

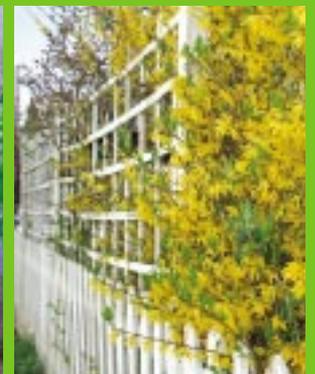
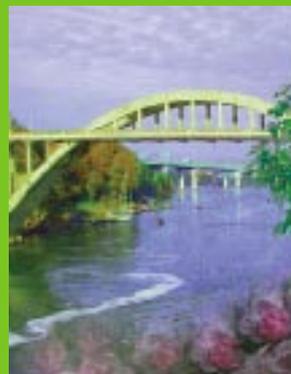
City of Oregon City

# TRAIL NEWS

SPRING 2008



CITY News, Services & Information  
COMMUNITY Events & Information  
PARKS, RECREATION & LIBRARY Programs & Services





*Facts do not  
cease to exist  
because they  
are ignored.*

— Aldous Huxley

**T**he facts show us clearly that maintaining City services to the standards we enjoy today is going to be difficult with current funding. All of us expect our streets to be paved and cleaned, our sewer and water pipes to be right-sized and unclogged, and our stormwater to be pollution-free and not puddle-up above ground.

**Fact:** We have not raised sewer rates for 13 years, and Oregon City's rates are lower than other cities of our size. Under consideration is a rate increase that would enable the City to keep up with construction and operations for new growth and maintaining our current wastewater system, including pump stations, mainlines, laterals and manholes.

**Fact:** The City manages stormwater through 22 drainage basins, 57 water quality detention ponds, 37 underground detention tanks, 106 miles of stormwater collection pipes, 14 miles of ditches and 29 miles of streams. The key

is to maintain healthy streams and protection of our watersheds. Stormwater rates have not been raised for 6 years. We will be considering a rate increase to keep up with city growth and state and federal regulations for clean water monitoring.

**Fact:** Oregon City is falling farther behind each year in street maintenance. On a 100 point scale, our streets are at 68. With current funding, we can surface treat about one mile per year of our 150 miles of streets. We must do seven miles to avoid major reconstruction costs. A 13-member study committee, comprised of business and residential customers, analyzed the condition of our streets and funding sources. They concluded that the most equitable and reliable local option for funding street maintenance would be a transportation utility fee. Most of our neighboring cities have instituted such user fees.

Maintaining our investment in the City's infrastructure while balancing the financial impact to our community make these decisions challenging. Doing nothing is not a responsible option. Please join the conversation over the next few weeks, as we wrestle with these basic issues of how to maintain our streets, our sewer system, and our stormwater management system.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2008 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR!

**William Gifford, local businessman, and Margy Lynch, community development specialist,** earned Citizens of the Year title for their outstanding dedication and commitment in leading the citizen educational and advocacy efforts to secure permanent fire and emergency medical services for Oregon City by annexing to Clackamas Fire District #1.

## CITY DEPARTMENTS



- MAYOR**—Alice Norris
- COMMISSION PRESIDENT**—Damon Mabee
- COMMISSIONERS**—Doug Neeley, Trent Tidwell, Daphne Wuest
- CITY MANAGER**—Larry Patterson
- CITY RECORDER**—Nancy Ide
- FINANCE DIRECTOR**—David Wimmer
- POLICE CHIEF/PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR**—Gordon Huiras
- CITY ENGINEER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**—Nancy Kraushaar
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**—Dan Drentlaw
- COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**—Scott Archer

**The Mayor & City Commissioners** are volunteers who do not keep regular office hours. They may be reached via voice mail at 657-0891.

**City Commission Meetings** are held the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. Any citizen is welcome to address the Commission on any subject at the beginning of each meeting. Willamette Falls Cable broadcasts meetings live on Channel 23 at 7:00pm and rebroadcasts them throughout the month. For a schedule, call 650-0275 or log onto [www.wftvaccess.com](http://www.wftvaccess.com).

**City Government Contacts** .....(Area Code 503)

Emergency Service .....	911
City Hall .....	657-0891
Building Dept.....	657-0891
Code Enforcement .....	496-1559
Community Services .....	496-1546
Fire Business .....	742-2670
Library.....	657-8269
Mountain View Cemetery .....	657-8299
Municipal Court .....	657-8154
Parks.....	496-1201
Pioneer Community Center.....	657-8287
Planning Dept.....	657-0891
Police Business .....	657-4964
Public Affairs.....	657-0891

Public Works Operations .....	657-8241
Public Works Engineering .....	657-0891
Recreation .....	496-1565
Swimming Pool & Activity Registration....	657-8273
Southfork Water Board.....	657-5030
Water Billing.....	657-8151

**Other Government Contacts**.....(Area Code 503)

Animal Control .....	655-8628
Clackamas Community College .....	657-6958
Clackamas County.....	655-8581
Eastham Community Center.....	785-8520
Oregon City School District .....	785-8000

**Community Contacts**.....(Area Code 503)

Carnegie Center—Fine Art Starts.....	723-9661
End of Oregon Trail Interpretive Cntr .....	657-9336
<a href="http://www.historicoregoncity.org">www.historicoregoncity.org</a>	
Ermatinger House.....	650-1851
McLoughlin House .....	656-5146
Museum of the Oregon Territory.....	655-5574
<a href="http://www.historicoregoncity.org">www.historicoregoncity.org</a>	
Oregon City Youth Football.....	632-0547
Oregon City Youth Baseball & Softball .....	632-0569
Oregon City Soccer .....	672-9264 ext. 484
Redland Baseball .....	<a href="http://www.redlandball.org">www.redlandball.org</a>
Stevens-Crawford House.....	655-2866
Tri Cities Adult Softball Assoc. ....	659-2992
YMCA.....	657-9795





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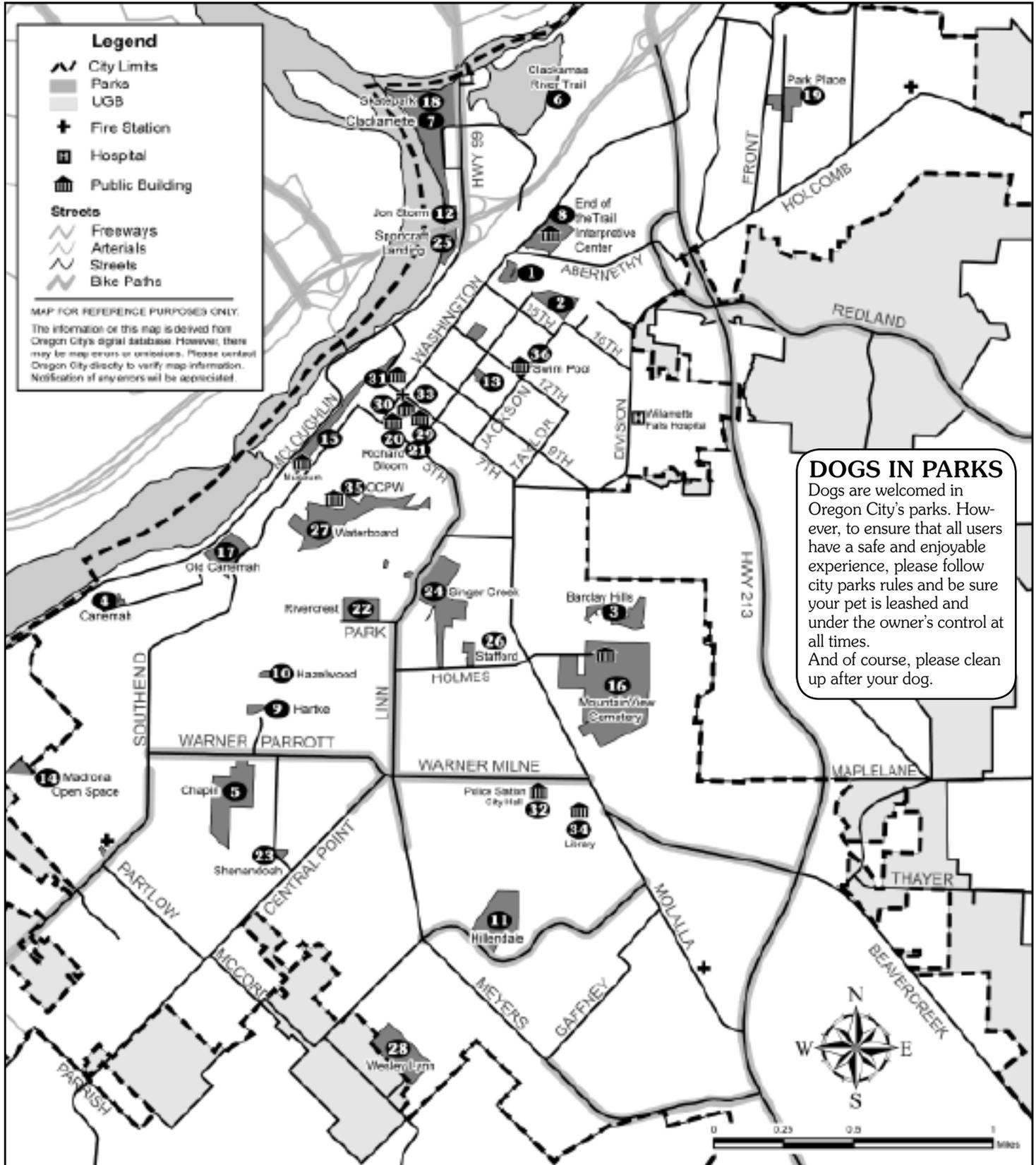


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**CITY OF OREGON CITY PARKS & FACILITIES MAP**



**CITY FACILITIES**

- 29** **Carnegie Center**  
606 John Adams Street
- 8** **End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center**  
1726 Washington Street
- 30** **Ermatinger House**  
616 6th Street
- 31** **McLoughlin House**  
713 Center Street
- 16** **Mountain View Cemetery & OC Parks Operations**  
500 Hilda Street
- 32** **OC City Hall & Police Station**  
320 Warner Milne Road
- 33** **OC Main Fire Station**  
624 7th Street
- 34** **OC Public Library**  
362 Warner Milne Road
- 35** **OC Public Works**  
122 Center Street
- 36** **OC Swimming Pool**  
1211 Jackson Street
- 20** **Pioneer Community Center**  
615 5th Street

**MAJOR CITY PARKS**

- 5** **Chapin Park**  
340 Warner Parrott Road
- 7** **Clackamette Park**  
1955 Clackamette Drive
- 11** **Hillendale Park**  
19260 Clairmont Way
- 19** **Park Place Park**  
16180 Front Avenue
- 22** **Rivercrest Park**  
131 Park Drive
- 28** **Wesley Lynn Park**  
12901 Frontier Parkway

RECREATION AREA FACILITIES		Basketball	Boat Dock	Boat Launch	Meeting Rooms	Playground	Restrooms	Shelters for Rent	Soccer	Softball/Baseball	Spray Park	Tennis	Trail Access	Walking Paths
1	Abernethy Creek Park													
2	Atkinson Park													
3	Barclay Hills Park													
4	Canemah Children's Park													
5	Chapin Park													
6	Clackamas River Trail													
7	Clackamette Park													
8	End of the Oregon Trail													
9	Hartke Park													
10	Hazelwood Park													
11	Hillendale Park													
12	Jon Storm Park													
13	Latourette Park													
14	Madrona Open Space													
15	McLoughlin Promenade													
16	Mountain View Cemetery													
17	Old Canemah Park													
18	Oregon City Skatepark													
19	Park Place Park													
20	Pioneer Community Center													
21	Richard Bloom Tots' Park													
22	Rivercrest Park													
23	Shenandoah Park													
24	Singer Creek Park													
25	Sportcraft Park													
26	Stafford Park													
27	Waterboard Park													
28	Wesley Lynn Park													

Look for the return of the Oregon City Trolleys in the spring of 2008. These FREE trolleys travel through Oregon City's Historic District allowing trolley riders convenient access to our downtown businesses, restaurants, museums, and other tourist destinations. The Trolleys are also available for private rental for up to 40 passengers each. The rental rate is \$400 for up to 3 hours and \$75 for each additional hour and includes one Trolley, driver and fuel.

To learn more about the Oregon City Trolleys including schedules, routes, private rentals and advertising, please visit [www.oregoncity.org/public-works/Trolley.htm](http://www.oregoncity.org/public-works/Trolley.htm) or contact Nancy Busch with the City of Oregon City at (503) 657-0891 ext. 571 or at [nbusch@oregoncity.org](mailto:nbusch@oregoncity.org).





### OFFICE HOURS & INFO

Monday–Friday..... 8:30am–3:00pm  
Parks Office..... (503) 496-1201  
Cemetery Office..... (503) 657-8299

### SPECIAL EVENTS AT MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY

#### Easter Sunrise Services—Sunday, March 23

This Easter, a number of local churches will hold sunrise services at Mountain View Cemetery. For a listing of churches and service times, call our office at **657-8299**.

#### Annual Spring Cleanup—Friday, May 9

Join us for fun and a good workout as we hold our annual Spring Cleanup at Mountain View Cemetery. Each year our staff is joined by the Oregon City High School JROTC, the Optimist Club, and other super-enthusiastic volunteers as we clean up and dress up the cemetery for spring. Refreshments are served. For more info, contact our office at **657-8299**.

#### Mother’s Day Bouquets—Friday, May 9

In honor of Mother’s Day on Sunday, May 11, Mountain View Cemetery will be giving out complimentary Mother’s Day bouquets to the first 25 people who visit our office on May 9, beginning at 8:30am. Visit us at 500 Hilda Street in Oregon City for a lovely bouquet to honor your loved one!

#### Memorial Day—Monday, May 26

Join us for Mountain View Cemetery’s annual Memorial Day Celebration! This year’s ceremony will feature a gun salute by the Sons of Civil War Veterans, taps, placing of wreaths for organizations, music from a local school band, local speakers and refreshments. Our Boy Scout volunteers will place flags on all veteran graves. If you have a family member buried here who is a veteran, please contact our office so we can be sure to honor them! **657-8299**.

### NEW NATURE TRAIL AT THE CEMETERY

We are pleased to announce the opening of our Nature Trail, where customers may scatter the cremation ashes of their loved ones. A natural stone marker or native tree may be planted at the spot if desired. The exact scattering location will be recorded in our cemetery records using GPS coordinates. Contact us for more information or a tour of our new area.



### ACCOMMODATIONS & PRIVATE EVENTS

#### Park Facility Reservations

Park Operations accepts Park Shelter reservations one year in advance. Plan ahead and make your reservations for the park of your choice on the date you want. Please remember that your payment is your park reservation confirmation. For more information visit our website at [www.oregoncityparks.org](http://www.oregoncityparks.org).

#### Three Ways to Make a Reservation

- 1– Call Park Operations at **496-1201** ext **461**
- 2– Stop by the office at 500 Hilda Street during office hours
- 3– E-mail BJ Armstrong at [barmstrong@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:barmstrong@ci.oregon-city.or.us)



#### Rent the Buena Vista Clubhouse

Buena Vista Clubhouse is available for hourly rentals for meetings or special events such as birthdays and receptions. The rental rate is \$125 for 4 hours plus a \$100 cleaning deposit and a \$25 key deposit. Please contact the Parks Office for more information at **496-1201** ext **461**.

