

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, the Pioneer Community Center and the Carnegie Center. The cost is \$7.75 per book.

After School Safety

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children aged 5 - 12 be supervised, but for many parents this is not possible. Here are some steps that you and your children can take to help ensure a positive after-school experience. Before allowing your child to stay home alone you should:

- Determine if there are other community resources or organizations providing after school care or support.
- Ask your child how he or she feels about being alone. Is your child afraid to be left alone, or does he or she have the maturity and initiative to want to assume that responsibility?
- Decide if you feel that your child can follow directions and solve problems on his or her own.
- Determine how long your child will be alone, how accessible you or another trusted adult will be in an emergency, and how safe the neighborhood is by contacting your local law enforcement agency and checking on the incidence of crime in your neighborhood.
- Make sure you have set specific rules that are to be followed by your child while he or she is alone, and give your child specific instructions on how to reach you at all times. This should also include information on what to do if your child needs assistance and can't reach you right away
- Remember that you are in charge, even if it is from a distance.

Oregon City Recruiting a Few Good Volunteers

Many terms on Oregon City Committees and Advisory Boards expire in December. Volunteers are needed to serve on the following committees:

- The Planning Commission
- Transportation Advisory Committee
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
- Metro Enhancement Committee

These openings are immediate. The City needs your participation. Interested individuals may obtain applications at City Hall, 320 Warner Milne Road or by calling 503-657-0891. For additional information call Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager.



Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust

(OCCIT) Accepting Grant Requests

Grants are being accepted for projects that promote and enhance tourism in Oregon City. All grant requests must meet that objective. The grant application period is open with the due date of Friday, January 19, 2001 at 3:30 PM. The

next OCCIT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2001 at 5:30PM at City Hall, 320 Warner Milne Road. To receive a grant application or for further information call Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at 503-657-0891.

Carnegie Center/Library Park Drinking Fountain

Our new drinking fountain has a "freeze proof" feature which allows it to operate year round. If you are patient and push the down on the handle long enough for the water to be pumped up from the underground pipe, you will be rewarded with a cool drink in both summer and winter!

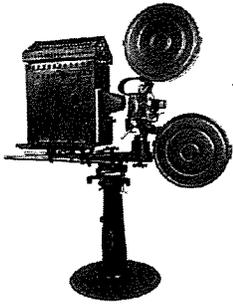
Our thanks to the Oregon City Optimist Club for donating this fountain in memory of Bill Jackson, a long time employee of the City.

Carnegie Center

January 15, 2001 renovation work will begin on the Carnegie Center. We will keep you updated on the progress.

Parks and Recreation

Oregon City Parks & Recreation is offering a variety of classes and workshops for all ages this winter. Class and workshop topics include theater, watercolor painting, travel, puppeteering, and more. For a full listing of classes and details please call 503-722-9816 or pick up a schedule at the Oregon City Aquatic Center.



January Movie Schedule

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

January 5th "Autumn in New York"

January 12th "Chicken Run"

January 19th "Dave"

January 26th "Wag the Dog"

Your Safety

This is the time of the year that I think of safety at home. Usually we tell you about falls and the fact that you need to be careful both inside and out. This time, the theme will be about making sure that you have a plan for a health emergency at home.

Lots of accidents happen in the bathroom and many of you are alone at home when this happens, you may not be able to get to a phone that might be located in another room. Sometimes, this can make the difference between life and death so it is important to have someone check on you on a daily basis. We have known of many people who have been on the floor of their home for several days, some have survived and others weren't so lucky. Please don't take the chance.

Make plans now to purchase a cell phone and take it with you around the house. An Emergency response system is good. Call the Pioneer Center, we have a list of the ones available for our area. Arrange for a friend, relative or Telephone Reassurance (a Center Program) to check on you each day. A lot of people have neighbors who will look to see if a drapery is drawn or lights turned on or off. Just make sure that someone checks on you on a daily

basis. Those who are on meals on wheels have an additional check since the drivers who deliver their meals see them in person. If you think you qualify for that program, contact Shirley at the Center: 503-657-8287.

If you do have an accident and are able to make that call, use 911. These magic numbers will bring help to you immediately. You only have to pay the ambulance if you need to go to the hospital and most of you will have insurance that covers most of this bill. A 911 call is free and can save your life.

Meals on Wheels Drivers Wanted

Meals on Wheels Drivers are gems. They are reliable people who care and take the time one-day a week to help those who are homebound. We are now having a shortage of drivers and need new volunteers. It takes very little time to help—sign up now with Julie! Thanks.

