

CITY OF OREGON CITY Trail News

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SCUTTLEBUTT from the Mayor

Not scuttlebutt, but a fact. Ed Allick, long time servant of the people of Oregon City, has retired from the Oregon City Commission. First elected Commissioner in 1978, Eddie served as Mayor twice (when the Commissioners shared the Mayor's duties by yearly rotation) in his first go-round, completing two terms. He returned to "civic combat" in 1994, and was re-elected in 1998.

Many a good citizen has served Oregon City over our 156 plus years of incorporation (we were founded December 24, 1844), but, in my opinion, no one could have been more dedicated to "serving the people" than Eddie. That phrase was always laced into his Commission decisions and in his casual conversations. Ed Allick had no other purpose in mind.

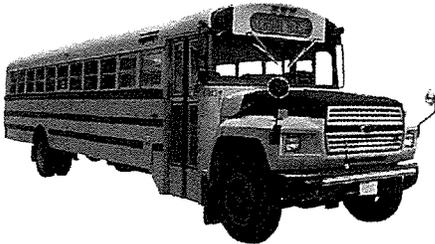
When someone writes Ed's biography it will be a true Horatio Alger saga. With a mixed ethnic background, a few early nomadic years, and a "rousing" good time as a young man, he became, with the help of the GI Bill, a teacher, coach, and successful entrepreneur and still found time to serve on the School Board and the Commission.

When I first moved to Oregon City and became active in civic affairs, it was Ed Allick who listened to my suggestions and complaints and gave me a fair hearing. Ed was the first Mayor to add "public input" time to the Commission agenda because he felt the public voice was not being heard. He took time to make a citizen feel as though the "city" could be responsive. I hope we have learned something from his example.

Enjoy your "retirement" Ed. It won't be the same without you.

Mayor John F. Williams, Jr.

Schools are Open



The Oregon City Police Department would like to remind our citizens that Oregon City schools are in session this month. This means more children and traffic will be on the streets throughout the City. Our Department will be making an extra effort to make the streets safe for you and our children.

All motorists are reminded to drive carefully in school zones and while overtaking or passing school buses. Our officers will be focusing their attention on these types of traffic violations. School zones are posted at 20 miles per hour when children are present and fines are doubled in these areas. A driver commits the offense of failure to stop for a school bus if the driver passes a school bus that is stopped on a roadway and operating the red safety lights. This is a very hazardous traffic violation, which is punishable with a fine of up to \$300. Please assist us in making our streets safe and drive carefully.

Danielson's Fire Prevention & Safety Fair

On September 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Danielson's Fresh Marketplace in Oregon City, 1500 Molalla Avenue, will host the annual Fire Prevention and Safety Fair. The fair, which is going on its 19th year, has several top notch attractions including the 304th Air Rescue Squadron, Life Flight, and extrication demonstrations by Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue's Heavy Rescue Squad. Of course, the Fire Safety House will be on site to teach kids and parents how to get out of the house safely in case of a fire.

The fair is a precursor to *Fire Prevention Week* in October, which was inspired by one of the worst fires in America's history - the great Chicago Fire of October 9, 1871. The fire claimed more than 250 lives and destroyed 17,430 buildings. In 1911, on the 40th anniversary of the Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America proclaimed the nation's first Fire Prevention Day to promote public awareness of fire safety.

This year's national Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cover the Bases and Strike Out Fire", uses a fun baseball theme to encourage more people to develop and practice a home fire escape plan and utilize home fire safety checklists. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue encourages every family to have working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan.

There are numerous activities for

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kids: tour the fire safety house, watch exciting demonstrations, knock down cones with a hoseline and ride in an antique fire engine. Ponchanello the Clown and Smokey Bear will be there to visit. Alpenrose will provide free ice cream. PGE and NW Natural Gas will share ideas on how to be safe.. Local Danielson Hilltop Mall merchants will award prizes to kids who participate in fun learning exercises.

Swimming Pool Closure

The Oregon City Swimming Pool will be closed for maintenance from September 3rd through the 14th. It will re-open on Saturday, September 15th. Please call 503-657-8273 to register for fall swimming lessons.

Heritage Fall Fair

A community celebration will be held in the Historic McLoughlin Neighborhood, September 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on 6th Street between Washington & John Adams. No admission charge. For information call 503-650-1851.

