

# CITY OF OREGON CITY

# Trail News

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## Cookbooks!

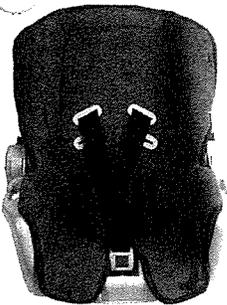
The Oregon City Employees have compiled a cookbook of some favorite recipes. Copies are available at City Hall, the Pioneer Community Center and the Carnegie Center. The cost is \$7.75 per book.

## Become Part of The First City's Future

The First City's Future visioning kickoff event is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th at the Pioneer Community Center between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the kickoff event is to develop a vision for our city, a declaration of what community members would like Oregon City to become in the next five, ten, twenty years. "My hope is that people from every sector will participate. It is an exciting time for Oregon City," according to Carol Kemhus, First City's Future Chairman. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. For more information call

Carol Kemhus, Chairman at 503-655-4418 or Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at 503-657-0891.

## Basic Car Seat Safety



Carry your baby in a rear-facing car seat, up to at least one year of age. This position best protects a baby's weak neck and large head. Transport your baby in the back seat if possible. Generally, the back seat is safer for all children. NEVER put your baby in the front seat if your car has a passenger side air bag, unless the air bag has been turned off. Install the car seat with a tight seat belt. Fasten the harness snugly over your baby's shoulders. Follow car seat instructions and vehicle manual to use and install the seat correctly. To learn more, look at these useful web sites:

[www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov); [www.childsafety.org](http://www.childsafety.org); [www.carseat.org](http://www.carseat.org); [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org); [www.saferidenews.com](http://www.saferidenews.com).

## Carnegie Center Calendar of Events

### Carnegie Center Highland Tea

Carnegie Arts League will be hosting the Highland Tea on November 4th at the Carnegie Center. Tickets are \$20.00 each and going fast. Call 503-555-9199 to reserve your ticket or for more information. All proceeds benefit the Carnegie Center.

### Carnegie Center Closure

Carnegie Center will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd.

### Friends of the Library Book Corner

Friends of the Library Book Corner located in the Carnegie Center have a variety of books for sale. Great for holiday gifts or for you to get craft ideas for holiday gifts. The Book Corner is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



### Carnegie Center Weekend Teas

The Carnegie Center will be serving tea on Saturday & Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the gallery. Enjoy the gallery, a pot of tea and treats, and great company. Tea is \$3.00 per person.

## Parks & Recreation Holiday Events

### Aquatics Center Kids Fun Day

Kids – come join your friends on November 24th for a day full of fun at the Aquatics Center while your parents hit the day after Thanksgiving sales. Swim, play, and make cool crafts from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person. For more information, call 503-557-9199.

### Carnegie Center Fireside with Santa

Fireside with Santa is back. Join Santa and his elves for cookies, treats, entertainment and a special visit with Santa himself. December 1st, 2nd, & 9th at the Carnegie Center. Fireside will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and December 10th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 per person and go on sale November 17th.

### Ermatinger House Spirit of Christmas

The Ermatinger House will be decorated with scenes of A Christmas Carol on December 2nd. Join us for this special tour. For more information, call 503-557-9490.

## Old Home Parlor Tour

Tour historical homes and museums in Oregon City specially decorated for the holidays on December 16th. For more information, call 503-650-1851.

## Saturday Fun for Kids

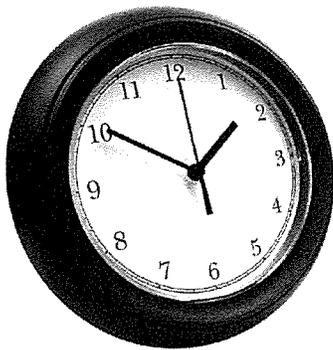
The story of King Midas will be told in this Marionette puppet show on December 9th. This event is free and begins at 11:00 a.m. and will be held at the Carnegie Center.

## Special Talents

Do you have a special talent that you are wanting to share with others? If you or anyone you know is interested in teaching a class for Oregon City Parks and Recreation, please call the Carnegie Center at 503-557-9199.

## From your Wastewater and Stormwater Department

Fall is upon us once again. Please remember not to rake or blow leaves onto the streets as rainwater will quickly wash them into a catch basin and plug it causing street flooding. We will be working hard to keep our catch basins and storm grates clear so please report any problems to us at 503-657-8241, Thank you.



