public shelves with another 50-75 movies to be added over the next few months.



## News From the Book Discussion Groups

Subject of the Mystery book discussion group meeting on the 4th Tuesday (February 24th) will be "Killer Dolphin" by Ngaio Marsh. Led by Leroy Schaap, this group meets at 9:30 a.m. in the library's Reference department.

The Classics book discussion group, which meets on the 1st Tuesday (February 3rd) of the month, will be reviewing E.M. Forster's "A Room With A View". The tentative schedule for following meetings is: March - "A Thousand Acres" by Jane Smiley; "Great Expectations" by Charles Dickens; and May - "Brat Farrar" by Josephine Tey. This group meets at 9:00 a.m. in the library.



## Countdown to Tax Time - Forms at the Library

Again this year the library will be a distribution point for federal and state tax forms. Please be aware that this is a voluntary service of the library and is made possible only through the hard work of volunteers like Harold Black. And, of course, please keep in mind that the library staff is prohibited from providing any advice in this area. We do, however, strongly recommend that you avoid the chaos of the last week before the April 15th deadline by picking up your tax forms well in advance.



## New Library Planning - Focus Group Volunteers Needed

As reported earlier, the Needs Assessment stage of the new library development process will get underway soon with the arrival of the building consultant. Focus groups will be a major component of the study and interested citizens are needed. These focus groups will consist of 10-12 people who are led through a discussion that's designed to elicit their ideas as to what the new Oregon City Public Library can/should be. The time requirement is about 2 hours. We anticipate these groups will be meeting during the latter part of the third week of February. If you would like to help out the City by participating in one of these focus groups, contact the library director at 657-8269.

## An Endowment Fund for the Library

If the idea of leaving behind a lasting legacy of commitment to your community is an appealing idea, consider the Library Endowment Fund. The Fund is a long-range approach to ensuring that the Oregon City region will have first-rate public library services and the City may accept any type of gift, devise or bequest of money or property. Use of either the Fund principal or income is limited to projects that will benefit or improve the library. If you would like more information about the Library Endowment Fund, contact the library director at 657-8269.

## Transportation System and Capital Improvement Projects Kick-Off with Public Open House

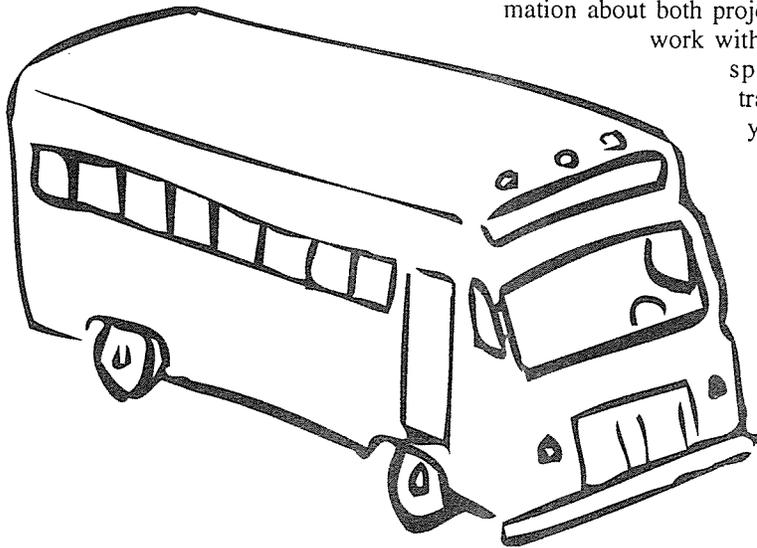
The Transportation System Plan and Capital Improvement Program is Wednesday, February 11 anytime between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. The location is the Pioneer Community Center, 615 5th Street. All are welcome! An open house is scheduled for the general public to learn more about and provide input on two significant projects that will effect Oregon City for years to come. The Oregon City Transportation System Plan and the Capital Improvements Program are both in the beginning stages. The open house, which will share presentations and displays for both projects, is designed to receive public input on how well the city's transportation and infrastructure systems (e.g., storm drainage systems, sidewalks, parks etc.) are working, where problems exist, and what specific improvements people would like to see.

The purpose of the Transportation System Plan (TSP) is to develop a plan for Oregon City that identifies and provides for the transportation needs of the community, now and in the future. The intent is to develop an integrated transportation system that supports existing user future planned development within Oregon City's Urban Growth Boundary, over the next twenty (20) years. One key objective is to provide greater opportunities for non-auto travel by improving pedestrian, bicycle, vehicular, transit, pipeline, air, and river travel. Solutions that are considered for the Plan will also include modifications to how we use our available land.

The objective of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is to develop a six-year plan for the City that addresses all major utility and transportation infrastructure projects, including parks, and public safety facilities, and public improvements. In addition, a process will be developed to update the plan on a yearly basis, which will include neighborhood association involvement in the CIP process.

