

# CITY OF OREGON CITY Trail News

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## You're Invited!

### Please Come to a Community Open House

**When:** May 10, 1999 – Open House from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Pioneer Community Center (615 Fifth Street)

Oregon City's Community Development Department invites everyone to participate in a community open house to share ideas and concerns about two important public issues in Oregon City. Please drop by to share your views at any time from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on May 10th.



#### Issue #1. Transportation Planning

Find out the latest on Oregon City's transportation planning. Two studies are underway in Oregon City: the Transportation System Plan and the Highway 213 Corridor Study. City staff and consultants have identified the technical problems in terms of traffic volumes and level of service as well as many solutions to the problems. Now we are looking to the community to help prioritize solutions and share what kind of transportation improvements they want to see in the City. Tell us what you think.

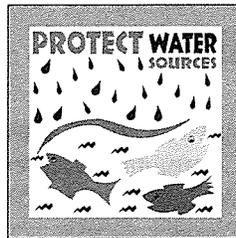
#### What are key transportation questions for public comment?

- What are the problems we've missed?
- Do you have recommendations for the solutions?
- What problems do you want to see fixed?
- Which problems do you feel are most important? How do we prioritize construction of improvements?
- What kind of funding do you support to solve Oregon City's traffic problems?

#### Issue #2. Protecting Streams, Floodplains and Wetlands

Find out about proposed revisions to our municipal code that will protect water resources (streams, floodplains and wetlands) when development or new construction occurs. These code revisions will bring Oregon City into compliance with Title 3 of Metro's Urban Growth Management Functional Plan. The City is mapping floodplains, streams and wetlands so we know where water resources need to be protected. In addition, the City has updated the Wetlands Inventory to help document where known wetlands exist.

Protection areas around streams and wetlands will generally range from 50 to 200 feet along each side. *Tell us what you think.*



#### What are key questions for public comment?

- Are the proposed protection requirements adequate?
- Are there streams, wetlands and floodplains that we've missed on our maps?
- Are there other ways to protect our water resources in Oregon City?
- Where have you seen fish in Oregon City?
- Are there other natural resources that you want to see protected?
- Do you want to see some kind of flood protection for existing development in downtown Oregon City?

**Please tell us what you think! See you on May 10th at the Community Center!**

## Oregon City Looking for a Few Good Citizens

The Transportation Advisory Committee has several openings for three-year terms. This seven to nine member committee reviews transportation issues that confront Oregon City. We are currently working on the Transportation System Plan and the Highway 213 Corridor Study. Future issues will include traffic calming, prioritizing sidewalk construction and evaluating funding sources for transportation projects in Oregon City. Citizens who are interested or knowledgeable in the City's transportation system, whether it be streets, bike-ways, pedestrian routes, freight or the trolley or bus, are encouraged to apply. Applications may be obtained at City Hall. For more information, call Nancy Kraushaar or Jay Toll, Senior Engineers, at 657-0891.

## Reduce Traffic Violations

The Oregon City Police Department has distributed 115 "this is our neighborhood" slow down yard signs to Oregon City Schools and Neighborhood Associations.

On March 25, 1999, thirteen Officers from five different Police agencies assisted the Oregon City Police Department by conducting an intense traffic enforcement effort in Oregon City.

Participating Police agencies included: the Oregon State Police, the Lake Oswego Police Department, the Molalla Police Department, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, the West Linn Police Department and of course the Oregon City Police Department.

The areas targeted for this traffic enforcement included Highway 99E, Highway 213 (the bypass) and several City residential streets that carry a high volume of traffic.

During the four-hour enforcement effort, members of this multi-agency team issued 89 traffic citations, 26 warnings and towed one vehicle for a traffic-related offense.

This traffic enforcement effort is an on-going multi-agency cooperative commitment to reduce those traffic violations that cause accidents.



## Spring Swimming Lessons

Spring Swimming Lessons are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings or Saturday. Lessons are taught using the American Red Cross "Learn to Swim" program. Registration may be done in person or over the telephone. Call the Oregon City Pool at 657-8273 for more information.