#### RV Park at Clackamette Park

Clackamette Park has a 38-space RV Park located at the southwest end of the park. Water and electricity are available at all sites. An RV dump station is located at the park entrance. Maximum stay is 10 days. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis only; we do not accept reservations. Prices are \$18 per night for sites 1–27, and \$22 for sites 28–38 (river frontage). Pay by cash or VISA only; we do not accept checks. For more information, call Park Operations at **496-1201** ext **461**.

#### Rent the Carnegie Center

The Carnegie Center is available to rent for receptions, parties, memorials, book signings and other private gatherings. Please contact Fine Art Starts at **723-9661** for rates and reservations.





## REGISTRATION & FEES

### How to Register

You can register for all recreation programs online at [www.oregoncityparks.org](http://www.oregoncityparks.org). Swim lesson and activity registrations can be done online, in person at the Swimming Pool (1211 Jackson St.) or by calling (503) 657-8273. For new class offerings and updated information, go to [www.oregoncityparks.org](http://www.oregoncityparks.org).

### Scholarship Information

Scholarships for recreation programs are available to qualifying Oregon City residents. For more information call Rochelle Parsch at (503) 496-1572 or pick up an application at one of our facilities.

### City Resident Discount—Am I a Resident?

A resident is any person who lives inside the city limits of Oregon City. Non-residents pay a higher fee for classes and activities since they do not pay Oregon City property taxes which help fund Parks and Recreation programs.

## SPORTS, FITNESS & FUN

### Kenpo Karate Ages—6 years & up

Learn self-defense skills in a martial arts system originating hundreds of years ago in China. Kenpo karate will teach you physical and mental self-defense skills which are both usable and practical. Technical skills will include situations, ju-jitsu holds, ground skills, balance and coordination drills and relaxation exercises.

Uniform information will be provided at the first class. Uniforms are optional. Nine group lessons. Private sessions with a personal trainer are available for an additional fee.

Schedule with instructor, David Barnes.  
Mondays | March 31–May 26 | 6:30–7:30pm |  
OC Pool | \$108/\$128

\*Registration Deadline—Friday, March 21



### Kumite Karate (Sparring) Ages 6 years & up

This class may be added to the Kenpo Karate Class. Special equipment is required for safe participation; please see instructor for information. Students must be enrolled in Kenpo Karate to take Kumite. Instructor—David Barnes

Mondays | March 31–May 26 | 6:00–6:30pm | OC Pool | \$46/\$56

\*Registration Deadline—Friday, March 21

## TEEN SCENE – FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES

### First Friday Each Month

Meet your friends and make new ones at the Friday Night Dance for teens in 7th and 8th grades (student ID required). There's a DJ to play great tunes and concessions are available. Friday Night Dances are held ONCE A MONTH in the Community Room at the Swimming Pool.

1st Friday of the month: April 4 | May 2 | June 6

7:00–11:00pm | OC Pool Community Rm | \$5

## LAP SWIM HOURS INCREASE!

Lap swimmers will be pleased to learn that the Oregon City Swimming Pool has increased the number of hours scheduled for Adult Lap Swim. Lanes will be available for an additional 1 hour 45 minutes each day, Monday through Friday during the afternoon-evening sessions.

### New Adult Lap Swim Schedule

Monday–Friday	6:00am – 8:00am
Monday–Friday	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	4:30pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday & Thursday	4:30pm – 6:15pm
Saturday	11:00am – 12:30pm

*Number of available lanes may vary.  
See page 8 for complete Swim Schedule.*



## RIVERCREST SPRAY PARK

### 2008 Season Opens Friday, May 23

One of the most popular features in the City re-opens for the 2008 season! Spray Park hours will be 10:00am to 8:00pm, seven days a week. This interactive spray park feature utilizes a recirculating water system with a filtration unit and chlorine sanitizer.

For safe and responsible fun at the Spray Park, please follow these guidelines:

- Parental supervision of children is required. (DHS-OAR 33-060)
- Swim Diapers are required for all persons who are not toilet trained. (DHS- OAR 333-060)
- Dogs are not allowed in the feature (dog hair clogs the water recirculatory system and there is the potential of introducing fecal matter into the water system).
- Do not use the spray park if you have had diarrhea in the last two weeks. (DHS-OAR 333-060)

Your health and safety are our priority. Here are a few tips:

- For effective application of sunscreen, allow sunscreen to dry prior to entering the water.
- Shoes are recommended to avoid injury.
- Drinking and spitting of water from features is discouraged. (DHS-OAR 333-060).

Shelters in this park are available for rent. Please contact the Parks Office for availability and fees, (503) 496-1201 ext. 461.

**SWIM SCHEDULE**

March 12—May 31

<b>Recreational Swim*</b>	Fri	7:30 – 9:30pm
	Sat	12:30 – 2:00pm
<b>Family Swim</b>	Tue	7:15 – 8:30pm
<b>Adult Swim</b>	Mon–Fri	8:00 – 9:00am
	Mon–Fri	1:00 – 2:00pm
	Sat	11:00am – 12:30pm
<b>NEW pool hours! More lap swim times!</b>		
<b>Adult Lap Swim</b> (Number of available lanes may vary) <i>New Lap Swim Hours</i>	Mon–Fri	6:00 – 8:00am
	Mon–Fri	12:00 – 1:00pm
	<b>Mon Wed Fri</b>	<b>4:30 – 7:30pm</b>
	<b>Tue Thu</b>	<b>4:30 - 6:15pm</b>
	Sat	11:00am–12:30pm
<b>Water Exercise (Shallow)</b>	Mon Wed Fri	8:00 – 9:00am
	Tue Thu	6:15 – 7:15pm
<b>Water Exercise (Deep)</b>	Tue Thu	6:15 – 7:15pm
<b>Water Exercise (Arthritis)</b>	Tue Thu	8:00 – 9:00am
* <b>Spring Break—Additional RECREATIONAL SWIM times</b> Mon–Fri   March 24–28   2:00–4:00pm		

**WATER EXERCISE**

*All classes are available for non-swimmers.*

**Shallow Water Exercise**—Come experience water aerobics! Work out in waist- to chest-deep water that is easy on the joints and body. The workout includes a warm-up, stretching, aerobic exercise and a cool-down. Recommended for all ages.

**Deep Water Exercise**—Deep water running or exercise is exactly what the name would imply—training in water deep enough to avoid contact with the bottom of the pool, while keeping your head above the water’s surface. It works on core body strength, while providing a cardio workout to lose weight and stay healthy.

**Arthritis Foundation Water Exercise Class**—This program combines the buoyancy of water and the soothing warmth of a heated pool to make a safe, ideal environment for relieving arthritis pain and stiffness. Gentle movements used in the program increase joint flexibility and range of motion while restoring or maintaining muscle strength.



**ADMISSION PRICES**

<b>Daily Admissions</b>	Youth (2–18)	Adult (19+)	Senior (62+)
Residents   Non-Residents	\$2.50   \$3.50	\$2.75   \$4.00	\$2.50   \$3.50
	+50¢ each time for water exercise classes		
<b>Family Swim</b>	Parents/guardians & children residing in 1 household		
Residents   Non-Residents	\$5.75   \$8.00 per family		
<b>Punch Cards</b> Water X, Lap, Rec, Adult Swim	10 Classes	20 Classes	40 Classes
Residents   Non-Residents	\$28.25   \$42.25	\$49.00   \$73.50	\$81.00   \$122.00
<b>Senior Punch Cards</b> Water X, Lap, Rec, Adult Swim	10 Classes	20 Classes	40 Classes
Residents   Non-Residents	\$22.50   \$34.50	\$32.50   \$48.50	\$52.00   \$78.50
<b>3 Month Memberships</b> Lap, Rec, Fam & Adult Swim	Program times change each term		
	1st Person	2nd Person	3rd Person
Residents   Non-Residents	\$48.50   \$82.75	\$39.00   \$70.25	\$8.25   \$13.50
Seniors (ages 62+)	10% Discount on above prices		
	+50¢ each time for water exercise classes		
<b>Annual Memberships</b> Lap, rec, fam & adult swim	Program times change each term		
	1st Person	2nd Person	3rd Person
Residents   Non-Residents	\$97.50   \$165.50	\$78.25   \$132.25	\$16.00   \$26.50
Seniors (ages 62+)	10% Discount on above prices		
	+50¢ each time for water exercise classes		

**OREGON CITY SWIM TEAM**

Oregon City Swim Team is a competitive swim team that promotes Lifetime Fitness, Character Growth and Personal Excellence through hard work and challenges, both in and out of the pool. OCST provides an environment in which swimmers of all abilities can develop to their fullest, whether they are beginners or world-class athletes. If you are interested in joining, contact the Swim Club at (503) 655-4169 or email [coachatOCST@hotmail.com](mailto:coachatOCST@hotmail.com).

**POOL & PARTY ROOM RENTALS**

Rent the pool and party room for your special occasion! The swimming pool and 2,000 sq. ft. party room are available for private rentals on Saturdays from 2:00–8:00pm. Pool rental starts as low as \$63.00 per hour with lifeguards provided. Party room rates start at \$12.75 per hour.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS SWIM LESSONS!

The Oregon City Swimming Pool has changed its swim lesson program! Since the summer of 2007, American Red Cross swimming lessons have been offered! Please take time to read the information on the next page to help you make the transition to the NEW AMERICAN RED CROSS SWIM LESSONS.

### Benefits of the ARC Swim Lesson Program

- Instructors complete 35-hour Water Safety Instructor Certification.
- Classes are more efficiently structured and challenging.
- New levels help ease younger children into group swim lessons.
- Levels continue beyond Level 4.

### Important Reminder

Children should be placed in classes according to their age and previous swim experience. Know the last class you child was in, and please give this information at the time of registration. All participants will be tested in the first class period to ensure they are in the proper class. *Instructors have the right to determine your child's level of performance and place accordingly.*

## SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION

*Please register early before classes fill!!*

**SPRING Registration began Monday, March 10.**  
**SUMMER Registration begins Monday, May 19.**

- **Online Registration**—[www.ocpool.org](http://www.ocpool.org).  
*If Internet registration creates a hardship for you, please contact our staff for assistance.*
- **Phone and In-Person Registration**—(503) 657-8273  
 Oregon City Pool, 1211 Jackson St, Oregon City
- **Private Lessons -or- Gift Certificate**—*Must register in person or by phone.*

## SWIM LESSON FEES

Residents live inside the city limits of Oregon City.

Residents .....	\$33.50
Non-Residents .....	\$50.00
Private Lessons (1/2 hour) .....	\$19.00
Semi-Private Lessons (2 students, 1/2 hour).....	\$26.25

## SWIM LESSON SCHEDULE *See next page for new ARC swim level descriptions and skills.*

DATES	Spring Session 1 MWF	Spring Session 2 MWF	Spring Session 3 MWF	Private Lessons
Spring Registration begins March 10.	Mar 31 – April 18	April 21 – May 9	May 12 – June 2	We offer Evening and Saturday private swim lessons every session! CALL TO REGISTER: (503) 657-8273
	<i>If classes are full please add your name to a waiting list. We do our best to open up more classes! No classes on Saturday, May 24 or Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend)</i>			
Summer Registration begins May 19	<i>Summer swim classes can be viewed online at <a href="http://www.ocpool.org">www.ocpool.org</a> starting May 5, 2008</i>			
LEVEL	27-minute lessons	27-minute lessons	27-minute lessons	30-minute Private Lessons
Water Babies	6:00	6:00   7:00	6:00	Evening Private Lessons 6:00   6:30   7:00
Swim Tots	6:00   6:30   7:00	6:00   6:30   7:00	6:00   6:30   7:00	
Level 1	6:00   6:30   7:00	6:00   6:30	6:00   6:30   7:00	Saturday Private Lessons 11:00   11:30   12:00
Level 2	6:00   6:30   7:00	6:00   6:30   7:00	6:00   6:30   7:00	
Level 3	6:30	6:30	6:30	
Level 4	7:00			
Level 5		7:00		
Level 6			7:00	

## LIFEGUARD TRAINING

Participants must attend all 6 scheduled classes. The course focuses on the job of a lifeguard in a swimming pool environment. The class will emphasize victim recognition, surveillance, equipment-based rescues, and includes first aid and CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Fees include all class materials.

**PREREQUISITES:** The participant must be

- at least 15 years of age
- able to swim continuously for 500 yards
- able to tread water for 2 minutes using legs only
- able to retrieve a 10-lb brick from 7 feet of water and return it to the surface

Bring a swimsuit and towel...you will get wet. For more info, call Rochelle Parsch at 496-1572.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday | May 5–16 | 4:00–9:00pm | OC Pool  
 \$120 Resident / \$140 Non-Resident | Registration Deadline: April 21



**WHAT DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR THIS SEASON?** See table & swim level descriptions below.

OLD Swim Level	EQUIVALENT TO	NEW Red Cross Swim Level	OLD Swim Level	EQUIVALENT TO	NEW Red Cross Swim Level
New Swim Participant (Has never had lessons and can't touch the bottom of the pool)		<b>SWIM TOTS</b> —Class uses <i>TOT DOCKS*</i> – platforms that sink in the water to change the depth of pool, making it easier for children to stand and participate in lessons. For 3–4 years olds only. No age exceptions.	Level 4		<b>LEVEL 4</b>
Level 1		<b>LEVEL 1</b> —For 5 years old and up, unless a 4 year old and can prove s/he has passed Swim Tots.	Passing Level 4		<b>LEVEL 5</b>
Level 2		<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>NEW LEVEL</b>		<b>LEVEL 6 (Lifeguard Readiness &amp; Personal Water Safety)</b>
Level 3		<b>LEVEL 3</b>			

**American Red Cross Swim Level Descriptions**

**WATER BABIES—PARENT & CHILD CLASS, FOR AGES 6 MONTHS–3 YEARS**

**OLD.** This class will teach you and your child how to be comfortable in and around the water. Learn how to hold and play properly with your child in the water. Learn games that incorporate swim skills. This class allows for a safe and controlled environment to introduce your child to swimming lessons.

