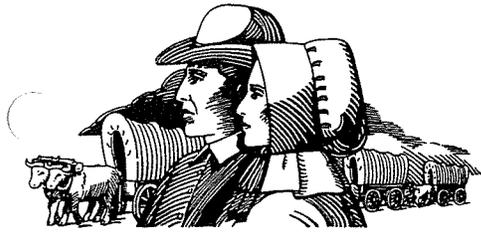


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Help Plan Oregon City's Newest Park!

Planning for Jessie Court Park located between Jessie Avenue and Leland Road continues with a review of the preliminary Master Plan on June 27th at 6:30 p.m., at the Pioneer Community Center. Please attend to review plans and comment on the design and facilities planned for the park.

Contact Dee Craig, Director, Oregon City Parks and Recreation, 503-657-0891, for more information.

Watering Your Lawn while Conserving



Summer watering can cause most water bills to jump! In fact, about 32% of your total yearly water bill goes to watering during the summer months. A large part of this may simply be the result of overwatering – something that can be controlled. With a few tips, anyone can be on the way to watering wisely.

How much should I water?

A good rule-of-thumb for grass is to water no more than 1 inch of water per week. When temperatures exceed 85 degrees, then increase watering to 1-½ inches of water per week. Generally, this amount of water is plenty to penetrate the soil 6 inches below the surface, establishing stronger roots to help the lawn weather the dry season.

• When to water

Heat and wind cause water to evaporate more quickly. By watering early in the morning, when the air is calm, evaporation is kept to a minimum, and results are the best. Watering in the evening is the next best.

• Distribution uniformity

Does your sprinkler system water evenly over a given area? The higher the distribution uniformity, the less time the sprinklers need to be on. Investing in a good sprinkler design can save time and water.

• Soil Type

Water percolates into the soil at different rates, depending on the consistency of the soil. If water puddles or runs off to another part of the landscape, the soil may have a high clay content. Loamy soils are more absorbent, and can therefore tolerate longer run times. Watering times must be the shortest with sandy soils – to prevent water from percolating down to a depth where it is no longer usable.

• Application Rate

Different sprinklers discharge water at different rates – make sure yours suits your soil. As a general rule, set your irrigation system for short periods of time, over several hours. This will allow water to penetrate more deeply into the soil instead of running off, and will promote deeper roots on plants, grasses, shrubs, and trees.

• Storage Capacity

How often should you water your plants depend on their storage capacity and root depth. For example, plants with deep roots need less frequent watering, and plants with shallow roots need more frequent watering.

• Evapotranspiration Rate

How soon your plants deplete their water supply can be affected by environmental conditions such as temperature, wind, relative humidity and shade. The perfect

sprinkler schedule would water when the plants' storage capacity is at 50% - - if your soil is prone to run-off, divide your watering times to several shorter run-times.

• Plant Groupings

Plants have varying water requirements; by grouping plants with similar needs together, your system can be scheduled to water the different "zones" at the appropriate times.

By adopting more sophisticated watering practices, it is possible to have lush landscapes while conserving water! For more questions on how to water right please contact Kimberly Swan, at South Fork Water Board's Conservation Program at 503-723-9692.



It's Summer Reading Time for Kids!

Ahhh! Once again summer is upon us and it's time for the library's Summer Reading Program. Along with just being a lot of fun and an interesting alternative to some of the other traditional summertime activities, the library's reading program is a great way for kids to maintain, and even improve, those hard won reading skills.

This summer's theme is "Read A Wild Tale" and kids ranging from toddlers through teens are invited to participate.

For the toddler through 5th grade program, children are asked to either read, or be read to, for at least 15 minutes a day and keep track of the books in reading logs. Each week they can bring the logs to the library to be stamped and receive a

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small incentive award. At the end of the summer, anyone who has completed the program can return for their reading certificate and other awards.

The older kids can earn coupons for various reading activities and be eligible for weekly prize drawings. All coupons will be entered into the final prize drawing to be awarded at the end of the summer.

Special weekly programs will be held every Thursday through mid-August at 1:00 p.m. in the children's area of the library. Each week, children who attend the program will be eligible to win a door prize.

Here's the June line-up:

- June 21 ~ "Rudy's Wild Readin' Round Up" -- comedy, magic and Ventriloquism kick off the summer series.
- June 28 ~ It's "Creature Feature" time with reptiles and other critters visiting the library.

