

CITY OF OREGON CITY Trail News

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JUNE 1999

Oregon City Downtown Community Plan Planning Commission & Historic Review Board Work Session

Public Involvement Encouraged

Date: Monday, June 7, 1999
Time: 7-9:30 PM
Location: Pioneer Community Center, 615 5th Street, Oregon City
Purpose: Discussion on zoning code and urban design guidelines

Upcoming Meetings:

June 21 Steering Committee Meeting – draft project report

Dates are subject to change; confirmation of time, date and location will be mailed. For more information, contact Sidaro Sin with the Community Development Department, 657-0891 ext. 164.

Thank You, Thank You!!



On behalf of the 1999 First City Enhancement and Clean-Up Committee of Oregon City, we would like to thank everyone who generously gave their time and support to this event on April 17th.

This effort involved a committee of dedicated individuals, businesses and organizations. A special thanks goes to the City of Oregon City, Buds Towing, Oregon City Garbage, B & B Leasing, Danielsons Thriftway, Clackamas Federal Credit Union, Dominos Pizza, McDonalds (both

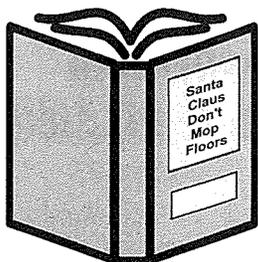
Oregon City locations), Pro Grafex and Clackamas Starbucks Coffee.

And to the many volunteers who participated in the clean-up and restoration projects, thanks for a job well done.

Rick McClung
Chairperson

Dell Bullock
Co-Chairperson

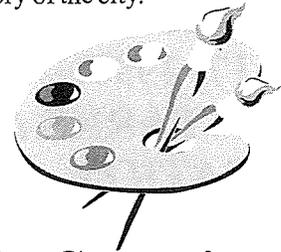
From Your Oregon City Carnegie Center



The Carnegie Center and Friends of the Library are pleased to feature author **Marcia Thorton-Jones** at an open house on June 3, 1999. Meet the author of the Bailey School Kids series between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the Carnegie Center, 606 John Adams, Oregon City. Ms. Jones is the co-author of the popular children's series featuring such titles as Santa Clause Doesn't Mop Floors and Vampire's Don't Wear Polka Dots. Reserve the evening with your family and stop by for the free open house to visit with Ms. Thorton-Jones. Call 557-9199 for information.

Where do you take house guests when they visit the city? Invest in the third annual PASTport and invite them to explore the history of Oregon City. For the low price of \$12.00 per adult and \$8.00 per child you can browse through the vens/Crawford Home, Ermatinger House, Clackamas County Historical Society Museum, End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, and McLoughlin House with free transportation on the trolley between the sites. When you are exhausted, drop in to the Carnegie Center for your free cup of coffee. This is the best deal in town to see all the sites at one low price. The PASTport is good May 28 to October 31, 1999, so you can see all

sites in a weekend, or take your time to visit the history of the city.



At the Carnegie Center

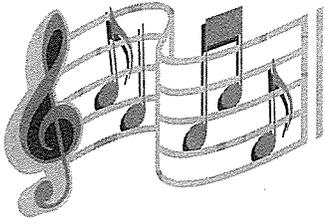
The WyEast Artists Guild proudly announces its first Carnegie showing June 2 through June 30. View their wonderful and diverse works of art during normal open hours. The Carnegie is excited to offer the WyEast Artists show to Oregon City. "There's a little of everything in the WyEast show", says Susan John, volunteer coordinator and organizer of the show. "Citizens will appreciate the wide range of pieces shown by WyEast".

An open house will be held on June 4, 1999 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The open house is free and the public is invited to attend.

The Ermatinger House, Oregon City's oldest home will be open for tours Friday, Saturday and Sunday's beginning May 28. Learn of life in the 1840's and view the home where Portland was named.

Please Help Us by Trimming Curbside Trees

The street sweeper can do a better job if he doesn't have to dodge low limbs at the edge of the roadway. By trimming limbs overhanging the curb line on your property to 11 feet or higher, the street sweeper will have easier access to the entire gutter line. Please recycle your grass clippings with your other yard debris, rather than placing them in the street. Currently it takes the sweeper about eight weeks to cover the entire city, that's about 90 miles of roadway.



SUMMER VACATION BEGINS JUNE 17, 1999!!! JOIN IN PARKS & RECREATION

Summer means warm days, clear nights and a host of Parks & Recreation activities.

