CITY OF OREGON CITY Trail News

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The Youth of Oregon City Need Your Help

The Oregon City Police Department has begun a new program that will provide an alternative to formal court intervention for first time juvenile offenders by citizens of the community holding the youths accountable. The program aims at maximizing citizen participation, incorporating concerns of the community, restitution for the victims, and appropriate discipline for the juvenile offender with prompt, certain, and just sanctions designed to promote and restore juvenile offenders as contributing members of the community. A panel of concerned Oregon City Citizens will hear juvenile cases once per month in the evening and will hand down appropriate sanctions. It is hoped that the youth's community can impress upon the youth the connection between their behavior and its effects on themselves and others in the community. If you are interested in becoming a Community Panel Member please contact Annick Jenson, Diversion Program Coordinator at 722-3791.

Water Quality News

"Is there fluoride in our water?"

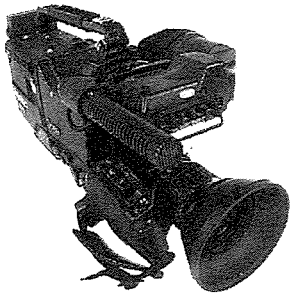
Fluoride is a naturally occurring component of the earth's crust. This inorganic chemical can be found in just about all drinking water sources but the amount found can vary widely. Consuming water that contains fluoride has been shown to decrease tooth decay.

Drinking water in Oregon City comes from a surface water source, the Clackamas River. The naturally occurring concentration of fluoride is extremely low. No additional fluoride is added to the water during the treatment process. Contact your dental health care provider to see if fluoride supplements are recommended for your children.

Direct any water quality questions to Gail Johnson at (503) 657-8241 ext. 107.

Help Protect Our Waterways

The Public Works Department would appreciate residents and commercial landscapers not blowing grass clippings or debris into the street. Due to the sweeping schedule, Pubic Works is not always able to get to the debris along the curb before the rains wash the debris into storm inlets, which goes directly to rivers and streams and is harmful to the environment. Thank you for your cooperation.



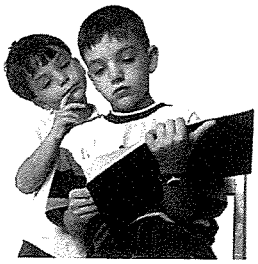
Willamette Falls Television, Your Community Media Center

Willamette Falls TV, 709 Main Street, Oregon City, 503-650-0275, is a citizen resource, serving West Linn, Oregon City and Gladstone. Willamette Falls TV offers classes in all phases of Video Production to qualifying residents. For more information, visit the Willamette Falls TV website at www.wftvaccess.com.

Your Public Library

Your Library Has Never Been Busier

For the fiscal year ending June 30th, the Oregon City Public Library loaned over 450,000 books and other materials to the public. Since 1975 this is the 21st year the library annual loan rate has set a new record for the number of items loaned. The number of people with library cards is also at an all-time high – just over 27,000 people are actively registered users of the Oregon City library.



A Ticket to Tomorrow: Children's Summer Activities at the Library

Sign-ups for the Summer Reading Program continues throughout the month. This program is for children from toddlers to teens, and anyone who signs up has a chance to win one of four $25 gift certificates from the Oregon Book Company bookstore. Teens who participate are eligible for weekly prize drawings plus a grand prize drawing for a portable CD player.

The library's Summer Reading Program is an enjoyable way for children to maintain their reading skills during those long summer months. Along with the drawings and prizes, numerous incentive awards are given to kids who meet their reading or listening goals.

Special programs for July are all held on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. At each program there will be a prize drawing and children must be present to win:

July 6th The 9th Annual Potato Fest – bring a decorated baking potato to the library and show off your creativity. Enjoy stories and chips while the taters are being judged. Please sign up for this program in advance.

July 13th Join Celeste Rose and the Oregon Fantasy Theatre for "Henny Penny's Trip to the Moon" – a puppet show.

July 20th Songs and stories with Anne-Louise Sterry

July 27th He's back....Storyteller extraordinaire Will Hornyak Presents fables and other stories. A great opportunity for would-be storytellers to observe a master in action.

