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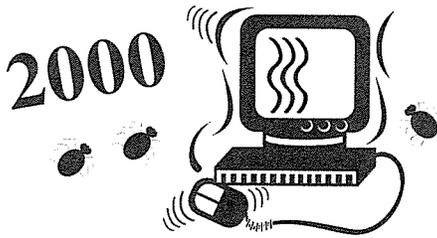
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Y2k Got You Bugged?

Is it the end of the world or are we being needlessly hysterical about the Y2K problem that seems to be dominating the news at the beginning of the New Year? Your public library has lots of information on this issue and, through the use of information technology, you can access the latest thinking from a variety of viewpoints. Along with the catalog database, which will get you to the published books, try the computerized magazine index for the more recent articles. There is also a variety of Internet sites you'll find useful including the American Red Cross disaster preparedness site (www.crossnet.org/disaster/safety/emmerprep); economist Ed Yardeni's "Y2Kreporter" (www.yardeni.com) and the Emergency Response and Research Institute Year 2000 Resource page (www.emergency.com). And, if you think Y2K is no laughing matter, check out the humor contest at www.year2000.com.



Meals-On-Wheels Winter Alert

The Pioneer Community Center is requesting donations of non-perishable food items that are easy to prepare such as: canned soup, chili, pastas, stews, or even microwave items like oatmeal or frozen dinners. All donations will support the Meals-On-Wheels Program. Sometimes the winter weather prevents volunteer drivers from delivering much needed meals to the homebound - this serve food will keep the folks well fed on the days when dangerous weather conditions prevent deliveries. Donations are accepted at the Pioneer Community Center at 615 5th Street in Oregon City. For more information, call 657-8287.



Home Fire Sprinklers: A Smart Choice

Home fire sprinklers save lives and protect property...the lives and property that you value most.

- Every 74 seconds a fire occurs in a U.S. residence.
- Every 21 minutes a civilian is injured by fire.
- Eight out of ten fire deaths occur in the home.
- Young children, older adults and physically and mentally challenged people face the highest risk of injury or death in residential fires.
- Too often, people fail to respond appropriately to the sound of a smoke detector, because they assume it is a false alarm. Rather than exiting the building, they search to confirm the existence of a fire, wasting the few precious minutes they may have to escape.

It's clear that home fire sprinklers are a smart choice. That's why they are growing in popularity across the country.

This automatic fire protection system works best in combination with properly installed and maintained smoke detectors. Sprinklers and detectors together cut your risk of dying in a home fire by 82% relative to not having either. That's a savings of thousands of lives a year.

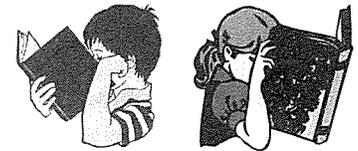
The most convenient and least costly time to install home fire sprinklers is during new home construction. The expense is often only 1 to 1 1/2% of the total building cost...about what you'd pay for an upgrade in carpeting.

Sprinklers can also be retrofitted into existing homes.

You make choices to invest in attractive furnishings, security systems and other features for your home. A home fire sprinkler system is also an investment: in the safety of your family and most cherished belongings.

Myth: The water damage from sprinklers is worse than a fire. The truth is, a sprinkler will control a fire with a tiny fraction of the water used by fire department hoses, because a sprinkler activates during the early stages of a fire before the fire department can arrive. Automatic systems spray water only in the immediate area of the fire, usually with just one sprinkler operating. As a result, the fire is kept from spreading, and widespread water damage is avoided.

If you have any questions about Home Fire Sprinkler Systems, please call Deputy Fire Chief Clark Poulton at 657-1365.



Kids Programs At The Library

Story times for children continue:

- For pre-schoolers age 3-5

Tues and Weds at 11:00 a.m.

- For toddlers age 2

Thurs at 11:00 a.m.

- Special programs are scheduled throughout the month - contact the children's librarian at 657-8269 for the latest information.

Library Hours and Info

The library is open seven days a week:

Mon - Thurs: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fri & Sat: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sundays: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For information or assistance, contact the library at 657-8269 or you can reach our web site through www.lincc.lib.or.us. The library will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of Washington's birthday.

