

CITY OF OREGON CITY

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Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust 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 9th, 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

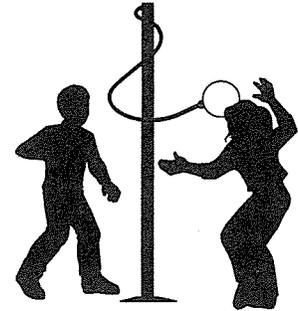
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (2) members
- Oregon City Historic Trails Committee (5) members
- Budget Committee (2) members

These are immediate openings. The closing date on these committees is January 21, 2000. Interested people need to apply soon to begin serving in the New Year. Applications are available at City Hall, 320 Warner Milne Road, Oregon City or by calling Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at 657-0891.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program

The LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) is going to be available starting December 1st, to help those who are eligible. The program will continue until all LIEAP funds are spent. To qualify, you must be at or below 123% of poverty level income.

Fuel assistance payments are available as a one-time payment for each heating season. The program is meant to assist in paying the high cost of winter fuel bills. There is not enough money in LIEAP for all households who are eligible to receive payments. If you think you might qualify, call the Energy Programs at Clackamas County Social Services, 655-8858 or Beth at the Pioneer Community Center, 657-8287.



Where is the New Play Equipment at the Carnegie Center?

The Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department has been raising money for new playground equipment at the Carnegie Center (Library Park) for a little over a year. New playground equipment would be a nice addition to the park, since there is no true neighborhood park in the area and the Children's Museum already draws many young kids to the site. We have raised just over \$9,000 to date, bringing us within sight of our \$14,000 goal. Due to a lack of available space, we originally planned to remove the existing swings and slide to make room for the new equipment. Since the project began, many people have expressed a reluctance to see the swings removed. The architect working on the Carnegie Center Renovation Project is developing a plan to retain the swings, while making provisions for the new equipment. We are confident that this plan will provide a reasonable solution to the issues we face.



New Storm Water and Grading Rules and Regulations

The City Commission recently approved adoption of new Storm Water and Grading Municipal Code language. These new code requirements become effective on December 17, 1999 for any new application submitted after that date. This action created Chapter 13.12 and Chapter 15.48 of the Oregon City Municipal Code.

The purpose of Chapter 13.12 is to define policies, minimum requirements, minimum standards and design procedures for the construction and maintenance of storm water conveyance and quantity and quality control facilities in order to:

- A. Minimize increased storm water runoff rates from any new development so as to minimize the impact upon any downstream natural channel that may exist between the subject area and the Willamette or Clackamas Rivers;
- B. Prevent water runoff generated by development from exceeding the capacity of downstream storm water facilities;
- C. Reduce storm water runoff rates and volumes, soil erosion and non-point source

- pollution, wherever possible, from lands that were developed without the storm water management controls required by this Chapter;
- D. Prevent the uncontrolled or irresponsible discharge of storm water from new development onto adjoining public or private property;
- E. Maintain the integrity of stream channels for their biological functions, as well as for drainage and other purposes;
- F. Have storm water conveyance facilities of adequate design to manage all volumes of water generated in the contributing drainage area, for both the existing condition and the anticipated future condition;
- G. Have all storm water facilities:
 - 1. Designed in a manner to allow economical future maintenance;
 - 2. If City-owned or maintained, designed for maintenance with City-owned equipment;
 - 3. Designed using materials that will ensure a minimum practical design life of 75 years; and
 - 4. Designed to have sufficient structural strength to resist erosion and all external loads (construction, traffic, seismic) which may be imposed.
- H. Establish maintenance easements with the owners of privately owned/maintained storm water facilities to ensure an appropriate level of

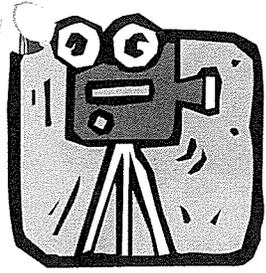
maintenance and to help minimize public safety hazards;

- I. Have all new storm water facilities comply with applicable National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements;
- J. Minimize the deterioration of existing watercourses, culverts, bridges, dams and other structures;
- K. Minimize increases in non-point source pollution; and
- L. Allow for periodic inspections of both private and public storm water quantity control and quality control facilities to verify that they are functioning in substantial conformance with the approved design intent.

The purpose of Chapter 15.48 is to mitigate, minimize or eliminate the adverse impacts caused by grading, fill and excavation activities on public or private property. It establishes policies, procedures and minimum requirements for grading and earthwork construction. It is intended to promote the general health, safety and welfare of the public and requires the Applicant to follow sound land development practices.

Should you have any questions about these new code changes, please contact the Engineering Division at 657-0891 and ask for Senior Engineers Jay Toll or De Norlin.

January-February Movie Schedule



Friday's at 10:00 a.m. at the Pioneer Community Center, 615 Fifth Street.