**SWIM TOTS—MUST BE 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD ONLY!** For the very beginner in the water. Class is conducted on the tot docks\* (see table above). Participants learn through play and games that incorporate basic water skills. To pass they must successfully demonstrate:

Class participation | Submerge face for 3 seconds | 5 Bobs in chest-deep water | Blow bubbles | Enter and exit water independently | Front and back float with support

**LEVEL 1—INTRODUCTION TO WATER SKILLS.** Must be at least 5 years old, or if child is 4 years old you **MUST** show proof that child has passed Swim Tots to attend the class and child is unable to swim or float. Exceptions may be authorized by the supervisor. Please call for further inquiries. Children must also be over 50 inches tall. (The 50-inch rule may be waived. However, it ensures the safety of your child and helps with the transition into deeper water where they won't be able to touch bottom if they are less than 50 inches tall.) This class does not use the \*tot docks! It is very important that participants can touch the bottom of the pool. Participants will learn through games and skill practices. Skills they will learn and must successfully demonstrate to pass are:

Class participation | Submerge face for 3 seconds | Open eyes underwater and pick up an object | 10 chest-deep bobs | Blow bubbles | Enter and exit water independently | Front and back float with support—5 seconds | Explore arm and hand movements of treading water | Combined stroke on front and back with support—5 feet

**LEVEL 2—FUNDAMENTALS OF AQUATIC SKILLS.** Must be well adjusted to the water. Participants must be very comfortable with their faces in the water. Skills they will learn and must successfully demonstrate to pass are:

Enter water by stepping or jumping | Holding breath and submerge entire head—3 seconds | Open eyes underwater and pick up submerged object | Front & back glide—2 body lengths | Change direction of travel with paddling, front and back unsupported | Flutter kick on front and back with arm actions, unsupported—15 feet | Explore treading water in chest-deep water | Stroke on front and back with arm actions—15 feet | Stroke on front and back using kick and alternating arms—goal 15 feet | Turn over from front to back and back to front unsupported | Swim on side with support—5 feet | Basic rescue skills

**LEVEL 3—STROKE DEVELOPMENT.** Builds on skills from Level 2. Skills participants will learn and must successfully demonstrate to pass are:

Jump into deep water from the side | Head-first entry into deep water, sitting or kneeling position | Submerge and retrieve object in chest-deep water—3 times | Front and back glide using 2 different kicks | Change from vertical to horizontal in deep water, front and back | Tread water in deep water—30 seconds | Front and back crawl with rhythmic breathing pattern—15 yards | Elementary backstroke kick—15 yards | Butterfly kick and body motion—15 feet | Breaststroke kick—15 yards | General and personal water safety

**LEVEL 4—STROKE IMPROVEMENT.** Builds on skills from Level 3. Skills participants will learn and must successfully demonstrate to pass are:

Dive in from side of deep water, compact or stride position | Swim underwater—3 body lengths | Feet first surface dive—submerge completely | Back float in the deep end—1 minute | Open turns on front and back—gliding at least 2 body lengths before stroking | Tread water—1 minute using 3 variations of kicks | Front and back crawl—25 yards | Breaststroke, butterfly, elementary backstroke—15 yards | Swim on side with scissor kick—15 yards | General and personal water safety, and basic rescue skills

**LEVEL 5—STROKE REFINEMENT.** Builds on skills from Level 4. Skills participants will learn and must successfully demonstrate to pass are:

Shallow dive from the side of the pool | Shallow dive, glide 2 body lengths and begin any front stroke | Swim underwater—15 yards | Tuck and pike surface dives | Back float in the deep end—2 minutes | Front and back flip turns | Tread water using 2 different kicks—2 minutes | Front and back crawl—50 yards | Butterfly, breaststroke, elementary backstroke and sidestroke—25 yards | Survival swimming | Rescue breathing

**LEVEL 6—LIFEGUARD READINESS / PERSONAL WATER SAFETY.** Builds on skills from Level 5. Skills participants will learn and must successfully demonstrate to pass are:

Front and back crawl—100 yards | Breaststroke, elementary backstroke, sidestroke and butterfly—50 yards | Front crawl, back crawl, sidestroke open turns | Front & back flip turns | HELP position | Huddle position | Feet-first surface dive—retrieve an object off bottom of pool | Pike and tuck surface dive—retrieve an object off bottom of pool | Tread water—5 minutes in deep water | Tread water, kicking only—2 minutes in deep water | Forward fall dive from diving board | Approach and hurdle off diving board | Forward jump and tuck off diving board | Skills with the Rescue Tube | Swim on back holding 10 lb brick out of the water—25 yards | Use a backboard for spinal injuries | Assist with a drowning victim

• **REMEMBER:** Swim lessons are different from other sports or activities. Children often need to retake a level two or three times to become proficient in their skills. Please consider this when registering your child for swimming lessons.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Hours of Operation

Center is open .....Monday – Friday | 9:00am–4:00pm

Center is closed .....Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day)

Nutrition Program: Lunch & Dessert Bar | Tuesday–Friday | 11:30am–12:30pm

Meals on Wheels Deliveries: Tuesday–Friday for homebound seniors 60+ and the disabled. Meals on Wheels *can* be delivered on some closed days, or frozen meals can be supplied.

## SENIOR SERVICES & PROGRAMS

### Nutrition Program

Lunch with dessert bar is served Tuesday–Friday from 11:30am–12:30pm in the Pioneer Center’s dining room. Suggested donation for ages 60+ is \$2.50. Cost for ages under 60 is \$4.50. Call (503) 657-8287 for more information. Meals-on-Wheels are provided to homebound seniors 60+ and the disabled.

### Meals-on-Wheels Service

*Some people want it to happen. Some people wish it to happen. Others make it happen! Make a difference. Be a Volunteer!* The Pioneer Adult Community Center’s Nutrition Program provides home-delivered noon meals to Homebound 60+ seniors and the disabled in Oregon City, West Linn, Beavercreek, Redland and Carus areas. Hot meals are delivered Tuesday–Friday. Frozen meals are available for Mondays and weekends. Meals-on-Wheels Service also provides a menu and a monthly newsletter with upcoming events and meal information. For more info call the Pioneer Adult Community Center at (503) 722-5979 and ask for Shirley Ryan.

### Meals-on-Wheels Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Volunteer Drivers deliver homebound seniors and disabled people a well-balanced, hot meal along with some companionship. Daily contact for the homebound helps keep them safe. With a little time and effort, you can make a big difference. Be a part of a program that cares and takes the time to help those who can’t always help themselves. Call (503) 657-8287.

### Grocery Shopping Trips

For ages 60+ years or disabled. Suggested donation is 50¢ each way. Pick-up starts at 12:45pm. Call (503) 657-8287 to schedule a ride.

Tuesdays ..... Fred Meyers

Wednesdays ..... Albertson’s

Fridays ..... Danielson’s

Fresh Marketplace



### Gift Certificates

If you can’t think of a thing to buy the person who has everything... how about a gift certificate from the Pioneer Center?! Gift certificates are available for any of the following:

Swing Band	Trips	Manicures	Dine-Outs
Massages	Classes	Pedicures	Lunches



### Transportation

For those 60+ and disabled residing in Oregon City’s Urban Growth Boundary and West Linn. Redland and Beavercreek are served on Thursday only. Vans are lift-equipped. There is a 50¢ donation for a one-way ride. Call to schedule a ride the day before or up to a week ahead.

### AARP 55 Alive Classes

The AARP Driver Safety Program is a refresher course specially designed for motorists 50 years and older. The course helps drivers refine existing skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques. The 8-hour course is offered once a month. It is taught in two 4-hour sessions spanning two consecutive days. Classes are held in the basement of the Pioneer Community Center.

Sessions April 14–15 | May 12–13  
 Mon & Tue | 9:30am–1:30pm | \$10 (pay Instructor)

### Health Services

Blood pressure testing, hearing test, medication discount assistance, and Medicare prescription information assistance.  
 2nd Tuesday of the month | 10:00am | Free

### Senior Law Project

Local volunteer lawyers provide free legal advice one day every month for clients 60+ years old. For more information and to schedule appointments call Beth Koller at (503) 722-3268.  
 2nd Monday of the month | On-going | By Appointment | Free

### Computers

Computers with Internet access are available to use in our Pool Room.  
 Mon–Fri | 9:00am–4:00pm

### Manicures & Pedicures

RN Bea offers pedicures and manicures for seniors and the disabled at the Center. Bea has 30 years of experience with foot soaks, foot hygiene, and cuticle care. Please tell the receptionist if it’s been a long time since you’ve had your nails done, or are a diabetic and have foot problems, so she can allow sufficient time for you. Bring two towels. Call (503) 657-8287 for more info or to schedule an appointment.  
 Every other Tuesday & every 2nd Wednesday | by appointment  
 \$25 | pay RN Bea directly

## FACILITY RENTALS

If you are looking for an affordable large ballroom, classroom or meeting space, please consider the Pioneer Community Center as a place for your gathering. With its beautiful ballroom, the Pioneer Center is ideal if you do not want decorations or elaborate set ups.

Great for special events such as:

- Weddings
- Meetings
- Birthdays
- Holiday Parties
- Retirement Parties
- Seminars
- Memorials
- Anniversaries
- Fund-raisers

AMENITIES at the Pioneer Adult Community Center make it ideal for large gatherings and events.

- 3,500 sq.ft. with a maximum capacity of 319 people
- Stage for live band or a DJ
- Ballroom with solid hardwood floor and an elevated stage, ideal for dancing and catered events.
- Additional rooms available for dressing or storage
- Food Service area
- Non-Smoking
- Alcohol is permitted
- Tables & chairs for 200, reception or theatre style

FOR MORE INFORMATION or to make a reservation, please call Julie or Kathy at (503) 657-8287.

## DINE-OUTS Every Monday at 11:30am

Meet at the Center or call 657-8287 for a pick-up (suggested donation 50¢ each way). Transportation from the Center to the dine-out is free. Lunch is on your own. Dine-outs and restaurants are subject to change! Call the Pioneer Center for the restaurant of the week.

## DAY TRIPS (Tentative Schedule)

Please stop by the center or call for complete trip details. All trips and entrance fees must be pre-paid. Your name will not be put on the trip list until we receive your payment. If there is an entrance fee we will notify you two weeks prior to the trip. If the trip is already full when we receive your payment we will return your check to you. No refund or credit will be given unless the center is notified in advance that you are unable to participate. Our trips are quite popular and we often have people on a waiting list. To register or to get on the list, stop by or call 657-8287. Trips may be canceled due to lack of interest or illness.

- Wed..... April 09 .... Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm
- Wed..... April 23 .... Mt. Hood Train Excursion
- Wed..... May 14..... World Forestry Center
- Wed..... May 28 .... Garibaldi Train Ride



## GAMES, WEEKLY GROUPS & MORE

- POPCORN!** Every Friday | 10:00am
- BILLIARDS** We have a beautiful pool table located in our TV/Computer Room. Ask for pool balls at the front desk.  
Monday–Friday | 9:00am–4:00pm | Free  
Closed–May 26
- BINGO** Our bingo group meets for fun and small cash prizes every week. We have a lively, friendly group and can always use more players to make it more enjoyable.  
Thursdays | 12:30–3:00pm | 25¢ per card
- CHESS** Games in Pioneer Center’s basement  
Tuesdays | 7:00–10:00pm | Free
- PINOCHLE** These card players meet twice a week.  
Mondays & Wednesdays | 12:45pm | 25¢  
Closed–May 26
- SCRABBLE** Come challenge this fun, friendly group. Meets once a week.  
Fridays | 12:30–3:00pm | Free
- AA** Meets every week in Pioneer Center’s Basement  
Sundays | 1:30–3:30pm
- NARANON** Meets every week in Pioneer Center’s Basement  
Thursdays | 7:00–9:00pm

## CLASS INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

For more information or to register for classes held at the Pioneer Center, please call the instructor if their phone number is listed. Otherwise, call (503) 657-8287 or stop by the Pioneer Center in person.

- **Payment**—Cash/Check preferred; we also accept Visa. Full payment is due before the first class begins.
- **Over 62 Discount**—Citizens 62 years of age and up qualify for the “Over 62” reduced fee for classes at the Pioneer Center. Please have ID available.
- **Cancellations**—Classes, programs or events may be cancelled due to lack of participation.
- **Refund Policy**—A full refund will be given ONLY if requested before the first day of class. No refund can be give if a class has already begun.

## COMPUTER SKILLS

For fees, scheduling and more information on these computer classes call instructor Jerry King at 723-9497 or the Pioneer Center.



**Computer Basics**—This starter course opens with a survey of computer terminology and components. You’ll learn to set up master folders in Windows and explore the World Wide Web.

**Word Processing**—Build on the basics you’ve mastered to fine-tune your word processing skills.

**Movie Editing with Pinnacle Studio**—Learn to convert your old movie films to digital files, record and edit them on your computer, then burn them onto a DVD. This is a 20-hour classroom workshop where students create their own personal movies on a DVD.



## ART, CRAFTS & MORE

### **NEW! Spring Bird Identification**

Slide presentations and local field trips will help you learn more about the birds of Clackamas County. Bring your own binoculars and field guides! Pre-registration required. Call Nancy Wallwork at 655-0545. Tuesdays | April 1–June 10 | 9:30–11:00am 11 weeks | \$45 (Over 62 – \$30)

### **NEW! Oil Painting-Beginners**

Learn to paint! Emphasis will be on color mixing, brush techniques, composition, perspective and blending—from canvas preparation to a finished project. Easy to learn, no prior experience necessary. Supply list available at first class.

Wednesdays | April 2–June 4 | 12:30–2:30pm 10 weeks | \$76 (Over 62 – \$38)

### **NEW! Seed Beading—Intro**

Learn the Brick Stitch using seed beads. Students will be taught the proper procedures and materials necessary in creating Seed Bead Jewelry, and how to follow a basic graph pattern. Fee covers supplies. Wednesdays | April 9–May 7 | 2:00–4:00pm 5 weeks | \$30 (Over 62 – \$15)

### **NEW! Woodworking—Intro**

Create a simple wooden puzzle project. Basic techniques and products will be discussed, including tools required, wood choices, sanding techniques and appropriate finishes. Fee covers all supplies.

Thursdays | April 10–May 1 | 2:00–4:00pm 4 weeks | \$30 (Over 62 – \$15)



## MUSIC & DANCING

### **Line Dancing**

This on-going class meets once a week. Learn the latest line dance steps, as well as the traditional ones. No partner needed. Tuesdays | On-going | 11:45am–1:30pm Donation

### **Pioneer Singers**

Do you enjoy singing? Come join us in choral renditions of show tunes and good time oldies at the Pioneer Community Center. For more information call (503) 657-8287. Fridays | 10:00am–12:00 noon

### **Beginning Calligraphy**

Get started in Calligraphy! An introduction to the italic alphabet and how to use this art form to create your own lettering design projects. Personalize your handmade Valentines, cards, journals, scrapbooks and more. Thursdays | April 3–May 22 | 9:15–10:15am 8 weeks | \$30 (Over 62 – \$15)

### **Beginning Acrylic Painting**

For beginners and experienced artists. Emphasis will be on learning brush techniques, color mixing, shading and composition. Class will include painting landscapes, wildlife, flowers or your preference with one-on-one supervision.

Wednesdays | April 2–June 4 | 9:30–10:30am 10 weeks | \$76 (Over 62 – \$38)

### **Watercoloring with Melissa Gannon**

Explore the exciting, challenging medium of transparent watercolor! Learn to mix colors, the basics of composition, elements of perspective and drawing. Supply list available at registration. All levels welcome.

Thursdays | April 3–June 5 | 11:00am–1:30pm 10 weeks | \$95 (Over 62 – \$48)

### **Knitting & Crocheting—Beginners**

Learn basic knitting and crocheting stitches. Bring your own needles and yarn. For more info on times, dates and cost please call instructor Janice Tipton at (503) 829-8031.

### **Busy Bees**

Have fun making crafts, sewing quilts and aprons, etc. for fund raisers or simply working on your own projects in the company of others. Group meets once a week.

Mondays | On-going | 9:00am–12:00pm | Free Center Closed—May 26

### **Wednesday Afternoon Dances**

The Swing Street Glenn Tadina Big Band (a 16-piece Big Band) and the Black Magic Band (a 14-piece band) jump and jive on alternating weeks at the Pioneer Adult Community Center. They feature great music ranging from the Swing, Cha-Cha, Tango and Rumba to the Waltz and Fox Trot, plus a variety of other dance rhythms. For each band's play dates, call (503) 657-8287. Come early for lunch!