## News From Your Library

### Library Now Open Seven Days a Week

The Oregon City Public Library is now open seven days a week with the following hours in effect:

*Monday – Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.*  
*Friday & Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*  
*Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

The library is located in the Hilltop Mall just across the parking lot from the Hilltop Cinemas. You can contact the library at:

503-657-8269 for regular business

503-659-8634 for TeleCirc - automated renewals or account info

[www.oregoncity.lib.or.us](http://www.oregoncity.lib.or.us) -

web page with basic info and many useful links

[www.ocref@lincc.lib.or.us](mailto:www.ocref@lincc.lib.or.us) -

reference department questions

## Holiday Closure Schedule

The library will be closed on the following dates:

*Friday, November 10th*

*Legal observance of Veteran's Day,  
November 11th*

*Thursday, November 23rd*

*Thanksgiving Day*

*Sunday & Monday, December 24th & 25th*

*Christmas*

*Monday, January 1st*

*New Year's Day*

## Library Activities for Children

Storytimes continue through November 30th then go on hiatus until after the holidays. Storytimes are held on:

*Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.*

*For preschoolers age 3-5*

*Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.*

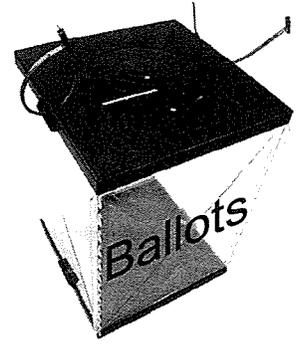
*For elementary ages 6-8*

*Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.*

*For toddlers, age 2*

Celebrate Children's Book Week by making a bookmark at the preschool craft program on Wednesday, November 8th at 11:30 a.m. Prior sign-up needed.

Master storyteller Will Hornyak returns for another performance on Thursday, November 16th at 4:00 p.m. Along with wonderful stories for the kids, here's a great opportunity to see a professional storyteller at work.



## Library Again Ballot Drop Site

Again this election year the Oregon City Public Library will have a ballot box for your voting convenience. The ballot box is prominently located on the main concourse – just across from the main desk. And please...don't risk throwing away your vote by depositing it in the library's book return slot.

## Library Video Cleaning Project

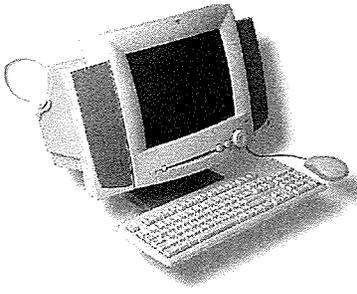
If you notice large gaps in the library's video collection lately there's no cause for alarm – it's video cleaning time again. Each year about this time every video tape owned the library is cleaned and checked by our volunteers. We should be finished by late November.

## Library a Drop Site for Fill A Stocking, Fill a Heart Campaign

Filled stockings may be dropped off in the library during regular hours of operation. Last year this program distributed 1500 stockings through organizations such as the Clackamas Women's Services, Annie Ross House and others. For more info on this program call 503-632-0577.

## Your Library Features Most Local Government Documents

City publications including commission and committee agendas, minutes, budgets, master plans and other local studies are all available in the library's reference department. In addition we regularly receive copies of public review documents published by the county and state governments.



## Computer Classes in the Library

Successful strategies for searching the Internet and how to locate library materials on the computer catalog are the subjects of library classes this month. They will be held on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Call the reference staff at 503-657-8269 ext.3 to sign up or for more information.

## Library Now Provides Reference Service via E-Mail

You can now receive professional reference service by e-mailing the library at [ocref@lincc.lib.or.us](mailto:ocref@lincc.lib.or.us). A reference librarian will respond to your request within 2-3 days.

## Don't Forget that Homework Collection...

The library has established a special homework collection in order to support students in grades 1-12. Along with books to help with the mechanics of study, writing and test-taking there are numerous materials on common assignment topics. Teachers and parents are encouraged to notify the library to help identify projects that will involve the use of library resources.

