

CITY OF OREGON CITY Trail News

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Scuttlebutt from the Mayor

Follow my directions...if you can. Proceed south on Molalla/213, heading for Carus and Molalla. Just after leaving Clackamas Community College on your left, you cross under the Bonneville Power lines. Now look to your right and you'll see the last remaining pond or lake of any consequence in Oregon City. It's part of the Beaver Creek drainage system.

I think it should have a name, and I suggest "Tooze Pond" after Harold Tooze, who, for years and years, made a home for hundreds of birds and other wild and stray animals. Harold was, I'm told by his grandson Dan, one who had a deep and lasting interest in "environment" before most of us used the word in a sense of conservation.

Harold Tooze planted trees. Lots of trees everywhere, in and around Oregon City, with many of them on the CCC campus. There is only one small reminder of his life...a bench with his name on it in Chapin Park. I think naming the "pond" for him is very appropriate.

Now his grandson Dan is carrying on the good fight, trying to protect some endangered trout in the pond, and making nesting places on the water, a safe place for geese, away from dumb kids who like to go by and smash eggs of nesting birds.

"Tooze Pond" deserves a better break than it's now getting from ODOT and development up stream causing the idyllic waterway to silt up. Maybe having a name will keep it in our consciousness.

Mayor John F. Williams, Jr.

New Look for the Trail News

The Trail News has undergone a few changes to reduce printing and distribution costs. To accomplish this, a survey of other cities was conducted and other formats considered. The most significant change is the type of paper used for print. Special thanks to the Newsletter Development Team including Michele Beneville and Colin Michaud, of Columbia Design, for their ongoing contribution to continually enhance and improve the Trail News, while containing costs. If you have any comments or suggestions about the Trail News please e-mail them to trailnews@orc.org or send to Mary Palmer, Public Affairs Manager, City Hall, 320 Warner Milne Road. The City values your input.

Oregon City Police Local Option Levy

Measure 3-57, on the May 21st primary ballot, is a local option levy for additional police officers for the Oregon City Police Department. This election is vote-by-mail, and this measure may be passed only at an election with at least 50 percent voter turnout.

This local option levy addresses staffing and safety issues in the Oregon City Police Department and provides the department with additional police officers and resources to maintain public safety services in our community.

The number of police officers in our city has not kept pace with our population growth. For example, in 1980 Oregon City had 27 police officers for a population of approximately 14,000. Today the police department has 32 police officers for a

population of approximately 27,000, only 5 more officers than 22 years ago. This levy request will add an estimated 21 police officers over the next 5 years.

Currently the police department has 1.2 officers per thousand population. These additional officers will increase our police officer ratio to 1.5 officers per thousand, still below the State average of 1.6.

The Oregon City Police Department responds to approximately 15,000 emergency 911 calls each year. With current staffing, our police response to some 911 calls is delayed, as there are an insufficient number of officers available to handle the calls in a timely manner. The additional officers provided by this request would address this problem.

This levy would also address other public safety issues in our community. Oregon City has a crime rate significantly higher than our neighboring cities. The lack of police officers means that many crimes cannot be fully investigated and the criminals responsible for these crimes may not be identified and arrested. This includes many serious felony crimes such as home burglaries, felony theft, the manufacture and sale of dangerous drugs like methamphetamine, and the growing problem of identity theft. This request will provide police officers to investigate these and other crimes.

- More crimes solved and criminals arrested, addressing our community's high crime rate.
- Increased neighborhood patrols and neighborhood traffic enforcement. ~ Ongoing citizen surveys consistently list this as a priority. Historically our community's fatal and injury traffic accident rate ranks as one of the worst in the state for cities over 10,000 population. Additional officers will help address this dangerous situation.

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- Quicker response time to emergency 911 calls.
- Proactive investigation of neighborhood drug houses, drug manufacturing and sales.
- A police department with the ability to fully investigate all levels of crime, including felony property crimes such as burglary, theft, and identity theft.
- Maintain the School Resource Officer Program in our schools. ~ The department currently has a police officer assigned to the Jackson Campus of Oregon City High School and another officer assigned to the Moss Campus and Gardiner Middle School. Approval of the local option levy will allow us to continue this program, helping to ensure the safety of our schools and positive involvement with our youth.
- Approval of this local option levy will provide for the law enforcement needs of the community and safety of our officers for the next five years.