Concerts in the Park begin June 24, 1999 with the hickory rock sounds of **THE NIGHTBEATS**. July 1, 1999 **The Clackamas Community Band** performs All-American favorites. All concerts are free to the public and begin at 7:00 p.m. Bar-b-ques begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be hosted by a variety of public service groups with donated grills from NW Natural. Concerts continue through August 26.

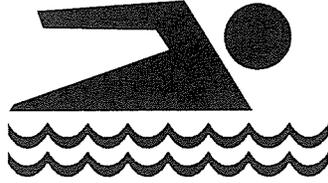
Are your kids bored after one week of summer vacation? The summer parks programs are open to children ages three to fourteen. Programs are divided by age groups and available in five city parks in Oregon City beginning June 28, 1999. Brochures for the programs will be sent home with all K - 8th grade children, and are available in all city facilities. Summer fun awaits them. Call 557-9199 for information.

Art Week will be held June 21 through 25 in recreational facilities throughout the city. Join the opportunities to feed your creative side in classes such as: basic drawing; stenciling; clay exploration; tole painting; collage; watercolor; colored pencil; beadwork; and more. Classes will be held for all ages. Call 557-9199 for information.

Summer Swimming Lessons

Again this summer, the Oregon City Municipal Swimming Pool will be offering a full schedule of swimming lessons throughout the day. The first session begins Monday, June 21. Registration opens Saturday, June 5, from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Instructors will be on site

registration day to assist with class placement. If you are unsure of the correct level for your child, please bring them, along with their swimsuit, so we can evaluate their skills and place them in the appropriate class. Registration can be done in person or over the telephone with a Visa or MasterCard. Please call 657-8273 for more information.



Aqua Camp

We are excited to offer our Aqua Camp program again this summer. Aqua Camp is an exciting program for children ages 5 through 11. Kids participate in craft projects, as well as, swimming. There will be five weeks of Aqua Camp from June 28 through July 30. Each week will have an exciting theme, such as, science, cooking, painting, cultures, and sculpture. Camp is from 12:30 - 3:00 PM Monday through Friday. Registration is taken for one week at a time and begins Saturday, June 5 from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The fee for each week is \$35.00 for Oregon City residents and \$52.50 for non-residents. Please call 657-8273 for more information.

Junior Lifeguard Training

Guard Start is a new American Red Cross junior lifeguard-training program. It is offered for those 11 through 14 years of age who can swim one length of the pool. Guard Start will teach many of the skills and knowledge needed to prepare kids for lifeguard training. Class is Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Session 1 is June 28 - July 21 and Session 2 is July 26 - August 18. Registration begins Saturday, June 5 from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The fee for each session is \$35.00 for Oregon City residents and \$52.50 for non-residents. You can participate in one or both sessions. Please call 657-8273 for more information.

Aquatics Fee Increases

The City Commission approved a 2% increase in most aquatic user fees effective July 1, 1999. We plan to raise fees annually, consistent with the cost of living increase. We also implemented a policy to

ensure that Non-residents pay 50% more than Oregon City residents for aquatic programs. This resulted in an increase of up to 22% for some non-resident fees.

Summer Recreation Swim Team

In cooperation with the Oregon City Swim Team, we will be offering a summer swim team program for kids who can swim one length of the pool. No swim team experience is necessary to join us for a fun summer of swimming. The program will run Monday through Thursday from 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Mini-meets will be held on Wednesdays. Registration begins Saturday, June 5 from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The fee is \$18.00 for Oregon City residents and \$27.00 for non-residents. Please call 657-8273 for more information.

Meals on Wheels

The Pioneer Community Center serves Meals on Wheels during the week to homebound seniors in the Oregon City, West Linn, Redland, Beavercreek and Holcomb areas. If you are interested having meals delivered or volunteering to deliver meals please contact the Pioneer Community Center at 657-8287.

Father's Day on June 18th from 11:30 to 12:30

The Pioneer Community Center is having lunch in honor of our fathers. There will be live music, a special lunch and gifts for all the fathers. Don't miss this opportunity to say Thanks Dad! Call 657-8287 for more details.

20 Year Celebration on July 10th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM

You are invited to the Pioneer Community Center for a down home party to celebrate our 20th Birthday! We'll have a BBQ, an old-fashioned storyteller, and we'll be featuring the live music of "Riders of the Western Range"...and lots more. Fun for the whole family so mark your calendar now! Call 657-8287 for more information.