Water Conservation with Ornamental Grasses

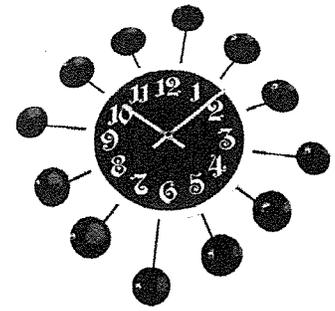
Over the ages, grasses have provided food and shelter, throughout the world. Now, using grass as ornamental landscaping is gaining popularity. Most ornamental grasses are drought tolerant and ideal for water conserving landscapes. Throughout the growing season, their changing color, size and form provide landscapes with color and texture. One of the most effective ways to use grasses is by

recreating or imitating natural grassland. Group grasses with trees, shrubs, and other perennials to create this look. Observing nature's arrangement of plants and visiting established gardens can provide inspiration and ideas for plant setting.

- Choosing ornamental grasses – Ornamental grasses make good ground cover or background plants. They can soften hardscapes such as sidewalks and retaining walls, and provide privacy and wind protection. Grasses can grow in wet soils or dry soils, in full sun or part shade. They have attractive and long-lasting cut flowers, which can last for years.
- Watering needs – Adequate watering when first planted and until established is recommended. Once established, ornamental grasses require only occasional watering after extended hot, dry spells. Some field-grown ornamental grasses in this region are thriving after going through 5 consecutive dry summers without irrigation.

There are many new and interesting ornamental grasses available in the Northwest. Take time to evaluate your landscape needs and choose the appropriate grasses. Ornamental grasses are versatile and useful, and provide exciting textures and colors to landscapes. They combine beauty with function and help conserve natural resources.

For more information on water conservation and your landscape please South Fork Water Board's Water Conservation Program at 503-723-9692.



Library Hours and Information

Through September the library is open six days a week:

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

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

Starting in October the library will be open on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The library will be closed for Labor Day – Monday, September 3rd.

The Oregon City Public Library is located in the Hilltop Mall, just across the parking lot from Hilltop Cinemas.

Obtaining a library card is simple, just bring in some form of official identification and some proof of residency in Clackamas County. A driver's license or other I.D. that combines the two is ideal. If you're not sure, call 503-657-8269 for more info. The library card you obtain in Oregon City can be used at any of the public libraries throughout Clackamas County.

Word Processor Now Available at Library

Thanks to a donation from the Friends of the Library, a new word processor is now available at the Oregon City Library. Along with MS Word and WordPerfect software, there is Excel and Quattro Pro spreadsheet, as well as PowerPoint presentations. There is no charge for the use of this equipment but there is a 10-cent per page printing charge.

Children's Activities



Storytimes resume on Tuesday, September 11th with the following schedule in effect for autumn:

<i>Preschool, ages 3-5</i>	<i>Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Primary, ages 6-8</i>	<i>Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Toddlers, age 2</i>	<i>Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.</i>

There will be a craft program for pre-schoolers on September 11th at 11:00 a.m.

“Making an Autumn Collage” is the subject and prior sign-up is required.

This year the library will be featuring children's programs in the early evenings in order to accommodate more family attendance. Our first show will be Thursday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. when Bob Eaton returns with a lively program of magic and humor.

Summer Reading Program News

It's been a busy summer for the nearly 500 young people who participated in this year's Summer Reading Program at the library. Along with fulfilling a commitment to read at least 15 minutes each day, many participants have completed over 30 books during the course of the summer. In addition to the reading part, the weekly programs have attracted over 900 kids. Winners of weekly drawings have included Samantha Nizich, Kathryn O'Brien, Serena George, and Jordan Thomas. This year's program for Teens attracted nearly 100 kids with weekly drawing winners including Drew Fuller, Melissa Gafner, Jessica Kuehlwein, Katie Wagner and Lindsay Zenthofer.

Again this year we'd like to thank the many merchants and, especially, the Oregon City Optimist Club who provided the many products and funding for the reading incentive awards.

Library Looking for Programming Volunteer

The library is looking for a volunteer to assist with the cultural and music programming. Activities will include scheduling programs, producing and distributing flyers, writing press releases, preparing the program space and assisting the musicians. Most programs take place on Thursday evenings between October and May. For more information contact Sue Adams at the Reference Desk or call her at 503-657-8269 ext. 3.