Library Updates Magazine Subscriptions

Each January the library adjusts its magazine subscription list to reflect changing interests as indicated by public usage, requests and "fit" with the rest of the collection. Added to the collection this year are: Consumer's Research; Countryside and Small Stock Journal; Entertainment Weekly; Film Comment; George; Natural Health; Technology Review; Teen People; Vegetarian Times; Voice of Youth Advocates and World and I. This past year we reinstated four titles that had previously been dropped: Flying; National Review; New Republic and the New York Time Sunday edition. Titles that were dropped: Black Belt; Elle; Horn Book and School Library Journal. Overall, the library subscribes to nearly 200 magazines with back issues available for loan.

Library Adds 3rd Internet Station



Getting access to the library's Internet stations has become easier with the addition of a third public-use Internet station. Streamlining the policies and procedures governing the use of the stations has also made the service easier for both the public and the library staff. Adults will no longer be required to sign Internet registration forms but will instead be able to sign-up or reserve times right at the reference desk. Children under the age of 13 will continue to be required to have a parent's signature in order to register for Internet usage. If you would like to reserve time at one of the Internet stations, call the library's reference department at 657-8269.

From Your Finance Department

Utility rates for Water, Sewer and Storm Drain are currently under review and will be discussed at the January 1999, nine citizen, Rate and Fee Review Committee. The committee will review a recommendation to increase Water rates, which have not increased since 1994, by three percent annually starting this spring. This would amount to approximately \$.80 per month for an average

family that uses 1,100 cubic feet (8,228 gallons) of water each month.

There is no proposal to increase Sewer rates for the City, which have not increased from the \$13.60 monthly rate charged since 1994. The other \$10.00 per month is the amount charged by the Tri-City Service District. Tri-City increased their rate by \$.75 in July 1997 and the City started charging that rate in January 1998. Tri-City also increased their rate by \$.25 in September 1998 and the City passed that on at that time. We do not know when and how much Tri-City will increase their rates in the future.

There is also a recommendation to increase the monthly Storm Drain rate, which has not changed since inception in 1989, from the \$2.00 monthly charge. The recommendation to the Committee is for a \$.50 monthly increase annually for FY 1999 through 2002, when the monthly rate would be \$4.00 for individuals. The Public Works Department will be asking for a more accelerated schedule.

Once the Rate and Fee Review Committee has reviewed the proposals and made their recommendation the proposals will go to the Oregon City Commission in the form of resolutions, probably in late January or early February 1999.

Book Discussion Groups Set Agenda

For the group meeting at 9:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month the titles are: February 2nd: Ragtime by E.L. Doctorow; March 2nd: Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison; April 6th: Cyrano de Bergerac by Edmond Rostand.

Scheduled for the group that meets at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month are: February 25th: Firestorm by Nevada Barr; March 25th: Burn Marks by Sara Paretsky; April 22nd: Come Death and High Water or, A Prey to a Murder by Anne Cleaves.

Both of these groups meet in the library and are open to the general public.

Two City Committees Need Volunteers



Both the City Budget Committee and the Rate and Fee Review Committees are seeking volunteers to serve. For further information and an application please call Mary E. Palmer, Community Involvement Coordinator at 657-0891 ext. 155.

From Your Parks & Recreation Department

The Parks and Recreation master plan survey has been completed and returned. 57.2% of the surveys were returned with the greatest response coming from the Canemah/South End area. Samplings of the findings are as follows:

- Clackamette Park is the most heavily used recreation area in the community.

- On a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the highest, a majority of the respondents rated the upkeep and maintenance of the parks and cemetery between a 7 and 8.

- When asked what improvements are needed in the existing parks, the most common responses were: upgrade the playground equipment and restrooms; increase the level of development, add additional support facilities and improve security.

- Most residents rated the importance of open space very high. In fact, on a scale of 1-10, a majority of the respondents ranked open space between a 9 and 10. When asked what type of open space, "land along the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers" received the most support.