Both the TSP and the CIP must balance the desire for city services with fiscal constraints and available resources, using both objective and subjective criteria for prioritizing needs. Input from the citizen committees and community at large is vital to developing the right criteria for decision-makers to use. Please support these planning efforts for your community by attending the upcoming Open House and sharing your thoughts and ideas.

Staff and consultants will be available to provide information about both projects. They will also work with citizens to identify specific capital and transportation needs. If you have any questions, please call Mary Palmer, Oregon City Public Involvement Coordinator, at 657-0891.



## Metro Enhancement Meeting Scheduled

The City Commission is set to discuss the Oregon City - Metro Enhancement Committee at February 1998 regular session (7:00 p.m. on Feb. 4, 1998) in the Commission Chambers, located at 320 Warner Milne Road. The Commission is seeking input and direction from neighborhood associations and the public on what, if any, changes should be made regarding the Metro Enhancement Boundary and funds. If the Commission does not reach a consensus at its February meeting, the issue will be held over to a later date.

## Children's Programs at the Library

Story times continue on their regular schedule through the winter months. These programs are great opportunities to introduce your child to the world of books, reading and intellectual inquiry. Of course, there's no substitute for a parent reading to their child on a daily basis, but the library's story times also provide a chance for your child to get out of the house and interact with other youngsters of a similar age. And, if you need advice on read aloud techniques or finding suitable books for your child, the children's librarian can provide the professional assistance you need.

### STORY TIMES ARE HELD AT:

Tuesday's 11:00 a.m. for pre-schoolers age 3-5

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. for elementary school age 6-8

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. for toddlers age 2

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS COMING UP THIS MONTH

February 10th at 11:30 a.m. Craft program: Make A Valentine Heart and Sachet (prior sign-up required)

February 18th at 4:00 p.m. Music and Magic with Rainshine the Clown

February 24th at 11:30 a.m. Craft Program: Make a "Look Around Clown" (prior sign-up required).

### LIBRARY HOURS AND OTHER INFO

Located just across the parking lot from the Hilltop Cinemas, the Oregon City Public Library is open six days a week.

Monday through Wednesday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Telephone is 657-8269 for regular business or call Telecirc at 659-8634 for renewals.

Newcomers to our fair city can obtain a library card by bringing some form of official identification and proof of residency in Clackamas County. A driver's license with your current address is the simplest way but we can combine other materials to meet the requirement - give the library a call ahead of time if you're not sure.

# Neighborhood Calendar

## BARCLAY HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, February 17, 1998  
General Membership Meeting  
Location: Christ Apostolic Church  
600 Barclay Hills Drive  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Larry Jacobson, Chairman

## CANEMAH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Thursday, February 12, 1998  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Location: CDD Trailer, City Hall  
320 Warner Milne Road  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, February 19, 1998  
Location: King Elementary School  
995 South End Road  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Howard Post, Chairman at 650-0976  
or Nancy Chapman at 657-6522

## GAFFNEY LANE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, February 10, 1998  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Location: CDD Trailer  
320 Warner Milne Road  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Kevin Cayson, Chairman at 650-7970

## HILLENDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, February 3, 1998  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Location: 13304 Clairmont Way  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, March 3, 1998  
Location: Gaffney Lane Elementary School  
13521 S. Gaffney Lane  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Julie Hollister, Chairman

## HAZEL GROVE - WESTLING FARM

Neighborhood Group  
Tuesday, February 24, 1998  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Location: CDD Trailer, City Hall  
320 Warner Milne Road  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Contact: Terry Leonard at 557-3268 or  
Candy Rayburn at 656-3443

## McLOUGHLIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Date: To be announced  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Location: The Carnegie Center  
606 John Adams Street  
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Bill Daniels, Chairman at 655-3849

## PARK PLACE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETING

Monday, February 2, 1998  
Formation Meeting  
Location: Park Place Elementary School  
16075 S. Front Avenue  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Julie Puderbaugh, Contact Person  
at 661-5093

## RIVERCREST NEIGHBORHOOD

Thursday, February 26, 1998  
General Membership Meeting  
Location: First Presbyterian Church  
The Fireside Room  
1321 Linn Street  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Nancy Davis, Contact Person at  
650-1239

## SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Thursday, February 19, 1998  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Location: 995 South End Road  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Mary Smith, Chairman at 655-7046

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS MEETING

Thursday, February 5, 1998  
Location: To be announced  
7:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL  
MARY E. PALMER 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	6:30 pm
Urban Renewal Agency	As Announced	
Budget Committee	As Announced	
Rate and Fee Review Committee	2nd Monday	6:00 pm
Planning Commission	4th Tuesday	7:00 pm
if continued	2nd Thursday	7:00 pm
Historic Review Board	Last Thursday	7:00 pm
Library Board	3rd Tuesday	3:30 pm
Metro Enhancement Committee	1st Thursday	6:45 pm
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	2nd Wednesday	6:30 pm