Fall Music Series at the Library

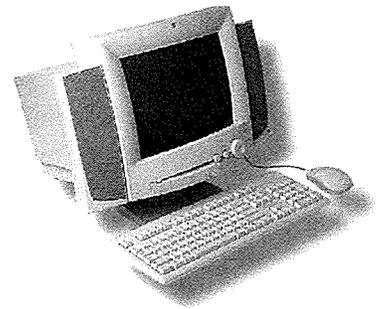
For those who like a little background music with their library browsing this will be a great year. Thanks to an additional grant from the Friends of the Oregon City Library the series of music programs they have sponsored in the winter & spring months is being extended to include an autumn series.

As in the past, these programs will be held on Thursday evenings with the program beginning at 7:30 p.m. (one-half hour before the regular closing time) and running to about 9:00 p.m. The library will be open for regular business during the program.

The series begins on October 4th with a program of classic rock featuring the group Prime Number. An unusual feature of this group is a unique stringed instrument called the Chapman Stick that is used in place of a guitar. As you probably know, the term “classic rock” is used to denote a style that is considered friendly to the boomer generation.

On October 18th mainstream and classical jazz will be featured with the Anson Wright Duo performing. Wright is a critically acclaimed jazz guitarist as well as a published novelist and poet and former faculty member of Pacific University.

All these programs are free to the public with refreshments and performance night arrangements provided by the Friends of the Library.



Internet and Info Search Classes Scheduled

The library's popular Internet and computer search classes resume in September. Class size is limited so pre-registration is needed – call the reference desk at 503-657-8269 ext. 3 to sign up or for more details. Here's the schedule for September and October:

- “Introduction to the Internet and World Wide Web”. Here are the basics to get you started. Thursday, September 13th at 1:00 p.m., repeated on Saturday, October 6th at 1:00 p.m.
- “Successful Strategies for Searching the Internet”. This will

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help you cut through the technofog and get the most out of your efforts. Thursday, September 20th at 1:00 p.m., repeated on Saturday, October 20th at 1:00 p.m.

- "Locating Library Materials with the Computer Catalog". It's a much more powerful tool than most realize and this class will make it dance to your tune. Thursday, September 27th at 1:00 p.m., repeated on Saturday, October 27th at 1:00 p.m.

Our Annual Reminder for Students...

And now that school's back in session, a gentle reminder for the parents of students who are assigned research papers - those who get started early tend to get the best stuff. While we do have a homework collection that includes many of the recurring high-demand materials, a class-wide assignment can quickly result in a shortage of resources for those who wait until a day or two before it's due. In any case - do have your student check with the library's reference staff, as they are here to provide information services.



Movies for September

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

- September 7th ~ "The Wind and The Lion"
- September 14th ~ "On Golden Pond"
- September 21st ~ "The Last of the Dogmen"
- September 28th ~ "Mercury Rising"

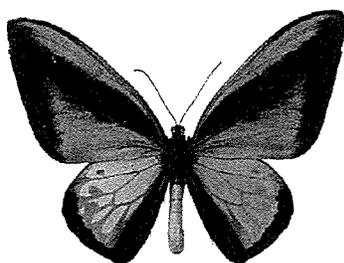
Cookbooks!

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.

Massage at the Pioneer Center

Nancy Brown, a licensed Massage Therapist, offers her services at our center every 2nd Friday of the month starting in September. Nancy offers either seated or table massage. A half-hour massage is \$25.00, 45 minutes is \$30.00 and a 1-hour massage is \$40.00. Appointments are scheduled starting at 9:30 a.m. and continuing with the last appointment at 3:00 p.m. When making appointments please specify if you want a seated or a table massage, this will determine the appointment time.

Do not wait, as we expect that appointments will be at a premium. Call the Pioneer Center at 503-657-8287 to schedule your appointment today! Nancy is very good!!



Butterflies are Forever

The Pioneer Center is going to visit a live Butterfly Garden in Seaside, Oregon. The Butterfly exhibit features North American Butterflies. Many of the 300 free-flying butterflies can't normally be found Oregon.

Come and experience the metamorphosis process ~ it's fascinating. This trip is scheduled for sometime in September. Call the Pioneer Center at 503-657-8287 for information and to sign up for this trip.

Other trips in the making: Oregon Gardens, Swan Island Tulips and the Oregon Zoo.

Monday Dine-Outs for September:

- September 3rd ~ Brown Bag Picnic in the Park
- September 10th ~ Chang's Mongolian Grill
- September 17th ~ Fritz's in West Linn
- September 24th ~ Sweet Tomatoes

Attention Stay-At-Home Moms

MOMS Club of Oregon City/Beavercreek welcomes prospective new members. We will have our monthly meeting on Monday, September 10th, at 9:30 a.m. Children are welcome at all club activities! Moms Club is a national non-profit organization with local chapters supporting stay-at-home moms, by offering a wide range of activities for moms and their children. We hope you will come and visit us at The United Methodist Church, 18955 S. South Rd., Oregon City. For more information, call 503-656-4443 or email at ocmoms@yahoo.com.