- 78.4% of the respondents were in favor of developing an indoor recreation center. When asked what components it should contain, a "multi-use gymnasium" and a "space for teen activities" received the most support.

- Youth activities, particularly "after school activities" and "organized sports", were cited most frequently in terms of expanding the existing recreation program.

- "Maintaining existing parks, open space areas and trail" was by far the number one response, when asked where the City should focus its efforts.

- 74.3% of the respondents felt that the City should budget money for beautification projects. "Street tree" and the "planting of annual flowers" received the most support.

- An open house will be held March 22, 1999 at the Pioneer Community Center to discuss findings and proposals of the Park and Recreation Master Plan. The open house will begin at 7:00 p.m. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

From Your Carnegie Center

John Adams Street, Tuesday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

First Friday - February 5th. Join local musicians and writers for an evening of relaxation and entertainment. First Friday features local pianists from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and readings from Clackamas County writers of their recent works from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Enlighten your mind with the literary works of others, or be bold and share your writings during the open mic period. A featured unnamed artist will be available during February's First Friday. Call 557-9199 for additional information.

Artists on Display. February features two very special artistic venues at the Carnegie Center. Visit the National PTA Reflections show, February 2nd through February 14th. Reflections features the best of our nations children's artwork. A reception for the local artists will be held on February 9th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. February 16th through the 28th features the works of artist Eileen Eiger. Eileen specializes in pastels/landscapes and still lives. A reception will be held on Saturday, February 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to meet the artists. Call 557-9199 for more information.

Kids Programs - on February 13th join Jolly the Clown for a morning of entertainment in the children's center. Starting at 10:30 a.m., the program is free and open to children of all ages.

Art Classes - a new program is being added to the list of many that the Carnegie offers. Join Family Art Classes on the third Saturday of each month. Sponsored through a generous grant from the Regional Arts and Culture Council, art classes will be held monthly. February features instructor Linda Callantine and will produce Fish Banners for all participants to take home at the completion of the day. Just \$20.00 per family (1 adult and 2 children), the day promises to be a day of fun. Call 557-9199 for registration information.

Bunko - the Carnegie Arts League introduces a new and fun fundraiser. Enter to win in the first ever Bunko tournament. January 19th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Entry fees are just \$10.00 per person with one half of the proceeds dedicated to prizes. Limited to the first twenty players. Bring your friends and register at the Carnegie. This will

be an evening you won't forget.

Saturday Night Java - join local performers every Saturday from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for an evening of music and coffee. Styles of performances change weekly. Call 557-9199 for the schedule of this free event.

From Your Parks And Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Following are a few of the discussions, which have occurred in the November meetings.

Discussion on the upgrade of the Boynton Street Water Tower covered two meetings. Developer, Tom Gentry approached the committee regarding upgrading the water tower property as a portion of his development in the south end area. The advisory committee had discussed increased parking for Chapin Park, which would direct traffic off of Boynton, during sports season. The proposal by Gentry to place parking within the water tower was viewed favorably with the following guidelines: 1. No more than 20 trees would be removed from the site, and of those 20, most would be brush trees. 2. Vegetation would be replaced adjacent to the homes, which border the site to provide a buffer. 3. Picnic tables and shade would be in place to provide an area for tournament participants to relax. The plan was tentatively approved upon approval from the neighborhood association and the planning committee.

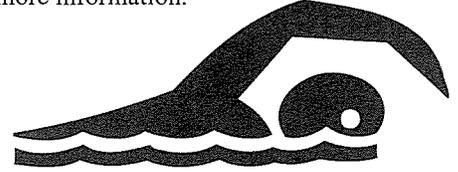
Discussion was held on a request to adopt a portion of the riverfront property now owned by the city. It was agreed that the citizen requesting to upgrade the riverfront could "adopt the park" as in "Adopt a Road", but that no decision could be made until the City completed the purchase and a more detailed plan was presented. Discussion regarding a trail system through the South End Drainage Basin was also held with the group being in general agreement to pursue the idea, and a request from planning for more information as to whether the trail system could work through the drainage basin.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board welcomes your input. Please call 657-8241 for future agenda items.

