

# CITY OF OREGON CITY Trail News

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## Oregon City Downtown Community Plan \*\*Adopted\*\*

On January 5, 2000, the City Commission adopted the Oregon City Downtown Community Plan as an ancillary document to the Oregon City Comprehensive Plan.

The adopted Plan will provide the community the strong and positive guidance needed to realize the vision that was established over two years ago.

Site specific designations and zonings are the focus of Phase II Downtown Community Planning. Phase II activities are scheduled to begin in February. These will include public meetings to review proposed Comprehensive Plan designations and zonings.

For more information or if you have any questions about the process, please contact the Community Development Division at 657-0891.

## From Your Oregon City Police Department



The Oregon City Police Department would like to become even more accessible to our community. We are providing e-mail addresses of key department members in hopes of improving communications between citizens and police personnel.

- Chief Gordon Huiras, [pdchief@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:pdchief@ci.oregon-city.or.us). Any questions, comments or concerns about public safety issues or police services.
- Records Manager Amy Lobdell, [alobdell@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:alobdell@ci.oregon-city.or.us). Any questions, comments or concerns regarding public records requests, alarm permits and the volunteer program.
- Lieutenant John Stewart, [jstewart@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:jstewart@ci.oregon-city.or.us). Any questions, comments or concerns about patrol and traffic enforcement.
- Lieutenant Rocky Smith, [rsmith@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:rsmith@ci.oregon-city.or.us). Any questions, comments or concerns about investigations, the reserve program or property matters.

## Water and Storm Drain Increases

On January 1, 1999 the City Commission approved a three (3) percent water and \$.50 storm drain annual increases for March 1, 1999 through March 1, 2002. On March 1, 2000 the monthly fee for a single family will increase from **\$10.00 to \$10.30**, multiple family (each dwelling unit) from **\$8.00 to \$8.24**, and senior/disabled citizens (subject to income eligibility) from **\$5.00 to \$5.15**. The water usage rate increase will be from **\$1.68 to \$1.73** (senior rate from **\$1.33 to \$1.37**) for each 100 cubic feet (748 gallons). The monthly storm drain rate will increase \$.50 from **\$2.50 to \$3.00**.

## Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust (OCCIT) 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, February 25, 2000. The requests will be reviewed at the OCCIT meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Contact Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at 657-0891 to receive a grant request form.



## Oregon City Recruiting a Few Good Volunteers

The City of Oregon City is seeking volunteers to serve on several committees including:

- The Planning Commission (2) members
- The Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust (3) members
- Transportation Advisory Committee (2) members
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (2) members
- Oregon City Historic Trails Committee (5) members
- Budget Committee (2) members

These are immediate openings. Interested people need to apply soon. For applications or further information stop by City Hall, 320 Warner Milne Road, Oregon City or by calling 657-0891 and speaking to Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager.

## Mystery Lovers Discussion Group Sets Schedule

The library's discussion group for mystery lovers has set the following schedule for the coming months:

- February 23rd *Missing Joseph* by Elizabeth George  
 March 28th *The Hamlet Trap* by Kate Wilhelm

- April 25th *Snapshot* by Lynda Barnes  
 May 23rd *The Sanctuary Sparrow* by Ellis Peters  
 June 20th *The Falcon at the Portal* by Elizabeth Peters  
 July 25th *Familiar Spirits* by Leonard Tourney (A difficult title to find so start early)

This small group normally meets at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the library. Everyone is welcome.



## Children's Library Activities in February

The regular schedule for pre-schooler story times continues with sessions set for:

- Pre-schoolers, age 3-5 on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.; program repeated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays  
 Toddlers, age 2 on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

A program of magical comedy is set for February 17th at 4:00 p.m. Returning by popular acclaim is magician Bob Eaton.

Two craft programs for kids are scheduled in February. Due to space limitations these programs do require prior sign-up.

- February 8th at 11:30 a.m. *Valentine Craft*  
 February 23rd at 11:30 a.m. *Rainbow Birds*

## Classics Discussion Group Sets New Year Schedule

The library's classics discussion group has established the following schedule for the coming year:

- March 7th *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare  
 April 4th *Poetry Month* – pick your favorites  
 May 2nd *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather  
 June 6th *The Collector* by John Fowles  
 July *Jude the Obscure* by Thomas Hardy  
 August 1st *Colette* – reader's choice of titles  
 September 5th *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte  
 October 3rd *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving  
 November 7th *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain  
 December 5th *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson

This group meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month – all are welcome!