## Library Futures Committee Issues Report

After a year of study, the Clackamas County Library Futures Committee has issued its final report and a copy is now available for public review in the Oregon City Public Library's reference department. The Futures Committee was formed in 1999 to develop a plan for providing library services that best meet the needs of citizens in the North Clackamas region in the most equitable and cost efficient way. The committee is comprised of representatives from 8 cities (including Oregon City) and the county. The Futures Committee retained the Portland consulting firm of Cogan, Owens, Cogan to research the issues, conduct public surveys and focus groups and, in general, coordinate and focus the efforts of the committee.

The report examines the individual libraries both from service and funding standpoints and, in conclusion, presents findings and recommendations. A very brief summary of the more notable recommendations in this report:

- Library facilities throughout the county are undersized and should be planning physical expansion;
- Most libraries are understaffed and need to be brought up to an "adequate" level;
- Libraries need to do more to coordinate specialization in collections;
- The current system of governance (cooperative network of individual entities) may be cumbersome but it's probably the best given political realities;
- The method of distributing countywide library levy funds (currently via share of Loans) should be reconsidered with a population-based formula recommended;
- Authorities should investigate establishing the entire County as a service district for libraries and seek approval to supplement funding for operations and/or construction where needed.

The full report is, of course, fairly detailed and includes considerable information regarding the funding and staffing comparisons among the county's libraries as well as details regarding the latest standards for public libraries in Oregon. Anyone with questions regarding details of this report are encouraged to contact the library director, Roger McClurg at 503-657-8269.

## Water Treatment

Oregon City's drinking water comes from the Clackamas River. While the Clackamas River watershed provides extremely clean water, additional treatment is required for the water to meet all federal and state drinking water standards.

Water is pumped from the river to the South Fork Water Board Treatment Plant where it is filtered and disinfected. This ensures that even the smallest particles are removed and any disease-causing organisms are killed.

Water delivered to Oregon City water customers meets all current health and safety standards. Some people chose to install point-of-use (POU) water treatment systems in their homes. If you have such a device, follow the manufacturer's recommendations for maintenance and filter replacement. Failure to do so can actually cause water quality problems. Also remember that if the treatment unit removes the disinfectant present in your tap water, the water then should be handled like any other food to protect it from contamination – keep it covered, refrigerated, and used as soon as possible.

The Water Quality Association (1-800-749-0234) can give you information about types of POU systems and manufacturers. For other water quality questions, call Gail Johnson at 503-657-8241 ext. 107.

## From the Pioneer Center Director's Desk

The Pioneer Center would like to thank Jim Riggles for donating food items to the center. Walgreens for all those medical, household, beauty supplies and all the goodies. Starbucks for the pastries and coffee items. Stu and Ruth of Berry Hill Retirement for our bingo prizes and sponsoring our Halloween Event at the center. I also would like to thank all those wonderful Gardeners who have donated some of their vegetables and fruit for all of us. Thanks to the Pine Valley Singers who donated some of their time to entertain for us during one of our lunch hours here at the center. Have you noticed our entry way recently? Well if you haven't, take a good look! We have beautiful Murals of tropical plants, which were hand painted by Nancy Howard. There is also a lovely water fountain with lush greenery surrounded by it. Just a reminder the center will be closed for Veterans Day, November 11th and for Thanksgiving, November 23rd and 24th.



## November Movie Schedule

At the Pioneer Community Center on Friday's at 10:00 a.m.

November 3rd "The Indian in the Cupboard"

November 10th "Operation Dumb Drop"

November 17th "Those Darn Callows"

November 24th no movie due to Thanksgiving Holiday

## November is "Gold Dust Days"

You're invited to come by and pick up a "gold dust" bag and fill it up with coins and bring it to the center on November 15th. Join us for the festivities starting at 11:00 a.m., and lunch will follow at 11:30 a.m. There will be entertainment and lots of Yee-Ha! get along little doggie fun. So grab your partner and lets do-si-do and alaman left and alaman right. I'll be looking for ya partner.

## Pioneer Community Centers Golf Tournament Results

On September 27th our Pioneer Community Center's Golf Group played a game of "Scramble" at the Children's Golf Course. A special thanks goes to Eva Papini and Joe Wood who organized the Tee-Times to practice, door prizes, tournament and the banquet. Below are the results in the order they were won:

First place goes to team five (Shirley, Warren, Minnie and Mike)

Second place goes to team six (Marge, Marie, Jim and Joe)

Third place goes to team one (Judy, Lyle, Bev, and Eva)

Fourth place goes to team four (Barbara, Inga, Sam and Dennis)

Fifth place goes to team two (Veryl, Mickie, Lorraine and Milo)

Sixth place goes to team three (Leo, Josie, Rosemary and Steve)

Their banquet was held at High Rock Restaurant. Three cheers for all of you, you are the greatest.