Finally, on June 26 at 11:00 a.m. there will be a craft program for preschoolers (ages 3-5). The craft will be "Make a 4th of July Firecracker". Prior sign-up is required for this program.

Town Hall Meeting in June

Join your elected Officials-Senator Verne Duncan, Representative Carolyn Tomei and Representative Kathy Lowe-for an informal town hall meeting. The town hall will be held on June 23rd at the Pioneer Community Center, 615 5th Street, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. A wrap up of the Legislative session will be given, along with an opportunity to ask questions about issues important to you. If you have additional questions, call 503-986-1425.

Urban Renewal Agency Schedules Budget Committee Meetings

The Oregon City Urban Renewal Agency has scheduled the following public budget committee meetings to be held at City Hall, 320 Warner Milne Road: Monday, June 4, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2001 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information call Nancy Kraushaar, City Engineer at 503-657-0891.



Traffic Statistics for 2000

The Oregon City Police Department investigated 415 traffic accidents from January to December in 2000. Of these, 8.9% or 37 accidents were alcohol related. In addition, 32.8% or 136 accidents were injury cases and 190 people were injured.

We found that 59% of all accidents occurred during daylight hours, 47% occurred in clear weather and 65.5% occurred on dry pavement. We also learned that 25.1% or 104 accidents were hit and run cases.

The accident rate dropped 6.7% from the average rate for the last three years. The injury accident rate dropped 6.4% from the average for the last three years.

The Oregon City Police Department issued 7,859 traffic citations during 2000, a 24.1% increase from the average number for the last three years.

Drivers between the ages of 25 and 44 were responsible for 48.6% of all accidents.

The reason for these statistics is to point out that we all need to do our part and practice safe driving.

Oregon Lists English Ivy as Noxious Weed

English Ivy (*Hedera helix*) has been added to the Oregon noxious weed listing. English Ivy has damaging effects. It grows up the trunks of trees, out onto the branches and can completely engulf entire trees, preventing them from getting necessary sunlight. In addition, the added weight of the English Ivy causes large limbs to break

off. In covering the ground with its thick carpet, this ivy chokes out native plants and provides a breeding environment for rats and other rodents.

At this year's Oregon City Cleanup and Enhancement Event, volunteers at one of twelve sites cleared ivy from twenty trees. For more information on this troublesome noxious weed, call the Master Gardener Program between 9:00 a.m. - Noon at the Clackamas County Extension Office 503-655-8631.

Father's Day

Come and join us for lunch on June 15th at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate "Father's Day" at the Pioneer Senior Center.

Dine Outs for Lunch

- June 12th we are planning a dine out to the Rivershore Restaurant for lunch and a trip to the Oregon City Shopping Center to browse in some of the local shops.
- June 26th lunch out to Biscuits Restaurant in Oregon City and afterwards take in a Movie Matinee.

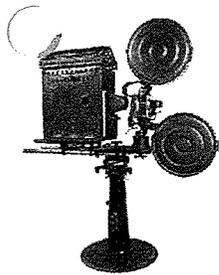
Check with the Pioneer Center June regarding a trip to another senior center for lunch!



Volunteer to Entertain

The Pioneer Senior Center is thinking about inviting everyone who can play an instrument, sing or dance to spend an hour or two entertaining seniors at the Pioneer Center. Come and share your talents with each other and have fun. We will serve refreshments. If you are interested, please call Julie Miguel at 503-657-8287.

Friday Morning Movies



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

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| June 1st ~ | "Men of Honor" |
| June 8th ~ | "Billy Elliot" |
| June 15th ~ | "Space Cowboys" |
| June 22nd ~ | "Finding Forester" |
| June 29th ~ | "102 Dalmatians" |

Meals on Wheels

We still need drivers for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday's for our meals on wheels program. If you'd like to reach out and touch someone, and have some spare time, please stop by and pick up a Volunteer Application to be a meals on wheels driver for the Pioneer Community Center. For more information contact Shirley at 503-657-8287.

Toast N Topics

Join us for breakfast to discuss issues that effect Oregon City.

Upcoming issues are:

- Amtrak –when, where & how.
- Making community projects successful –what are the barriers?
- The County move –what does it mean to you?

We meet the last Friday of every month from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Rivershore Hotel banquet room.

For more information please call the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce at 503-656-1619.

Cookbooks!

The Oregon City Employees have compiled a cookbook of some favorite recipes. Copies are available at City Hall and the Pioneer Community Center. The cost is \$7.75 per book.