January 7th – Home Alone with Macaulay Culkin

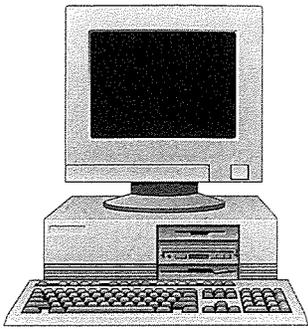
January 14th – Cinderella with Whoopi Goldberg

January 21st – My Best Friends Wedding with Julia Roberts

January 28th – Twilight with Paul Newman

February 4th – The Matchmaker with Janeane Garofalo

Library Computer Upgrades Completed



With the recent addition of two public-use Internet stations in the children's department the library has completed the upgrade and expansion started back in September. Thanks to all for your patience during this process and we hope that the new system meets your expectations.

As a result of the system upgrade, the Oregon City Library now provides the public with 12 terminals for accessing the public catalog and a variety of databases along with 7 PCs dedicated for Internet access. While there is a word processor available, the library does not currently have a high-service PC available for public use.

Regarding the library's Internet stations, a combined approach using policy, rules, filters, and staff oversight has been developed by the staff and library board in an effort to ensure that this equipment is not used in a manner inappropriate to a public setting. We have tried to be especially sensitive to the issue of children's use of the Internet and parents who have concerns in this matter are invited to contact the library for more details about the steps the library has taken.

New Staff Members at the Library



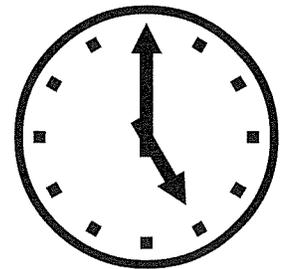
Lots of new faces in the library this autumn. Replacing the recently retired Chris Storzbach is Betty Savage Armstrong. Betty has worked for us as a part-time library assistant for ten years in a variety of areas including book processing, front desk, check-ins, and interlibrary loans and shift supervisor on weekends.

Our other additions to the staff in recent months are part-timers: Lily Anderson, Amy Bondioli, Erika Egger, Bonnie Espe, Kristen Flora, Adrianna Garza de Bejarano, Ruth Kratochvil, Emilie Miller, Chris Myers, Heather Myers, Dave Prideaux, and Elaine Thomas. Welcome all!

Children's Programs

Storytimes resume their regular schedule in January with sessions for pre-schoolers age 3-5 on Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.; for toddlers age 2 on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. and a special storytime for primary children ages 6-8 on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.

As of this writing, one craft program has been confirmed for January 18th at 11:30 a.m. We will be presenting "Fairy Tale Crafts". Prior sign-up is required. A special guest storyteller (Will Hornyak) is tentatively scheduled for January 13th - call the children's librarian for the latest info on these programs.



The Library Schedule

Hours:

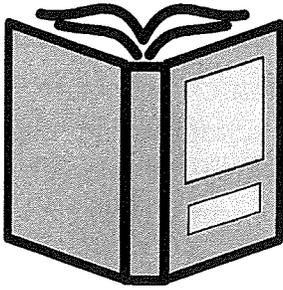
Monday – Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

Telephone: 657-8269. For renewals call Telecirc at 659-8634

The library will be closed for the following holidays: January 1st (Saturday) and January 17th (Monday).



Book Discussion Groups Schedules

Mystery Group:

January 25th 9:30 a.m. "Day of Atonement"
by Faye Kellerman

February 22nd 9:30 a.m. "Missing Joseph"
by Elizabeth George

Classics Group:

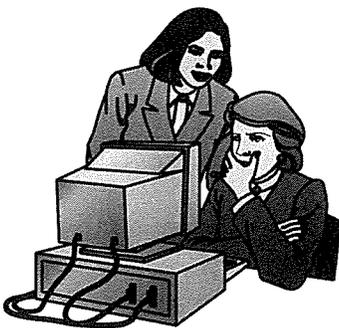
January 4th 9:00 a.m. "A Tree Grows in
Brooklyn" by Betty Smith

February 1st 9:00 a.m. "I Know Why the
Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou

These groups meet in the library and are open to everyone with an interest in good books.

Mud Wrestling at the Library

Just thought you would appreciate an early reminder that, again this year, the library will have the IRS forms and publications for most State and Federal requirements.



Information Searching Classes at the Library

Again this year the library is offering basic classes on information searching techniques

using a variety of databases including the library's catalog terminals, CD-ROM databases and, of course, the Internet. Starting in January the classes will be held twice weekly: Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. For more details on these classes contact the reference department.

Library Endowment Fund a Long-Term Investment

The library's endowment fund was established a few years back to provide a mechanism whereby those who were interested in improving library services and facilities to the Oregon City region could make an investment that would be dedicated to major, long-term improvements of a significant nature. If you are interested in a donation to the library endowment fund contact the library director at 657-8269 for more details.

Carnegie Bookstore Expands

Now that the parking situation has improved in the vicinity of the Carnegie Center it's a great opportunity to stop by and check out the expanded Bookstore operated by the Friends of the Library. You too can get through January gracefully with more good books at bargain prices, great coffee and a fire-place. And don't forget the art gallery and children's museum!



Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

The East Division Operating Center, located at fire station 54 on 624 7th Street is nearly up and running. The fire crews moved in on November 19th and administrative staff – Division Chief Steve Abel, Assistant Fire Marshall Clark Poulton, deputy fire marshals, community services, emergency management and support staff – should be settled by the first week of January. The Operating Center will also feature a community meeting room where city commission and civic organization meetings will be held.