This information furnished by Chief Gordon Huiras of the Oregon City Police Department.



World Music Series Winds Down

On May 2nd the library hosts the lively sounds of "Mariachi Viva Mexico", a six-member band from Mexico. Bring the family and enjoy the sounds of trumpets, violins, guitars, guitaron and vihuelas from this well-known Mariachi band. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

This is the last performance of the World Music Series which began in January. The series was funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts that was distributed through the

Regional Arts and Culture Council. It also received partial funding from the Friends of Oregon City Library. We hope you enjoyed the series!

Hershey Track Meet

Hershey's Track and Field Youth Program is designed to encourage physical fitness among youth ages 9 to 12 and emphasize participation and sportsmanship. This year's meet will be held on May 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Oregon City High School track. Field registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. This is a free event. Call 503-722-9816 for more information.

Garage Sale Saturday

Both Caufield Association of Neighbors and Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association are sponsoring neighborhood garage sales on Saturday, May 18th. Sales will be held at homes throughout each neighborhood beginning at 9:00 a.m. Watch *The Oregonian* ads for specifics. Each sale within the neighborhoods will have a garage sale map to hand out to shoppers.

Cemetery Clean-Up

If you would like to assist in cleaning up the Pioneer Section of Mountain View Cemetery for Memorial Day, please come to the Cemetery on Thursday, May 9th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information contact the Cemetery at 503-657-8299.

Metro's Compost Bin Sale

Remember, Saturday, May 11th and Sunday, May 12th are the only days in 2002 to purchase a Compost Bin at Metro's special price of \$25. At the Milwaukie location Clackamas County will host a *free* Conservation Fair with demonstration worm bins, Metro's Recycled Paint display, composting and natural gardening tips, water saving ideas, and more. The Compost Bin Sale helps to promote home composting and is sponsored by Metro and local governments, including Oregon City and Clackamas County. Buy your bin:

- Saturday, May 11th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Warn Industries, 13270 SE Pheasant Court, Milwaukie (Off Hwy 224 between Kmart & Webster Road)
- Sunday, May 12th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. One location only: Portland Community College Sylvania Campus, 12000 SW 49th Avenue, Portland

Other sale locations on May 11th are in Gresham, Gateway, Tigard, Hillsboro, and North Portland. Call Metro at 503-234-3000 for directions.



Teddy Bear Parade

The 5th annual Teddy Bear Parade will be held Saturday, May 18th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The parade begins at 10th & Main Street, in downtown Oregon City. The parade follows Main Street to Clackamette Park and becomes part of the Pioneer Family Festival.

The Teddy Bear Parade welcomes everyone in the community to participate. All stuffed animals collected will be given to Emergency Services in Oregon City, as well as the rest of Clackamas County. These will then be distributed throughout the year to children in frightening situations where a small comfort such as a stuffed animal will make a world of difference.

If you are unable to participate in the parade, come down to watch the parade & win! Generous sponsors have donated great prizes! Everyone along the parade route will receive an entry ticket. Lucky numbers will be drawn immediately following the parade at the Center Stage of the Pioneer Family Festival. You must be present to win!

Help Us Help Our Children!

Pioneer Family Festival

The Oregon City Optimist Club will be hosting the 3rd annual Pioneer Family Festival May 17th, 18th & 19th at Clackamette Park. The event will include a carnival by "Funtastic", craft and food vendors, a community information tent and entertainment. There will also be police car and fire engine rides along with River of Life cruises with Jerry Hermann of the Earth Crusaders. Parking and admission are FREE! Hours of operation are Friday 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The motto for the Optimist Club is "A Friend of Youth" and proceeds go to the youth in our community. Sponsors include B&B Leasing; Cascade Phillips; Clackamas River Water; General Distributors and O.C. Golf Club.

Booths will be available for community and service groups at no charge. If you are interested in having a vendor booth at the Festival, please contact Roger at 503-656-4358. For additional festival information, call Rocky Smith, Jr., at 506-655-8174.

Memorial Day Service

Mountain View Cemetery will be holding their annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m. Please call 503-657-8299 if you require more information.