LUNCH 11:30am–12:30pm  
\$4.50 for 60 years & under  
\$2.50 suggested donation for 60+

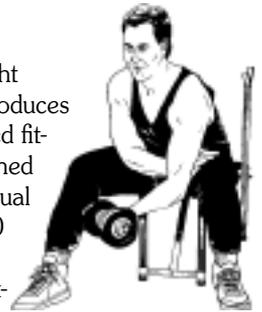
DANCE Wednesdays | Ongoing  
12:30–3:00pm | \$5/person

## FITNESS & RELAXATION

### **Weight Room Orientation**

This individual weight training session introduces you to a personalized fitness program designed to meet your individual needs. For adults 50 years and older. To schedule an appointment call 657-8287.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | \$20



### **Weight Training Room**

Come enjoy this room and exercise with others! For adults 50 years and older. Prerequisite—Weight Room Orientation required. See above.

Mon–Fri | 9:00am–4:00pm | 24 visits for \$20 Center Closed—May 26

### **Cardio-Dance**

A high-energy, low-impact aerobic dance class for active adults who want to stay in shape. Bring a mat for cool-down.

Tue & Thu | April 1–June 12 | 10:40–11:25am 11 weeks, 22 classes | \$63 (Over 62 – \$31)

### **Tai Chi—Beginning**

This ancient Chinese movement improves strength, flexibility, concentration and balance by combining gentle physical exercise and mental discipline. The slow and controlled moves also strengthen muscles and reduce stress.

Mon & Wed | Mar 31–June 11 | 10:45–11:30am 11 weeks, 21 classes | \$60 (Over 62 – \$30) Center Closed—May 26

### **Gentle Pilates Stretching/Yoga**

Use Yoga movements and Pilates stretches to strengthen and promote more flexibility and balance. Please bring a mat and light hand-held weights. Adults of all ages welcome.

Tue & Thu | April 1–June 12 | 9:30–10:30am 11 weeks, 22 classes | \$84 (Over 62 – \$42)



**GENERAL LIBRARY INFO**

**Library Hours**

Tuesday & Wednesday ..... 11:00am–8:00pm  
 Thursday & Friday ..... 11:00am–5:00pm  
 Saturday ..... 12:00pm–5:00pm  
 Sunday & Monday ..... Closed

**Location**

You'll find us in the Danielson's Hilltop Mall with an entrance facing the theatre. Look for the big blue stripe around our corner. For the latest information on all of the library's programs and services call us at (503) 657-8269 or visit the library's web site at <http://www.oregoncity.lib.or.us>.

**Seeking Volunteer Drivers for Homebound Services**

The library began service to the homebound in the early 1980's and continued delivery of library materials to as many as 20 individuals per month until severe budget cuts terminated the service.

We are regenerating this valuable service and are in need of reliable volunteer drivers. Drivers will be matched with one or more clients to whom they will make deliveries of packaged materials and pick up items ready for return to the library.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Judy Corless at (503) 657-8269 ext 12.

**FAMILY CULTURAL PASSES**

The libraries throughout Clackamas County offer for check out one-day family passes to local cultural venues. You can check out a pass at the library, and treat your family to a FREE adventure. To reserve a pass for a specific day, come in or call (503) 657-8269.

Participating venues include:

- Portland Art Museum
- The Chinese Garden
- Pittock Mansion
- The Japanese Garden
- Portland Children's Museum (CM2)
- The Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden

Come check out some fun!



**SPRING STORYHOURS**

Tuesdays ..... Preschool ..... 3–5 year olds ..... 11:00am  
 Wednesdays ..... Preschool ..... 3–5 year olds ..... 11:00am  
 Thursdays ..... Toddler ..... under 3 years old ..... 11:00am

**SPRING CRAFTS**

**Advance sign-up is required for craft programs.** Children must be at least 3 years old to participate. Craft sessions are held immediately following storyhour.

Tue & Wed ..... March 4 & 5 ..... Grow Easter Grass ..... 11:30am  
 Tue & Wed ..... March 18 & 19 ..... Easter Bunny Craft ..... 11:30am  
 Tue & Wed ..... April 1 & 2 ..... Make Musical Instruments ... 11:30am  
 Tue & Wed ..... April 15 & 16 ..... Crazy Hat Day ..... 11:30am  
 Tue & Wed ..... April 29 & 30 ..... Make a Kaleidoscope ..... 11:30am  
 Tue & Wed ..... May 13 & 14 ..... Make-believe Day ..... 11:30am  
 Tue & Wed ..... May 27 & 28 ..... Make an Octopus Puppet .... 11:30am

The following crafts are for grades K–3. **Advanced sign up is required.**  
 Friday ..... March 7 ..... Make an Easter Craft ..... 11:30 am

*There is no charge for any of our children's programs. You may sign up in person at the children's desk or call 657-8269 x26. We are always happy to accept craft supplies! We invite you to stop by the children's desk or check its special bulletin board where we post our needed crafts supplies—anything from baby food jars to shoe boxes.*

**MATERIALS CHECKED OUT EQUALS DOLLARS COMING IN**

The distribution of funds to the various libraries in Clackamas County is determined by a formula that includes the population of our service areas plus the number of items we check out. Oregon City is aiming high (in circulation) in an attempt to secure a good share of these funds in the coming year.

We've re-established our "TAKE 10" campaign which allows each person checking out 10 or more items on a visit to have an entry in the weekly drawing for a \$5 fine card. All non-winning entries will be held over for a final grand-prize drawing in July.

**Support your library – TAKE 10!**

**Secondhand  
Prose**

Monday-Saturday  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday  
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Friends of the  
Oregon City Library  
Used Bookstore



7<sup>th</sup> & Center Streets  
Inside the Oregon City Antique Mall



## SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Thanks to a generous grant from The Friends of the Oregon City Library, we are once again able to hold children's programs during the school year. The following programs have been scheduled:

### Spring Break Week

- Tue | Mar 25 | 1:00pm Innisfree shares their love of traditional Irish Music in a program suitable for all ages, children through adults.
- Wed | Mar 26 | 1:00pm The Reptile Man, Richard Ritchey, will be bringing snakes and other reptiles to the library.
- Thu | Mar 27 | 1:00pm Songs and Stories with Anne-Louise Sterry

### Other Spring Offerings

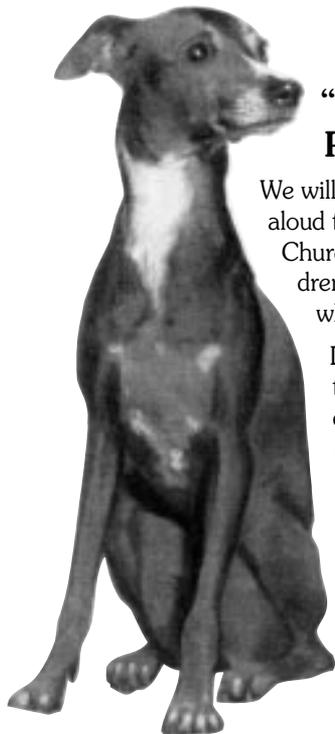
- Wed | Apr 16 | 4:00pm Mad Science presents "Fire and Ice", an interactive science show.
- Wed | May 21 | 4:00pm Storyteller Christopher Leebrick presents "Good Stories from All Over".

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM IS COMING!

"Catch the Reading Bug" this summer and join us for our annual Summer Reading Program.

Children from toddlers to teens can participate, and enjoy storytimes, crafts and other entertaining programs throughout the summer months.

Weekly programs will be held on Wednesdays, and children who complete the program will be able to take part in the annual Clackamas County Day for Summer Readers. More details will be available later this spring.



### "BOW-WOW READING PROGRAM"

We will schedule times for children who wish to read aloud to a wonderful greyhound therapy dog named Churchill. This program works especially well for children who may be anxious reading aloud or for those who lack confidence in their reading skills.

Dogs, like Churchill, are non-judgmental and they will not criticize or ridicule. They do not care if the child makes a mistake. The dog and child bond together over a shared story, and the child's confidence and reading skills grow in a relaxing environment.

Library Staff will be working with the local schools and reading specialists to organize the program. If you have any questions about this exciting new program, please call Lynda at (503) 657-8269 ext 15.

## RENOVATING AN OLD HOUSE? Help is Just a Book Away

Around 80 historical sites and buildings on the National Register of Historic Places are found in Clackamas County, many of them in Oregon City. Benefits to registration may include tax credits and incentives, and building code leniency.

The Library will be showcasing the materials from their "Old House Collection" during the first two weeks of April. Highlights of this collection include such gems as *House Histories: Guide to Tracing the Genealogy of Your Home* and *Decorating Old House Interiors*. A brochure listing some of the other materials in the collection and selected websites of interest will be available with the display. Most of the materials may be checked out.

If you miss the display in April, stop in later or contact the reference department at 657-8269 ext 3.



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## TAX FORMS



We are providing the most common State and Federal tax forms and the instruction booklets for your convenience again this year. For forms not supplied, we make available the sets of reproducible forms, so you may be able to photocopy what you need. Other forms and instructions are available through the IRS and Oregon Department of Revenue websites, which can be accessed via our free Internet computers. Although not allowed to give any tax advice or recommend what forms may be appropriate in your situation,

our reference librarians can help you locate specific forms or direct you to the websites where you can print your own.

## PATRON APPRECIATION

### National Library Week April 13–19

Libraries around the country will be celebrating the 50th annual National Library Week April 13–19, 2008. It is our tradition at the Oregon City Public Library to take this opportunity to show our appreciation to our patrons for their support.

Celebrate with us by taking advantage of half-price on fines paid during this week (we match what you pay up to ½ the total). This offer does not apply to lost materials, damages, rentals or special fees.

## FRIENDS BOARD SEEKS MEMBERS

The Friends of the Library board consists of 4 elected officers and a number of appointed at-large members. They meet monthly to discuss, plan and vote on activities and expenditures related to their charge—support of the library. Among other things this includes the bookstore and fundraising activities, displays and raffles, donations and purchases.

If you are interested in serving as an at-large member send an email to [oclibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:oclibraryfriends@gmail.com).

## BAG IT!

The library is going green by sponsoring a bag exchange. We encourage you to bring your own reusable canvas bag to carry your materials. Have extras? Drop them off for others to use. Don't have one? Pick up one from the exchange bin.



## TAX DEDUCTIBLE LIBRARY DONATIONS

Donations are much appreciated in these lean budgetary times!

### Bucks for Books

The Friends of the Library have established a donation jar at our front counter designated as Bucks for Books. Every penny deposited here will be used to purchase books and audiovisual materials for our collection. Since its inception we've collected over \$3,200.



### Materials

We happily accept donations of books, videos, compact discs and books on tape on behalf of the Friends of the Library. The Friends use the money collected from sale of materials for a variety of projects to improve library services. Items to be donated should be **marked** as donations and brought to the circulation desk.

**Please do not use our book drop for donations.**

#### Favorite donations are:

- Best-sellers still in demand
- Newer non-fiction works on contemporary, practical issues
- Paperback westerns, mysteries & large-print titles
- Children's books
- Music CDs
- Audio books
- VHS & DVD movies in good condition

#### NOT accepted are:

- Old encyclopedias
- Fiction from the '60s, '70s & '80s
- Readers Digest Condensed Books
- Magazines
- Please do not bring moldy, smelly, dirty or damaged materials.

If you would like a receipt for tax purposes, ask for one at the time of donation. A value cannot be assigned to the items, but a notation of the number of items of each type will be made.

### Memorials

The donation of funds for a book or other item in the memory of a loved one is a lasting memorial that also serves the community. Materials purchased with donations have a bookplate that lists the names of the memorialized and the donor. If the person in whose memory the funds are donated had a specific interest, the library staff is happy to work with the donor to obtain materials on that subject.

### Endowment Funds

Please call library management for more information on this donation program.



## CITY MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Budget Committee .....	As Announced
City Commission .....	1st & 3rd Wednesdays ..... 7:00pm
Civic Improvement Trust .....	As Announced
Historic Review Board.....	Last Thursday..... 7:00pm
Library Board.....	2nd Wednesday..... 4:30pm
Metro Enhancement Committee .....	As announced
Parking Advisory Board .....	As Announced
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee .....	4th Monday ..... 7:00pm
Planning Commission.....	2nd & 4th Monday ..... 7:00pm
Transportation Advisory Committee .....	4th Tuesday ..... 6:00pm
Urban Renewal Agency.....	As Announced

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

### CANEMAH NBRHD ASSN (CNA)

#### General Membership Meetings

#### Steering Committee Meetings

Info Howard Post, Chair » (503) 650-0976  
Nancy Chapman » (503) 657-6522

### GAFFNEY LANE & HILLENDALE

#### NBRHD ASSN (GLNA & HNA)

#### General Membership Meeting

When Tuesday | April 22 | 7:00–8:30pm  
Where Berry Park Retirement Center  
Gaffney Lane

Info Joan Schultze, Chair » (503) 657-3355

### HAZEL GROVE–WESTLING FARM

#### NBRHD GRP (HG-WFNA)

#### General Membership Meetings

When Thursdays | 7:00pm  
Mar 20 | May 15 | Sep 18 | Nov 20

Where Oregon City United Methodist Church  
18955 S. South End Road

Info Kathy Hogan, Co-Chair » (503) 657-9435

### MCLOUGHLIN NBRHD ASSN (MNA)

#### General Membership Meetings

#### Steering Committee Meetings

Info Tim Powell, Chair » (503) 380-0503  
[www.mnaoc.org](http://www.mnaoc.org)

### PARK PLACE NBRHD ASSN (PPNA)

#### General Membership Meetings

#### Steering Committee Meetings

Info Steve Van Haverbeke, Chairman  
Tom Geil, Vice Chair » (503) 722-0438  
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/ppn](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/ppn)

For updated information about neighborhoods, meetings and events, visit [www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity) or [www.orcity.org](http://www.orcity.org).

### RIVERCREST NBRHD ASSN (RNA)

#### General Membership Meeting

When Thursdays | 7:00pm  
Mar 20 | Jun 26 | Nov 20

#### Steering Committee Meeting

When Wednesdays | 7:00pm  
May 21 | Oct 22

Where First Presbyterian Church  
Corner Linn Ave & Warner Milne Rd

#### Special Events at Rivercrest Park

##### Citywide Egg Hunt

When Saturday | Mar 22 | 10am sharp

##### Hanging Basket Plant Sale

When Saturday | May 3 | 10am–4pm

##### National Nightout/Dessert

##### Potluck & Bike Parade

When Tuesday | Aug 5 | 6:00pm  
Info Diane McKnight, Chair » (503) 656-6435  
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/rcna](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/oregoncity/rcna)

### SOUTH END NBRHD ASSN (SENA)

#### General Membership Meeting

When Thursdays | 7:00pm  
Mar 20 | May 15 | Sep 18 | Nov 20

Where Oregon City United Methodist Church  
18955 S. South End Road

Info Karen Montoya, Chair » (503) 557-8065

### TOWER VISTA NBRHD ASSN (TVNA)

Inactive

### CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE COUNCIL (CICC)

Inactive

### CHIEF'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS (POLICE & FIRE)

Info Chris Taylor, Admin Assistant » (503) 496-1681

## CONVERSATIONS WITH A COMMISSIONER



### Join Commission President

Trent Tidwell in an informal discussion regarding issues that concern you, your family and Oregon City. Call Commissioner Tidwell at (503) 799-3121 for location and other information on the discussions.