From Your Oregon City Fire Department



Starting July 1, 1999, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue will be administrating fire and emergency medical services to the City of Oregon City. The City Commissioners reviewed all of the pertinent facts and financial projections in making the determination to contract with Tualatin Valley and voted to approve a contract with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue for a period of 4 years. In the third year of the contract, this issue will be put to a vote of the citizens in Oregon City who must make a determination whether or not to have Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue provide fire and emergency medical services on a permanent basis.

Oregon City Fire Department personnel will remain in Oregon City and the department will become an operating center for Oregon City and West Linn. Tualatin Valley will provide fire prevention and public education staff out of the operating center, along with administrating the staffing of the South End Fire Station in April of the year 2000.

Some of the major benefits of contracting services with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue are the added administrative positions that Tualatin Valley can provide to the citizens of Oregon City. These areas include fire prevention, public education, and emergency management. Tualatin Valley recognizes the outstanding programs already in place in Oregon City and has guaranteed that all current programs will be continued and may even be enhanced to benefit the citizens of Oregon City.

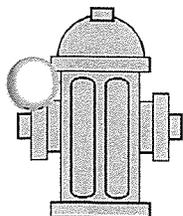
Another direct benefit of contracting with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is that it will allow the City of Oregon City to request a regrading by the Insurance Standards Office to lower the City's insurance rating. Some citizens have already seen direct benefits from the contract with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue in the form of reductions in their homeowners insurance. We urge you to contact your insurance company and advise them of the contract with Tualatin Valley to see if you are eligible for reduced insurance premiums.

The staff and firefighters of the Oregon City Fire Department are in full support of the contract with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. Fire Chief Jim Davis stated that the future of operating government depends on being financially responsible and the City must look at opportunities for regionalizing services wherever possible. The new contract is a regional service being provided by Tualatin Valley; they are a quality organization with strong, talented leadership at all levels.

Oregon City Fire Department will be visible in the community and will continue to exist. The arm patches worn by personnel may say something new, but the personnel (who have been providing a high level of dedicated service to you – the citizens of Oregon City) will still be the same.

Again, the staff and firefighters of the Oregon City Fire Department would like to thank you, the citizens of Oregon City, for your support.

SAFETY REMINDER!!



If there were a fire in your home, you would want the Fire Department to have quick and easy access to the fire hydrant nearest your home.

Please provide a clear 3-foot circle around the fire hydrant. There should be no shrubbery, fence posts, mailboxes or other obstructions within this area.

From Your Oregon City Public Works

Oregon City's sanitary sewer and storm drain systems are separate from each other. Any substance put in a storm drain empties directly into local streams without going to the Wastewater Treatment Plant for processing. Prevent water pollution and protect water, fish, and wildlife. Do not dump anything down a storm drain or open ditch.

City Maintenance crews have been noticing yard debris collecting on ditch grates.

Dumping leaves, grass, prunings, and yard wastes into ditches is not only against City Code, but also robs the water of oxygen needed by fish, plankton, and plants. All open ditches drain directly to streams.

Soil erosion and mud that gets into storm drains choke water flows, cause buildup, and smother life on the bottom of streams.

Automobile fluids (brake fluid, motor oil, antifreeze, etc.) are toxic to humans and wildlife. One quart of oil can contaminate a water area the size of two football fields.

HELPFUL TIPS:

Maintain vehicle regularly. Keep supplies tightly capped and covered. Place a drip pan under vehicles. Recycle motor oil through a commercial vendor or curbside garbage service.

Shred or chip debris and use as mulch around plants to retain moisture and reduce watering needs. Start a compost pile.

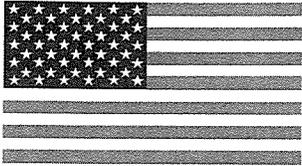
Pothole Hotline 657-8241

Call in potholes observed on city streets, repair crew would add reported potholes to their list and patch as soon as possible.

Thank You

Mr. Mike Carr for working with us until the completion of your concerns. We appreciated you letting us know it was a job well done!

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HOME OF THE BRAVE

Cemetery Division

Mark your calendars for Monday, May 31, 1999. Our annual Memorial Day services will be held at Mt. View Cemetery starting at 10:00 A.M.

The VFW is organizing the services and the following special events:

- A performance by the Oregon City High School Band
- A Fly-over of vintage air-craft
- A Military Honor Guard
- Participation by the High School ROTC

The public is invited to attend this service and pay special tribute to the veterans of all wars.

Flags for veteran's graves may be obtained at the cemetery office.