## Trips

### Portland Classical Chinese Garden

This Chinese Garden has just recently opened. The garden takes up one square city block. It is designed as a microcosm of nature; Suzhou's gardens were peaceful and contemplative. The Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). The gardens hold layers of symbolism, stories and inner meaning. This trip is planned for Monday, November 27th at 10:00 a.m. If you are 55 or older the admission is \$5.00, all others, your cost is \$6.00. We will stop for lunch at a fast food restaurant on the way home, lunch will be on your own. Please stop by the Pioneer Center to sign up, seats are limited.

### Shopping at the Goodwill Store on 82nd

Remember the old saying: Someone else's junk is someone else's treasure? Well come along with Julie to the Goodwill Store on 82nd in Clackamas and let's go treasure hunting for lots of bargains. We will stop for lunch at the Country Buffet for lunch. Sign up at the Pioneer Center. Transportation will cost you \$2.00 and lunch will be on your own. See you on Tuesday, November 7th. We will leave at 10:00 am. Remember seats are limited.

## Let's Give Thanks!

Let us all give thanks for all that we've received during the year 2000 by joining us on November 22nd at the Pioneer Community Center for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

## Fuel Assistance!

A reminder to those low-income people that fuel assistance starts on December 1st. This is a program designed to help you pay those high fuel bills that can happen during the cold winter months. LIEAP, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, is a federally funded program that is available as a one-time payment each year. If you have any questions, you can contact the LIEAP program directly at 503-655-8858 or call Beth at the Pioneer Community Center at 503-657-8287.



## Trouble Sleeping? (From an article by Steve Calechman)

As we age, our system changes and sometimes sleep can be a problem. Melatonin is a hormone that makes you fall asleep and this diminishes as we age. There are some things that can help you fall asleep. Try eating a small slice of cake, a piece of bread or some leftover mashed potatoes 15-30 minutes before turning in. These starchy foods produce a chemical called serotonin that has a calming chemical, which can produce sleep. Another important item in helping you sleeps: avoid coffee, tea or alcohol after 4:00 p.m. These are all stimulants that can disrupt your sleep cycle. Since melatonin is the culprit to begin with, try taking 0.2 mg 15 to 20 minutes before going to bed. If you take more than this amount, it can result in nightmares or grogginess the next morning. If you can't find a tablet that is 0.2 mg, divide a larger one.

Hopefully, these tips can help you get a good nights sleep. If you are well rested, your life will be more enjoyable and you will have fewer accidents.

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## Coping with Loss

This can be a difficult time of the year for those of you who have lost loved ones. The holidays bring back memories of times past that can make it difficult to enjoy the spirit of the times. Make sure that you see your family as much as possible and keep up your outside contacts. It is not disrespectful to have a good time.

## Special Thanks

To Our Local Businesses and Groups who have volunteered one or more years of service. These people have donated two years of service in delivering meals to the homebound.

Rotary: Kari Kearns, John Foote, David Wimmer, & Mansour Ravassipour

PGE: Lisa, Arthur, Larry, Linda, Gary, Val, Pixie, Celest and others I have missed.

Northwest Images: Curtis Anderson

Smurfit: Wow! Two years of service- Mansour Ravasipour and others.

Oregon City Evangelical Church: Pastor Tom Hurt and his members.

Oregon City Chamber: Diane Sparks

Miles Fiberglass: Team members- Two years of great service twice a month.

McLoughlin Place: Georgeanne and Margaret Oliver

Beavercreek Telephone Company: Team Leader Rita Swanson and the many great employees that have helped us out.

OECO: Barry Hendrix

## Help, Help, Help!

The Pioneer Center desperately needs "Meals on Wheels" Drivers! Especially during the holiday and hunting season. If you have some time during your day to help us out during our time of need, we will be so grateful and so will our homebound seniors. You may not know this but this is sometimes the only hot meal these seniors eat all day. Touch someone's heart and feel his or her touch of gratitude on yours! Please call Shirley Ryan at the Pioneer Community Center at 503-657-8287. If you'd like to stay on after the season is finished we will not turn you down.