## Lectures and Music Scheduled at the Library

- February 17th 7:30 p.m.  
*"Natural medicines and Therapies"* is subject of a program presented by David Rousett.  
 February 24th 7:30 p.m.  
*"Beginning Family History Research"* will be presented by Sandy McGuire of the Clackamas County Family History Society.  
 February 27th (Sunday) 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
 Classical music program presented by the Willamette Falls Symphony Quartet.

## Your Library is Now Open Seven Days a Week

With the exception of President's Day on February 21st, the library will be open every day in February according to the following schedule:

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

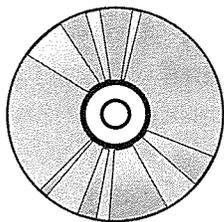
For information call the library at 657-8269. To renew material by telephone (Telecirc) the number is 659-8634.

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## Library Discards/Donations Make Carnegie Bookstore Even Better

The selection at the book store operated by the Friends of the Library at the Carnegie Center continues to improve as a result of the collection development efforts of the library staff and the hard work of volunteers who go through donations and visit yard sales looking for the best in used books to place in the store. Give it a try – you'll be amazed at the quality and shockingly low prices.

## Library Now Has DVDs; Expanded Video and Audio



With the establishment of a small but growing DVD collection movie lovers now have an alternative to videotapes at the library. Currently the library has nearly 800 movies on videotape along with nearly 100 DVDs of newer and classic titles. In recent months the non-fiction videotape collection and books on tape collections have been targeted for

development with many new titles now on the shelf and more being added every day.

## February – March Movie Schedule

Friday's at 10:00 a.m. at the Pioneer Community Center.

February 11th -	"One True Thing"
February 18th -	"Living Out Loud"
February 25th -	"The Wings Of The Dove"
March 3rd -	"Hidden In America"

## Low Income Energy Assistance Program Update

I got word too late for the December Newsletter that the LIEAP program of energy assistance has changed. The news is good!!

The program will now be year around and the income levels have increased. Since it is difficult to understand the percentages, I will tell you that a family of one has to have an income below \$1,197.50 and a family of two, below \$1,550.00 monthly income. No medical deductions can be used as before, but with the increased limits, more of you should qualify for assistance to help pay your fuel bills.

## Thank You to Roseann & Steve Cotton

The Pioneer Community Center was given two beautiful Christmas Trees. Steve and Roseann Cotton are the owners of the Cotton Christmas Tree Plantation and they were so generous as to donate these trees to our center. Thank you again Steve and Roseann.

# Thank You!

## It's time to give thanks

Thank you to Greg Rieskamp of Berry Park for sponsoring our Christmas Party; Keith Price of Grocery Outlet for cereal for our emergency meal kits; Tom from Trail Dust Pizza for donating a ham and chicken for our seniors for their holiday dinners; Mansok, of Get & Go for chips for our emergency kits; Jerry & Wanda Black for donating two turkeys for holiday dinners for our seniors. Price Costco gave a \$25.00 gift certificate to put towards a turkey for a holiday dinner for our seniors. Many thanks to B&B Leasing for their donation of \$200.00 to be put towards purchasing turkeys or ham for our seniors, Corporate Builders for their donation of \$250.00 for our nutrition program. Thank you to Asbury Automotive Oregon Management, LLC, AKA Thomason Auto Group for their donation of \$100.00 for our nutrition programs. To Robert and Candy Cafferty and family many thanks for their donation of 16 turkeys, in memory of their mother Dorothy Hayes, for our seniors holiday dinner.

## Winter Term Classes Schedule

Tai-Chi, Intro to Spanish, China Painting, Watercolor/Drawing, Line Dancing, Computer Classes, Light Aerobics, Strength Training, Stretch & Flex, Growing Wiser, Chorus, Lo-Fat Italian Cooking Class and Heart Smart Cooking Class. Classes begin January 3, 2000, call the Pioneer Center for more information at 657-8287.

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## Public Projects Division Update

Thank you for your patience and understanding when you experience traffic delays or other inconveniences. Thanks also for respecting the safety of the construction workers at these project sites.

