

# CITY OF OREGON CITY

# Trail News

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## Scuttlebutt from the Mayor

If you haven't heard, your City now has a Waterfront Master Plan. After many public meetings, ideas, and concerns, the City Commission voted to accept the plan and begin to look for ways to make it happen. We also have a Downtown Plan and a very good Park Master Plan. We will soon begin to examine possible zone changes in the downtown area in anticipation of making a beginning there. Some parts of the park plan have been undertaken.

But here comes the hard part: Implementation. Plans are fine, but do little while collecting dust on a shelf.

A few things are falling into place that can help us get something done. We now have a grant from the State for a new dock on the river. We have a grant to do significant planning/engineering studies on 99E. There's hope we can cooperate with Tri-Cities Wastewater (the old fashion words are "sewage plant") to begin park-like development on part of the Cove property.

The issue, however, comes down to you. How much money are you willing to invest in the park plan? The downtown plan? The waterfront plan? Which comes first in your mind? The "public" had a great deal to say about planning, but what do you all say about financing (or the dreaded word TAXES)?

It's time now for your ideas on how to pay. Talk to your favorite Commissioner.

Mayor John F. Williams, Jr.

## Urban Renewal Agency Positions Open

The City of Oregon City has positions open for the Urban Renewal Agency. The Urban Renewal Agency oversees disbursement of funds collected within the City's two Urban Renewal Districts (Downtown and Hilltop).

Currently the Agency is made up of the Mayor and four City Commissioners. The City is expanding the agency by adding four additional members. These include an individual residing or doing business within the Downtown Urban Renewal District, another individual residing or doing business within the Hilltop Urban Renewal District, one representing the Chamber of Commerce and one member-at-large.

The deadline to submit an application for the 2002 Urban Renewal Agency is January 15th, 2002. If you are interested, and would like further information or an application, please contact Fran Shafer with O.C. Public Works at 503-657-8241.



## Block Packing Foam Recycling Event

Clackamas County's Solid Waste and Recycling Division is sponsoring a block packing foam recycling collection, January 26th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Clackamas Town Center. The collection site is in the southeast corner parking lot, which is the I-205 & Sunnyside Road corner. Foam packing peanuts are also accepted. Block packing foam (Polystyrene) must be clean, dry, white and have a #6 on it.

Block packing foam (Polystyrene) #6 can also be recycled every day at the Metro South Transfer Station, 2001 Washington Street, Oregon City. Marko Foam in Wilsonville collects block packing foam and condenses it to be used in making door and window trim.

Clean foam packing peanuts always can be recycled at shipping/mailling services. Check your phone directory for the closest one.

For information about the recycling event, call the County recycling division at 503-353-4458.

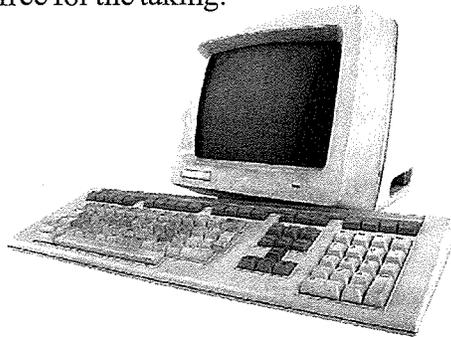
The  
City of Oregon City  
Wishes You a  
Happy New Year

## Metro Enhancement Grant Applications Available

Applications for a Metro Enhancement grant will be available at City Hall, 320 Warner Milne Road, on January 10th, 2002. The application will include the instructions and due date for the requests. For more information please call Bryan Cosgrove at 503-657-0891.

## Annual Library Magazine Sale Scheduled

The library's annual sale of discarded magazine back issues will be held from Saturday, January 5th through Sunday, January 13th. Thousands of magazines ranging in price from 10 to 25-cents will be available. In the closing hours of the sale (on January 13th) items will be free for the taking.



## Computer Recycling

Did you know that you could recycle computer components and certain electronics? These holiday leftovers can be reused or recycled and include old computers, printers, monitors, cell phones, etc. Call Clackamas County's Solid Waste and Recycling Division at 503-557-6363, press 6, and request a computer and electronics-recycling brochure. Be sure to leave your name and address. If you have questions, call 503-557-6363 and press 5.