Senior Health Fair



The Pioneer Adult Community Center would like to invite you to their 3rd annual Health Fair on Wednesday, May 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will have a variety of information on nutrition, health screening, Medicare, safety, diabetes, alternative living options, health insurance, transportation options and more.

The Health Fair is aimed at improving the health of seniors through prevention and early detection of medical problems. Living your life to the fullest depends on preventative health care. We hope you will come to find out what is available. Call the center at 503-657-8287 for additional information. Some of the great presentations include:

- Natural Treatments for Osteoarthritis ~ Dr. Joanne Gordon, N.D., P.T., will give a brief review at 10:00 a.m. about nutritional supplements and diet for improving joint health and reducing the discomfort of osteoarthritis.
- Elevated Cholesterol? ~ Learn how to maintain healthy cholesterol levels with diet, exercise, nutrition, supplements and herbs at 10:30 a.m. with Dr. Gary Dreger, N.D., L.Ac.
- Introduction to Qigong ~ Come at 11:30 a.m. and learn a sequence of gentle movements combined with visualization. Qigong focuses on moving energy within the body. Practicing Qigong balances all systems of the mind, body and spirit.
- Introduction to CPR ~ Jim Row, the City of Oregon City Aquatic Manager will introduce you to basic CPR at 1:00 p.m. Learn what to do if someone's heart stops beating or if they stop breathing. We will also cover first aid for choking. No certification cards will be issued for this introductory class. Come and practice your skills on sanitary CPR manikins or just watch the demonstration if you prefer.

Water Quality News

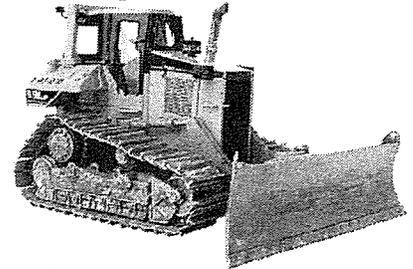
It's time again to deliver our annual drinking water quality report to all Oregon City water customers. Testing results for the calendar year 2001 have been compiled and will be included in the report, along with other important information about our drinking water source and distribution system. This is an opportunity for water consumers to know more about their drinking water and gain a greater appreciation for

this valuable resource.

This year's report will be mailed to you at the end of May or in early June. We hope you will find the information useful and easy to understand. Please contact Gail Johnson, at 503-657-8241 extension 107, or gjohnson@ci.oregon-city.or.us, if you have any drinking water quality questions or concerns.

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.



Molalla Avenue Road Improvement

Major construction will begin in April on Molalla Avenue, between Pearl Street and Barclay Hills Drive, and be complete in the fall. Your Public Works staff and the design team are very concerned about construction impacts, including access to the businesses in the project area, delays to you, and safety of all involved. We developed the construction phasing plan, described below, which is intended to minimize these impacts while allowing the project to be completed as quickly as possible.

Construction will begin with utility work. New storm sewer and water lines will be constructed first, beginning in April and continuing until mid June. After utility construction is complete, the east half of Molalla will be reconstructed, with two-way traffic directed to flow on the west half. The east side reconstruction will be complete in late July. At that time, the construction will flip to the west half with two-way traffic moving to the newly constructed east half. The west side reconstruction will continue until early September. In September, medians will be constructed in select areas of the center

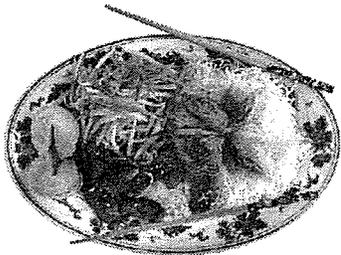
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lane and the final asphalt lifts will be placed. In October, final striping, landscaping, benches, signs, and final cleanup will occur.

At the end you can expect to benefit from two water line replacements (one of our 100-year old mains will be replaced!), realignment of the Pearl Street intersection, wider sidewalks, bike lanes, street trees and benches, attractive street luminaries, pedestrian crosswalks, new pavement, and a safer three-lane section.

Thank you in advance for your patience and respect for all throughout construction. Questions? Contact Sharon Zimmerman, Senior Engineer, 503-657-0891 or sharon@ci.oregon-city.or.us.