## Measure 3-5

In November 1997, Oregon City voters approved Measure 3-97, which authorized the sale of a 20-year bond to fund rebuilding of the historic McLoughlin Neighborhood Fire Station, remodel of the Hilltop Fire Station, and construction of a new fire station to better serve the south end area of the City.

Measure 3-5 will provide funding to fully staff the South End Station. The terms of the local option levy are \$900,000 annually for four years.

## Fire Prevention Message

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), BRK Brands Inc., of Aurora, Ill., is voluntarily recalling about 300,000 First Alert® household fire extinguishers. The extinguishers can fail to discharge when the trigger is activated, thus failing to put out a fire.

CPSC and BRK have received five reports from consumers of the fire

extinguishers failing to discharge when activated. No injuries have been reported. Only First Alert model FE1A10G with serial numbers beginning with: RH, RK, RL, RP, RT, RU, or RW are included in this recall. The serial number is located on the extinguisher's label, above the model number in a rectangular box. "First Alert" is written on the units' label and pressure gauge. The fire extinguishers are either red or white. Home centers, mass merchandisers, and hardware stores nationwide sold the fire extinguishers from September 1999 through September 2000 for between \$9.00 and \$15.00.

Consumers with recalled fire extinguishers should immediately contact First Alert at (866)669-2736 anytime or visit the First Alert web site at:

[http://www.firstalert.com/more\\_information/index.htm](http://www.firstalert.com/more_information/index.htm) to receive a coupon for a new extinguisher.

First Alert fire extinguishers with a "100% Quality Tested" sticker attached to the fire extinguisher label are not included in the recall, regardless of the serial number.

To see a picture of the recalled product(s) and/or to establish a link from your web site to this press release on CPSC's web site, link to the following address: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml00/00188.html>.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html>

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## Neighborhood Calendar

### Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA)

Contact: Larry Jacobson, Chairman at 503-657-3740

or visit the Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association

E-mail address at, BHNA@AOL.COM

### Canemah Neighborhood Association (CNA)

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Clackamas County Museum of History

211 Tumwater Drive

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

### Caufield Neighborhood Group

Contact: Lynda Orzen-Szeplakay, Contact Person at 503-518-3073

### Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association (GLNA)

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 7, and December 5, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Jimmie O's Pizzeria

1678 Beavercreek Road Suite R

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2000 and January 18, 2001

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Gaffney Lane Elementary School

13521 S. Gaffney Lane

Contact: Derrick Beneville, Chairman at 503-557-7535

### Hazel Grove - Westling Farm

#### Neighborhood Group (HG-WFNA)

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Cornerstone Family Life Center

18955 South End Road

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

### Hillendale Neighborhood Association (HNA)

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 2, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Jimmie O's Pizzeria

1678 Beavercreek Road Suite R

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 7, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Gaffney Lane Elementary School

13521 S. Gaffney Lane

Contact: Debbie Watkins, Chairman at 503-655-3070

### McLoughlin Neighborhood Association (MNA)

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 2, 2000

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue # 54

624 Seventh Street Meeting Room

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 7, 2000

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Carnegie Center

606 John Adams Street

Contact: Dirk Ellis, Co-Chairman at 503-557-4987

or Denyse McGriff, Co-Chairman at 503-656-3912

### Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Group

General Membership Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Church of the Nazarene

716 Taylor Street

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2000

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Church of the Nazarene

716 Taylor Street

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

### Park Place Neighborhood Association (PPNA)

Contact: Julie Puderbaugh, Chairman at 503-

650-8028

### Rivercrest Neighborhood Association (RNA)

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2001

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: To be determined

Contact: Diane McKnight, Chairman 503-656-6435

### South End Neighborhood Association (SENA)

General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: King Elementary School

995 South End Road

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 21, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: King Elementary School

995 South End Road

Contact: Mary Smith, Chairman at 503-655-7946

### Thayer Neighborhood Association (TNA)

Contact: Melanie Paulo, Acting Chairman at 503-656-6436

### Tower Vista Neighborhood Association (TVNA)

Contact: Inactive

### Chiefs Advisory Committee Meeting(s) (Police and Fire)

Dates: Tuesday, November 21

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue #54  
624 Seventh Street

Contact: Nancy Brooks Admin. Asst. at 503-657-0891

### Citizen Involvement Committee Council (CICC)

Monthly meeting(s)

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue #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, please 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