Please be aware that TVs and microwaves are not recyclable and

require a special garbage pick up. Call Oregon City Garbage at 503-656-0320 for a quote.

## Local Merchants Work Together to Raise Money for the Fire Department

Carollee Newton works at Oregon City Florist, located just across the street from the main fire station in Oregon City. Prompted by a personal experience, Carollee decided to take up a fundraising project to benefit the firefighters and citizens of Oregon City. "We sit here everyday watching the trucks go out on calls. We are a praying outfit and each time the sirens go by, we pray for the firefighters. We pray that they will have strength and protection. We, as a community, are responsible for what equipment is available to the firefighters, and we feel it is important that we do what we can to provide that equipment."

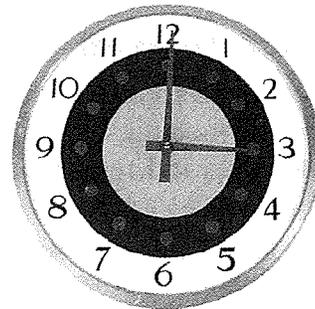
Originally, Carollee wanted to raise money to buy a "jaws-of-life" tool for the fire station but learned that Oregon City had such a tool. She refocused her energy on raising money to buy a digital camera that firefighters could use to document emergency scenes and to help with arson investigations. She placed donation jars at the flower shop and at Howell's and began to informally advertise her endeavor.

The successful fund-raising effort (which has resulted in enough proceeds to purchase the camera that costs approximately \$700) would not have been possible without another local businesswoman. Charlie Jensen, who works at General Distributing, heard about the fund-raising effort and crafted pins that she sold, generating the bulk of the money for the camera.

General Distributing and Oregon City Florist are currently focusing their fund-raising efforts towards

helping the homeless in our community.

*The firefighters and staff at the Oregon City Fire Stations are very grateful for the new tool and the generosity of these ladies and the citizens of Oregon City.*



## Library Hours and General Information

The Oregon City Public Library is open seven days a week according to the following schedule:

<i>Monday - Thursday</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday &amp; Saturday</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</i>

The library will be closed in observance of New Year's Day (January 1st) and Martin Luther King Day (Monday, January 14th).

The Library is located in the Hilltop Mall, just across from the Hilltop Cinemas and is a full service library providing loan, reference and children's services to the 48,000 residents of Oregon City, Redland, Beavercreek and Carus. Obtaining a library card requires proof of identity and evidence of residency in Clackamas County. Your library card is valid at any of the public libraries within the cooperative library network of Clackamas County.

For hours of operation and regular business information call 503-657-8269. You can renew your materials by calling the Telecirc system at 503-659-8634.

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## Children's Library Programs in January

Weekly storytimes for preschool-age children resume on Tuesday, January 8th with the following schedule in effect:

*For 3-5 year-olds: Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.,*

*Repeated on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.*

*For 2 year-olds: Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.*

"Make a Sparkly Snowflake" will be the craft program for pre-school age children on Wednesday, January 16th. Limited space requires prior sign-up for this program.

"Lucky and the Professor Marvel Show" will be presented by Lucky the Clown on Thursday, January 17th at 4:00 p.m. This program is geared towards children age 2 and older.

## Library Services Available to the Homebound

Through the use of volunteers the Oregon City library is able to assist homebound residents of the area to obtain library materials. If you, or someone you know, is unable to get to the library, contact the Homebound Services coordinator, Leslie Turks, at 503-657-8269.

## Tax Prep Materials Available at the Library

Again this year the library is a distribution point for Federal and State tax forms and publications. Please keep in mind that library staff is prohibited from answering questions relating to taxes such as which form to use or procedural matters.

## Endowment Fund & Memorial Donations Help Your Library

The Library's Endowment Fund was established to provide a long-term approach for improving library services to the citizens of Oregon City through cumulative growth of donations over time. It is set up so that the City can accept any type of gift, devise or bequest of money or property. The Fund principal may only be used for capital expenditures that directly benefit the library, while use of Fund income is limited to expenditures that enhance or supplement (not replace) normal expenditures. If you would like more information about the Endowment Fund please contact the library director, Roger McClurg.

Memorial donations to the library are a great way to remember a loved one while giving something back to your community. Books that are purchased with these donations have a bookplate installed that lists the name of the memorialized and the donor. The library staff will work with you to ensure that just the right book is purchased with your donation. For information about memorial donations, call the library at 503-657-8269.