Storytimes Continue throughout the Summer:

For Toddler's, age 2	*Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.*
For Pre-schoolers, age 3-5	*Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.*
For primary, ages 6-8	*Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.*

And, Two craft programs this month – advance sign-up is necessary:

July 5th 11:30 a.m. Make a firecracker finger puppet

July 19th 11:30 a.m. Make an alien flying saucer

Share Your Pooch: It's the Dog Days of Summer

Have a neat snapshot of that very special dog? Here's a chance to share your pooch with the world! Bring your photo (up to 4x5) to the library during July or August and we'll put it up for all to see and appreciate. If you like, write the dog's name and age on the photo. And while you're in the library, check out the special Canine-edition prize drawing display sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Library Hours and Contacts

During the summer month the library is open six days a week: Monday - Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

You can reach the library at 657-8269 for business or other information; For Telecirc (automated renewals and account information) call 659-8634. The library has a web site at www.oregoncity.lib.or.us with general information about the library and its services. We also have a web address for reference questions: www.ocref@lincc.lib.or.us.

Summer Fare in Library Book Discussion Groups

Thomas Hardy's "Jude the Obscure" will be the topic of the classics book discussion group, which meets on Tuesday, July 11th at 9:30 a.m. On tap for the August 1st discussion is "reader's choice" of any title by the author Colette.

The mystery book group has selected a relatively scarce title for the July 25th discussion so you may want to start early to locate a copy of Leonard Tourney's "Familiar Spirits". This group meets at 9:30 a.m.

If you enjoy discussing books these sessions are great opportunities to make new friends and broaden your literary horizons. Discussions are facilitated by a member of the Friends of the Library and everyone is welcome.

Library's Homebound Service Available

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. This program matches recipients with volunteers who will bring library materials to the home. And, of course, we are always looking for people who would like to volunteer an hour or two a week to deliver library materials to the homebound. For more information about this program call the library at 657-8269.

Summer Fire Safety

Have a Fire Safe Attitude

Dry summer weather, combined with fire, brings increased danger to you and your home. The most effective fire prevention device is a fire safe attitude. A positive fire prevention attitude, combined with a few preventive measures, can help protect you and your home from fire this summer season.

Common Causes of Fire

Each summer, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue responds to a multitude of fires caused by improper disposal of barbecue briquettes, careless smoking and child set fires. Also high on the list of fire cause is gasoline-fueled equipment. Follow the safety tips below to insure that your summer is as safe and enjoyable as possible.

Barbecue Safety

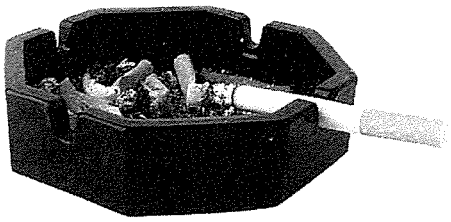
- Keep clothing, towels and hot pads away from flames.
- Use long-handled utensils that are intended for barbecuing.
- At every change of the bottle on a propane barbecue, check the fittings from the propane bottle to insure proper seal and fit.
- Always discard briquettes in a METAL can far away from combustibles. Briquettes that are still hot can burn through paper bags or buckets. Wait one full day before removing briquettes from the barbecue.
- Never leave your barbecue unattended and always have a hose, bucket of water, or fire extinguisher nearby in case of fire.
- Always keep children away from a hot grill.

Gasoline...Fuel for Equipment; Fuel for Fire

- Never smoke while fueling a lawnmower, chain saw, garden tractor or other gasoline engines. **(Remember, vapors are as explosive as liquids, but far more dangerous because you can't see them.)**
- When refueling your mower or other yard equipment, always turn the engine off. (It only takes one spark from an engine to set off an explosion.
- If you should spill any gasoline, wipe it up immediately and let the saturated towel air out thoroughly.
- Keep gasoline in an approved container with a tight –fitting lid to keep the vapors inside.
- Never store or use gasoline in an enclosed area or where there are pilot lights or spark sources to ignite them.

Fireworks

Fireworks are illegal in Oregon if they explode, fly into the air, travel more than 12 feet on smooth ground or behave in an uncontrolled or unpredictable manner. The Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office can assess up to a $500 Civil Penalty against any person who violates Oregon's Fireworks Statutes and/or Administrative Rules. Even legal fireworks are dangerous. Use extreme caution and always have adult supervision when handling fireworks.



Smoking... Be sure to Extinguish Matches and Cigarettes

With hot temperatures drying out flowerbeds and lawns, it only takes one smoldering match or cigarette to start a fire. A discarded cigarette can smolder in bark dust, shrubs or grass for some time, starting a fire that may spread to a fence or a home. Anyone smoking or using matches should discard materials in a metal container or ashtray.