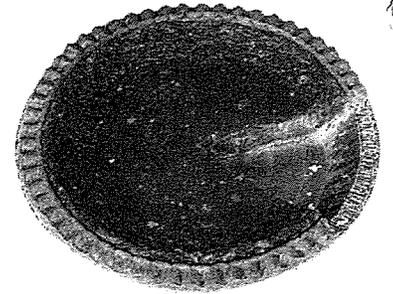
Vision Support Group

They meet every third Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Community Center. If you have any concerns and questions about your vision that has been puzzling or worrying you, come to one of our Vision Support Groups and get those concerns taken care of and meet other people with the same or similar vision problems.

Transportation for Seniors

Do you need transportation and you are 55+ and are disabled? If you reside in Oregon City the Urban Growth Boundary or West Linn, call the day before to the Pioneer Community Center and if we still have space left on our van we will be more than happy to assist you in your transportation needs. The Pioneer Center drives to Redland and Beavercreek on Thursdays only.

There is a lift available. There is a \$0.50 donation for one way.



Nutrition Program

Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., stop by and have lunch with us at the Pioneer Community Center and meet new people and gain a new friend. Listen to our lunch entertainment and try your luck at our twice a week cake or pie raffle. Come and experience the warmth and friendship that we have to offer you. Meals on Wheels are available for homebound 60+. Serving Oregon City, West Linn, Beavercreek and Redland. Call 503-657-8287 for information. Suggested donation for 60 and over is \$2.25, under 60 is \$4.00.

Winter Classes at the Pioneer Center

- *Line Dancing, Every Tuesday*
- *Light Aerobics (10 weeks) 01/08/01*
- *China Painting (8 weeks) 01/09/01*
- *China Workshop (10 weeks) 01/09/01*
- *Gentle Pilate Stretching/Yoga (8 weeks) 01/09/01*
- *Spanish Introduction (8 weeks) 01/09/01*
- *Spanish II (8 weeks) 01/09/01*
- *Healthy Low-Fat Cooking (4 weeks) 01/10/01*
- *Chorus (10 weeks) 01/12/01*
- *Budgeting & Money Management (2 weeks) 01/17/01*
- *Natural Medicine (4 weeks) 01/22/01*

Thank You!

To everyone who has donated food items, monetary gifts, gift certificates, donations for turkeys & hams and volunteers who have given their time to assist the Pioneer Community Center during the year 2000, I thank you so very much. Without all of you extending your hearts by giving of yourselves during the year to help, I (Julie) and the rest of the staff at the Pioneer Center wouldn't have been as successful as we have. You are all the best!

From your Storm and Wastewater Department

The leaves have nearly completed their annual falling and thank you for your co-operation in not raking or blowing them onto the streets. We have yet to receive any serious rainfall, so when we do, please report any flooding problems to Public Works. Also report any problems or debris in roadside ditches or any of the stormwater detention ponds that may be in your neighborhood. Thank you.

Protecting Public Health

We open a faucet and water flows out. We don't even think twice about using that water for drinking, cooking, or brushing our teeth. Federal and state regulations require that public water systems deliver safe drinking water to their customers. Water treatment plant operators are required to be certified by the state. They must demonstrate that they possess the knowledge, skills, and experience required to produce a safe, healthy product – our drinking water. All certified water professionals are also required to take continuing education classes to keep up with current technology and regulations.

Oregon City Water Division personnel – supervisor, crew leader, utility workers, and water quality technician – all hold water distribution or water treatment certifications. New employees are required to become certified within one year. It is our job to maintain the safety of the water delivered to your homes and businesses. We protect public health by doing our job.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Gail Johnson at 503-657-8241 ext. 107.

Anchor Way Bridge Replacement



Construction continues on the Anchor Way Bridge replacement. The bridge will be closed through December 2000. Opening data is targeted for December 20. Funded by ODOT and the City. The new bridge will be wider and structurally upgraded. *Questions? Contact*

Nancy Kraushaar, City Engineer, at 503-722-3795 or nancy-k@ci.oregon-city.or.us.

Carnegie Center Renovation

The Carnegie will be closed December 24th through September 2001 for major renovation work that includes HVAC and lighting improvements, new entry with historic façade, structural upgrade to improve earthquake protection, and ADA accessibility that includes an elevator. Funded by Urban Renewal and future grants. *Questions? Contact Sharon Zimmerman, Associate Engineer at 503-657-0891 or sharon@ci.oregon-city.or.us.*

Molalla Avenue Improvements

Public hearings to adopt the Molalla Avenue Improvements Plan will be January 22nd (Planning Commission) and February 21st (City Commission).