Library Summer Schedule

From June through September the library is open six days a week as scheduled:

Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you need to information, direction or other services, call the library at 503-657-8269.

New "Mail" Services at the Library

You can now be notified by e-mail whenever a book or other item you have requested at the library is available for pick up. This method will replace the traditional telephone notification. You may request e-mail notification by either stopping in at the library or sending a message to oc-notices@lincc.lib.or.us and providing your name and library barcode number.

"Library by Mail" is a new service that allows you to have items that you have placed on reserve to be mailed directly to your home for a \$2 per item fee. You must select the option when placing the reserve. When finished with the materials, they can be returned via the mail or by dropping at any public library in the county. The fee for this service is charged to your account at the time the item is mailed and must be paid when either the item is returned or on your next visit to the library.

Storytimes Continue into Summer

Storytimes for pre-school and elementary age children resume on June 19 and run through the summer with the following schedule in effect:

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| <i>Preschool, ages 3-5</i> | <i>Tuesday's at 10:15 a.m.</i> |
| <i>Primary, ages 6-8</i> | <i>Wednesday's at 10:15 a.m.</i> |
| <i>Toddlers, age 2</i> | <i>Thursday's at 10:15 a.m.</i> |

Computer Resource Classes at the Library

Due to continuing requests, the library's classes on utilizing computers for obtaining information will be repeated in June. Space limitations require pre-registration by calling the library's reference department at 503-657-8269 ext. 3.

The following classes will be offered:

- "Introduction to the Internet and World Wide Web" on Thursday, June 7 at 1:00 p.m. Here are the basics.
- "Successful Strategies for Searching the Internet" on Thursday, June 14 at 1:00 p.m. This class will help you get the most while saving a lot of time.
- "Locating Library Materials with the Computer Catalog" on Thursday, June 21 at 1:00 p.m. The library's computer catalog is much more powerful than most realize – here's how to make it dance to your tune.

Book Discussion

Groups at the Library

Dashiell Hammett's "The Maltese Falcon" will be the subject of the Classics discussion group on Tuesday, June 5. For the July 3rd discussion, the subject will be "Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" by James Joyce.

The Mystery group will be discussing Sue Henry's "Sleeping Lady" on June 26. For their July 24th discussion the subject will be "Purple Cane Road" by James Lee Burke.

Both of these groups meet at 9:00 a.m., in the library. Newcomers are welcome and there is no charge.

Illegal Dumping has Consequences

The City has received and responded to complaints of illegal dumping around pump stations located within the city. Derek Free, Oregon City Code Enforcement Officer thanks everyone for helping to keep Oregon City beautiful and warns that illegal dumping is a Civil Infraction and substantial fines could be imposed. If you have any questions on the disposal of yard debris or solid waste, please contact the Oregon City Garbage Company at 503-656-8403, or to report illegal dumping call 503-234-3000.

Water Quality News

Spray attachments for your garden hose can be real time savers for applying fertilizers, herbicides, or even washing hard to reach windows. Spray attachments can also pose a threat to your health.

Water can flow backwards through the water supply system. This is called backflow or backsiphonage. If this occurs while the spray attachment is in place, whatever chemical being used will be pulled back into your water pipes, or even into the public drinking water system.

It is easy to prevent this from occurring. A type of backflow prevention device, such as an atmospheric vacuum breaker, can be installed on your home's hose bibs. These are inexpensive and readily available at hardware stores or home-improvement centers.

Always remove the spray attachment from the hose when your job is done. Never submerge the end of a hose in buckets, pools, tubs, or sinks. These simple steps will help keep your drinking water safe from accidental contamination.

Water quality questions or concerns? Contact Gail Johnson at 503-657-8241 extension 107 or gjohnson@ci.oregon-city.or.us.

Free Workshops on Water Conserving Landscapes

The Regional Water Providers Consortium of which South Fork Water Board is a member is teaming up with area nurseries to provide informative workshops to help incorporate water conserving methods into your gardening activities. Led by garden experts, workshops will focus on developing a healthier soil base, efficient and effective irrigation and grouping plants with like needs to maximize your landscape. Workshops are free and no registration is required. Times will be posted in the coming weeks so please check www.conserveh2o.org or call Kimberly Swan at 503-723-9692.

- June 23, 2001 – *Wilsonville Garden Center*, 27755 SW Parkway Avenue, Wilsonville, 503-682-9507
- July 21, 2001 – *Portland Nursery*, 5050 SE Stark, Portland 503-232-

0463.