## Volunteers Needed

Reception Volunteers are needed at the Oregon City Pool. Work a 4-hour shift once a week (morning, afternoon or evening), and earn a free pool membership. Call Maureen at 657-8273 for more information.

## Lifeguard Training Class – Employment Opportunity

Interested in becoming a lifeguard? We will be holding an American Red Cross Lifeguard training and CPR class May 19, 20, 22 and 23. The \$100.00 fee covers books, certifications and all instructional time. Please call Maureen or Jim at 657-8273 for more information or to register. Certified lifeguards are eligible to work at the Oregon City Swimming Pool.

## Teen Swim

The Oregon City Pool is hosting "Teen Swim" every Friday evening from 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. for 6th – 8th grade students. Please join us for a lot of fun swimming and listening to music. The \$2.00 fee includes admission to the 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Recreational Swim, as well.



## Join Our Rhythm Band

Ida Colby is the leader of this spirited new band at the Pioneer Community Center. Rehearsal starts Wednesday, May 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Center. Come and join our group! Donations of rhythm instruments are welcome. For details call 657-8287.

## District #15 Flower Show Presents: "Circus Circus"

Seniors are welcome to submit horticulture designs to this yearly event. The whole community is invited to attend in this springtime extravaganza on Saturday, May 15th from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.; the suggested donation is \$1.25. For more information on making an entry or attending this event, call 657-8287.

## Historic Preservation Week Festivities Scheduled for May 15th

The City's Historic Review Board will host a special program in celebration of this year's Historic Preservation Week, May 9-15th, and everyone is invited to attend! The festivities will take place on Saturday, May 15th at the Carnegie Center, 606 John Adams Street, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

During the program, Mayor John F. Williams, Jr. will give a presentation and recognize Oregon City residents who have made significant contributions to historic preservation through their restoration efforts. Other presenters include Cathie Galbraith, Executive Director of the Bosco-Milligan Foundation, who will speak on "Preservation Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" and historic preservation consultant Jane Morrison, who will discuss architectural trends in, "What Style Is It?" Toby Deming, a specialist in historic restoration work, will give a slide presentation on "Troubleshooting and Maintaining Your Old House" and will be available to answer homeowners' questions.

We have also set aside some time to view old photographs and other memorabilia associated with historic Oregon City, so if you have some items you'd like to share with others, please feel free to bring them with you! For more information, please contact Steve Poysse at 656-7527, Paul Espe at 657-0891 or Claire Met at 657-5043.

## What's Your Sign

Come join the Sign code committee on Thursday, May 13, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall (320 Warner Milne Road). The Committee is revising the sign code to make it more user-friendly and to promote signs that are aesthetically pleasing, as well as informative.

Refreshments will be provided at the meeting. Everybody is welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call Tom Bouillion at 657-0891, ext. 182.

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Preliminary Date**</u> | <u>Event*</u>   |
|--------------|---------------------------|---|
| May          | May 3                     | Planning Commission Work Session- Plan Policies                       |
|              | May 24                    | Planning Commission Work Session- Zoning Code Urban Design Guidelines |
| June         | June 7                    | Planning Commission Work Session- Plan And Zone Maps                  |
|              | June 21                   | Steering Committee/Public Workshop-Draft Project Report               |

For more information and confirmation of upcoming meetings, please contact Sidaro Sin at the Oregon City Community Development Department, 657-0891 ext. 164.

\*The Steering Committee and Public are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in all scheduled meetings.

\*\*Confirmation of meeting date, time and location will be mailed.

## Library Furby Looking for a New Home



The library's remaining Furby will be going to some lucky child's home after the drawing on May 31st. Children age 12 and under who check out five or more books will receive a coupon that can be entered in the drawing for this cute little...creature. No limit to the number of times each child can enter. Furby is new, in the box and on display in the Children's department.