### Apperson Boulevard Road and Water Improvements Project:

Construction nears completion on the street widening and sidewalks on Apperson Boulevard between Forsythe and Gain. Delays were experienced while the contractor waited for power poles to be moved. What a mess! Thanks to the Park Place neighbors for their continued cooperation and patience throughout this roadway overhaul. Estimated completion date: February, 2000. Questions, call John Burrell, Associate Engineer, at 657-0891.

### South End Sewer Gravity Trunk Upgrade Project:

The project provides a new sanitary sewer trunk that replaces deteriorated and undersized pipe between Glacier Court and Highway 99E. The lower end of South End Road has been reopened. Please remain on the look out for other road closures

and traffic delays along Barker Avenue, South End Road and Tumwater. Detour routes will be posted. For safety, Barker Avenue will be closed in January and most of February to all but local traffic during the day. At night, one lane on Barker will usually be open. Rock blasting is necessary along portions of Barker Avenue to install the new pipe. Estimated completion date: April, 2000. Questions, call Nancy Kraushaar, Project Manager, at 657-0891.



## Metro Wants to Hear From You

Metro invites you to an **OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, February 23, 2000 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the Oregon City Pioneer Community Center at 615 Fifth Street. Metro is planning for our future to assure that the natural environment remains a vital part of our communities. Metro is working with residents to come up with a plan to:

- Identify, protect, and manage a regional network of parks and greenspaces.
- Conserve, protect, and restore streamside corridors for fish, wildlife, and people.
- Questions that Metro wants Oregon City citizens to

answer include:

- What open spaces, parks, and streams would you include in a regional protection plan?
- How should we protect fish and wildlife in the face of urban growth?
- Should stricter regulations be placed on future development along streams and greenspaces?

**Come to the Open House to Share Your Ideas, Answer a Questionnaire and View a Slide Show.** For more information call 503-797-1839 or 503-797-1774 or visit Metro's web site: [www.metro-region.org](http://www.metro-region.org).

## Celia Stapleton February 1st – 29th

This month artist Celia Stapleton will bring her eclectic art to the Carnegie Center. Stapleton's art includes gyotaku prints and painted surfaces. Stapleton exhibits her work all over Oregon and is known for her originality.

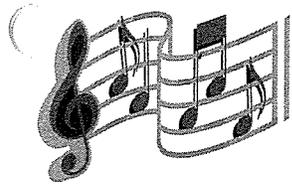
## Children's Museum

The Carnegie Center Children's Museum is open for fun during this cold, rainy winter. Children's Craft Club is on Friday's at 3:00 p.m. Crafts are suited for all ages.

Eartha the Clown visits the Children's Museum at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 12th. Eartha and her animal kingdom friends teach understanding and respect of this Earth with lots of humor. This is a free event.

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## Saturday Nite Java



Saturday Nite Java is from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday evenings. The cost is a \$1.00 donation.

February 5th     *Anthony Leland Band & guest*  
February 12th    *Faux Pas – experimental rock/emotional music*  
February 19th    *Hyperstar – alternative*

On February 26th, Saturday Nite Java moves to the Swimming Pool for a special Fundraiser for the new Skate Park. Fema, Zipper Trouble and No Idea will be playing. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the cost is a \$3.00 donation for the Skate Park.

## Mid Month Muse

Friday, February 18th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Enjoy an evening enjoying literary, musical and theatrical pursuits.

## Ermatinger House

February is the month for Valentine Teas at the Ermatinger! Experience the past at this historical home. For information call Marge Harding at 650-1851.

## Carnegie Book Corner

Ever wonder just when the Oregon City Library will have their book sale? It happens every Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Carnegie Center. All those great books are for sale year round.

## Volunteer at the Carnegie

The Carnegie Center is always looking for volunteers who enjoy art, little kids and big kids. Volunteers make the Carnegie Center such a great place to visit. Applications are available at the Carnegie Center.