- August 11, 2001 – *Farmington Gardens*, 21815 SW Farmington Road, Beaverton, 503-649-4568.
- September 15, 2001—*Tualatin River Nursery*, 65 Dollar Street, West Linn, 503-650-8511.

Thank You from Mountain View Cemetery

The Cemetery staff would like to thank AA Rental, Dave and Larry Stennick, for their generous contribution of their high lift. Steve Little from Mountain View was able to get three quarters of the flagpole painted with the help of AA Rental. Portland General Electric also provided a truck, which enabled staff to complete the painting project and attach the new cord to the pole.

Friends of Mountain View and Cemetery Staff would also like to thank the Oregon City Optimist Club and Oregon City High School Junior ROTC Program for volunteering their time at the Memorial Day Cleanup held May 10, 2001.

Thanks again for your generous contribution to Mountain View Cemetery.

South End Waterline Project Update

The South End waterline project, jointly funded by Oregon City and Clackamas River Water (CRW), installed a new 12-inch waterline from McLoughlin School to a new master meter at the Urban Growth Boundary, just past Impala Lane, in South End Road. CRW continued it down the hill to the end of their service area as well. The city section has all house services completed and all tie-ins are done. This project provides the South End area with additional water capacity/service due to new City subdivisions in the area and CRW's current lack of available water resources.

This project made quite a few connections/cross-ties to give the City and CRW more looping -- ensuring more backup supply in case of failure at any point in the South End area water system. Major cross-ties were made to Salmonberry and Parrish Roads, connecting this part of the

system with the Central Point 12-inch waterline. All of the other existing streets on this section of South End Road will also be connected to provide CRW with better pressure and flow for their customers outside the city limits. City cost for design and construction, not counting minor change orders, was \$225,245.00.

This is another great example of your water System Development Charges at work and the benefits of a close working relationship with CRW to benefit both parties. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Bob Cullison, Engineering Manager, at 503-657-0891.

Parks & Recreation Scholarship Policy

Oregon City Parks and Recreation's scholarship program is designed to provide fee assistance to families with modest incomes. The program is available for registered youth programs, such as summer day camps, field trips and swimming lessons. The percentage discount (up to 75%) is based on annual household income and family size.

To be eligible, families must live within the city limits of Oregon City. Please call Jim Row at 503-655-7898 to request an application or to receive more information.

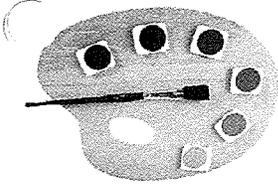
2001 Community Activity Guide

Information about Summer Day Camp, Art Classes, and Concerts in the Park can be found in the 2001 Community Activity Guide. If you haven't received your copy please contact Michelle at 503-722-9816.

Summer Parks Programs

Summer Parks Programs begin June 25th. Children between the ages of three and thirteen will have a great time as they join in the fun and interactive learning all summer long. Scheduling and registration information can be found in the Community Activity Guide. [Parent Watch for new programming and week schedule changes for this year's summer activities.](#)

Art Week



Join us June 18th through June 22nd at Carnegie Centers temporary location (lower level at Pioneer Community Center) for a week of fun and exploration for artists of all ages. Students may attend one or all classes. Seating is limited and advance registration is appreciated. Call 503-722-9816 for more information.

Concerts in the Park

Concerts in the Park will begin July 5th at Rivercrest Park, 131 Park Drive. Concert times are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Food service will start at 5:30 p.m. Bring your family and friends for an evening filled with great music and good food in a lovely park setting.

Call for Gardeners

We are looking for gardens in Oregon City that are visible from the street and are at their prime in June and July. This event is being planned in conjunction with the Smithsonian "American Garden Legacy" exhibits at the Museum of the Oregon Territories, June 16 – August 12, 2001. If you are interested in allowing your garden to be part of this event please contact Carnegie Center at 503-557-9199.

Ermatinger House

We welcome visitors during our new summer hours Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. For additional hours and tea times please call the Ermatinger at 503-650-1851.

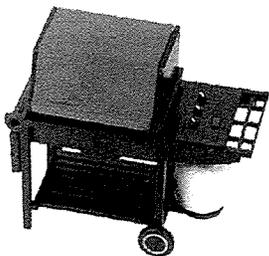
Kids Craft Club

Kids Craft Club *will not be* in session during the summer between the months of June and August. Craft Club will resume the second week of September.

