

City of Oregon City

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December — March



CITY News, Services & Information  
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# CITY DEPARTMENTS



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**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
Municipal Court .....	657-8154
Parks/Cemetery .....	657-8299
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



# CITY MATTERS—by Mayor Alice Norris



*Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.*

—Marjorie Moore

**A**s the City continues to deal with the important issues of growth, economic development, and livability of our community, communication with citizens becomes even more important to our shared future and the kind of community we want to live in.

The City interacts with its citizens in many ways. This interaction happens daily. It takes many forms, from citizens serving on ad hoc and standing committees to hearings before the City Commission to one-on-one meetings.

The Commission wanted to do more this year to reach out to citizens, to inform and involve them in city affairs and decisions. So we chose **‘Re-Energize Citizen Participation’** as a goal in January. We have made little progress in adding to our outreach efforts, due to the unexpected termination of our fire contract and the immediacy of finding a solution. (I know that many of you would emphasize that there is nothing like the challenge of paying for ‘fire and emergency medical services’ to energize citizen involvement!)

We are working on two initiatives:

- 1. Adding five citizen members to our Urban Renewal Commission (URC).** Currently, your five city commissioners make up the URC. By adding business representatives, neighborhood association reps, and those with business expertise, we will deepen our knowledge base, widen our viewpoints, and strengthen our decisions.
- 2. Bringing back and restructuring the Citizens Involvement Committee (CIC).** The CIC was disbanded when staff cuts had to be made following the defeat of the 2005 fire annexation measure. This was a major step backwards in our communication and involvement efforts. As now envisioned, the CIC would consist of representatives from all geographic areas of the community, not just from existing neighborhood associations which do not now cover the entire city. The restructured CIC would enhance communications from the community to the city commission and city staff, and provide opportunities for citizens to learn about city projects, programs and priorities. Without the CIC, the City has had no citizen-driven way to ask questions, brief staff on neighborhood issues, and provide feedback on city goals.

Because of our city’s financial constraints, we wanted to increase communications without adding new staff or overburdening existing staff workloads. We think these two small steps can be effective and greatly improve the exchange of information as it exists today. After we hear from you, we will finalize the proposals and get the two ‘new’ organizations up and running, hopefully in January. Let us know what you think.



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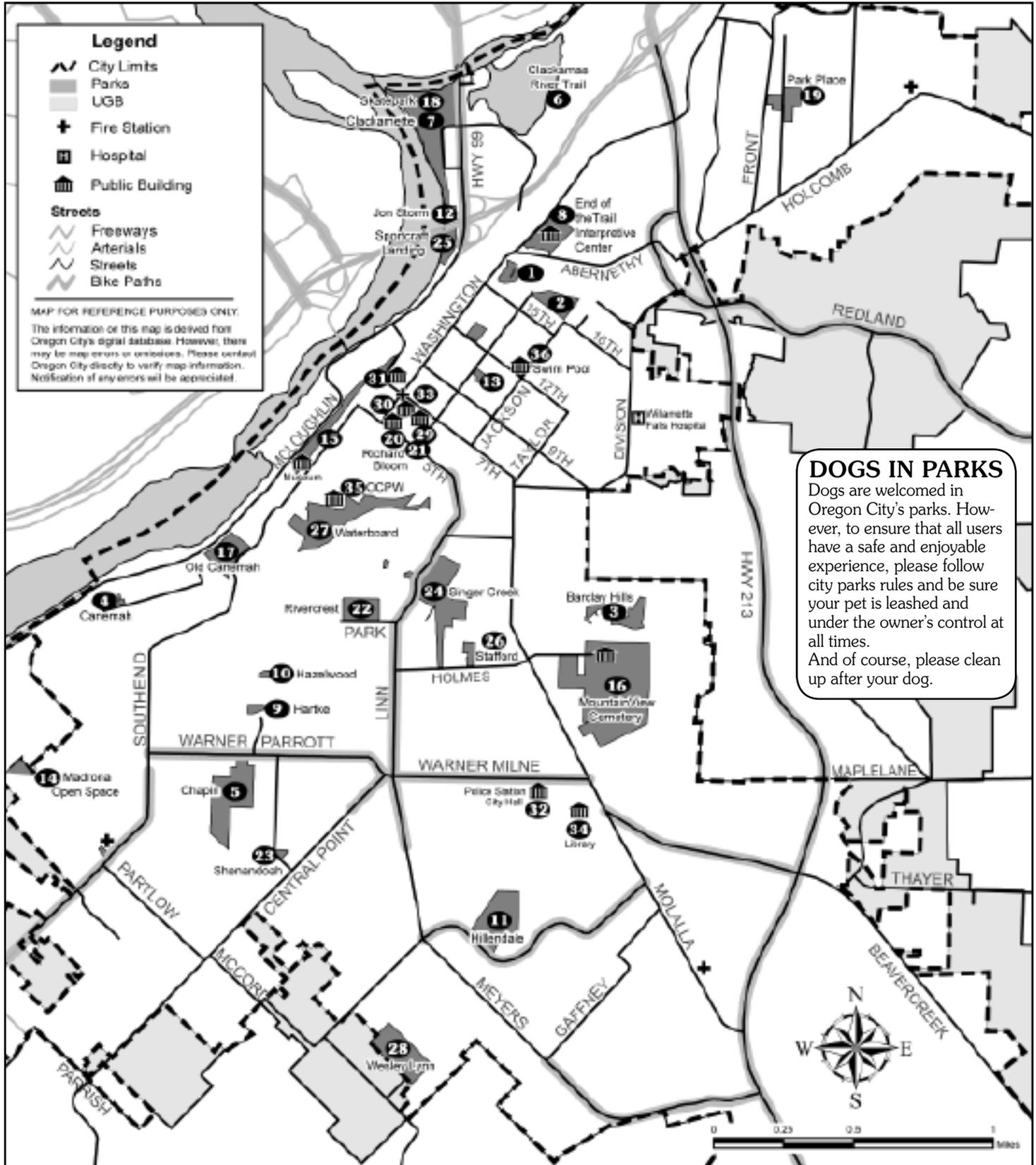
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**CITY OF OREGON CITY PARKS & FACILITIES MAP**