Never assume a match or cigarette has extinguished itself. Each year Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue responds to an average of 3-4 fires a day caused by discarded smoking materials. Although damage may be minimal, the potential for a large fire always exists.

Summer Fire Safety for Kids

With the school year now over, many children are now home alone for most of the day. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue encourages working parents to help keep their children safe this summer by reviewing basic fire and life safety tips with them.

- Know when to call 9-1-1 for police, fire or medical assistance
- Never play with matches, lighters or candles
- Know two escape routes from every room in the house and practice your home fire escape plan
- Wear a helmet when biking, blading or boarding
- Use a stove or microwave only with permission from an adult. If allowed to cook, keep potholders away from burners and always watch food while it is cooking on the stovetop
- Do not play with electrical cords or place combustibles, like clothes or blankets, over a lamp. Do not insert anything into an electrical socket
- Turn off curling irons, irons, stereos, television sets and other electrical equipment when done using and/or leaving the house
- Never mix cleaning products
- Know where first-aid supplies are located. Sign-up for a first-aid and CPR class (call Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue to register)
- Place phone numbers for family and nearby neighbors close at hand

For more information, contact Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue at 649-8577.

Water Safety Tips

Each year as the weather gets warmer, it's a sure bet that Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's Water Rescue Team will be busy responding to incidents involving swimmers and boaters. In fact, the Water Rescue Team has already responded to eight local water rescue calls since May, including one drowning victim.

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue urges water-goers to be cautious and pay attention to the following safety tips:

- Use the buddy system.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs.
- Don't dive in shallow water or in unfamiliar areas.
- Don't over-exert yourself - take frequent breaks.
- Supervise children and put them in a lifejacket.
- Have a cell phone and flotation devices handy in case of emergency.

Here are some additional suggestions for witnesses of a water-related emergency:

- Call 911 immediately - time is of the essence!
- Try to throw the victim a flotation device but don't become a victim yourself.
- Use landmarks to determine where you last saw the victim and where you are standing so you can take rescue crews back to the site.
- Take notice of the victim's clothing.

Encourage other bystanders to stay on the scene so rescue members can talk to them.

National Night Out 2000

On Tuesday, August 1st, neighborhoods throughout Oregon City will join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "17th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the City of Oregon City Police Department, will involve over 9,400 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 31 million people are expected to participate in 'America's Night Out Against Crime'. Once again this year, S. C. Johnson is the lead, national corporate sponsor. NNO 2000 is also supported in part by the U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on August 1st, residents from neighborhood associations throughout Oregon City are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhood associations throughout Oregon City will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, ice cream socials, dessert extravaganzas, neighborhood walks and information fairs. The evening's activities will include visits by police, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue and other city department representatives as well as local elected officials.

Police Chief Gordon Huiras said, "National Night Out 2000" is Oregon City's largest annual crime prevention event. It is an extraordinary way to build neighborhood unity and strengthen community partnerships. On August 1st, we invite residents citywide to join forces with us by turning on their porch lights and to give crime and drugs a going away party. For more information on National Night Out in Oregon City, call Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at 657-0891.

July – August Movie Schedule at the Pioneer Community Center

Friday's at 10:00 a.m.

July 7th	*"The Borrowers"*
July 14th	*"Most Wanted"*
July 21st	*"Same Time Next Year"*
July 28th	*"What Dreams May Come"*
August 4th	*"Six Pack"*

Volunteers Needed For Reception Area

Volunteer Receptionist needed for either mornings or afternoons. Are you looking for an outlet? Become a vital member of our front desk reception team. The center is looking for someone who is warm, outgoing and with a pleasant, courteous telephone manner. You must love working and talking to people and have lots of patience, for some days are busier than others. We have wonderful staff members that you will enjoy working with. If you are interested please stop by the center or call 657-8287.

Classes at the Pioneer Community Center

6/20-8/22/00	*(10 weeks)*	*China Painting*
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6/22-8/24/00	*(10 weeks)*	*Watercolor & Drawing*
7/19-8/16/00	*(10 weeks)*	*Light Aerobics*
7/12-7/19/00	*(2 weeks)*	*Budgeting & Money Management*
7/12/00	*(1 time class)*	*Portable Picnic Sampler*
7/26/00	*(1 time class)*	*Cool Summertime Cooking Ideas*

Fourth of July Pre- celebration at the Pioneer Center

Stop by the Pioneer Center on July 3rd and join us, we will be celebrating the Fourth of July on Monday, July 3rd from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Children's Museum has a New Exhibit

Visit the Carnegie Construction Zone. Children will find the trucks, ramps and tools necessary for construction! The cafe and grocery store are spiffed up for summer fun too. Children's Craft Hour continues on Friday afternoons with new summer hours. Call for information.