Oregon City Parks and Recreation strives to provide cultural and leisure activities for children and adults, to enhance the livability of the community, and to provide quality parks and natural areas to all present and future citizens.

Winter Swim Lessons

Winter Swimming Lessons are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings or Saturday. All classes are 27 minutes in length. Lessons are taught using the American Red Cross "Learn to Swim" program. Registration may be done in person or over the telephone. Call the Oregon City Pool at 657-8273 for more information.



Volunteer at the Pool

Front desk volunteers are needed at the Oregon City Pool. Help with a 4-hour shift once a week (morning, afternoon or evening), and earn a free swim membership. Call 657-8273 for more information.

Tax Info & Forms

At The Library

This year, along with the regular collection of tax forms and publications, the library has two photocopiers available for public use. Please keep in mind, however, that the library staff cannot provide any advice of a technical nature including which forms to use.

From Your Public Works Department

The City of Oregon City is now working with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Clackamas County to replace the Anchor Way Bridge over Abernethy Creek. This is being done under a Federal Government bridge replacement program administered by ODOT. The total cost of this project is being estimated at approximately \$1,000,000. The cost to the City is currently being estimated at approximately \$90,000.

The Bridge is scheduled to be replaced during the Spring and Summer of 2000. The existing bridge will be removed, and replaced with a wider, two-lane concrete span featuring bicycle lanes and sidewalks. The construction is estimated to take approximately six months. This work will affect traffic using Redland Road as well as Anchor Way. The new structure will be a simple low railing bridge, and will be in the same location as the existing one. For more information on this project, contact Henry Mackenroth, Public Works Engineer at 657-8241.

Neighborhood Association Calendar

BARCLAY HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (BHNA)

Contact: Larry Jacobson, Chairman, 657-3740
e-mail: BHNA@AOL.COM

CANEMA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CNA)

Thursday, February 12, 1999
Steering Committee Meeting
Location: CDD Trailer, City Hall
320 Warner Milne Road
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 19, 1999
General Membership Meeting
Location: King Elementary School
995 South End Road
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Contact: Howard Post, Chairman 650-0976
or Nancy Chapman at 657-6522

FALLS VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (FVNA)

Contact: Lee Spurgeon, Chairman 656-9758

GAFFNEY LANE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (GLNA)

Tuesday, February 2, 1999
Steering Committee
Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria
1678 Beaver Creek Road, Suite R
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Derrick Beneville, Chairman
557-7535

HAZEL GROVE - WESTLING FARM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, February 23, 1999
Steering Committee
Location: CDD Trailer, City Hall
320 Warner Milne Road
Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

HILLENDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (HNA)

Contact: Debbie Watkins, Chairman,
655-3070
e-mail: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/3055>

McLOUGHLIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MNA)

Thursday, February 4, 1999
Steering Committee
Location: To Be Announced
Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 4, 1999
General Membership Meeting
Location: Pioneer Community Center
615 Fifth Street
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Contact: Dirk Ellis, Co-Chairman 557-4987
or Denyse McGriff, Co-Chairman 656-3912

PARK PLACE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETING

Monday, February 8, 1999
General Membership Meeting
Location: Park Place Elementary School
16075 S. Front Avenue
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Contact: Julie Puderbaugh, Chairman,
661-5093

RIVERCREST NEIGHBORHOOD

Thursday, February 25, 1999
General Membership Meeting
Location: First Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Room
1321 Linn Street
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Contact: Nancy Davis, Chairman, 650-1239

SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SENA)

Thursday, February 18, 1999
Steering Committee Meeting
Location: To Be Announced
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Contact: Mary Smith, Chairman, 655-7946
or 657-2868

THAYER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (TNA)

Contact: Paul Trahan, Chairman, 557-9722

TOWER VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (TVNA)

Thursday, February 4, 1999
General Membership Meeting
Location: John McLoughlin Elem. School
19230 S. South End Road
Time: 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.
Contact: David Adelhart, Chairman, 657-7708

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE COUNCIL (CICC)

Tuesday, February 9, 1999
Location: To Be Announced
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Contact: Mary E. Palmer, 657-0891, x155

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	4th Thursday	5:00 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