## Children's Programs

Story times for pre-schoolers continue through May 20th on the following schedule:

*For kids age 3-5*

*Tuesdays at 11:00, repeated on Wednesdays at 11:00*

*For 2 year-olds*

*Thursdays at 11:00*

A special craft program (making a blooming flower wreath) is scheduled for May 11th. With space limited, prior sign-up is necessary for our craft programs.

Feeding and providing shelter for birds is the subject of a special program for children on May 19th at 4:00 p.m. Our guest will be Nancy from the Wild's Bird Nest.

## Library's Movie Collection Growing

With the recent addition of over 100 "not quite classics" and foreign titles there are nearly 600 movies on videotape available at no charge for a 3-day loan at the library. In the past, development of the library's video movie collection has emphasized classics such as those included in the list of the "100 Best" films published by the American Film Society. Now we're getting down to those wonderful near-classics such as Groundhog Day, High Sierra, Crumb, Don't Look Back, King of Hearts, The Birds, Bananas and The Stepford Wives. For a selection that's just a bit different from the usual fare, consider your library.



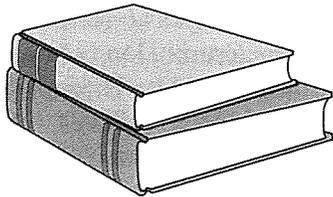
## Student Workers Ease Access for Library Users

Getting all those books, CD's, tapes and other materials back to the right place on the shelves where others can use them is a huge task that takes a knowledgeable and hard-working work force. Students do most of the re-shelving work and the library has been fortunate again this year in having outstanding student employees. And, as has become the norm, their work ethic is reflected by strong academic performance. So, before school is out and some have gone on to other things we'd like to give them some well-deserved recognition and say a very special "Thank You" to: Michelle Brown, Jennifer Jensen, Olga Kalashnikov and Sarah McCarthy.

## Library Sunday Hours End in May

The library's operating hours change to the summer schedule on May 24th with a Monday-Saturday schedule. Hopefully Sunday operating hours will resume in October (at the time this was written the library's operating budget for FY 99-00 has not been set). The library's hours are:

Monday-Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Sundays (through May 23) 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Library Telephone: 657-8269



## Book Discussion Groups

The classics group meets on May 4th at 9:00 a.m. to discuss John Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*. The mystery group will meet on Tuesday, May 25th to discuss Candace Robb's *The Nun's Tale*. These groups meet at the library and new members are welcomed.

## Local Author to Discuss His Work

Mystery writer Vince Kohler (who also reports for *The Oregonian* newspaper) will discuss his works at the library on May 20th. This presentation is part of the library's "Third Thursday" series of author visits and takes place in the library's main concourse. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free to the public.

## Library Recognizes Volunteers

Among the many activities they're involved in, they repair damaged books and tapes, they deliver library materials to the homebound, they type labels and help with database maintenance and many work in the Friends bookstore. They're the library volunteers and without them it would truly be a bare bones operation. On April 30th the library staff held an appreciation brunch to recognize the fifty-

plus people who contributed nearly 2,000 hours to benefit and improve the library this past year. A very public "Thank You" to all our volunteers with special recognition to the eight people who contributed over 100 hours of their time: Janie Burns, Eunice Christopherson, Lyn Gilleran, Jeannine Johnson, Ann Landholm, Pam Lewis, Lois Miles and Joanne Miller.

## Safety Message

To protect your family, and your investment, home fire sprinklers are a smart choice!

### How Home Fire Sprinklers Operate

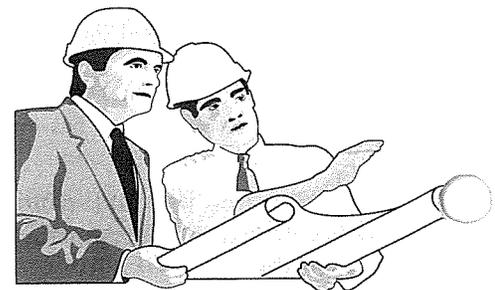
The key to effective fire protection is to identify and control the fire early, before it can create deadly heat and large volumes of carbon monoxide and smoke.