Parks & Recreation Classes and Activities

The following classes will be offered on an interest list basis only. This will allow us to hold these classes as often as necessary. When class rosters fill, we will schedule the class. To place your name on the list, call 503-722-9816.

- Calligraphy (Ages 8 to adult)
- Create A Puppet and A Play (Ages 8-12)
- Discovering the New Clay (Ages 8 to adult)
- Fun With French (Ages 8-12)
- Beginning Watercolor (Ages 10-12)
- Fabric Painting (Ages 8 to adult)
- Origami (Ages 4-12)
- Acting Out (Ages 6-9 and Ages 10-12)
- Basic Beadwork (Ages 8 to adult)
- Basic Drawing (Ages 8 to adult)
- Mini-Books (Ages 8 to adult)
- Bass and String Bass Guitar (All Ages)
- Song Writing (Adult)
- Antique Look Covered Vessels (Adult)
- Yoga (Adult)

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Additional Adult Classes include:

- **Balancing My Checkbook** ~ This class will be a 'user friendly' safe environment to learn and ask questions, includes an easy step-by-step process, plus some humor thrown in. The instructor has 18 years of banking experience and has helped hundreds of people with their check-books. To be held Tuesday, September 11 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Center.
- **Traveling Basics** ~ This class is designed for the beginning traveler with little or no experience, but is open to any level of traveler. Topics covered will include itinerary planning, travel gear, budget traveling, packing, modes of travel, recommendations, and more. To be held Wednesday, September 12 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Center.
- **Beginning Watercolor** ~ This six-week class will explore the watercolor medium. Topics will include painting the ocean, painting sunlight, using special effects with watercolor, making cards, painting from photos and painting still lives. Skill level: Beginning to intermediate. Supply list will be provided upon registration. To be held Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. beginning October 6th at the O.C. Swim Pool.

For more information or to register, please call 503-722-9816.

Carnegie Center to Reopen in Fall

The Carnegie Center will reopen this fall with the art center, coffee shop, children's museum and book nook. Volunteers are needed for reception, sales, maintenance, events and office help. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Carnegie Center, please call 503-557-9199 for information about becoming a volunteer.

Watch for our re-opening event announcements!

Water Quality News

Arsenic has been in the news a lot lately. The maximum contaminant level, the highest level that is allowed in drinking water, is currently set at 50 parts per billion. The Environmental Protection Agency has proposed lowering this level and there is considerable debate on what the final level should be.

Arsenic is a poisonous metallic element. In Oregon, it occurs naturally in volcanic geologic formations that are found throughout the state. The major source for arsenic in drinking water is from the erosion of natural deposits found in the rocks surrounding ground water.

Drinking water supplied by a well is more likely to have arsenic present than water supplied from a surface source. Oregon City's drinking water comes from a surface source, the Clackamas River. No arsenic has been detected in annual testing of our water.

Please contact Gail Johnson at 503-657-8241 extension 107 or gjohnson@ci.oregon-city.or.us for any water quality questions or concerns.

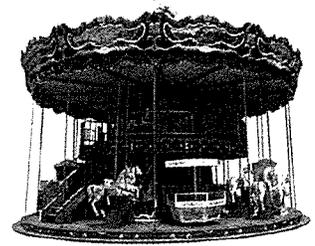
Chamber Sponsors Leadership Classes

The Oregon City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring monthly Leadership Classes to begin October 11th. There will be seven (7) full-day classes to help prepare and motivate existing and emerging leaders to help create Oregon City's best future. The course objectives include:

- To fine-tune the skills of existing leaders
- To identify and prepare talented individuals to fill leadership positions in Oregon City
- To develop leadership skills and talents that will benefit both participants and the community as a whole.
- To build lasting friendships and support networks.
- To develop a program known for excellence and innovations that will serve Oregon City for years to come.

You will experience a variety of presentations, speakers, panelists and hands-on problem solving. The tuition fee of \$390 will include all seven-class sessions along with lunches, break refreshments, graduation dinner and all printed materials.

Applications will be taken until September 27th. For an application and information on tuition assistance please call the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce at 503-656-1619.