## Library Music Programs Start in January

The Library's winter/spring "Arts in the Libraries" performance series begins in January with the first performance scheduled for January 10th at 7:30 p.m. Lively Latin American folk music by "Grupo

Condor" will be featured.

The schedule for other performances is in the process of being finalized, with some repeat performances by groups that performed last year. Thanks to the financial support and volunteer efforts of the Friends of the Oregon City Public Library, all programs in this series are free. Watch the bulletin board and local papers for announcements of upcoming performances.

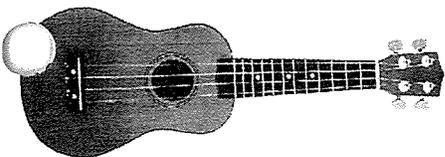
## Library Friends Bookstore in New Location

The best source for quality used books in the region has relocated to the Oregon City Antique Mall, located at the corner of 7th and Center streets – just two blocks west of the Carnegie Center. The store is open Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hardback books run \$1, paperbacks are 50 cents. Bookstore volunteers sort through library discards and donations to select the very best to sell so there is not a lot of chaff to wade through. Proceeds from this operation go to support library services such as the music programs, collection enhancements and equipment like the public-use word processor.

## New Periodical Subscriptions at the Library

Each January the library's collection of over 200 magazine subscriptions is re-aligned to reflect changing interests and requests of the public. New titles starting this month are: American Woodworker; Computer Gaming World; Electronic Gaming Monthly; Fitness; Northwest Travel; O (Oprah); Real Simple; Saveur; Skateboarding; and Veggie Life.

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## Proposed Change for Sewer Lateral Maintenance

A sewer lateral is the pipe that carries wastewater from a private residence or development to the public sewer pipe that is typically below the street. Currently, the Public Works Wastewater Division maintains the portion of the private sewer lateral that is located below the roadway pavement. The Wastewater Division is funded through sewer utility fees, which are intended to maintain and operate public infrastructure. Considerable confusion has resulted in trying to maintain a portion of the private sewer lateral.

We have researched other cities' policies and learned that sewer utility fees are used for the public sewer pipes, not for maintaining private laterals. The City is proposing to change the policy to no longer provide maintenance of private sewer laterals. Any maintenance required for a private lateral will have to be provided by the sewer user(s) served by that lateral.

There will be opportunities for public comment on this issue in the future. Watch the Trail News and/or The Oregonian for notice of a public meeting. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Nancy Kraushaar, City Engineer/Public Works Director by phone at 503-496-1545 or by e-mail at [nancy-k@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:nancy-k@ci.oregon-city.or.us).

## Washington Street/Abernathy Creek Bridge Update

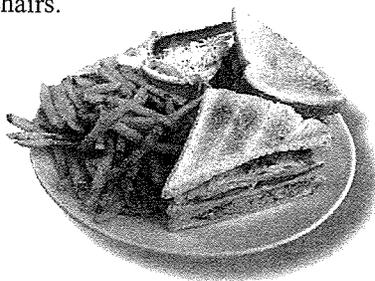
The bridge railing task force has completed their work in designing a bridge rail for the new bridge. Their goals were to design a railing that meets safety and crash requirements, contributes to the historic character of the area, and is aesthetically pleasing. The result is a black steel railing design atop a Columbia River basalt rock base, similar to rockwork found throughout

Oregon City. Their design will be on display at City Hall in January for the community to view. Thank you to bridge railing task force members: Gwen Brake, Derrick Beneville, George Kosboth, Dan Kromer, Lynda Orzen, Anders Rasmussen, Betty Schaafsma, and Rick Winterhalter!!

The new bridge is scheduled to go to bid this spring with a construction start date of June 2002. The bridge will be closed during construction, and detour routes will be clearly marked for all local business access.

## From the Pioneer Center's Director

- Have you seen how nice our new carpet looks? If not, come down and have a look.
- Thanks to Hagen's, Danielson's, Albertson's, and Walgreen's, as well as each and every individual who has donated or given of them selves all year long. We hope that you will continue supporting the Center this year too.
- Specials thanks to a very generous person who gave a monetary donation to the Center. Their donation will be used to purchase a fireplace insert in our pool & TV room and to recover chairs.