Dine Out with the Pioneer Center

For lunch on Mondays we dine-out at a different restaurant each week. If you need transportation to a dine-out, and live in Oregon City, Beavercreek or West Linn area, please call the center at 503-657-8287. If you have your own transportation and would like to join us be at the center at 11:30 a.m. The restaurants for May are:

May 6th ~ Panda Chinese Food

May 13th ~ Chang's Mongolian Grill

May 20th ~ Toki's

Friday Movies

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

May 3rd ~ "The Curse of the Jade Scorpion"

May 10th ~ "Firetrap"

May 17th ~ "Hard Ball"

May 24th ~ "Rat Race"

May 31st ~ "Don't Say a Word"

Mothers Day Luncheon

The Pioneer Center will be celebrating Mothers Day early by holding a luncheon on Friday, May 10th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please join us! If you have any questions please call us at 503-657-8287.



Classes at the Pioneer Center

The Pioneer Adult Community Center has a wide variety of classes and activities available. These include, but are not limited to:

- Feng Shui
- Beginning Piano
- Computer Word Processing
- Weight Training
- Light Aerobics
- Busy Bees
- Pinochle

In addition to these classes, both Acupuncture and Massage are available by appointment only. All of these activities are held at the Pioneer Center. For specific information on any of these classes, call the center at 503-657-8287.

Flower Baskets Beautify Downtown and McLoughlin District

Cooperative efforts between the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association, Metro Enhancement and Oregon City Public Works will result in the hanging of 35 flower baskets throughout the neighborhood this month.

Baskets will be hung beginning at the Carnegie Center along 7th Street, down

Singer Hill, and along Main Street between 6th and the Park & Ride. These cheerful flowers will welcome both visitors and residents all summer long. Additionally, baskets will be mounted along the new Willamette Promenade on 99E.

This program is Phase 1 of what the Neighborhood Association hopes will become a "growing" event. Plans are being formulated for a future "adopt-a-basket" program providing an opportunity for individuals and businesses to "seed" the program with additional funding and baskets. If you have questions about donating to this program, please contact Tim Powell, Co-Chair, at 503-819-6327.

Summer Parks Program

This summer Oregon City Parks & Recreation will be offering several day camps, field trips, activities, and special events for children and youth ranging in age from 3 to 13. For more detailed information watch for your mail for the Summer Parks & Recreation guide. You should receive the guide by the end of May, if not call 503-722-9816.



Parks & Recreation Classes

Oregon City Parks & Rec is offering the following classes for May and June. Pre-registration is required. For class information, or to register, call 503-722-9816.

- Knot-Heads (Ages 2-5) ~ Parents and children construct a doll that is easy to make and fun to decorate.
- Hat Tops (Ages 2-5) ~ Help your child express creativity as the two of you make a face to wear on the top of your head.

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- Oatmeal Creations (Ages 2-5) ~ You and your child can get your hands dirty using clay made from oatmeal to create shapes and critters.
- Dancing in the Wind (Ages 6-9) ~ Use craft foam and ribbons to design your very own breeze catcher to take home and hang on your back porch.
- Travel Scrap Cases (Ages 6-9) ~ Create a special place to save all your vacation pictures and other memories.
- Kickboxing (Ages 12-18) ~ Get a great cardio workout by kicking, punching, jump roping, strength training and more. Self-defense strategies will also be covered.

The Historic Review Board Seeks a Few Good Volunteers

The purpose of the Historic Review Board (HRB) is to carry out the City's historic resources program. The HRB reviews public improvements; reviews private and commercial buildings for historic compatibility; recommends ordinances and resolutions to the City Commission; and considers landmark designations, demolitions, and archeological site designations.

The board is comprised of five members—one representative from: Canemah Neighborhood; McLoughlin Neighborhood; an at-large member; an architect experienced in historic preservation; and a member of the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce, who must also be an Oregon City resident. The length of the term is three years.

Currently, the HRB is recruiting volunteers to fill the at-large and Chamber of Commerce positions. For an application call Mary Palmer, Public Affairs Manager. For more information call Cristina Robertson, Associate Planner. Both are at City Hall, 503-657-0891.