Fire Safe Attitudes Make Happy Summer Memories

Each year, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue responds to a multitude of preventable fires and injuries that put a damper on summertime fun. Following these safety tips and adopting a fire safe attitude will ensure that your outdoor activities are remembered for the enjoyment, not the tragedy.

Fire up the grill – not the patio!



Burnt hot dogs happen - but a fire or an injury is a sure way to ruin the family barbecue party. Always be sure to double check propane tank fittings from the bottle to the barbecue to ensure proper seal and fit. Keep watch over the barbecue at all times and have a hose or bucket of water nearby. Discard smoldering briquettes in a metal can (not a paper bag or plastic bucket) far way from combustibles, like your siding or decking.

To prevent serious burns, use charcoal lighter sparingly and do not squirt "just a little more" once the fire is lit – even if it is just smoking. The fire can shoot back up along the stream and explode the container in your face and hands. Also, use long-handled utensils intended for barbecuing and keep clothing, towels and hot-pads far from the flames.

When children are present, keep them far away and keep matches, lighters, and lighter fluid out of their reach.

Put it out – please don't throw it out!

Like clockwork, the onset of the drier months brings a sharp increase in barkdust and brush fires ignited by improperly discarded smoking materials, such as ciga-

rette butts. In fact, the Fire District responds to about three or four fires each day during the summer for just this reason. To prevent a fire that may spread from the roadside flowerbed to a fence or nearby home, please extinguish and discard matches and cigarettes in an appropriate metal container or ashtray.

Wildfire – don't let one start in your backyard!

Experts are predicting a very dry summer season and a heightened risk of wildfire. Within minutes, sometimes seconds, firefighters must decide the safest place to take a stand against the rapid spread of a wildfire as well as where they can afford to expend precious time, resources, and water. Firefighters may not be able protect a home with untreated wood shakes on the roof or overgrown brush and hanging tree limbs which act as fuel and block access for the fire engines. However, a home with a cleared defensible perimeter, non-combustible roofing, and a driveway wide enough for fire engine access can act as a firebreak. Valuable information on how you can prevent a wildfire from starting in or spreading to your yard is available from your local fire station.

Independence Day – celebrate with caution to be free from danger!

Even legal fireworks are dangerous and have caused horrific injuries and burns to the bodies of victims, especially to unsupervised children. Sparklers, mistakenly believed to be safer than most fireworks, can burn at temperatures far exceeding 1000 degrees.

Only adults should light or handle fireworks and children should be supervised at all times during these activities. Fireworks, matches and lighters should be stored out of the reach or sight of children. Better yet, celebrate by attending a fantastic professional fireworks display and eliminate the risk altogether.

Contact TVF&R's East Division office at 503-657-1365 for more summer safety and wildfire prevention tips. The firefighters and staff at TVF&R look forward to helping you make happy and safe summer memories!

Neighborhood Calendar

Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA)

Contact: Larry Jacobson, Chairman at 503-657-3740 or visit the BHNA E-mail address at BHNA@AOL.COM

Canemah Neighborhood Association (CAN)

Contact: Howard Post, Chairman at 503-650-0976

Caufield Association of Neighbors (CAN) Group

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, June 28, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Clackamas Community College, Room 127
19600 S. Molalla Avenue

Contact: Barbara McCain, Co-Chairman at 503-632-8288, or Robert Pouria, Co-Chairman at 503-655-5836

Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association (GLNA)

Contact: Derrick Beneville, Chairman at 503-557-7535 or visit GLNA at www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/glna

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

Contact: Bill Vickers, Chairman at 503-655-3762

Hillendale Neighborhood Association (HNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, June 7, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria
1678 Beaver Creek Road
Contact: Debbie Watkins, Chairman at 503-655-3070

McLoughlin Neighborhood Association (MNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, June 7, 2001
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: TVF&R Main Fire Station # 54, Meeting Room, 624 Seventh Street

Contact: Tim Powell, Co-Chairman at 503-650-2466 or Rick Winterhalter, Co-Chairman at 503-650-7550

Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Group

Contact: Andy Busch, Contact Person at 503-723-0108

Park Place Neighborhood Association (PPNA)

General Membership Meeting
Date: Monday, June 18, 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)

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, June 28, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church
1321 Linn Avenue
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)

Monthly meeting(s)
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2001
Time: 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Location: TVF&R Main Fire Station #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 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