

CITY OF OREGON CITY

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Cookbooks!

The Oregon City Employees have compiled a cookbook of some favorite recipes. Copies are available at City Hall and the Pioneer Community Center. The cost is \$7.75 per book.

Vacancies on Boards and Committees

Have you ever wanted to understand a bit more how local government works; or, have you ever wanted to get more involved in your city? Now is your chance to get involved.

Currently, there are vacancies available on advisory boards and committees for residents of Oregon City.

The overall purpose of the boards and committees is to provide input and advice to the elected Mayor and City Commissioners on various topics. There are approximately seventeen different boards and committees in which to get involved.

Interested volunteers are encouraged to contact the City Recorder at 503-657-0891 for further information.

We have vacancies available on the following boards and committees:

- Civic Improvement Trust Trustees (OCCIT)
- Civil Service Board
- Historic Trails Committee
- Metro Enhancement Committee
- Planning Commission
- Rate & Fee Review Committee
- Transportation Advisory Committee

Toast and Topics



Come for an ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST and discuss issues of importance for Oregon City. A monthly buffet breakfast will be hosted by the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with City Hall.

This new and exciting program will be held on the last Friday of each month beginning February 23, 2001 at 7:45 a.m. in the banquet room at the Rivershore Hotel (parking is available in the guest area,

with rear entry).

The topic for February will be a business license fee increase to establish an Economic Development Program that will help serve the business community, growth, development and diversification.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend a delicious and relaxed meeting for TOAST & TOPICS. The cost is \$10.00. Breakfast is served beginning at 7:45 a.m., discussion begins at 8:00 a.m., program ends at 9:00 a.m. All citizens and the business community are invited to attend. Please RSVP to the Chamber Office at 503-656-1619. This will be fun!

February Movie Schedule

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

February 2, 2001- *The First Kid*

February 9, 2001- *Runaways*

February 16, 2001- *Disney's Kid*

February 23, 2001- *The Perfect Storm*

Busy Bees

Three Cheers for the Pioneer Community Center's Busy Bees. Our wonderful Busy Bees made over 2,000 stockings this year for the Fill A Stocking, Fill A Heart program. Thank you, you are the "Greatest".

Volunteer's, Thanks so much!

Shirley Ryan would like to take this opportunity to thank all the "Thanksgiving Day" delivery drivers. They are as follows: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Morrison, Robin Irish, Joan Harrington, Fay & Roy Paradis, Verl Tunison, Judy Richie, Ken & Carol Yates, Toni Everts, Rudy Schwarz and Delpha Powell. Thank you for spending the Holiday with us.



Senior Companions Needed

Senior Companions are wonderful people who bring joy into the lives of other seniors who may be isolated or ill. They bolster self esteem, help clients solve problems and provide personal assistance. They are "companions" and do what friends do for other friends. Certain criteria needs to be met in order to become a Senior Companion. You must be 60 years old and meet income guidelines. It is also important to have a desire to give meaningful volunteer service to others with special needs. A Senior Companion works 20 hours per week and receives an hourly wage plus mileage. A Senior Companion will be trained and receive monthly updates to

improve your skills. Contact Karen Kasserman at 503-655-8875 to find out more about this wonderful program.



Afternoon Tea

"Capture the Gentle Art of Afternoon Tea" class at the Pioneer Community Center on February 16, 2001. Cost of this class is \$8.00 per senior. The time is 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Bring your favorite teacup and story and "Capture the Gentle Art of Afternoon Tea" with Stephanie Allen. Stephanie brings her tea and etiquette workshop to the seniors in Oregon City. Enjoy an hour or two sipping tea while discovering the world of teacups and learn how proper etiquette can still enrich our lives and those around us. Share in the fun listening to stories from the past. We need a minimum of 10 people for this class. Stop by the center if you are interested.