First Tuesday each month | 7:00pm

## VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATES NEEDED

### Victim Assistance Program Seeks Volunteer Victim Advocates.—The

Clackamas County District Attorney's Office—Victim Assistance Program is looking for volunteers, *both male and female*, who are interested in helping people who have become victims of crime. The criteria for becoming an advocate includes the ability to care about others, possess good listening skills, be at least 18 years of age, have no criminal background, and reliable personal transportation. As a Victim Advocate you will have the privilege of providing crisis intervention with ongoing support for the victim, keeping victims informed of their case status, accompanying victims to court (as you are available) and encouraging them to exercise their rights as a victim. Becoming a Victim Advocate is a very rewarding opportunity to help people within your community.

Applications are currently being accepted for the spring 2008 training session to be held in April. All accepted applicants will receive the necessary training to prepare them as a Victim Advocate.

For more information or an application, call (503) 655-8616 or stop by the Victim Assistance Program office at 708 Main Street in Oregon City.

**METRO ENHANCEMENT GRANT**



**APPLICATION ONLINE**

The grant application for Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant program is available online to help your group fund a project in the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Last year the Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Committee awarded \$126,325 to groups with projects that were of benefit to the citizens in Oregon City. This year the committee has \$100,000 available to grant, with \$25,000 being a maximum award.

The Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Committee (OC-MEC) provides an excellent opportunity for the City of Oregon City and Metro to support critical neighborhood projects, and helps to fulfill the community's vision. The program derives it's funding from an intergovernmental agreement between Oregon City and Metro which is generated by a \$.50 per ton surcharge collected at the Metro South Transfer Station on Washington Street. The surcharge is intended to offset any negative impacts from Metro's solid waste transfer facility. Projects within Oregon City boundaries will be considered, and applications must be received by 3:00pm on April 25 to be considered. The nine member OC-MEC committee meets May 15 at 6:00pm at the Pioneer Community Center, 615 15th Street, to review applications.

Specific grant information and the application for the Metro grant program are available online at [www.oregoncity.org](http://www.oregoncity.org) under Oregon City Online. For more information, contact Michele Beneville at (503) 496-1542 or [mbbeneville@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:mbbeneville@ci.oregon-city.or.us).

**PLANNING DIVISION**



When do I need authorization from the City of Oregon City to remove a tree?—Trees provide benefits, such as stormwater retention, wildlife habitat and reduced energy consumption. The City of Oregon City protects our community

by reviewing the removal of trees located in any of the following situations.

**Trees Located on Public Property**

Trees located on City property (e.g. right-of-way, planter strips, land that is not privately owned) require approval by the City to be cut down. Please contact the Planning Division at (503) 657-0891 for more information.

**Trees Located on Private Property**

If the tree is located on private property you may remove the tree without approval by the City **unless** one of the following apply:

- On private property within 200 feet of a stream or wetland.
- On private property which does not contain a single-family home.
- On private property where the land is sloped over 25 percent.
- On property which a development application is being reviewed by the City.
- On private property in the Canemah National Registered Historic District.
- On private property with an individually designated historic structure.

If you would like to remove a tree in any of the above locations, an approval process and replacement of the trees may be required with the Planning Division at the City. Trees that are cut down must be replaced. If you would like to remove a tree that is not located in any of the above situations, you may do so without contacting the city. Please contact the Planning Division at (503) 657-0891 to verify if consent by the City is required for tree removal. The City discourages the removal of trees because of their benefit to our community, however there are some circumstances where removal is warranted. Every time someone illegally removes a tree, the whole community is affected. Please make sure you do your part to conserve our natural resources by saving existing trees and planting new ones.

**Demolition Denial and Demolition by Neglect**—The

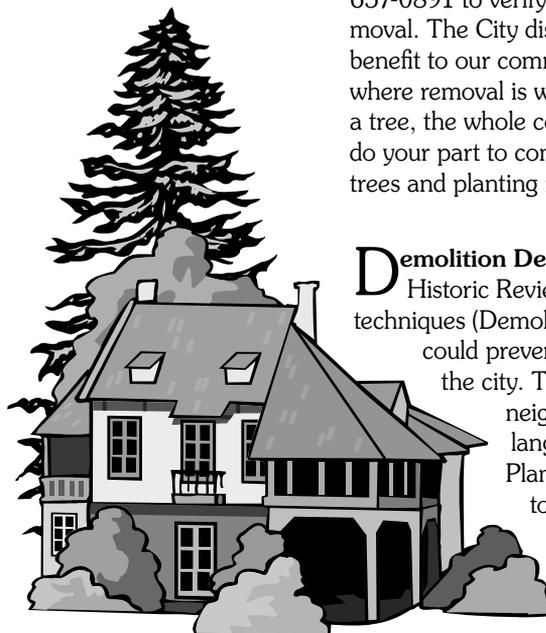
Historic Review Board is investigating two preservation techniques (Demolition Denial and Demolition by Neglect) that could prevent the loss of important historic structures in the city. The Historic Review Board is working with neighbors and interested parties on proposed code language this spring, which may be adopted by the Planning and City Commissions at public hearings to be scheduled this summer.

Additional information on this topic can be found on the Planning Division webpage: <http://www.ci.oregon-city.or.us/community-develop/planning/>

**What? I need a permit?**

**ThinkPermit**  
Protect your home. Protect your family.

To find out when you need a permit for your home project, check this web site:  
**www.ThinkPermit.com**  
or call  
The Oregon City Building Department at (503) 657-0891  
**www.ThinkPermit.com**





## BUILDING DEPARTMENT



**D**efenders of Public Safety When someone mentions public safety, the image of a police officer or fire fighter most often comes to mind. They are the most visible part of public safety.

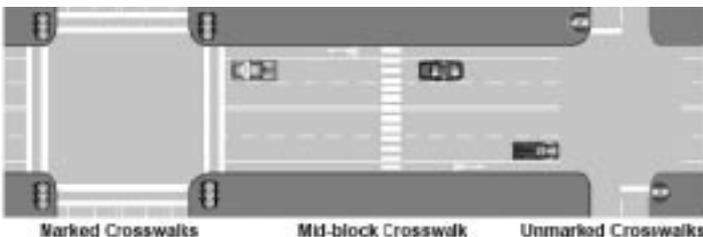
Yet, there are others who are looking out for your safety that you may not have noticed. Their work, unseen by most of us, has an impact on your safety and the safety of every member of your family. Every day of the week, everywhere you go. This unseen group of people is made up of Building Safety professionals that work in the local City or County Building Departments. They assure that buildings built today are safe for tomorrow. People rarely consider whether a building is safe before they take their first step into it. They take for granted that the structure is sound. Building safety doesn't just happen. Building safety professionals make sure that such things as fire walls, smoke detectors, ground fault interrupters, egress windows, alarms, correct stair construction, exit widths and a multitude of other code requirements are built to current State of Oregon Building Code requirements. These inspectors are educated, trained and are certified to inspect each phase of construction. From the footings to the roofing, inspectors are required by law to perform inspections, to observe the construction process, and to ensure that state codes are met.

Oregon City will be joining cities across America to celebrate Building Safety Week May 5–11. Building Safety Week recognizes the importance of safe buildings and the code professionals who work to promote building safety in our communities. The next time you think of your personal safety, think of your Building Department, the front line defenders of Public Safety, and the role they play in keeping Oregon City a safe community.

If you ever have any questions concerning permits or related code requirements, feel free to contact Guy Sperb, Building Official for Oregon City at (503) 504-3523 or drop by the Building Department at its new location: 221 Molalla Ave. (the old Copeland Lumber Yard).

## OREGON CROSSWALK LAWS

**T**he Transportation Advisory Committee wants to make Oregon City drivers aware of a new brochure available at [http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/docs/pedestrian/Ped\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/docs/pedestrian/Ped_Brochure.pdf). The Pedestrian Safety Program (PSP) at the Oregon Department of Transportation, whose mission is to reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities, published this brochure. It is especially helpful in identifying pedestrian safety buffers at crosswalks. Check it out to learn how drivers and pedestrians can work together to more safely navigate our road systems.



## CODE ENFORCEMENT FAQs



Code Enforcement answers frequently asked questions.

- **Does the nuisance ordinance apply to my private property?**  
Yes. See chapters 8.08 and 8.20.160 of the Municipal Code.
- **What can be done with abandoned shopping carts in my neighborhood?**  
In an effort to minimize losses in cart inventory due to stolen property and to prevent assessed fines

through City Ordinances, the Northwest Grocery Association has teamed with NW Cart Retrieval Service. They have taken a proactive approach and developed a solution to the growing problem of abandoned shopping carts. Call NW Cart Retrieval at 888-55-CARTS (888-552-2787) to report abandoned carts in your community.

- **The limbs on the tree in front of my home are very low; who trims them?**  
The adjacent property owner is responsible for the maintenance of street trees and the planting strip. Limbs should be trimmed over the sidewalk to allow for safe passage for pedestrians and over the street to prevent property damage to vehicles.
- **Will the City repair the raised sidewalk in front of my home?**  
No. Maintaining the sidewalk and curb in good repair is the responsibility of the abutting property owner.

For more information please contact the complaint and information line at (503) 496-1559 or go to [www.orcity.org/code-enforcement](http://www.orcity.org/code-enforcement).

**Adopt-A-Street**—The City of Oregon City Code Enforcement Division would like to thank Home Depot, the Abernethy Center and the Oregon City Downtown Business Coalition for making a difference in your community by adopting streets and committing to keep them clean through the City's new Adopt-A-Street Program. A grant from the Oregon City Metro Enhancement Committee is responsible for this program.

Information on the Adopt-A-Street Program and other volunteer opportunities can be found at [www.orcity.org/code-enforcement](http://www.orcity.org/code-enforcement) or the Code Enforcement Information Line at (503) 496-1559.

**Sidewalk Reminder**—Spring and summer are just around the corner and with the warmer weather comes an increased use of streets and sidewalks. Remember to keep the sidewalks abutting your property safe and accessible for the use of the general public including those with mobility and vision disabilities. Clearing debris, overgrown vegetation and maintaining sidewalks in good repair is all part of property ownership. Raised sidewalks, greater than ½" in height, may need to be repaired to meet ADA standards.

**STORM & WASTEWATER DIVISION**



**Don't Dispose of Fat, Oil, or Grease Down Kitchen Drains!**—Most people can recall parental or adult warnings that pouring cooking fat, oil, or grease (FOG) down the kitchen sink drain would clog the pipes. People who are working to protect a much larger piping system, the City's wastewater system, are voicing that same warning.

Each year, thousands of gallons of untreated sewage spill from collection systems throughout Oregon because

of improper commercial and residential disposal of fats, oils and grease. Grease is a problem for our wastewater system because it is hydrophobic—it clings to the sides of pipes. It is the same principle as fat clinging to arteries. Once the flow is backed up, it can pop man-hole cover lids and it becomes a health and environmental hazard.

Pouring grease down the drain, at home and at restaurants, causes all sorts of problems. What should you do?

**Residential customers should:**

- Freeze animal fats in a can and dispose of them in a trash receptacle.
- Mix liquid vegetable fats with an absorbent material such as cat litter or coffee grounds, place in a lidded container and dispose of in a trash receptacle.
- Throw fat trimmed from meat and poultry into the garbage and not into the garbage disposal.
- Educate the family on proper grease disposal.

**Food service and commercial establishments should:**

- Dispose of all fats and greases in an approved recycling bin.
- Remove food waste from cooking surfaces by wiping, scraping or sweeping instead of rinsing with water.
- Use rubber scrapers to remove fats, oils and grease from cookware and serving surfaces.
- Use food grade paper to soak up oil and grease under fryer baskets
- Use paper towels to wipe down work areas.
- Place disposal and recycling containers within easy reach of kitchen employees.

For more information about FOG, please contact Eric Hand, Storm and Wastewater Operations Supervisor, at (503) 657-8241 or email [ehand@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:ehand@ci.oregon-city.or.us).



**Sewer Back-Ups and Your Insurance**—Sanitary sewer (wastewater) back-ups occur in every community that has a sewage collection system. Damages caused by a sewer backing up from the collection system into someone's home probably result in more misunderstanding and hard feelings than any other type of insurance claim. Things you or your neighbor may flush down the drain can clog the sewer system, such as disposable diapers, feminine

hygiene products, or grease. Also, tree roots can grow and obstruct the system and vandalism can occur causing a back-up.

In an effort to keep utility rates at an acceptable level, Oregon courts have made it clear that local governments cannot guarantee that sewers will never back-up, and that government is only liable for sewer back-up damages if negligence contributed to the damage. Negligence is generally determined by whether a local government knew or should have known about the blockage and, if so, failed to correct the blockage within a reasonable time. If government is not liable, then homeowners bear the cost to repair damages unless their insurance policy covers it. Before a sewer back-up occurs, it's a good idea for homeowners to check their policies or ask their agents about insurance coverage.

Additional prevention measures homeowners can take to prevent a sewer back-up include:

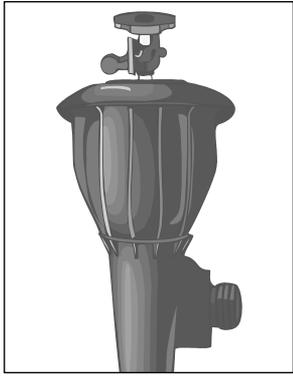
- Having a plumber install a plug (available at hardware stores) at the lowest floor drain in your home;
- Hiring a plumber to install a backflow valve, or check valve, on your lowest drain line and regularly inspect and maintain the valve; and
- Have a backflow prevention device or BPD installed in your sewer line.

Your home is at risk if, at its lowest level, your home is not at least one foot above the nearest upstream manhole of the sewer main. Also, people who live in hilly areas may be at a higher risk of damage from a back-up. For more information, please contact Eric Hand, Storm and Wastewater Operations Supervisor, at (503) 657-8241 or [ehand@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:ehand@ci.oregon-city.or.us).





## WATER DIVISION



**Drinking Water Quality News**—Do you have an irrigation (sprinkler) system for your landscaping? Spring is an excellent time to schedule that annual backflow assembly test. By having the assembly tested prior to the irrigation season you can be confident that it is doing the job for which it is intended—helping to keep our drinking water safe.

Under normal conditions, the City's water supply is pressurized to keep water flowing to your tap. Unforeseen

circumstances, such as the need to fight a fire, or when a water main breaks, can suddenly change the pressure in the supply piping. Water can actually be siphoned back from your tap (or your sprinkler system) to the City supply. This “backflow” has the potential to contaminate the drinking water in your home as well as the public water supply.

Backflow prevention devices are installed to protect against contamination caused by backflow conditions. All irrigation systems—new or existing—must be equipped with an Oregon Department of Human Services-approved backflow prevention device. Only properly installed, State-approved backflow prevention devices meet plumbing code and provide protection for the health of your family and neighbors.

Prior to installing an irrigation system, speak with someone in the Building Department at (503) 657-0891. You can find out if the type of backflow prevention you plan for your system requires a plumbing permit. Three of the four types of backflow prevention devices require testing after installation, and then annually thereafter, to make sure they are working properly.

If you would like a list of State-certified backflow testers, if you have additional questions about backflow prevention, or if you have any concerns about Oregon City's drinking water quality, contact Gail Johnson at (503) 657-8241 ext 107 or [gjohnson@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:gjohnson@ci.oregon-city.or.us). Clackamas River Water customers can contact Vance Voyles at (503) 722-9244 or [vvoyles@crwater.com](mailto:vvoyles@crwater.com) for backflow prevention information, or call (503) 722-9241 with any other drinking water questions or concerns.