## Carnegie Center Hours

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.  
Closed Mondays

## Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue - East Division News



Along with most agencies and businesses in Oregon, the fire district had no Y2k related problems. Though the emergency management staff did not anticipate any glitches on New Year's Eve, they still staffed Emergency Operating Centers (EOCs) throughout the district, including the joint West Linn and Oregon City center at the newly renovated Station 54, 624 7th Street. All members of the fully staffed

Oregon City EOC worked from 8:00 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. "This was a really

good shakedown cruise for the new Oregon City Emergency Operations Center facility," stated Margaret Dimmick, Emergency Management Coordinator for Oregon City and West Linn. "We were able to test computers, phones, and radios - police, fire and amateur - in a real life, but fortunately low-pressure context."

The day-to-day staff of the East Division administrative office has finally settled into their new home in Oregon City - also located at Station 54 - after moving in on December 27th. A formal dedication acknowledging the community that made the improvements possible is being planned.

There are still some final touches left on the building. Contractors estimate that they will be finishing those details by mid-January. In November of 1997, Oregon City voters approved a bond to make improvements to their fire department. A total of \$2.1 million was budgeted for the renovation of the main fire station (54) which included all of the related expenses such as temporary quarters for the fire crews and administrative staff, contracted construction, furniture, landscaping and communication upgrades.

Bryan Cosgrove, Oregon City Assistant City Manager, is pleased with the progress of the project. "Thus far the project is estimated to be on budget. The station is a great community asset," stated Cosgrove. "The building maintains the integrity of its historical value, while vastly improving its functionality. I'm also impressed with the added improvements such as the Emergency Operating Center, the Community Room, and the Fire Prevention Bureau."

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# Neighborhood Calendar

## Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA)

Contact: Larry Jacobson, Chairman at 657-3740

Or visit their E-Mail address at:  
[BHNA@AOL.COM](mailto:BHNA@AOL.COM)

## Canemah Neighborhood Association (CNA)

Contact: Howard Post, Chairman at 650-0976

## Caufield Neigsshborhood Group

Organization Meeting  
Contact: Lynda Orzen, Contact Person at 518-3073

## Falls View Neighborhood Association (FVNA)

Contact: Lee Spurgeon, Chairman at 656-9758

## Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association (GLNA)

Steering Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 1, 2000 and  
Tuesday, March 7, 2000  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria  
1678 Beaver Creek Road Suite R  
General Membership Meeting  
Thursday, March 9, 2000  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Gaffney Lane Elementary School  
13521 S. Gaffney Lane  
Contact: Derrick Beneville, Chairman at 557-7535

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

Contact: Bill Vickers, Chairman at 655-3762

## Hillendale Neighborhood Association (HNA)

Steering Committee Meeting  
Thursday, February 3, 2000  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
General Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2000

Location: To Be Announced

Contact: Debbie Watkins, Chairman at 655-3070

Web site:

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

## McLoughlin Neighborhood Association (MNA)

Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 3, 2000

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Carnegie Center

606 John Adams Street

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2000

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Pioneer Community Center

615 Fifth Street

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

Or Denyse McGriff, Co-Chairman at 656-

3912

## Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Group

General Membership Meeting

Contact: Andy Busch, Contact Person at 723-0108

Or Mary E. Palmer at 657-0891

## Park Place Neighborhood Association (PPNA)

General Membership Meeting

Monday, February 14, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Park Place Elementary School

16075 S. Front Avenue

Contact: Julie Puderbaugh, Chairman at 661-5093

## Rivercrest Neighborhood Association (RNA)

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, February 24, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Room

1321 Linn Avenue

Contact: Diane McKnight, Chairman at 656-6435

## South End Neighborhood Association (SENA)

Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 17, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: King Elementary School, Library  
995 South End Road

Contact: Mary Smith, Chairman at 655-7946

## Thayer Neighborhood Association (TNA)

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Clackamas Community College

19600 S. Molalla Avenue

Contact: Melanie Paulo, Acting Chairman at 656-6436

## Tower Vista Neighborhood Association (TVNA)

Contact: Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs

Manager at 657-0891

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

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, 2000

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

Oregon City Hilltop Fire Station #50

19340 S. Molalla Avenue

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

## Citizen Involvement Committee Council (CICC)

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, February 8, 2000

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Clackamas Community College

Community Center Room 127

19600 S. Molalla Avenue

Contact: Derrick Beneville, Acting CICC

Chairman at 557-7535

Or Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at

657-0891

**For further information, call Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager 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 am
Parks and Recreation		
Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
Parking Advisory Board	As Announced	
Transportation Advisory Committee	3rd Tuesday	6:00 pm