The proposed plan includes wider sidewalks, bike lanes, landscaping, access controls, intersection improvements, and restriping for dedicated left turn lanes. The goal for Molalla is to make it safer, more pedestrian friendly, encourage use of alternate transportation modes, and maximize its capacity for vehicular traffic. Project phases for constructing the improvements are included in the plan. *Questions? Contact Sharon Zimmerman, Associate Engineer, at 503-657-0891 or sharon@ci.oregon-city.or.us.*

Transportation System Plan (TSP)

The Public Draft TSP is available at City Hall and the Library for community review. Public hearings at the Planning Commission and City Commission will be held in January, February, and March. The plan will prioritize future capital projects for roads, sidewalks, and bikeways and identify funding sources for our transportation infrastructure. Participation at the public hearings is encouraged. *Questions? Contact Nancy Kraushaar, City Engineer, at 503-722-3795 or nancy-k@ci.oregon-city.or.us.*



Main Street Tree Replacements

Many street trees on Main Street have been removed because of sidewalk damage, vandalism, or poor health. Replacement trees for these locations are being selected and will be planted this fall and winter. *Questions? Contact Joe McKinney, Operations Manager, at 503-657-8241 or jmckinney@ci.oregon-city.or.us.*

Hillendale Park Improvements

New ball fields, a walking trail, and parking lot have been designed for Hillendale Park. Construction was delayed because of complications with the required wetland. The permit has been issued and the project will go to bid and be constructed next spring/summer. *Questions? Contact John Burrell, Associate Engineer, at 503-657-0891 or john-b@ci.oregon-city.or.us.*

UPRR Bridge Repairs (Abandoned Trolley Bridge)

The Union Pacific Railroad will be making emergency foundation repairs to the bridge that crosses the Clackamas River several hundred feet east of Clackamette Cove. The repairs are intended to reduce the potential for structural failure in case of high water flows this winter. Next year, the railroad will decide the long-term disposition of the bridge. *Questions? Contact Sharon Zimmerman, Associate Engineer, at 503-657-0891 or sharon@ci.oregon-city.or.us.*



Oregon City Public Library

Library Hours for January

Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sundays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The library will be closed for the

following holidays:

*New Year's
 Monday, January 1st
 Martin Luther King Day
 Monday, January 15th*

Telephone: 503-657-8269 (business) or 503-659-8634 (Telecirc renewals)

The Oregon City Public Library is located in the Hilltop Mall – just across the parking lot from the Hilltop Cinemas. Obtaining a library card is easy – just bring current official identification and some proof of residency in Clackamas County. Call ahead if you have questions.



Children's Programs at the Library

Regular storytimes resume on January 9th:

*For 3-5 year olds
 Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.; repeated on
 Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.*

*For toddler's (age 2)
 Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.*

Craft Program: January 10th at 11:30 a.m. "Decorate a Snowflake" (prior sign-up please).

Special Animal Program: January 18th at 4:00 p.m. "Animal Ambassadors bringing animals from around the world with presentation on their adaptation and habitats. Time for questions at end of the program.

Book Discussion Groups Schedule Titles for New Year

The classics group, which meets the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m., has set the following schedule:

January "Rebecca" by Daphne DuMaurier
February "Wuthering Heights" by Emily Bronte
March "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" by Ken Kesey
April Poetry Month – pick your favorites.

The mystery group, which meets on the fourth Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., will be discussing:

January "The Simple Truth" by David Baldacci
February "A Cat who knew Shakespeare" by Lillian Jackson Braun
March "One for the Money" by Janet Evanovich
April "Whip Hand" by Dick Francis

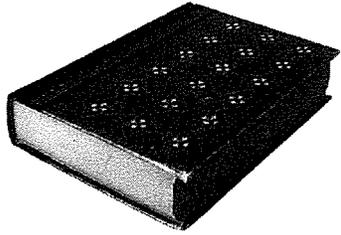
These discussion groups meet in the library and are free to the public – everyone who enjoys discussing books is welcome.



Share Your Kitty: The Cat Months are Here

Response to last summer's "Dog Days" was so positive and we received so many requests for equal treatment for the cat people that January and February have been declared "Cat Months" at the library. Here's a chance to share your favorite feline with the world – just bring in a photo (up to 4x5") of your favorite cat(s) and we'll put it up on the bulletin board in the lobby for all to see and appreciate. If you like, write the cat's name and age on the photo. This is not a contest.

Volunteers Bring Library Materials to the Homebound



If you or someone you know who lives in the Oregon City area is homebound and unable to get to the library, consider the Homebound Services program. Operated entirely by volunteers, this program gets library materials out to those in our community who can't get around. And, if you would like to volunteer

an hour or two a week to support this service, help is always needed. To sign up for this program or to become a volunteer call the library at 503-657-8269.

Library Computer Classes Continue

The library's reference staff continues to offer classes to the public on searching for information via the Internet or specialized databases available at the library. These classes are free and open to the public. Call the reference department at 503-657-8269 for details and sign up.