### Is Oregon City's Water System Safe and Secure? You Bet It Is!

The Water Division of Oregon City Public Works is intently focused on the importance of ensuring that Oregon City has safe drinking water that meets, or exceeds, Federal and State regulations. System security is a big part of that focus. Our staff includes experienced and knowledgeable employees who are certified in water distribution, well informed about assessing system

vulnerability, and experienced in managing emergencies. Water Division employees continually evaluate the condition and performance of your water distribution system.

Other elements of our program that guarantee a safe and secure water distribution system include:

- Enclosed water storage reservoirs
- Security fencing and intrusion alarms at water system facilities
- Restricted access to valves, fire hydrants, and other system components
- On-call staff available to respond to emergencies 24/7
- Partnerships with Clackamas County Fire District #1, South Fork Water Board and the Clackamas River Water District to help keep watch over system accessibility
- Routine site visits to water facilities
- Routine water quality testing
- An aggressive cross connection/backflow prevention program
- Oversight by the Oregon Department Of Human Services Drinking Water Program

Oregon City is also fortunate to have customers who are attentive and reactive when they see anything suspicious. Thank you! Please report any drinking water related situation or concern to Eli Deberry, Water Operations Supervisor, at (503) 657-8241 or [edeberry@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:edeberry@ci.oregon-city.or.us). If your concern is related to an emergency or a possible crime, please contact emergency services by dialing 911.

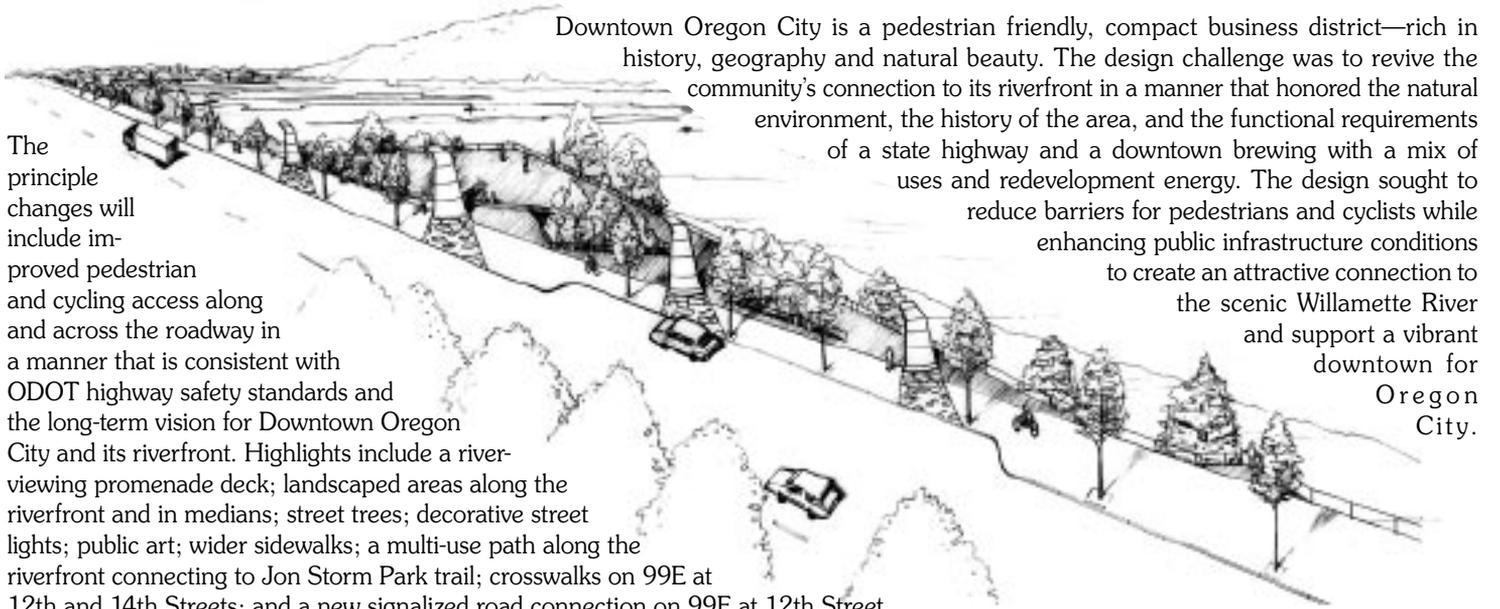


**CONSTRUCTION STAGE—MCCLOUGHLIN BLVD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT PHASE 1**

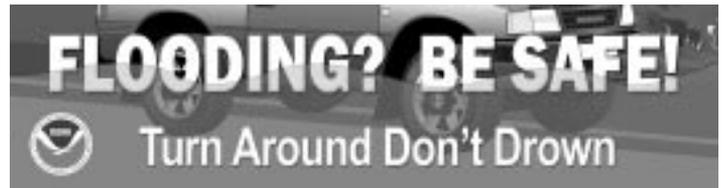
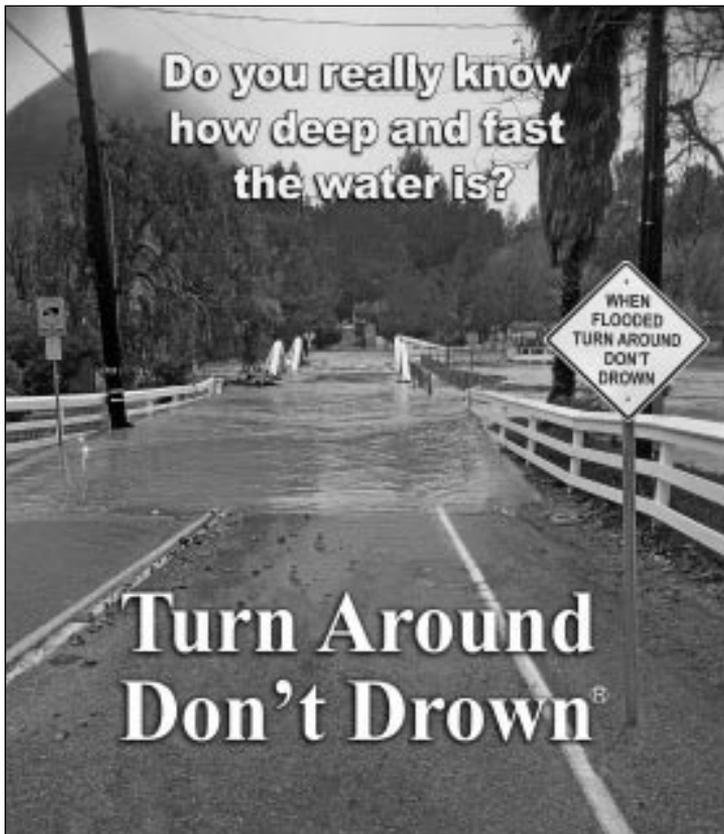
After 17 months, the project design was completed and construction documents were prepared for a call for bids in February. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will award the construction contract in March and construction is expected to begin May 2008.

The principle changes will include improved pedestrian and cycling access along and across the roadway in a manner that is consistent with ODOT highway safety standards and the long-term vision for Downtown Oregon City and its riverfront. Highlights include a river-viewing promenade deck; landscaped areas along the riverfront and in medians; street trees; decorative street lights; public art; wider sidewalks; a multi-use path along the riverfront connecting to Jon Storm Park trail; crosswalks on 99E at 12th and 14th Streets; and a new signalized road connection on 99E at 12th Street.

Downtown Oregon City is a pedestrian friendly, compact business district—rich in history, geography and natural beauty. The design challenge was to revive the community’s connection to its riverfront in a manner that honored the natural environment, the history of the area, and the functional requirements of a state highway and a downtown brewing with a mix of uses and redevelopment energy. The design sought to reduce barriers for pedestrians and cyclists while enhancing public infrastructure conditions to create an attractive connection to the scenic Willamette River and support a vibrant downtown for Oregon City.



Construction is expected to take place between May 2008 and June 2009, approximately thirteen months. For more information on the project see the City’s website at [http://www.ci.oregon-city.or.us/public-works/Construction\\_projects.htm](http://www.ci.oregon-city.or.us/public-works/Construction_projects.htm).



**FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK**

This year, the City of Oregon City is having its annual Flood Awareness Week coincide with the National Flood Awareness Week, March 17–21.

This year’s theme, “Turn Around Don’t Drown,” deals with the dangers of crossing flooded roadways. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) report that over one-half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into or near flood waters.

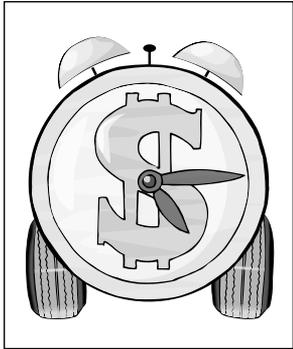
To learn more about flooding in Oregon City along with historic flood photos, flood maps, flood survival guides, and other useful information visit [www.oregoncity.org/flood](http://www.oregoncity.org/flood).

To visit the National Weather Service’s website on Flooding Safety visit [www.floodsafety.noaa.gov](http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov).





## Drive less. Save more.



**T**oday's roads are becoming more congested. Faced with limitations to expanding our transportation infrastructure, the Oregon Department of Transportation, Metro, TriMet, City of Vancouver and other public and private partners launched the Drive Less/Save More Campaign. This unique effort seeks to reduce single-person car trips as part of a larger solution to regional traffic congestion.

What makes up single person car trips?

Single-person car trips are those trips that we make alone. They make up more than 67 percent of the trips we take and are non-work related. Reducing these types of trips can lead to better traffic flow. It is estimated that if each area household eliminated just two car trips per week, there could be a four percent reduction in the number of cars on the road.

The Drive Less/Save More Campaign seeks to reduce single-person car trips by promoting travel options like public transit, car pooling, biking and walking and encouraging drivers to trip chain or combine multiple errands into single trips. These travel savvy practices are practical and can save you money otherwise spent at the gas pump.

### Top 10 Ways to Trip Chain

Trip chaining, or combining several errands into one trip, saves time and money and increases peace of mind. There are lots of ways to work trip chaining into your schedule. Here are some suggestions:

- 1. Plan ahead**—Take a moment to plan out your route and think about what else you might need to get done.
- 2. Make a list**—Think about everything that you need and get it all done at once. That way, you won't need to make a last-minute trip to the store.
- 3. Find the most efficient route**—There are a number of Internet sites that can help you plan the shortest, most efficient route. GPS receivers can also help you plot the best route.
- 4. Try making only right turns**—United Parcel Service (UPS) experts have determined that left turns tend to take more time and waste more gas than right turns because drivers often have to wait for traffic and/or the light to change.
- 5. Avoid backtracking**—Doubling back creates needless travel that can be avoided by following a more efficient, pre-planned route and using a list so you get everything you need.
- 6. Combine errands**—Do you need to pick up your dry cleaning today? Why not pick it up tomorrow when you go grocery shopping? Try combining errands into just one trip.
- 7. Use closer stores**—Explore your neighborhood shops. Try walking to lunch at the bistro down the street instead of driving to one farther away.
- 8. Group your appointments together**—If both of your kids need to go to the dentist, make it just one trip.
- 9. Consider one-stop shopping**—Many stores and shopping centers may offer you the opportunity to get all of your errands done in just one stop.
- 10. Count the time and money you save!**

For more information, go to [www.DriveLessSaveMore.com](http://www.DriveLessSaveMore.com).

## SOUTH FORK WATER BOARD



**S**aving Water Indoors—The following are everyday tips and ideas about how you and your family can use water more efficiently in and around your home. \*Savings are based on a family of four. For more information about water conservation visit South Fork Water Board's Conservation Page at [www.sfwb.com](http://www.sfwb.com) or visit the Regional Water Provider

Consortium's website at [www.conserveh2o.org](http://www.conserveh2o.org).

- Take a shallow bath instead of a shower. (Saves 15–20 gallons per day). If you take a shower, make it quick. Install a shower timer.
- Don't flush tissues and cigarettes. (Saves 400–600 gallons per month.)
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. (Saves 3 gallons per day.)
- Use a waterless hand cleaner when washing greasy hands, and don't let the water run. (Saves 7–10 gallons per day.)
- Rinse razors with short blasts or by swishing in a partially filled sink. (Saves 3 gallons per week.)
- Save the shower water that runs while waiting for the water to get hot in a bucket for watering house plants. (Saves 100–300 gallons per month.)
- Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. (Saves 75–200 gallons per week.)
- Keep a bottle of cold water in the refrigerator for drinking instead of running the faucet. (Saves 200–300 gallons per month.)
- Defrost frozen food without running water over the packages. (Saves 50–250 gallons per month.)
- Rinse vegetables in a filled sink instead of running water. (Saves 150–225 gallons per month.)
- Use the garbage disposal less and the garbage more. (Saves 50–150 gallons per month.)
- Wash dishes with the least amount of detergent possible to minimize rinsing. (Saves 50–150 gallons per month.)
- If you don't want water in a restaurant, don't take it. You will save the water in the glass *and* the water used to wash the glass. (Collectively saves millions of gallons per year.)

To make conserving water even easier Clackamas River Water Providers has two different kinds of *free* Water Conservation Kits. To receive a free kit, please call Christine Hollenbeck at Clackamas River Water Providers: (503) 723-3511.



**Police Department Property Room—** Oregon City residents may not realize that there is more to the Oregon City Police Department than police officers patrolling the streets of the town. Although police patrol is a major part of law enforcement, there are other divisions in the police department that have an important role in the day-to-day operations. A very important division in the police department is the property room.

The property officer is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the property room. The property officer makes sure that all property that is brought into the police department is logged in and stored properly. The property room receives property from the police officers working patrol, citizens that find lost property and other police agencies that send the department property. All evidence, found property, personal property or property that needs to be destroyed is stored in the department property room.

The property officer ensures that all of the property is handled appropriately. Evidence from a homicide is sent to the lab, analyzed and must be held as evidence indefinitely. Evidence from drug crimes and person crimes are sent to the crime lab, analyzed and held until conviction and/or appeals are complete. Property that is found is held while the property officer attempts to find an owner, but if an owner is not found in 90 days the property is disposed of. The property officer has a tough job keeping track of all the property that flows through the Department.

Last year, the City Commission approved a change in the Municipal Code that determined how long the Police Department must keep found property. The old code required the Department to keep found property for six months; currently, the code is changed to allow the Department to dispose of unclaimed property in 90 days.



*The Oregon City Property Officer encourages anyone who has had a bicycle stolen to please come to the Police Department and view the bikes in our storage basement.*

Before the change in the code, the police department struggled with the lack of storage space especially because of all the found bicycles that took up space in our storage basement.

Found bicycles are a big problem for most police agencies. Each day officers respond to found bicycle calls and the owner is rarely found. The bike ends up as found property and the property officer makes another attempt to locate an owner. Most often the bikes are unclaimed and sent to auction. The Oregon City Property Officer encourages anyone who has had a bicycle stolen to please come to the Police Department and view the bikes in our storage basement.

Last summer, the Oregon City Police Department joined with other Clackamas County Police Agencies and changed from regular local auctioning of found unclaimed property to using the company [Propertyroom.com](http://Propertyroom.com). Propertyroom.com has made it easier for the department to dispose of property when the required time period is completed.