Children, Computers and Crime

With recent technological advances, today's youth possess more technological knowledge than any previous generation. They have grown up with the personal computer and the Internet. Due to this exposure,

today's young people can readily conceive of the potential for both legitimate and illegitimate computer use. Locally, the Oregon City Police Department has contacted juveniles suspected of counterfeiting money on a home computer. Other children have become victims of Internet predators in computer "chat rooms". According to the Office of Justice Programs, more than 28 million children currently go on-line, and industry experts predict that more than 45 million young people will use the Internet by 2002. Fifty-four percent of the parents of children between the ages of 11 and 15 revealed they permit unlimited on-line access for their children. Parents should be involved in teaching their children of the potential dangers of computer predators, and also educating their children about responsible computer conduct.

Masters Swimming Program

Our new masters swimming program is in full swing at the Oregon City Swimming Pool. Come join the group and learn how to swim better, longer and easier. We meet on Monday and Wednesday nights from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Some morning times are also available. The cost is \$35.00 per month plus an annual membership fee of \$28.00 to United States Masters Swimming. For more information please contact Coach John Zell at 503-655-4169.

Winter Swim Lessons



Our second session of winter swimming lessons will begin February 5th. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Register your child now! If you miss this session, don't worry! Another session will be held beginning March 5th. If you have any questions, please call 503-657-8273.

A Big Thank You

On behalf of myself and my wife Marge, the volunteer managers of the Historic Ermatinger House and Living History Museum, and the staff of the Stevens-Crawford Heritage House, we cordially extend a very large THANK YOU to the citizens of the Oregon City area for their generous support for our recent fund raising event, **The Heritage Holiday Parlour Tour**. In particular, we would like to thank Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Commissioners, City Manager Brian Nakamura, Park and Recreation Director Dee Craig, and their staffs for their support and encouragement. Also, we appreciate the City allowing us to use the trolley for this event with a special thank you to Arner Madsen, who donated his time as the trolley driver. And of course, thank you to the homes on the tour, who so generously opened their doors to the public, without which this event could not have happened. To Mike & Connie Jarrett, Doug Neeley and Elisabeth Miles, Jim & Rebecca Ross and Don & Kathy Wheeler a heartfelt thank you and appreciation. That also applies to Herb Beals and his staff at the Atkinson Memorial Church and Susan John and her staff at the Carnegie Center. Based on this year's success, we are planning to continue this event next year during the holiday season. *Hope to see you there.*

Thank You,
Rolla Harding
Volunteer Manager
The Ermatinger House and Living History Museum

Water Quality News



Is it okay to use hot water from the tap for cooking or preparing baby formula? It is recommended to use cold water only. Why? Hot water can contain impurities such as rust, copper, and lead from the building's plumbing system and hot water heater. This is because hot water dissolves these contaminants more rapidly than cold water. It is also a good idea to let the cold water run from the tap for at least 15 seconds if the faucet has not been used for more than six hours.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments about water

quality in Oregon City, please contact Gail Johnson at 503-657-8241 ext. 107 or gjohnson@ci.oregon-city.or.us.

From the Storm Division

Oregon City public works maintains many detention ponds around the city. These are water quality facilities for stormwater run off. The purpose of these ponds is to help remove pollutants from stormwater before it reaches our streams and rivers. Please do not use these sites for dumping any kind of waste, as it will affect the quality of the water that goes into our streams and rivers. Thank you.



Fatal Fires Remind Families about the Importance of Working Smoke Alarms & Home Fire Escape Plans

This holiday season, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue has responded to several fires that have proven tragic. Since November, four people have lost their lives in house and apartment fires. In each of these disheartening fires, one missing feature may have helped save lives: working *(continued on next page)*

(continued from previous page) smoke alarms. These simple, inexpensive items can afford families precious time to escape from their home in the event of a fire. In an effort to help save lives, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue offers free smoke detector inspections and installations. Just call 503-657-1365, or drop by a fire station in Oregon City to make an appointment.

Of course, there are other options such as home fire sprinkler systems that can be invaluable if a fire breaks out. According to the National Fire Protection Association, people with smoke detectors in their homes have a 50 percent greater chance of surviving a fire through early detection than those in homes without smoke detectors. If you add residential sprinklers to your home, your chances of surviving a fire increase to 97 percent. Additionally, fire damage to your home and contents is significantly less where sprinklers are installed.