Fall Carnival Days

Mark your calendar for October 11th through the 14th. Hagggen Food and Pharmacy at 19701 Highway 213 in Oregon City will be hosting fall carnival days. There will be rides, crafts, kid's activities, and police and fire representatives. Willamette Falls Hospital will be giving flu shots and providing blood pressure screening and much more. There will be fun for all ages, from five to ninety. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Teddy Bear Parade that helps Clackamas County Emergency Services. For further information contact Aaron at 503-451-7963.

Neighborhood Calendar

Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA)

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

Canemah Neighborhood Association (CAN)

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, September 20, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Clackamas County Museum of the Oregon Territory, 211 Tumwater Drive
Contact: Howard Post, Chairman at 503-650-0976

Caufield Association of Neighbors (CAN)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, September 27, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Clackamas Community College
General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, October 25, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association (GLNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Tuesday, September 4, 2001 and October 2, 2001
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Jimmy O's Pizzeria
1678 S. Beaver Creek Road
General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, September 20, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Gaffney Lane Elementary School
13521 S. Gaffney Lane
Contact: Derrick Beneville, Chairman at 503-557-7535 or visit GLNA at www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/glna

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

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, September 20, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Cornerstone Family Life Center
18955 S. South End Road
Contact: Bill Vickers, Chairman at 503-655-3762

Hillendale Neighborhood Association (HNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, September 6, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: To be determined
General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, October 4, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Gaffney Lane Elementary School
13521 S. Gaffney Lane
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, September 6, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: TVF&R Main Fire Station # 54
Meeting Room, 624 Seventh Street
Steering Committee
Date: Thursday, October 4, 2001
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: TVF&R Main Fire Station # 54
Meeting Room, 624 Seventh Street
Contact: Tim Powell, Co-Chairman at 503-650-2466 or Rick Winterhalter, Co-Chairman at 503-650-7550

Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Group

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

Park Place Neighborhood Association (PPNA)

General Membership Meeting
Date: Monday, September 17, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 200 Longview Way, Oregon City
Contact: Julie Puderbaugh, Chairman at 503-650-8028 or visit www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/ppr

Rivercrest Neighborhood Association (RNA)

Steering Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, September 20, 2001
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: To be determined
General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, October 25, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church
1321 Linn Avenue
Contact: Diane McKnight, Chairman at 503-656-6435

South End Neighborhood Association (SENA)

General Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, September 20, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: To be determined
Contact: Katy Weber, Chairman at 503-650-0733

Thayer Neighborhood Association (TNA)

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

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

Date: Third Tuesday of each month
For further information, contact Nancy Brooks, Admin. Assistant at 503-657-0891

Citizen Involvement Committee Council (CICC)

Monthly meeting(s)
Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2001
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location: TVF&R Main Fire Station #54
624 Seventh Street
Contact: Derrick Beneville, CICC Chairman at 503-557-7535, or Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager at 503-657-0891

For further information call Mary E. Palmer, Public Affairs Manager, at 503-657-0891.

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY SERVICES (POLICE, FIRE, MEDICAL)	911
POLICE BUSINESS	657-4964
ANIMAL CONTROL (CLACKAMAS COUNTY)	655-8628
FIRE BUSINESS	657-1365
CITY HALL	657-0891
PLANNING / ZONING / BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTIONS	657-0891
CODE COMPLIANCE / HISTORIC PRESERVATION	657-0891
MUNICIPAL COURT	657-8154
PUBLIC WORKS	657-8241
LIBRARY	657-8269
PIONEER COMMUNITY CENTER	657-8287
SWIMMING POOL	657-8273
WATER / SEWER BILLING	657-8151
CEMETERY / PARKS (REPAIR & PICNIC RESERVATIONS)	657-8299
CAMPGROUNDS & RV PARK	650-6399
CARNEGIE CENTER	557-9199

CITY MEETING DATES

City Commission	1st & 3rd Wednesday	7:00 pm
Civic Improvement Trust	As Announced	
Urban Renewal Agency	As Announced	
Budget Committee	As Announced	
Rate and Fee Review Committee	2nd Monday	6:00 pm
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Monday	7:00 pm
Historic Review Board	Last Thursday	7:00 pm
Library Board	4th Thursday	5:00 pm
Metro Enhancement Committee	As Announced	
Pioneer Community Center		
at the center	4th Monday	10:00 am
Parks and Recreation		
Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
Parking Advisory Board	As Announced	
Transportation Advisory Committee	3rd Tuesday	6:00 pm
Arts Commission	1st Tuesday	4:00 pm