At the Carnegie Center

The grounds around the Carnegie Center are in bloom! Thanks to hardworking volunteers, and a generous donation from Rhododendron Nursery, the Carnegie looks beautiful. Michael Mason, Doug Neeley and Leland John dug and planted with vigor alongside Carnegie and Parks staff. Thank you!

In the Gallery

Welcome in Spring with beautiful garden art from the Carnegie Center. Carnegie artists will be showing off paintings, prints, sculpture, ceramics and glass created with spring in mind.

Concerts in the Park

Summer Concerts in the Park return to the Carnegie Center this year. The concerts take place Thursday evenings from July 11th through August 29th, and as usual will feature great musical entertainment for the whole family.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this popular summer series, please call the Carnegie 503-557-9199.

Looking for a Really Good Pot of Tea?

Try tea and history at the Ermatinger House. Step back in time while enjoying a and scones and learn about living in Oregon City in the 1860's. Reservations for living History teas or special teas and tours can be made by calling 503-659-1851.

Or enjoy a leisurely tea at the Carnegie Center surrounded by its art and ambiance. The Carnegie Arts League will be selling fine teas and accoutrements in the coffee shop. Look for tea tasting and classes at the Carnegie also. (The Carnegie also a great place for a latte too!)

The Carnegie will also be displaying the teapot collection of Earl Walker – over 70 teapots of all shapes, sizes and styles will be on display May 1st thru the 17th.



Burning Bans during Fire Season

Typically, a seasonal ban on all backyard and agricultural burning is enacted by the Fire Defense Boards of each county, around June 15th, and stays effective until October. Stay tuned to the local media to find out when the seasonal burn ban goes into effect.

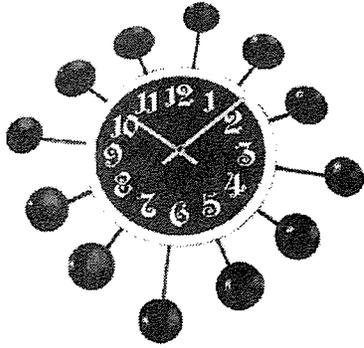
If, by chance, a countywide ban on burning is not yet in effect and you live *outside* of a *permanent* municipal burn ban area, you must determine each morning if it is a permitted "burn day", by calling the appropriate DEQ Burning Information line for Clackamas County, at 503-632-0211.

To determine if you are within a permanent municipal burn ban area, and for specific guidelines for backyard or agricultural burning, please contact the East Division Office at 503-657-1365.

Alternatives to Burning Yard Debris

There are several options other than burning yard debris:

- Hire a professional yard clean up or debris hauling service.
- Take advantage of neighborhood clean up or yard debris drop-off events hosted by various local, city or county agencies or organize one in your area. Or, take debris to central recycling centers or landfills (call METRO Recycling at 503-234-3000 for a complete listing).
- Consider composting the debris (call METRO Recycling at 503-234-3000 for composting instructions).



Summer Library Hours

May 26th marks the beginning of the library's summer hours which includes Sunday closures. Therefore, the last Sunday we will be open is May 19th. Additionally, we will be closed Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

Summer hours for the library are:

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

Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Library Programs for Children

Children's story hours continue through May 23rd, followed by a short break as we gear up for Summer Reading Club. The schedule is as follows:

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

Repeated on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.

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

The preschool craft program, "Make a Royal Crown", will be held Wednesday, May 15th, at 11:00 a.m.,

and prior sign-up is required.

Also join us and the Oregon Humane Society as they present a program on Pet Care and Responsibility, on Thursday, May 23rd, at 4:00 p.m.

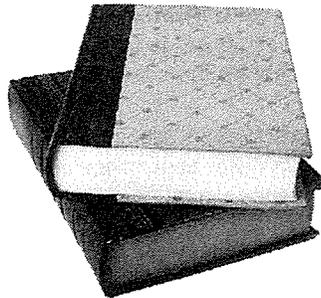
Technology training

The library will continue to offer computer training classes on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All classes are limited to 12 people. Please contact the reference desk, at 503-657-8269, to sign up.

- May 4th – Introduction to the Internet and the World Wide Web.
- May 11th – Successful Strategies for Searching the Internet.
- May 18th – Using the Oregon City Library Catalog and Website from the Internet.
- May 25th – How to Get Signed up for E-mail on the World Wide Web.