- Each sprinkler has a temperature-sensitive element. When heated by fire, the sprinkler closest to the fire will open automatically, spraying water directly on the burning materials. Sprinklers are linked by a network of pipes, which, just like regular plumbing, are usually hidden behind ceilings or walls.
- A sprinkler system ensures an early and direct response to a fire. Depending on the intensity of the fire, a home fire sprinkler will activate in as little as one minute, or less. And in sprinklered residences, 90% of fires are contained by the operation of just one sprinkler.
- Sprinklers also help minimize the production of deadly carbon monoxide gas, the primary cause of fire deaths.
- Because the fast-acting sprinkler operates when the fire is small, it uses much less water than fire department hoses. Home fire sprinklers are designed to control the fire until the fire department can respond.
- In a home without sprinklers, the fire department often arrives after the fire has reached dangerous levels. The fire department would have to apply a number of hose streams at 200 gallons per minute for each hose. Contrast that with a home fire sprinkler system flow rate of 10 to 15

gallons per minute.

- The estimated amount of water use by the fire department to extinguish a fire in an unsprinklered residence averages 3,290 gallons compared to only 150 gallons to control the average fire in a sprinklered home. The difference in water damage, not to mention fire damage, is obvious.
- Q. How can I be assured the fire sprinkler system in my house will work?
- A. Your fire sprinkler system must meet specified standards and pass required tests and inspections before your home will be approved for a certificate of occupancy.

Look for our upcoming article on "How to Select a Home Fire Sprinkler System". Call the Oregon City Fire Department (657-1365) for more information.



## Open House Invitation

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board invites you to an open house to discuss the Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommendations for the next five years. Join them **May 12th** at 7:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Community Center, 615 5th Street to review the recommendations for Oregon City and comment on them. Your input is greatly desired to produce a master plan, which will reflect the desires of all citizens. Call 557-9199 for information.

Look for the summer Parks and Recreation brochure to be released in May. The brochure will be available at all city facilities and includes a multitude of activities for you to participate in. Call 557-9199 for information.

The 1999 Concert in the Park series will begin Thursday, June 24th at 7:00 p.m. Look forward to a summer of great entertainment.

## Thank You!



help with the Easter Egg Hunt at Rivercrest Park. The hunt would not have been a success without them.

## Teddy Bear Parade

Everybody loves a parade! It's Teddy Bear time again. The 2nd Annual Oregon City Teddy Bear Parade will take place on Saturday, May 22, 1999 on Main Street. The parade will run on 8th and Main continuing to Clackamette Park. Everyone is invited to join in on the fun.



The entry fee for individuals is one new teddy bear or stuffed animal per person. For businesses or groups who wish to have a float in the parade, the fee is \$20.00 and a new teddy bear from each of the float's participants. Animals are welcome as entrants this year!

All teddy bears and stuffed animals collected will be given to the Oregon City Emergency Services: Police Department, Fire Department, Willamette Falls Emergency, Clackamas County Women's Shelter and other services that provide comfort to our youngsters who are in "scary" situations.

Come join in the fun and help our city in supporting our children. For more information, contact Rena Adamek at 656-4305. Applications are available at City Hall, the Oregon City Library, Carnegie Center, Oregon City Chamber of Commerce, or visit our world wide web site at: [www.prime-time-services.com/teddybearparade.htm](http://www.prime-time-services.com/teddybearparade.htm).

Please bring your family to watch this great event. Last year we collected over 1,200 teddy bears and stuffed animals. Let's double that this year!

This event is co-sponsored by the following: Oregon City Chamber of Commerce, Clackamas Federal Credit Union, Oregon City/West Linn Rotary, Bank of the West, Oregon City Optimists International, McLoughlin Place Senior Living, Willamette Falls Foundation.

If you would like to donate your time or dollars, it's not too late. Give us a call!