If a fire were to break out in your home, would you know how to safely escape? Many people do not concern themselves with practicing a home fire escape plan because they feel they are very familiar with the layout of their home and the location of exits. When a fire occurs, however, thick smoke can decrease or eliminate visibility, causing occupants to become disoriented. By practicing a home fire escape plan, people can reinforce lifesaving mea-

asures and reduce panic. The following steps can save lives in the event of a fire:

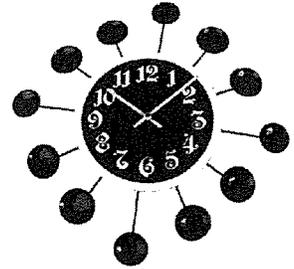
- **Draw a diagram of your home** and determine two exits from every room.
- **Determine a family meeting place.** Choose a spot outside the home where everyone will meet once safely outside. (A tree, mailbox, telephone pole or a neighbor's home are examples of meeting sites).
- **Practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year.** Whenever a smoke alarm sounds, take it seriously and put your home fire escape plan into action immediately. (In most cases, you only have a couple of minutes to safely escape). As you exit, close all doors behind you to slow the spread of smoke or flames. If there is a real fire and you encounter smoke as you escape your home, use a different exit. If you must escape through a smoky area, crawl low under the smoke where the air is cleaner and cooler.
- **Once you're out, stay out!**

Call the East Division office today, 503-657-1365, for more information about residential sprinkler systems and home fire escape plans.

New Reference Librarian

Sue Adams has been appointed to replace Steve Rauch as Oregon City's Reference

Librarian. As you know, Steve went off to Multnomah County to run their Holgate branch. In addition to previously working part-time at Oregon City for several years (the evening shift), Sue also worked as a reference librarian at Beaverton and other area libraries. Welcome Sue!



The Library Now Opens at 10:00 a.m.

Due to popular demand, the Oregon City library now opens at 10:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday. This is a resumption of the earlier opening time that we lost to budget cuts back in 1997 and was made possible by a very supportive city manager and increased revenues from the countywide library levy. The library's full schedule is:

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| <i>Monday thru Thursday</i> | <i>10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Friday & Saturday</i> | <i>10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Sundays (through May)</i> | <i>1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</i> |

The library is located in the Hilltop shopping mall just across from the Cinemas, where quality and service collide in a pleasing yet subtle melange. Lots of free and convenient parking.

For general business call 503-657-8269. For renewals call Telecirc at 503-659-8634. Or, visit the library's web site at www.oregoncity.lib.or.us.

Children's Library Programs



Storytimes are a great way to introduce your child to the world of reading and intellectual discovery. They're not only great fun but, it's a fact: children who have someone read to them on a regular basis have an easier time of it once they start school. The library's storytimes are also a great opportunity for children to develop socialization skills and for parents to talk with others who

are going through a similar experience. Here's the new schedule of library storytimes:

For pre-schoolers age 3-5 *Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m., repeated on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.*

For toddlers, age 2 *Thursday's at 10:15 a.m.*

Other programs for children this month:

Valentine Craft on February 14th at 11:00 a.m. Prior sign-up please!

Stories and Tales from Grammy's Menagerie on February 15th at 4:00 p.m. This is a compilation of folktales and stories from early African-American culture that were passed down through the generations.

A menagerie of cultural adventures for audiences of all ages and interests.

Thursday Night Program Series Starting Soon

Thanks to an award from the National Endowment for the Arts, the library's Winter schedule of programs will feature special arts and cultural programs not available (ie. affordable) previously. We are now in the process of scheduling Thursday night programs featuring a wide range of music from Irish to Middle Eastern to West African and Afro-Cuban plus western swing, old time fiddle and Japanese taiko drumming. We'll do our best to get these into the newspaper but, to be safe, check with the library for the current schedule or check out our website at www.oregoncity.lib.or.us under "Calendar of Events".