New Look Online

The library catalog software is undergoing a facelift! The new interface will first be available to patrons accessing the Internet from home, and then will come to the library stations. When all is accomplished the catalog will look the same and operate the same wherever accessed. Once the new system is in place the library staff will be offering training sessions.



Summer Book Discussion Groups

Our book discussion groups don't take the summer off! Here are the upcoming titles to be discussed:

"Classics" meet the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

May: "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" by Thornton Wilder

June: "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" by Muriel Spark

July: "America" – reader's choice on this topic

"Mysteries" meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

May: "A Fatal Attachment" by Robert Barnard

June: "The End of the Pier" by Martha Grimes

July: "The Devil in Velvet" by John Dickson Carr

Naturescaping for Clean Rivers

Want to learn more about how you can protect Salmon in your own backyard? South Fork Water Board and the Regional Water Providers Consortium are sponsoring a FREE Naturescaping workshop to teach you how.

Naturescaping features native plants, natural landscapes and water friendly gardening practices. The result is less water, fewer chemicals, and less maintenance – a direct benefit to you, your garden and the environment. Plus it attracts interesting and beneficial wildlife.

The workshop will include a short field trip around the Environmental Learning Center grounds to see naturescaping in action. Come get ideas for your garden, a guide book and a native plant to get you started.

The workshop will be held:

Saturday, May 11, 2002

From 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

at John's Inskip Environmental Learning Center

(Clackamas Community College, 19600 S Molalla Ave. in Oregon City)

Advanced registration is required, by 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 9th, by phone at 503-797-1842, or via email at naturescaping@yahoo.com.

Automated Garbage Collection

Oregon City Garbage Co. is using automated collection trucks to pick up garbage and yard debris for residential customers. With this system, residential customers will receive two roll carts: a royal blue cart for garbage and a brown cart for yard debris. The automated trucks empty roll carts while allowing the driver to remain inside the vehicle.

The size of the garbage roll cart will be based on your current garbage service. You will receive service at the curb at the same level you have currently, unless you request a different service.

Collection Guidelines:

- Roll carts must be out for pick up by 5:00 a.m., with the lid opening facing the street.
- Make sure the wheels do not face the street. It may not allow the contents to empty properly.
- Do not place your roll cart in front of your mailbox. It will prevent your mail from being delivered.
- Do not use bungee cords to hold down the roll cart lid; this will prevent your roll cart from being emptied.
- Please securely tie all plastic garbage bags that are placed inside the roll cart.
- Do not place your roll cart where it can either roll out into the street or back into your yard.
- Do not place your roll cart in a drainage ditch.
- Shredded paper and Styrofoam peanuts must be bagged before placing them in your roll cart.
- Please place your roll cart within three (3) feet from the curb. If it's too far from the street, your garbage and yard debris will not be picked up.
- Do not place your roll cart under limbs or bushes. The roll cart cannot be lifted by the truck.
- Do not place your roll cart by parked cars.

It is our desire to make your new automated collection service system work for you and be as convenient as possible. We are attempting to greatly reduce future inflation costs, prevent injuries, and provide a good quality service. Should you have any questions, please contact Oregon City Garbage, at 503-656-8403 or 503-656-0364.

Abernathy Creek Bridge Replacement

The bridge replacement for the Washington Street (Abernathy Creek) Bridge will start in June 2002, and is expected to be complete (except for permanent pavement surfacing) in November 2002. The bridge will be closed with a detour to Main Street available for traffic. Construction delays are expected to be minimal. The businesses on Washington Street, between 16th and 17th Streets, will be open for business and local traffic access will be allowed. If you have questions, contact Nancy Kraushaar, City Engineer/Public Works Director, at 503-496-1545 or nancy-k@ci.oregon-city.or.us.

Set your Sprinkler System for Sun – or Rain

Automatic sprinkler systems aren't completely automatic – for example, they don't adjust themselves when the weather gets hotter, or when it rains. Remember the needs of your lawn and garden, and make sure you aren't depriving them or watering unnecessarily.