The Tax Man Cometh....

Welcome to the New Year. For your pleasure the library is again a distribution point for the federal and state tax forms as well as a source for most of the publications.

Active Weeding = Good Deals at the Carnegie

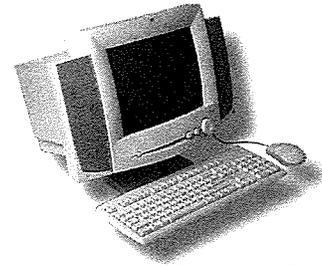
With the library shelves at capacity (it is a temporary facility you know) the library staff are actively weeding several areas in both the adult and children's collection in order to make room for newer materials. The result is a larger than usual number of materials going to the used book store at the Carnegie Center and this means even more Good Deals for those looking to purchase a book. Operated by the Friends of the Library, proceeds from the Carnegie Book Corner are used to benefit the library and its services.

Oregon City Reference Librarian Moves On

Steve Rauch, the reference librarian at Oregon City since 1995, has moved on to take a position with the Multnomah County Library as manager of their Holgate Branch – a nice advancement in his career. Steve has asked us to convey his “thanks” to everyone in the community who made working here such an interesting, and enjoyable, experience.

New Oregon Green Schools in Oregon City

Please join us in congratulating Beavercreek Elementary and Holcomb Elementary Schools, which achieved **OREGON GREEN SCHOOL** status in 2000. An Oregon Green School is a one that has educated and involved its staff and students in a successful recycling and waste reduction program. To find out how your school can become an Oregon Green School, contact Eileen Stapp with the Clackamas County Recycling Partnership at 503-353-4454.



Computer Recycling

Recycle your unused computers, monitors, keyboards, hard drives, printers, networking devices, modems, cabling, fax machines, digital cameras, copiers, telephone systems, cell phones, VCRs, and stereos. The organizations listed below try to reuse equipment first, but if it is broken or too old it's processed for recycling.

Call for hours, directions and items accepted. NO home appliances, TV's or microwaves.

STRUT – Students Recycling Used Technology
Schools all over Oregon, call for nearest participating school
1-888-990-7500

Computer Drive Connection
923 N Fremont Lane
Cornelius
503-992-0180

Free Geek – Community Technology Center
1731 SE 10th
Portland
503-232-9350

Earth Protection Services
6024 SW Jean Rd, Bldg E,
Suite 100
Lake Oswego
503-620-2466

Quantum Resource Recovery
10750 SW Denny Rd
Beaverton
503-646-2427

Information provided by the Clackamas County Recycling Partnership 503-557-6363.

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 5, 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

Caufield Neighborhood Group

Contact: Robert Pouriea, Contact person at 503-655-5836
or Barbara McCain, Contact Person at 503-632-8288

Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association (GLNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2001
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Jimmie O's Pizzeria
1678 Beavercreek Road Suite R
General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2001
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)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 4, 2001
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Cornerstone Family Life Center
18955 South End Road
General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Cornerstone Family Life Center
18955 South End Road
Contact: Bill Vickers, Chairman at 503-655-3762

Hillendale Neighborhood Association (HNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 4, 2001
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria
1678 Beavercreek Road Suite 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
Date: Thursday, January 4, 2001
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue # 54
624 Seventh Street Meeting Room
Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2001
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue # 54
624 Seventh Street Meeting Room
Contact: Tim Powell, Co-Chairman at 503-650-2466
or Rick Winterhalter, Co-Chairman at 503-650-7550

Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Group

Next Organizational Meeting
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2001
Time: 6:30 p.m.

General Membership Meeting
Location: O.C. Church of the Nazarene
716 Taylor Street
Contact: Andy Busch, Contact Person at 503-723-0108

Park Place Neighborhood Association (PPNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Monday, January 8, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Oregon City View Manor
200 Longview Way
General Membership Meeting
Date: February 12, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Oregon City View Manor
200 Longview Way
Contact: Julie Puderbaugh, Chairman at 503-650-8028

Rivercrest Neighborhood Association (RNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2001
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church
1321 Linn Avenue
General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, 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)

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: King Elementary School
995 South End Road
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 at 503-650-0733

Thayer Neighborhood Association (TNA)

Contact: Melanie Paulo, Acting Chairman at 503-656-6436

Chiefs Advisory Committee Meeting(s) (Police and Fire)

Third Tuesday of each month. For further information, contact Nancy Brooks Admin. Asst. at 503-657-0900

Citizen Involvement Committee Council (CICC)

Monthly meeting(s)
Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2001
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location: Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue #54
624 Seventh Street
Contact: Derrick Beneville, CICC Chairman at 503-557-7535
or Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at 503-657-0891

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

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