The property officer makes every attempt to contact an owner of found property before the items are sent to auction. If all attempts to contact an owner fail, the property officer makes a list of all unclaimed property and posts that information in three places around the City of Oregon City, the Library, City Hall and Pioneer Center. This information is posted for 30 days in the event the owner of the found property comes forward. If the property is still unclaimed after 30 days, the property officer contacts Propertyroom.com. Propertyroom.com takes the unclaimed property and sells it on the Internet in the same general way as eBay. The general public can go to the website [www.propertyroom.com](http://www.propertyroom.com) and view property for sale.

If you have lost a wallet, keys, bicycle or something else of value please contact Property Officer Autumn Wilson at (503) 496-1608, Monday through Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.

## CLACKAMAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

**Victim Assistance Program seeks volunteer Victim Advocates.**—The Clackamas County District Attorney's Office - Victim Assistance Program is looking for volunteers, **both male and female**, who are interested in helping people who have become victims of crime. The criteria for becoming an advocate includes the ability to care about others, possess good listening skills, be at least 18 years of age, and have reliable personal transportation and no criminal background. As a Victim Advocate you will have the privilege of providing crisis intervention with ongoing support for the victim, keeping victims informed of their case status, accompanying victims to court (as you are available) and encouraging them to exercise their rights as a victim. Becoming a Victim Advocate is a very rewarding opportunity to help people within your community.

Applications are currently being accepted for the spring 2008 (April) training session. All accepted applicants will receive the necessary training to prepare them as a Victim Advocate. For more information or an application, call 655-8616 or stop by the Victim Assistance Program office at 708 Main Street in Oregon City.



## Clackamas Fire District #1 WATER SAFETY



Your Friend for Life!

### General Water Safety Tips

- **Learn to swim.** The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is to learn to swim. Always swim with a buddy; never swim alone. The American

Red Cross has swimming courses for people of any age and swimming ability. To enroll in a swim course, contact your local Red Cross chapter or the Oregon City Pool. See pages 9–10 of this issue for more information on swim lessons offered at the Oregon City Swimming Pool.

- **Swim in supervised areas only.**
- **Obey all rules and posted signs.**
- **Watch out for the *Dangerous Too's***—Too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, too much strenuous activity.
- **Don't mix alcohol and swimming.** Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance and coordination, affects your swimming and diving skills, and reduces your body's ability to stay warm.
- **Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts.** Stop swimming at the first indication of bad weather.
- **Know how to prevent, recognize and respond to emergencies.**

### Lakes and Rivers

- **Select a supervised area.** A trained lifeguard who can help in an emergency is the best safety factor. Even good swimmers can have an unexpected medical emergency in the water. Never swim alone.
- **Select an area that is clean and well maintained.** A clean bathhouse, clean restrooms and a litter-free environment show the management's concern for your health and safety.
- **Select an area that has good water quality and safe natural conditions.** Murky water, hidden underwater objects, unexpected drop-offs and aquatic plant life are hazards. Water pollution can cause health problems for swimmers. Strong tides, big waves and currents can turn an event that began as fun into a tragedy.



*Never swim under a raft or dock. Always look before jumping off a dock or raft to be sure no one is in the way.*

- **Make sure the water is deep enough before entering head-first.** Too many swimmers are seriously injured every year by entering headfirst into water that is too shallow. A feet-first entry is much safer than diving.
- **Be sure rafts and docks are in good condition.** Never swim under a raft or dock. Always look before jumping off a dock or raft to be sure no one is in the way.
- **Avoid drainage ditches and arroyos.** Drainage ditches and arroyos for water run-off are not good places for swimming or playing in the water. After heavy rains, they can quickly change into raging rivers that can easily take a human life. Even the strongest swimmers are no match for the power of the water. Fast water and debris in the current make ditches and arroyos very dangerous.



### Boating

- **Alcohol and boating don't mix.** Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance and coordination. Over 50% of drownings result from boating incidents involving alcohol. For the same reasons it is dangerous to operate an automobile while under the influence of alcohol, people should not operate a boat while drinking alcohol.
- **Look for the label.** Use Coast Guard-approved life jackets for yourself and your passengers when boating and fishing.
- **Develop a float plan.** Anytime you go out in a boat, give a responsible person details about where you will be and how long you will be gone. This is important because if the boat is delayed because of an emergency, becomes lost or encounters other problems, you want help to be able to reach you.
- **Find a boating course in your area.** Red Cross, U.S. Power Squadron, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, US Sailing, etc. These courses teach about navigation rules, emergency procedures and the effects of wind, water conditions and weather.
- **Watch the weather.** Know local weather conditions and prepare for electrical storms. Watch local news programs. Stop boating as soon as you see or hear a storm.



**CLACKAMAS HERITAGE PARTNERS PRESENT**

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday | March 22 | 10-11am**  
**End of the Oregon Trail**  
**Interpretive Center**

Fun for the whole family! Children ages 9 years old and under are welcome to enjoy this special Easter egg hunt at the End of the Oregon Trail.

**Stevens-Crawford Heritage House**  
**2008 Centennial Celebration**  
**February 2-April 11**

Special displays will include memorabilia from Boy Scout Troop #220, the oldest troop west of the Mississippi, and music of a century ago.

**April 12-August 31**

Featured displays will include memorabilia from renowned Oregon authors, the history of Mother's Day and 4th of July. Refreshments will be served on opening day. For more info contact Diane McKnight, Publicity Chair, (503) 656-6435.

**End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center**

1726 Washington St., Oregon City | (503) 657-9336 x124  
 Open Tuesday-Saturday | 11:00am-4:00pm

**Museum of the Oregon Territory**

211 Tumwater Dr., Oregon City | (503) 655-5574  
 Open Tuesday-Saturday | 11:00am-4:00pm

**Stevens-Crawford Heritage House**

603 6th St., Oregon City | (503) 655-2866  
 Open Wednesday-Saturday 12:00-4:00pm

**The Historic Oregon City Pass** is priced at \$7-adults, \$5-youth and children under 5 are free. The pass includes admission into all three sites. Good through May 22, 2008.  
<http://www.HistoricOregonCity.com>

Media Contact: Kristin Krahmer, Development Assistant  
 (503) 657-9336 x101 | [kkrahmer@historicoregoncity.org](mailto:kkrahmer@historicoregoncity.org)

**Spring Break Activities**

**End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center & Museum of the Oregon Territory | Monday-Friday | March 24-28**

Come join us during Spring Break for a fun-filled event that the whole family can enjoy! This event will feature hands-on activities relating to the day-to-day activities of the pioneers who journeyed the 2,000 mile trail to the Oregon Country in the mid-nineteenth century. Visitors will be



able to create silhouettes, go on scavenger hunts and make candles, butter, journals and rag dolls the old fashioned way!

**Exhibit-Unfolding Lives: Discovering Pioneers' Fates**  
**February 14-September 30**

Explore the lives of nine pioneers through this exhibit featured at three heritage sites in Historic Oregon City. "Unfolding Lives" will allow for visitors to explore each family's journey to Oregon and their settlement here. Visitors will begin their journey into the lives of these pioneers at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, which will feature the stories and family heirlooms from their journey to Oregon. The exhibit continues at the Museum of the Oregon Territory and Stevens-Crawford Heritage House, which will highlight the lives of each pioneer as settlers of the region. Following this, visitors will be encouraged to continue their learning experience by visiting related sites around Oregon, including Baker Cabin and Mountain View Cemetery. Many of the artifacts featured in this exhibit which belonged to the pioneers have never been in the same place together through the cooperation of many regional historical organizations.



**CITYWIDE EGG HUNT**

**Saturday | March 22**  
**10:00am sharp | Rivercrest Park**  
**Toddlers - 12 years old**

Sponsored by the  
 Rivercrest  
 Neighborhood  
 Association



**ERMATINGER HOUSE**  
**Vintage Doll Show**

**April 11-13**  
 The Antique Doll Study Club of Oregon will sponsor a Vintage Doll Show Benefit at the Historic Ermatinger House, Living History and Textile Museum, 619 6th St., Oregon City.

For more info contact Marge Harding (503)650-1851 or (503)655-0385.  
 Friday-Sunday | April 11-13  
 Admission to the show is \$5.



## OREGON CITY ELECTION NEWS

**C**ity Commission Open Positions—Election materials for candidates interested in running for the City Commission in Oregon City are now available online and in the City Recorder's Office at City Hall, 320

Warner Milne Road, Oregon City. The Municipal Election to elect two public officials will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

There are two open positions on the City Commission: Position #2 and Position #3. Each volunteer position is a four-year term. Those who wish to declare their candidacy must file Form SEL 120, *Candidacy for Nonpartisan Nomination*, with the City Recorder no sooner than June 4, 2008, and no later than August 26, 2008, to be on the November 4 ballot. A prospective candidate may file by declaration or by petition.

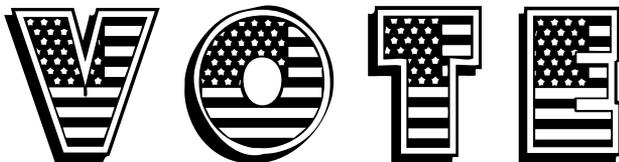
- If filing by declaration, a \$50 filing fee is required with SEL 120.
- If filing by petition, SEL 120 is filed indicating the candidate is filing by prospective petition. Petitions require 50 valid signatures, and appropriate signature sheets are provided by the City Recorder's Office.

No person shall be eligible for an elective office of the City unless at the time of election he or she is a qualified elector within the meaning of the state constitution and has resided in the city during the twelve months immediately preceding the election. A candidate packet, including the City Elections Manual and a Campaign Finance Manual, is available from the City Recorder's Office and online at [www.orcity.org](http://www.orcity.org). Questions regarding candidate procedures or requirements may be directed to Nancy Ide, Oregon City Recorder, at (503) 496-1505.

### **V**oter Registration is underway.

- To qualify to vote in the May 20, 2008 Primary Election, residents must be registered before the April 29, 2008 deadline.
- To qualify to vote in the November 4, 2008 General Election, residents must be registered before the October 14, 2008 deadline.

To qualify to vote in Oregon, a person must be a resident of Oregon, a citizen of the United States, and be 18 years old by Election Day. To register to vote, complete a voter registration form and return it to the Clackamas County Elections Office, 1710 Red Soils Court, Suite 100, Oregon City, OR 97045. The form is also available at City Hall in Oregon City and on Clackamas County's Web site at <http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/elections>. If your name, address, or party affiliation has changed since the last election, you must complete a new voter registration form and submit it to your county of residence.



## CONFERENCE OF THE CIVIL WAR ERA

Friday–Sunday | April 11–13  
Pioneer Community Center, Historic Oregon City

Nationally recognized presenters: Nicky and Susan Hughes, Carolann Schmitt, Kathleen Carroll and Thomas Cartwright.

- Exciting topics reflecting the military and civilian aspect of the Civil War Era.
- Most meals included with conference registration.
- Saturday night banquet at the Museum of the Oregon Territory with Civil War Era music and entertainment.
- Displays of Civil War Era original textiles and artifacts.
- A vendor area for browsing and shopping.
- Pre- and post-conference area historic tours are available.

For more information contact: Sponsoring Non-profit Organization 1st Oregon Volunteer Infantry/20th Maine Rolla and Marge Harding at (503) 655-0385 or email [harding1863@comcast.net](mailto:harding1863@comcast.net). Or check out our website for registration forms at <http://www.1stovi-20thmaine.org>.

## THE HAUNTING WAR AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY REVISITED

A Civil War Production—Saturday | April 12 | 8:00pm

The Oregon Council of the Humanities presents William and Carla Coleman's performance of their newest production, "The Haunting War". Through original music and readings, they tell the story of how those affected by the Civil War endured, and the ways the War touches our lives to this day. Their program will be held on the evening of April 12th beginning at 8pm at the Museum of the Oregon Territory, third floor. There is no admission charge. The Coleman's have performed many of their productions across the country and are always well received. Contact: Rolla Harding (503)655-0385.



## FREE VIDEO PRODUCTION CLASSES

**B**e A Producer!!!—Willamette Falls Television is located in downtown Oregon City and serves Damascus, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Unincorporated

Clackamas County and West Linn. If you live in our service area the classes and use of the facility are FREE to you. Learn how to use the editing systems, the field equipment and the studio to create your show. Your program must be non-promotional and commercial free. However, non-profits may promote their services.

For more info, call or click (503) 650-0275 or [www.wftvaccess.com](http://www.wftvaccess.com). Email us at [wftvaccess@comcas.net](mailto:wftvaccess@comcas.net) today and become a Producer!



**ART IN OUR COMMUNITY**

The Oregon City arts community saw many new developments in 2007. In March, the Three Rivers Artist Guild (TRAG) was formed and what an exciting first year it was! While the guild was still in the organizational phase, founding members were

approached by the Art Action Alliance of Clackamas County with an offer of a gallery showing by guild artists at their Skylight Gallery for January of 2008. The gallery, at the Sunnybrook Service Center in Clackamas, features 10 guild artists. The show runs through April of 2008. There is also a special showing by guild artist and potter Diane Wright at the gallery.

In March of 2007, Jude Welter of TRAG coordinated with Jayne Sligar at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center for the guild to host an art gallery. In August, a “Business After Hours” was held to celebrate the “Grand Opening” of the gallery. This was an Oregon City Chamber of Commerce event and chamber members along with artists packed the museum sales gallery.

The guild was invited to participate in a “Recycled Art show” that accompanied a presentation by Secretary of State Bill Bradbury in June. Also in June, several guild members took part in an Open Studio Tour of Beavercreek. The guild was asked to host an art show and sale for the Clackamas Live Event in September.

October saw another Open Studio Tour with increased participation by guild members and shoppers for the weekend. In December, a holiday event was held at the gallery in conjunction with the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce with about 70 people attending. Many people in the community have now discovered the gallery and shopped for that special holiday gift.

With 2008 before us, we have seen the opening at the Skylight Gallery that runs through April. February 8, 9 and 10, the guild hosted the HeART of Oregon Museum Benefit and Sale at the Museum of the Oregon Territory. This was the second annual event. There were 30 artists in the 2008 event, twice that of 2007. The HeART of Oregon began with an opening reception Friday night and a silent auction. All proceeds from the silent auction directly benefit the museum. Saturday and Sunday artists were on site to show and sell their art.

June 6, 7 and 8 will be the Open Studio’s of Beavercreek, which began in 2003 with a core group of 7 artists living in the Beavercreek area. In October, they hosted their fall event and had 22 artists in 11 locations, and developed a website, <http://openstudiosofbeavercreek.com/>. This event just keeps getting bigger and better. Although this is not a TRAG event, many of the artists are members of the guild. There has been discussion among the board members of TRAG to one day start a studio tour within Oregon City that would include some of the outlying communities, like Gladstone.

The guild will be hosting the 6th Annual First City Arts Faire this year. Many of the members also participate in the faire and will be asked to help with the coordination of the faire. Invitations have already gone out the returning artists and new artists to jury. Volunteers are needed to help during the weekend of the faire. Please email [Orzep@bctonline.com](mailto:Orzep@bctonline.com) for more information on volunteering.

I’m sure by the time the next Trail News is published; the guild will add a few more venues to its already growing list of events. We would like to thank the community for the wonderful reception for our artists and all of you who have discovered our gallery at the End of the Trail.