Get into the "Zone"

Automatic sprinkler systems have multiple "zones", each controlled by its own solenoid valve. This way, you can customize your sprinklers system to different needs of your lawn and garden; established shrubs may only need to be watered for a few minutes once or twice a week, while the lawn will need more water, more frequently, during hot weather.

To program your system you must set your controller – the "brain" of your system. There are three types of controllers: electro-mechanical; solid state and hybrid. The most popular type of residential controllers are hybrid, which combine the versatility of solid state operation with the convenience of mechanical programming.

Rain Gauges and Moisture Sensors

Watering your lawn and garden when it's raining isn't just redundant – it also wastes water. To prevent this, you can install one of several different sensors that will automatically shut off your system if it starts to rain.

One type of rain gauge is a small catch device that mounts on the eaves of your house and is wired into the common wire of the sprinkler system. If enough rain collects inside the sensor, it will immediately shut down your system. However, this type of sensor must be checked periodically to ensure no leaves or debris accumulates in it.

You won't have that problem with moisture sensors, which work similarly to rain gauges. Instead of a catch device, it consists of a wafer material that senses moisture.

Another option is a soil probe moisture sensor. When inserted into the soil, they turn off the system if moisture in the soil rises above a certain point. However, with this device, the irrigation water itself can shut the system down, depriving other zones of needed water.

Water for your landscape's needs! Automatic sprinkler systems can be a great convenience – but remember to adjust them when needed. For more information contact Kimberly Swan at South Fork Water Board at 503-723-9692.

Neighborhood Calendar

Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA)

Inactive

Canemah Neighborhood Association (CNA)

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 320 Warner Milne Road
Contact: Howard Post, Chairman at 503-650-0976

Caufield Association of Neighbors (CAN)

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 30, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Clackamas Community College
Contact: Cathi VanDamme, Co-Chairman at 503-518-5552 or e-mail to Crvdamme@aol.com

Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association (GLNA)

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria

1678 S. Beaver Creek Road

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Gaffney Lane Elementary School
13421 S. Gaffney Lane

Contact: Janet Brand, Chairman at

503-657-6096 or visit GLNA at

www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/glna

Hazel Grove - Westling Farm

Neighborhood Association (HG-WFNA)

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Cornerstone Family Life Center

18955 S. South End Road

Contact: Kathy Hogan, Co-Chair at

503-657-9435

Hillendale Neighborhood Association (HNA)

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Prince of Life Lutheran Church

13896 S. Meyers Road

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 6, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria

1678 S. Beaver Creek Road

Contact: Debbie Watkins, Chairman at

503-655-3070 or visit HNA at

www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/hnassoc

McLoughlin Neighborhood Association (MNA)

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Pioneer Community Center

615 5th Street (downstairs - enter 6th &

Washington)

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 6, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Oregon City Fire Station # 54

Meeting Room (upstairs), 624 Seventh Street

Contact: Tim Powell, Co-Chairman at

503-650-2466 or Rick Winterhalter,

Co-Chairman at 503-650-7550 or visit MNA at

www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/mcloughlin

Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Group

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: O. C. Church of the Nazarene,

716 Taylor Street

Contact: Andy Busch, Contact Person at

503-723-0108

Park Place Neighborhood Association (PPNA)

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, May 20, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Shari's Restaurant

1936 McLoughlin Boulevard

Contact: Julie Puderbaugh, Chairman at 503-650-8028 or visit PPNA at www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/ppna

Rivercrest Neighborhood Association (RNA)

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church

1321 Linn Avenue

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church

1321 Linn Avenue

Contact: Diane McKnight, Chairman at

503-656-6435 or visit RNA at

www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/rcna

South End Neighborhood Association (SENA)

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Cornerstone Family Life Center

18955 S. South End Road

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church

1321 Linn Avenue

Contact: Karen S. Montoya, Chairman at

503-557-8065

Chief's Advisory Committee Meeting(s) (Police and Fire)

Date: Third Tuesday of each month

For further information, contact

Nancy Brooks, Admin. Assistant at

503-657-0891

Citizen Involvement Committee Council (CICC)

Date: Second Tuesday of each month.

Contact: Timothy Powell, Chairman at

503-650-2466 or Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs

Manager at 503-657-0891

For additional neighborhood 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
Arts Commission	1st Tuesday	4:00 pm