## Monday Dine-outs

Every Monday the Pioneer Center offers dine-outs to various restaurants throughout the area. If you need a ride into the Center to get on one of these trips, please call and schedule a pick up. We will leave the Center at 11:30 a.m. and return at approximately 1:30 p.m. Here are the scheduled dine-outs:

- January 7th ~ Pogy's Subs and Salads
- January 14th ~ Denny's
- January 21st ~ Red Robin
- January 28th ~ Old Country Buffet

## Movies for January

All movies are at the Pioneer Center at 10:00 a.m.

January 4th ~ Shrek

January 11th ~ Heart Breakers

January 18th ~ Angel Eyes

## Seated & Table Massage at the Pioneer Adult Community Center:

Lisa Donnelly, a licensed Massage Therapist offers her services at our Center the 2nd Friday of the month. Lisa offers ½-hour, 45 minutes and 1-hour massages, either seated or table massage. Appointments are scheduled, starting at 9:30 a.m., continuing with the last appointment at 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 for ½-hour, \$30.00 for 45 minutes and \$40.00 for 1-hour. When making appointments please specify if you want a seated or table massage, this will determine the appointment time. Do not wait, appointments are at a premium. Call the Pioneer Center 503-657-8287 and schedule your appointment. Gift certificates are available (inquire at the front desk if you are interested).

## Assistance with Taxes

Tax-aid begins on February 5th at the Pioneer Community Center. Call to set up an appointment at 503-657-8287. You have the choice of filing by Mail or E-file (electronic filing).

## Computer Class

Every Wednesday there are three opportunities to attend a computer class. The classes are "First Step", for those who have never touched a computer; "Computer Basics", a survey of computer terminology and its components; and "Word Processing", which focuses on increasing your typing skills. Classes are held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To find out more information about classes and schedules, please call Jerry King at 503-723-9497.

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## Weather Closure

When weather conditions make it unsafe to be out, please listen to local oadcasts for the Oregon City Public School announcement of closure. If the Oregon City schools are closed, the Pioneer Community Center will be too. Remember: safety first because we care!

## Water Quality News

Federal and state regulations require that public water systems deliver safe drinking water to their customers. The multiple-barrier approach to providing safe drinking water is a basic concept used to meet this goal. Historically, the emphasis has been on source water protection, water treatment, and water disinfecting processes. More recently the distribution system has been recognized as a key protective barrier. Water distribution piping and storage facilities must be operated and maintained to prevent contamination of drinking water as the water flows from treatment to tap.

Oregon City Water Division has on-going programs to ensure your drinking water maintains its high quality. We comply with federal and state monitoring requirements. Storage reservoirs are cleaned on a routine basis. Aging water lines in the system are prioritized for replacement. We are developing a flushing program that will also incorporate valve exercising and fire hydrant maintenance. Our cross-connection control program strives to eliminate the possibility of contamination due to backflow conditions. Numerous other aspects are incorporated into our everyday maintenance activities. If you have questions about these programs, or any other water quality issue, please contact Gail Johnson at 503-657-8241 extension 107 or [gjohnson@ci.oregon-y.or.us](mailto:gjohnson@ci.oregon-y.or.us).

## Thank you from the Downtown Business Association

The Oregon City Downtown Business Association would like to thank Patty Serres and Lieutenant Mike Jarvis.

Thanks to Patty and her staff at Serres Nursery for donating the beautiful winter flower containers which line Main Street and other downtown streets. The flowers are wonderful and downtown looks great because of their generosity and hard work.

Also, thank you to Lt. Mike Jarvis, of the O. C. Police Department, for coming to our Trick-or-Treat Main Street on October 31st. He donated his time on this special night to watch out for the little trick-or-treaters of our community. The night was a great success with nearly 2000 candy treats handed out.

## Carnegie Center

The Carnegie Center is now open! Visit the newly renovated Carnegie Center and enjoy an espresso and pastry. The gallery is full of beautiful artwork by local artists and the children's museum is great fun for the youngsters.

Carnegie Center hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Winter Break Art Beat

Oregon City Parks & Recreation is offering a Winter Break Art Beat this January for kids, ages 8 to 12. Expand your creativity as you explore a variety

of art mediums and techniques. Some topics to be covered include mask making, ceramics, gyotaku, and drawing. Art Beat will meet January 2nd through the 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Carnegie Center. Fees are \$40 for Oregon City residents or \$60 for non-residents. All supplies are included. Pre-registration is required. For more information, or to register, call 503-722-9816.