Lynda Orzen—President, Three Rivers Artist Guild

*True art takes note not merely of form but also of what lies behind.*  
—Mahatma Gandhi



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**CARNEGIE CENTER**

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Oregon City, OR 97045  
(503) 723-9661  
[www.fineartstarts.com](http://www.fineartstarts.com)

**Spring Hours (March—Early June)**

Wednesdays ..... 11:00am–6:00pm  
Thursdays & Fridays ..... 11:00am–7:00pm  
Saturdays ..... 9:00am–12:00pm

**Spring Classes & Events**

**MARCH–JUNE**

**Youth and Adult Classes & Workshops**—Fine Art, dance, music, and yoga for children & adults! Home School programs, too! Please call or check our website for a schedule and more information.

**Your Chance to Dance at the Carnegie!**—Learn to dance swing, ballroom, salsa, and more! Call for complete details.

Saturdays | 6:00–7:30pm | \$15/week per couple with pre-registration. Childcare available downstairs in the art studio—\$4/child per eve.

**MARCH**

**Spring Break Art Workshops for Kids!**—Make unique springtime projects such as jewelry making, Ukrainian Eggs, Cartooning and more! For children age 4–6, 7–10, 11 & up. Please call for details.  
Monday–Friday | March 24–28

**APRIL**

**Colored Pencil Society Art Reception**—Please join us for a reception for 70 colored pencil artists works. Public welcome. Free admission.  
Reception—Saturday | April 5 | 3:00–5:00pm  
Exhibit runs—April 5–May 30

**JUNE**

**Student Art Show!**—Celebrate artwork created by young artists ages 4–18. Art, music, facepainting, and fun! Come view drawings, paintings, sculptures, and mixed media works by F.A.S. students!  
Saturday | June 7 | Call for exact hours.

**JUNE–AUGUST**

**Art Exploration Summer Camp for Kids!**—Fun, fine art camps in small groups for kids in drawing, paintings, sculpture, pottery, cartooning, and more! Each week is a different theme. Full-day and half-day camps. Visit <http://www.fineartcamp.com> for details and to register.



## NEW ART FOR OREGON CITY MUNICIPAL ELEVATOR COMING THIS SUMMER!

**Artist Seeks Stories from Local Residents for Project**—Following a rigorous 18 month process initiated by Oregon City Mayor Alice Norris, artist Michael Asbill was recently selected through a national competition to create artwork for the Oregon City Municipal Elevator’s interior walls, floor and tunnel. The project is in research phase now, and expected to be installed early summer 2008.

Asbill is basing his project on Oregon City’s unique history, heritage and physical location including Willamette Falls and the Willamette River. He is particularly interested in hearing personal anecdotes from local residents, and invites anybody with a story to tell to contact him. Says Asbill, “I’m gaining an understanding of Oregon City through my reading, and through research at the Museum of the Oregon Territory and other historic sites, but I really would welcome participation from anybody who has a personal or family story to tell about the Elevator!” Learn more about the project, and share a personal story, at Asbill’s weblog: <http://www.orcity.org/blogs/artblog/artblog.html>.

Asbill’s project, titled “Elevations in Transition,” will consist of three series of unique and distinctive photographic lenticular prints, to be installed under the Elevator windows, on the Elevator housing, and in the access tunnel. The unusual print process Asbill uses will allow a viewer to see multiple pictures in the same image, depending on the viewer’s movement. When completed, the project will be very dynamic, and a lot of fun for people of all ages to explore.

The prints will depict “then and now” images from downtown Oregon City; people from Oregon City’s past and present; and the construction of the elevator from start to finish. Asbill has also designed images which will be etched in the Elevator’s Deck floor, and will complement the prints.

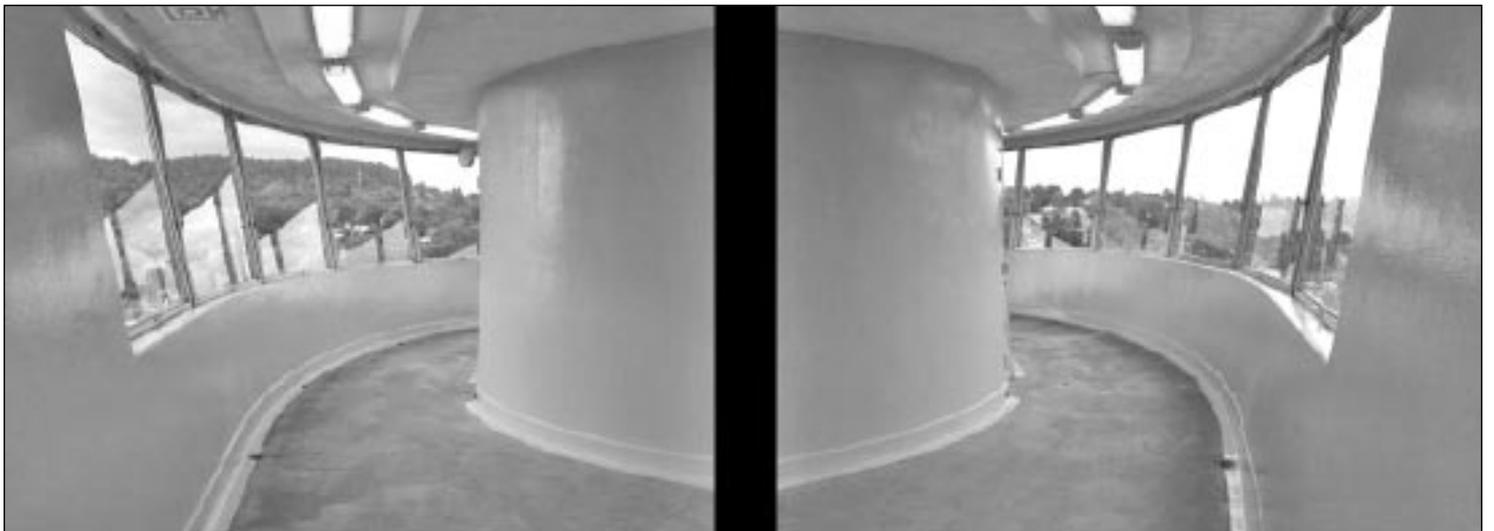
Michael Asbill’s artwork is the result of a recognition that time

had left its mark on the fifty-one year old Municipal Elevator: tile surfaces are in poor condition and the tunnel lighting is inadequate. The paintings on the Elevator’s deck walls, popular for twenty years, were reluctantly removed in 2007 because constant moisture conditions caused severe deterioration and the paint surfaces had peeled, bubbled and cracked. Mayor Norris appointed a Municipal Elevator Art Steering Committee to review the challenges and recommend solutions. By May 2007 the Committee secured \$27,500 to commission new Elevator art. These funds include a combination of grants from Oregon City’s Civic Improvement Trust, Metro Enhancement, Tourism Development Council and the Oregon Cultural Trust’s Clackamas County Cultural Coalition.

In response to its call for proposals, the Steering Committee received responses from thirty-two qualified artists and artist-teams nationwide. Without exception, artists responded with excitement about the possibility of working on this project -- the only municipal elevator in the United States. Asbill, hailing from upstate New York, was unanimously selected because his concept and the quality of his proposal was exceptional, and ignited the Committee’s enthusiasm.

Asbill will be paid \$25,250 for his work, including his frequent travel between his home and Oregon City, where he has been fabricating the work.

The project is coordinated by the Clackamas County Arts Alliance, led by Executive Director, Cheryl Snow and Program Manager Nancy Nye. Steering Committee members are all based in Oregon City and include: Pat Averill, Artist; Chuck Clemans, Arts Advocate; Eli Jimenez, Artist; John Lewis, Public Works Operations Manager; Paula Lewis, Artist; Anne J. Paris, Artist/Writer; Sarrah Torres, Business Owner/Winestock; and Nancy Kraushaar, Public Works Director and City Engineer.



*The interior of the Oregon City Elevator is a blank canvas awaiting artist Michael Asbill’s project, “Elevations in Transition”.*



**SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY**

**Clackamas County Special Olympics**

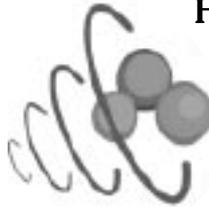
operates the regional arm of the International Organization. We serve over 250 developmentally disabled persons in this county. The program is free to all qualifying participants between the ages of 8 and 80. We are a volunteer-driven group, existing solely on donations and grants; we receive no state or federal monies.

The year round program, with 15 different Olympic-style seasonal sports is designed to help persons with disabilities reach their potential by focusing on their abilities and by helping them gain self-confidence, social competency and other enhanced skills, both physical and social. The program encourages younger athletes, such as those still in school, to take the opportunity to participate in these community activities. Youth as young as 8 years old are eligible to apply.

The seasonal programs, by month are listed below:

- **Summer sports**—April thru June consists of Track and Field, Bocce, Golf, Gymnastics and Softball.
- **Fall sports**—August thru November are Aquatics, Bowling, Soccer, Volleyball and Long Distance Running/Walking.
- **Winter sports**—December thru March includes Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Snowboarding, Snowshoeing, Basketball and Powerlifting.

Any athlete, donor or volunteer wishing to learn more about the opportunity to participate can reach us by leaving name and number on our message line at (503) 675-3550.



**HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY**

**Coping Strategies for Hard of**

**Hearing People—Free**

**Program.** Stressed out because you can't hear? This workshop may help. Join us in learning about various coping strategies that a Hard of Hearing person can employ to achieve better communication with other people. Please join us—we welcome visitors of all ages. This program is live-captioned. Presented by David Viers, Executive Director Southwest Washington Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Former President of HLA-Portland and HLA-Oregon.

**Tuesday | April 8 | 4:00–5:30pm  
Adult Community Center | 503-635-3758  
505 “G” Avenue, Lake Oswego**

**Information on Dogs For The Deaf—**

**Free Program.** Presented by Janice Justice, a recipient and member of the Board of Directors. Dogs for the Deaf is the oldest and largest Hearing Dog organization throughout the United States and Canada. Janice Justice, a member of the Board of Directors and recipient of one of the trained dogs, will speak about the organization and share her personal story. This informative talk will focus on the benefits of having one of these special dogs as well as the application process. This program is live-captioned and sponsored by the Hearing Loss Association of Clackamas County.

**Tuesday | May 13 | 4:00–5:30pm |  
Adult Community Center | 503-635-3758  
505 “G” Avenue, Lake Oswego**

All ages are welcome to attend meetings. The Hearing Loss Association meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Adult Community Center with a summer break during June, July and August. Please join us. For more information on the Hearing Loss Association visit <http://www.hearingloss.org>.



**SOCIAL SERVICES OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY**

**Dollars for Dilemmas**

**Program will be**

**hosting a Plant Sale Fundraiser**—Please visit our website at [www.clackamas.us](http://www.clackamas.us) for an order form. **Order deadline is March 26.**

Dollars for Dilemmas (D for D) provides money for emergency expenses not covered by other funding sources. Requests for assistance come through the Division's Information and Assistance program which responds to requests from individuals who are seeking help. Division case managers working with the elderly, disabled, and homeless individuals and families can also make requests to D for D on behalf of their clients.

Dollars for Dilemmas is a last resort when no other resources can be found. Assistance averages less than \$30 per client. Help includes gasoline and bus tickets to enable clients to get to medical and social service appointments, work, job training and emergency shelters, or to help purchase prescription vouchers, food, diapers and partial utility payments to avoid shutoffs.

The majority of clients are individuals or families who are homeless or recently unemployed and are not currently eligible for other assistance. Funding for the program includes private grants, contributions and SS of CC fundraising activities such as the plant sale.

**Please visit [www.clackamas.us](http://www.clackamas.us) to pre-order your plants and flowers, or stop by the County Public Services Building at 2051 Kaen Road.** Follow the signs to the parking lot on **April 23, 3:30–5:00pm** to view a selection of plants that will be for sale **that day only**, as well as to pick up your pre-ordered plants. For more information please contact Jennifer Snook, Clackamas County Social Services at (503) 655-8760.





## OREGON CITY-TATESHINA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

**Sister City Visitors**—Spring break brings a visit from six junior high school students and their chaperones from Oregon City's Sister City. The five girls and one boy from Tateshina, Japan are touring the local area. A walking tour of downtown, for instance, brings them up close with the murals, shops, historic plaques, views of Willamette Falls and a ride in the elevator. During their week long visit, March 22–28, they'll be staying with host families, learning about American culture, practicing English, and sharing Japanese culture with the families. If you see them around town, they'd be happy to meet and speak with you!

**Annual Sale**—Coming up later this spring is the sixth annual Sister City Committee garage sale fundraiser. Donations of items in usable condition are appreciated for the sale which takes place on Saturday, June 21. (Mark the date on your calendar!) Since the Sister City program receives no government funding, this is its one big fundraising event for the year. Proceeds from the sale go to support the committee's various activities, such as helping to cover some of the costs during the visit by the Japanese students.

**New Officers**—The Sister City Committee welcomes visitors at any of its monthly meetings, usually held the second Monday of the month in City Hall at 7:00pm. Typically, meetings last about an hour. The annual meeting, held in January, resulted in a new slate of officers. John Riggs, Jr. stepped down as President after more than 15 years of service in that position. His dedication has been most appreciated and his continued service on the Board is welcomed. Della Riggs is also thanked for her many years of service as Treasurer. Taking over as President is Elise Lunas, with John Salisbury as Vice-President. Rounding out the officer positions are Beth Werber as Secretary and Larry Lunas as Treasurer.

For more information on the Sister City programs, contact Elise Lunas at (503) 656-5578.



**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
IRISH STEW  
COOK-OFF** 

**Thursday | March 13 | 5:00–6:30pm**

An Oregon City Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" and Fundraiser, sponsored by and held at Haggen Food and Pharmacy. Here's your chance to be a food critic. Contestants will pick up free Angus beef and potatoes from Haggen's on Wednesday, March 12 and bring their prepared stew in a crock pot back to Haggen's on March 13. The event is open to the public, who will purchase spoons to taste the entries and then "vote" for their favorite stew by placing money in brightly decorated jars. The color green, bribery, and lots of fun run rampant at this event! For more information, call Claire at the Oregon City Chamber at (503) 656-1619.

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# DON'T MISS THESE SPECIAL EVENTS!



## EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

Saturday | April 19 | 8:00am-2:00pm  
Clackamette Park

Register at Clackamette Park starting at 8:00am. Please come prepared with work gloves, a tool of your choice and be dressed for the weather.

Can't make the clean up? Why not start a clean up or enhancement project in your neighborhood? Get to know your neighbors, plan a project and enhance your community!

For more info contact the Oregon City Code Enforcement Division at (503) 496-1571 or [www.orcity.org/code-enforcement](http://www.orcity.org/code-enforcement).



Clean up and enhancement project at the Barclay Hills Islands.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATING WATER EARTH DAY EVENT

Connecting Water, Land and People  
Saturday | April 19 | 9:00am-1:00pm  
Clackamas Community College | Gregory Forum  
19600 S. Molalla Ave. | Oregon City

Bring your family and join us as we celebrate water.

- Informational water resource booths
- Plant Sale
- Hands-on activities for kids.
- Lots of giveaways

Learn about water science, water management, water resources, and the biological and ecological importance of water. Visit exhibitors that have visually engaging and interactive displays that teach about water issues and why water is so important to all of us. This event sponsored by the Clackamas County Water Education Team (CCWET), made up of water resource agencies and organizations in Clackamas County. For more information please contact Kim Swan at (503) 723-3510 or via email at [kims@clackamasproviders.org](mailto:kims@clackamasproviders.org).



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*From the beginning of May to the end of October*

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