Internet Classes

The library continues to offer classes on using the Internet and computerized information systems. Saturday classes will be offered in March. These are small classes so lots of individual questions can be addressed. Call the reference department at 503-657-8269 ext. 3 to register.

Book Discussion Groups

Due to the library's earlier opening time the Mystery group will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month:

February 27th *Lillian Jackson Braun's "A Cat Who Knew Shakespeare"*

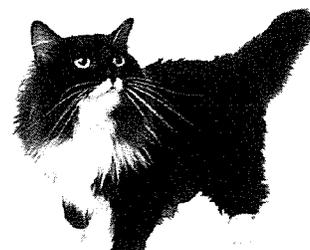
March 27th *Janet Evanovich's "One for the Money"*

The Classics group continues to meet at 9:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday:

February 6th *Emily Bronte's "Wuthering Heights"*

March 6th *Ken Kesey's "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"*

These discussions meet in the library, are free, and all newcomers are welcomed.



Your Cat On the Library Wall

Attention proud cat people: during February we're continuing to display photos (up to 4x5") of our patron's favorite cats. This is not a contest – just a chance to show the world what kind of critter you live with. All photos will be available for pickup after March 1st.

Thanks for the Memories: Memorial Donations

A last contribution to the memory of a loved one can be a memorial donation to the library. The library accepts donations in the name of persons or pets, and books acquired with these donations will have the name of the donor and the memorialized inscribed on a special bookplate installed at the front of the book.

Neighborhood Calendar

Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA)

Contact: Larry Jacobson, Chairman at 503-657-3740

or visit the Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association

E-mail address at, BHNA@AOL.COM

Canemah Neighborhood Association (CNA)

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2001

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 320 Warner Milne Road

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 15, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Clackamas County Museum of the Oregon Territory

211 Tumwater Drive

Contact: Howard Post, Chairman at 503-650-0976

Caulfield Association of Neighbors (CAN) Group

General Membership Meeting:

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: To be announced

Contact: Barbara McCain, Contact Person at 503-632-8288

or Robert Pouriea, at 503-655-5836

Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association (GLNA)

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria

1678 Beaver Creek Road St. R

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 15, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Gaffney Lane Elementary School

13521 S. Gaffney Lane

Contact: Derrick Beneville, Chairman at 503-557-7535

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

Contact: Bill Vickers, Chairman at 503-655-3762

Hillendale Neighborhood Association (HNA)

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 1, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria

1678 Beaver Creek Road St. R

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 1, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Gaffney Lane Elementary School

13521 S. Gaffney Lane

Contact: Debbie Watkins, Chairman at 503-655-3070

McLoughlin Neighborhood Association (MNA)

General Membership Meeting

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 1, 2001

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: TVF&R Main Fire Station # 54

Meeting Room

624 Seventh Street

Contact: Tim Powell, Co-Chairman at 503-650-2466

or Rick Winterhalter Co-Chairman at 503-650-7550

Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Group

Contact: Andy Busch, Contact Person 503-

723-0108

Park Place Neighborhood Association (PPNA)

General Membership Meeting

Date: February 12, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Oregon City View Manor

200 Longview Way

Contact: Julie Puderbaugh, Chairman 503-650-8028

Rivercrest Neighborhood Association (RNA)

General Membership Meeting

Date: February 22, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church

1321 Linn Avenue

Contact: Diane McKnight, Chairman 503-656-6435

South End Neighborhood Association (SENA)

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: King Elementary School

995 South End Road

Contact: Katy Weber, Chairman 503-650-0733

Thayer Neighborhood Association (TNA)

Contact: Melanie Paulo, Acting Chairman at

503-656-6436

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

Date: Third Tuesday of each month. For

further information

Contact Nancy Brooks Admin. Assistant at 503-657-0891

Citizen Involvement Committee Council (CICC)

Monthly meeting (s)

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2001

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: TVF&R Main Fire Station #54

624 Seventh Street

Contact: Derrick Beneville CICC Chairman at 503-557-7535

or Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager, 503-657-0891

For further information call Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at 503-657-0891.

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

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| 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

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| 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 |