Library Summer Hours Now in Effect

From June to September the library is open Monday through Saturday with the following hours in effect:

Monday - Thursday 11 AM to 8 PM
Friday and Saturday 11 AM to 6 PM

Sunday operating hours resume the first of October.

For information about library programs or other information needs call the library at 657-8269. If you need to renew an item via the

Telecirc system call 659-8634.

If you're new to the area, the library is located in the Hilltop Mall, behind the Thriftway and just across the parking lot from the Hilltop Cinemas.

Book Discussion Groups Schedule Dreiser, McCrumb

Theodore Dreiser's *Sister Carrie* will be the subject of the classics group, which meets on the first Tuesday of each month (June 1st) at 9:00 AM. For the mystery group that meets on the fourth Tuesday (June 22nd) the featured work will be Sharon McCrumb's *The Ballad of Frankie Silver*. These groups are free and open to the public - new members are welcome!

Story Times at the Library

After an "end of the school year" break, story times for preschoolers resume on June 15th with the following schedule:

For the 3-5 year-old group: Tuesdays at 11 AM
For primary ages 6-8: Wednesdays at 11 AM
For toddlers, age 2: Thursdays at 11 AM



Join the "ReadQuest" - It's the Library's Summer Reading Program

The library's Summer Reading Program is open for children ranging in age from toddler through the teen, with sign-up beginning on June 9th. This year's theme is "ReadQuest" and an adventurous time is planned for all.

The Summer Reading Program is a great way to add to your child's variety of activities to fill those long summer days. As study after study has consistently shown, kids who participate in summer reading programs maintain and even improve those hard-won reading skills compared with kids who don't. The point of this program is to make reading an enjoyable experience and kids set the goals and then receive awards for meeting their reading goal.

And again this year we'd like to acknowledge their help and express a big "Thank You" to the Oregon City Optimist Club whose generous donation does so much to make this program a successful experience for the 600+ kids who participate. If you're not familiar with the Optimist Club, their reason for existence is "Service to Youth" and they are involved in a wide variety of activities and programs that make this community a better place for our young people. If you're looking for a way to give something back, think about joining the fine folks at the Optimist Club.

Special programs scheduled this month are:

June 17 - 1:00, Celeste Rose and the Oregon Fantasy Puppet Theater present "Green Hats and Dragon Eggs".

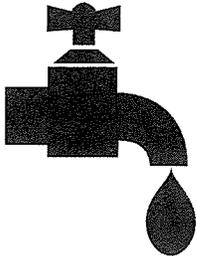
June 23 - 11:30, Craft program - prior sign-up necessary. Make a Crown and be king or queen for the day! Call for details.

June 24 - 1:00, Fables, fairy tales and participatory stories by that master storyteller, Will Hornyak.

From Your Oregon City Parks Division

Oregon City Parks Division is looking for citizens or businesses to join the "ADOPT A PARK" program. If you or your organization want to participate in the beautification of your City Parks, call today (503) 657-8299, after hours just leave a message on the voice mail.

We are your Water Division of Public Works



Our mission is "To provide and maintain Oregon City customers with safe, potable drinking water and to protect public health by closely monitoring and complying with all safe drinking water standards."

Oregon City Public Works and Clackamas Community College

We are participating with Clackamas Community College in their Work Experience Program. The Clackamas Community College students are enrolled and placed with the Oregon City Water Division in unpaid job positions to gain college credits and valuable work experience. We currently have two students with us on Thursdays and Fridays until their 120 hours curriculum is met.

Help Wanted (18 years old and older)

We are looking forward to hiring a few good workers for summer help soon. Look for the notices at City Hall or check the local newspaper!

Job Accomplishments

We have completed several jobs for the month of April. For instance: we responded to 24 customer service calls, 278 underground water locates for development, reviewed 43 documents, plans or pre-applications, repaired one 16" water main break, emptied and cleaned the open 1.5 MG reservoir, repaired 7 water service lines, 216 special meter reads and 79 new meter installations. We did a whole lot more in April according to the End of Month report.

Look for Change



Molalla Avenue is scheduled for re-paving and re-striping this summer, plans are to reconfigure to turn out lanes in order to streamline traffic flow and cut down on accidents.

Many Thanks

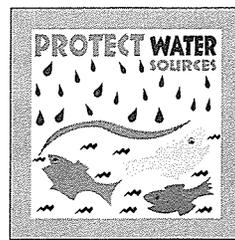
To all our customers for allowing us to serve you. And this month a special thank you to Mrs. Pearl Hunt for taking the time to call me and thank us for a job well done! And to the gentlemen who took the time to walk across 4th Street (1100 block) to tell the water staff that they were doing a very good job! Thank you very much!