## Adult Yoga

Oregon City Parks & Recreation is offering an adult Yoga class beginning January 9th. This eight-week class will use a combination of Hatha and Kundalini yoga to strengthen your body and mind. Skill levels range from beginning to intermediate. This class will be held on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Adult Community Center. The cost for this class is \$35 for Oregon City residents or \$52 for non-residents. Call 503-722-9816 for more information or to register.

## Oregon City Community Quilters

Are you looking for a community-quilting group to join? Oregon City Parks & Recreation Community Quilters meet every first and third Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Buena Vista House. There is a \$3 drop-in fee for each session attended. Come and share your knowledge, learn new techniques from others in the group, and have fun with your new quilting friends.

*For a full list of classes and workshops offered by Parks & Recreation this winter, please call 503-722-9816.*

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# Neighborhood Calendar

## Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA)

Contact: Larry Jacobson, Chairman at 503-657-3740 or visit BHNA at [BHNA@AOL.COM](mailto:BHNA@AOL.COM)

## Canemah Neighborhood Association (CNA)

Steering Committee Meeting  
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2002  
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 320 Warner Milne Road  
General Membership Meeting  
Date: Thursday, March 14, 2002  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: To be Determined  
Contact: Howard Post, Chairman at 503-650-0976

## Caufield Association of Neighbors (CAN)

General Membership Meeting  
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2002  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Clackamas Community College  
Contact: Cathi VanDamme, Co-Chairman at 503-518-5552 or Robert Pouria, Co-Chairman at 503-655-5836 or e-mail to [Crvdamme@aol.com](mailto:Crvdamme@aol.com)

## Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association (GLNA)

Steering Committee Meeting  
Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2002  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria  
1678 S. Beaver Creek Road  
General Membership Meeting  
Date: Thursday, January 17, 2002  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Gaffney Lane Elementary School  
13521 S. Gaffney Lane

Contact: Janet Brand, Chairman at 503-657-6096 or visit GLNA at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/glna](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/glna)

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

General Membership Meeting  
Date: Thursday, January 17, 2002  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Cornerstone Family Life Center,  
18955 S. South End Road

Steering Committee Meeting  
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2002  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

## Hillendale Neighborhood Association (HNA)

Steering Committee Meeting  
Date: Thursday, January 3, 2002  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria  
1678 S. Beaver Creek Road  
General Membership Meeting  
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2002  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria  
1678 S. Beaver Creek Road  
Contact: Debbie Watkins, Chairman at 503-655-3070 or visit HNA at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/hnassoc](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/hnassoc)

## McLoughlin Neighborhood Association (MNA)

General Membership Meeting  
Date: Thursday, January 3, 2002  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: TVF&R Main Fire Station # 54  
Meeting Room, 624 Seventh Street  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2002  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Carnegie Center, 606 John Adams Street  
Contact: Tim Powell, Co-Chairman at 503-650-2466 or Rick Winterhalter, Co-Chairman at 503-650-7550

## Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Group

Steering Committee Meeting  
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2002  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: O. C. Church of the Nazarene,  
716 Taylor Street  
General Membership Meeting  
Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2002  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

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 21, 2002  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Shari's Restaurant  
1926 McLoughlin Boulevard, Oregon City  
General Membership Meeting  
Date: Monday, February 18, 2002  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 200 Longview Way  
Oregon City

Contact: Julie Puderbaugh, Chairman at 503-650-8028 or visit PPNA at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/ppn](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/ppn)

## Rivercrest Neighborhood Association (RNA)

Steering Committee Meeting  
Date: Thursday, January 17, 2002  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church  
1321 Linn Avenue

General Membership Meeting  
Date: Thursday, February 28, 2002  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church  
1321 Linn Avenue

Contact: Julie Puderbaugh, Chairman at 503-650-8028 or visit PPNA at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/rcna](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/rcna)

Contact: Diane McKnight, Chairman at 503-656-6435

## South End Neighborhood Association (SENA)

Contact: Katy Weber, Chairman at 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)

Date: Second Tuesday of each month  
For further information, contact Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at 503-496-1555

**For additional neighborhood information call Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at 503-496-1555.**

### 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
Arts Commission	1st Tuesday	4:00 pm