Concerts in the Park

July 6th	*Woody Hite Big Band*	*sponsored by Clackamas Federal Credit Union*
July 13th	*The Rebels*	*sponsored by The Heating Specialist*
July 27th	*The Power of Ten*	*sponsored by Boise Cascade Office Products*

Concerts start at 6:30 p.m. Food service starts at 5:30 p.m.

In the Gallery

In Summer the gallery features new work by our artists as well as work by new Carnegie Center artists. Every week we have something new.

Art Classes

3D Colored Pencil - use your vivid imagination and colored pencils to decorate a paper box. Beautiful end result! July 19th 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; $15.00 per student for supplies and class.

Hummingbird Feeders- Another Polymer Clay extravaganza! July 24th & 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; $20.00 per student.

Art Appreciation

Explore art through observation and creation. A lot of fun for kids with inquiring minds. $10.00 per student. July 10th Ages 7 – 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 11 - 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Basic Drawing 2

July 11th & 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Shading, forms, perspective and composition; $18.00 per student.

Class sign up sheets for watercolor, papermaking, drawing and more!

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)
Contact: Howard Post, Chairman at 650-0976

Caufield Neighborhood Group
Contact: Lynda Orzen, Contact Person at 518-3073

Falls View Neighborhood Association (FVNA)
Inactive

Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association (GLNA)
Contact: Derrick Beneville, Chairman at 557-7535

Hazel Grove – Westling Farm Neighborhood Group (HG-WFNA)
Contact: Bill Vickers, Chairman at 655-3762

Hillendale Neighborhood Association (HNA)
Contact: Debbie Watkins, Chairman at 655-3070
Website:
http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/3055

McLoughlin Neighborhood Association (MNA)
Contact: Dirk Ellis, Co-Chairman at 557-4987
Or Denyse McGriff, Co-Chairman at 656-3912

Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Group
Contact: Andy Busch, Contact Person at 723-0108

Park Place Neighborhood Association (PPNA)
Contact: Julie Puderbaugh, Chairman at 650-5028

Rivercrest Neighborhood Association (RNA)
Contact: Diane McKnight, Chairman at 656-6435

South End Neighborhood Association (SENA)
Contact: Mary Smith, Chairman at 655-7946

Thayer Neighborhood Association (TNA)
Contact: Melanie Paulo, Acting Chairman at 656-6436

Tower Vista Neighborhood Association (TVNA)
Inactive

Citizen Involvement Committee Council (CICC)
Contact: Derrick Beneville, CICC Chairman at 557-7535
Or Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at 657-0891

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

CITY PHONE NUMBERS	
EMERGENCY SERVICES (POLICE, FIRE, MEDICAL)	911
POLICE BUSINESS	657-4964
ANIMAL CONTROL (CLACKAMAS COUNTY)	655-8628
FIRE BUSINESS	657-1365
CITY HALL	657-0891
PLANNING / ZONING / BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTIONS	657-0891
CODE COMPLIANCE / HISTORIC PRESERVATION	657-0891
MUNICIPAL COURT	657-8154
PUBLIC WORKS	657-8241
LIBRARY	657-8269
PIONEER COMMUNITY CENTER	657-8287
SWIMMING POOL	657-8273
WATER / SEWER BILLING	657-8151
CEMETERY / PARKS (REPAIR & PICNIC RESERVATIONS)	657-8299
CAMPGROUNDS & RV PARK	650-6399
CARNEGIE CENTER	557-9199

CITY MEETING DATES		
City Commission	1st & 3rd Wednesday	7:00 pm
Civic Improvement Trust	As Announced	
Urban Renewal Agency	As Announced	
Budget Committee	As Announced	
Rate and Fee Review Committee	2nd Monday	6:00 pm
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Monday	7:00 pm
Historic Review Board	Last Thursday	7:00 pm
Library Board	4th Thursday	5:00 pm
Metro Enhancement Committee	As Announced	
Pioneer Community Center at the center	4th Monday	10:00 am
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
Parking Advisory Board	As Announced	
Transportation Advisory Committee	3rd Tuesday	6:00 pm