From Your Oregon City Public Works

Oregon City Water Division is mandated by state regulation (Oregon Administrative Rule 333-061-0070) and by city ordinance (13.04.320) to control and eliminate any actual, or potential, cross connections to the public drinking water supply. The cross connection control program is an important component in our overall strategy to maintain the highest standards possible for drinking water delivered to all our customers.

A successful method of protecting the public water supply from pollution or

contamination caused by backflow conditions is the installation of backflow prevention assemblies.



The type of backflow device needed is dependent on the degree of hazard presented by the backflow water source. We follow guidelines established by the Oregon Health Division and American Water Works Association in determining the appropriate device for any given situation.

Residential customers are required to have backflow prevention devices on irrigation systems and on fire sprinkler systems. Service lines are required to have devices when there is a well on the premises, or when there are other systems on the customer's premises that could present a cross connection. Commercial customers are required to have backflow prevention devices at the service connection and may need additional devices dependent upon the water-using equipment found on the premises.

Many water customers are having irrigation systems installed. A double check valve assembly is the appropriate device for this application. A reduced pressure principle assembly would be required if there will be chemical additions to the irrigation water. Backflow prevention devices must be tested after installation, and annually thereafter, by a state certified backflow assembly tester.

We would gladly provide you with a list of state approved backflow devices as well as a listing of certified backflow testers. If you would like this information, or if you have any questions concerning our cross connection control program, please contact Gail Johnson at 657-8241 ext. 107.

Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA)

Contact: Larry Jacobson, Chairman at 657-3740

E-mail address: BHNA@AOL.COM

Canemah Neighborhood Association (CAN)

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Steering Committee Meeting

Location: City Hall

320 Warner Milne Road

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Howard Post, Chairman at 650-0976,

Or Nancy Chapman at 657-6522

Falls View Neighborhood Association (FVNA)

Contact: Lee Spurgeon, Chairman at 656-9758

Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association (GLNA)

Contact: Derrick Beneville, Chairman at 557-7535

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

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

General Membership Meeting

Location: Cornerstone Family Life Center
18955 South End Road

Previously Oregon City Drive Inn

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Contact: Dan Gossack, Chairman at 655-1961

Hillendale Neighborhood Association (HNA)

Contact: Debbie Watkins, Chairman at 655-3070

Web Site:

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/3055>

McLoughlin Neighborhood Association (MNA)

Thursday, June 3, 1999

Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Carnegie Center

606 John Adams Street

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Dirk Ellis, Co-Chairman at 557-4987,

Or Denyse McGriff, Co-Chairman at 656-3912

Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Group

Tuesday, June 1, 1999

General Membership Meeting

Location: Church of the Nazarene Gym

716 Taylor Street

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Contact: Nancy Harrington, Contact
Person at 723-0108,

Or Mary E. Palmer at 657-0891

Park Place Neighborhood Association (PPNA)

Monday, June 14, 1999

General Membership Meeting

Park Place Elementary School

16075 S. Front Avenue

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Contact: Julie Puderbaugh, Chairman at
661-5093

Rivercrest Neighborhood Association (RNA)

Thursday, June 24, 1999

General Membership Meeting

First Presbyterian Church, Fellowship

Room, 1321 Linn Avenue (at the corner of

Linn Avenue and Warner Milne Road)

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Contact: Diane McKnight, Chairman at
656-6435

South End Neighborhood Association (SENA)

Contact: Mary Smith, Chairman at 655-7946

Thayer Neighborhood Association (TNAA)

Thursday, June 17, 1999

Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Clackamas Community College

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Contact: Paul Trahan, Chairman at 557-9722

Tower Vista Neighborhood Association (TVNA)

Wednesday, June 3, 1999

General Membership Meeting

Location: John McLoughlin Elementary

School, 19230 South End Road

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Contact: David Adelhart, Chairman at 657-7708

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team

Friday, October 15, 1999

Location: Hilltop Fire Station #203

19340 S. Molalla

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Contact: Ken Dawson, O. C. Fire
Department at 657-1365

Chief's Advisory Committee (Police and Fire)

Tuesday, June 15, 1999 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Hilltop Fire Station #203

19340 Molalla Avenue

Contact: Mary E. Palmer at 657-0891

Citizen Involvement Committee Council (CICC)

Tuesday, June 8, 1999

Location: To Be Arranged

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Contact: Mary E. Palmer at 657-0891

For further information, call Mary E. Palmer, Community Involvement Coordinator, 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