## Carnegie Center

The month of May features the regional art show "ART ABOUT AGRICULTURE." View this traveling show at the Carnegie Center May 4th through the 30th. Paintings, photographs, sculptures and fiber works are among the mediums included in the 1999 show sponsored by Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences. The public may view the exhibit at the Carnegie Center Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This is the 17th year of the fine arts program sponsored by the College of Agricultural Sciences at OSU and supported by gifts to the E.R. Jackman Foundation. Many works in the show are for sale. Call 557-9199 for information.

Join **First Friday** on May 7th at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of music and literature. The espresso bar is open to enjoy coffee and snacks while surrounded by the soothing piano sounds of Kate Needham, and the writings of the featured reader.

Bring the kids to the Carnegie Center on May 15th for a morning of entertainment in the children's center. **Mr. Bob's Music Party** begins at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Bob will organize a musical performance by all children involved with his wide array of musical instruments. Free to the public. Mark your calendars.

Join artist Beth Miles on May 22nd for her **Colored Pencil Workshop**. The workshop is designed for the entire family. Participants will be introduced to colored pencil drawing featuring layering and color mixing. Supported by a grant through the Regional Arts and Culture Council, the class is available for the low price of \$20.00 per family. Call 557-9199 for class registration. Pre-registration is required. Look for ARTWEEK to arrive the third week of June.

**Saturday Night Java** continues in May. Join local musician's Saturday evenings from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. for an evening of music and coffee. Call 557-9199 for performers.

The Carnegie Center will be closed on May 31st to celebrate Memorial Day.

**Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA)**

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

**Canemah Neighborhood Association (CNA)**

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)**

Thursday, May 20, 1999  
General Membership Meeting  
Location: Gaffney Lane Elementary School  
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
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)**

Tuesday, May 4, 1999  
General Membership Meeting  
Location: Hilltop Fire Station  
19340 S. Molalla  
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 8, 1999  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Location: Hilltop Fire Station  
19340 S. Molalla

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Debbie Watkins, Chairman at 655-3070  
Web Site:  
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/3055>

**McLoughlin Neighborhood Association (MNA)**

Thursday, May 6, 1999  
General Membership Meeting  
Location: Pioneer Community Center  
615 Fifth Street

Time: 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
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**

Monday, May 3, 1999  
Neighborhood Formation Meeting  
Location: City Hall  
320 Warner Milne Road  
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 1, 1999  
General Membership Meeting  
Location: Church of the Nazarene Gym  
716 Taylor Street  
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Nancy Harrington, Contact Person at 723-0108  
Or Mary E. Palmer at 657-0891

**Park Place Neighborhood Association (PPNA)**

Monday, May 10, 1999  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Location: Shari's Restaurant  
1926 McLoughlin Blvd.  
Oregon City Shopping Center  
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
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, May 20, 1999  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Location: City Hall  
320 Warner Milne Road  
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Diane McKnight, Chairman at 656-6435  
**South End Neighborhood Association (SENA)**

Thursday, May 20, 1999  
General Membership Meeting  
Location: King Elementary School  
995 South End Road  
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Mary Smith, Chairman at 655-7946

**Thayer Neighborhood Association (TNA)**

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, May 12, 1999  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Location: 19345 Tower Crest Drive  
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  
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, May 18, 1999  
Contact: Mary E. Palmer at 657-0891

**Citizen Involvement Committee Council (CICC)**

Tuesday, May 11, 1999  
Location: Clackamas Community College  
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Mary E. Palmer at 657-0891

**Down by the Riverside River Enhancement, Cleanup and Appreciation Day**

Saturday, May 22, 1999  
Location: Clackamette Park  
By the Oregon City Shopping Center  
McDonald's Restaurant  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Contact: Public Works at 657-8241

**For further information, call Mary E. Palmer, Community Involvement Coordinator at 657-0891.**

**CITY PHONE NUMBERS**

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| 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 | 2nd Wednesday       | 6:30 pm  |