The Battalion Chief position, occupied by Chief Dennis Katz, will be changing from day duty to 24-hour response. As a result, there will be two additional Battalion Chiefs added to the Division, and the on-duty chief will reside at Station 58 in West Linn. This change is necessary due to communication challenges in Clackamas County that result from having three different dispatching agencies. The on-duty battalion chief will be responsible for managing all the communications, division apparatus and station personnel.



One of the new additions to east division personnel is the dive rescue team located at Station 59 in West Linn. This team, which moved here from Tualatin on December 1st, will augment the Clackamas County Water Rescue team and will also

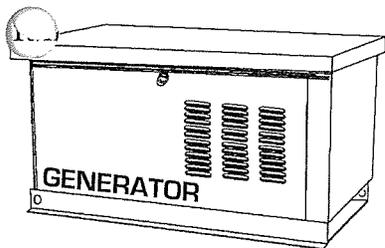
include the swift water rescue team at Station 54 in Oregon City.

Fire Prevention Message

-Fire District Concerned About Generators and Flammable Fuels-

As the end of the year approaches, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is concerned about possible incidents related to generators and flammable fuels. Fire officials believe that individuals, fearful about power outages, will purchase and improperly install or misuse their generator. In either case, the result can be a house fire or shock to an electrical worker inspecting neighborhood utility lines.

Generator Safety



Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue recommends the following safety tips for individuals planning to use a generator this winter.

1. Always use a generator **OUTSIDE** in a well-ventilated area. Never use a generator in a basement or garage.

Generators emit carbon monoxide, which is deadly.

2. To power a few items (lights, radio, space heater), unplug them from your wall outlets and, using extension cords, plug them into the outlets in the generator. **NEVER** plug a generator directly into a wall outlet.
3. To power numerous appliances, one of the following systems is usually necessary and **a licensed electrician should be involved. In addition, homeowners should check with their local building department for necessary permits:**

- a. Manual Transfer

With this system, a separate utility panel box is installed. This allows homeowners to switch commercial power off when it fails and turn on the generator. Individual circuits can be turned off to prevent overload of the generator.

- b. Automatic Transfer

Switches from commercial to generator power automatically.



Flammable Fuels

Also in anticipation of power outages, many individuals are now stocking-up on extra propane and gasoline to power barbecues, generators, etc. Excessive amounts of flammable fuels can be dangerous, especially near heat sources like generators, hot water heaters, furnaces and candles.

Store gasoline in a well-ventilated shed or outbuilding in appropriate containers of less than 5-gallon capacity. Propane tanks for outdoor camp stoves and barbecues should also be kept away from heat sources and the fittings periodically checked.

Although not recommended, if planning to store large quantities, individuals should contact their local building official and fire department.

For more safety tips, contact Community Liaison Cassandra Coogan or Assistant Fire Marshall Clark Poulton, 657-1365, or visit the District's web site at www.tvfr.com.

Neighborhood Calendar

Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA)

Contact: Larry Jacobson, Chairman at 657-3740
or visit their E-mail address at:
BHNA@AOL.COM

Canemah Neighborhood Association (CNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 20, 2000
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall
320 Warner Milne Road
Contact: Howard Post, Chairman at 650-0976

Caufield Neighborhood Group

Organization Meeting
Thursday, January 27, 2000
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
Oregon City Hilltop Fire Station #50
19340 S. Molalla Avenue
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, January 4, 2000
Time: To Be Announced

Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria
1678 Beaver Creek Road Suite R
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, January 20, 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)

Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 6, 2000
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall
320 Warner Milne Road

Contact: Bill Vickers, Chairman at 655-3762

Hillendale Neighborhood Association (HNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 6, 2000
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
Oregon City Hilltop Station #50
19340 S. Molalla Avenue
Contact: Debbie Watkins, Chairman at 655-3070
Web Site:
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/3055>

McLoughlin Neighborhood Association (MNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 6, 2000
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Carnegie Center
606 John Adams Street
Contact: Dirk Ellis, Co-Chairman at 557-4987
or Denyse McGriff, Co-Chairman at 656-3912

Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Group

General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, January 25, 2000
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Church of the Nazarene
716 Taylor Street
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)

Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 20, 2000
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: To Be Determined
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, February 26, 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)

General Membership Meeting
Thursday, January 20, 2000
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: King Elementary School
995 South End Road
Contact: Mary Smith, Chairman at 655-7946

Thayer Neighborhood Association (TNA)

General Membership Meeting
Thursday, January 20, 2000
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: To Be Determined
Contact: Melanie Paulo, Acting Chairman at 656-6436

Tower Vista Neighborhood Association (TVNA)

Contact: Mary E. Palmer at 657-0891

Chief's Advisory Committee (Police and Fire)

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, January 18, 1999
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 657-4964

Citizen Involvement Committee Council (CICC)

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, January 11, 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 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 a
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
Parking Advisory Board	As Announced	
Transportation Advisory Committee	2nd Wednesday	6:30 pm