**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													



Rivercrest Park Basketball & Tennis Courts



Carnegie Library Park Playground

**OFFICE HOURS**

Parks and Mountain View Cemetery: Monday–Friday.....8:30am–3:00pm

**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 503-496-1201 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. 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 503-496-1201 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 503-496-1201 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 503-723-9661 for rates and reservations.

**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.

Effective January 2, 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 BEGINS JAN 2, 2008**  
(Number of available lanes may vary.)

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



See page 8 for complete Swim Schedule.



## 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.

## TEEN SCENE – FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES

### Now Only Once A 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: Dec 7 | Jan 4 | Feb 1 | Mar 7  
7:00–11:00pm | OC Pool Community Rm | \$5



## DADDY DAUGHTER DINNER DANCE

Please join us for our Fourth Annual Daddy Daughter extravaganza—held this year at the Abernethy Center! This Valentine's Day-themed event provides a great opportunity for dads and their daughters, sixth grade and under, to spend some very memorable quality time together.

Included is dinner, dessert, dancing, keepsake photos and more.

Bring as many daughters as you have. This year, the food is provided by Abernethy Center Catering. Music is by RJ Mobile Music and the photos are by Bridgit Braun Photography.

Registrations must be received by January 31. To register call 503-657-8273 or go online to [www.oregoncityparks.org](http://www.oregoncityparks.org).

Saturday | February 9 |  
6:00–9:00pm | \$30 Per Person  
The Abernethy Center,  
606 15th Street

## 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 | Jan 7–Mar 3 | 6:30–7:30pm |  
OC Pool | \$108/\$128

\*Registration Deadline is December 31

### 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.

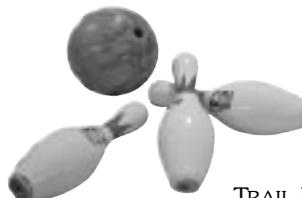
Instructor—David Barnes  
Mondays | Jan 7–Mar 3 | 6:00–6:30pm  
OC Pool | \$46/\$56



## MOM & SON COSMIC BOWLING

Spend a perfectly aligned cosmic morning of activity for moms and son/s at Gladstone Bowl. Fee includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza, beverages and photos. It's out of this world! (Cosmic Bowling includes music and lots of lights. Please consider this if your child is easily over-stimulated.)

Saturday | March 8 |  
9:00–11:30am |  
Gladstone Bowl  
Residents: \$24 per couple  
\$10 each additional youth  
Non-Residents: \$36 per couple  
\$15 each additional youth  
PRE-REGISTRATION IS  
REQUIRED – Register by  
March 3



**SWIM SCHEDULE** December – January 1

<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>Adult Lap Swim</b> (Number of available lanes may vary)	Mon–Fri	6:00 – 8:00am
	Mon–Fri	12:00 – 1:00pm
	Mon Wed Fri	6:45 – 7:30pm
	Sat	11:00am–12:30pm
<b>Water Exercise</b> (Shallow)	Mon Wed Fri	8:00 – 9:00am
	Tue Thu	6:15 – 7:15pm
<b>Water Exercise</b> (Deep)	Tue Thu	6:15 – 7:15pm
<b>Water Exercise</b> (Arthritis)	Tue Thu	8:00 – 9:00am
<b>Pool Closures:</b> Dec 24–Jan 1 (Winter maintenance, no activities)		

**SWIM SCHEDULE** January 2 – March 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)	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</b> (Shallow)	Mon Wed Fri	8:00 – 9:00am
	Tue Thu	6:15 – 7:15pm
<b>Water Exercise</b> (Deep)	Tue Thu	6:15 – 7:15pm
<b>Water Exercise</b> (Arthritis)	Tue Thu	8:00 – 9:00am
<b>Pool Closures:</b> March 8–9 ( <i>Swim Club Meet – POOL CLOSED</i> ) Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 31 ( <i>Afternoon Lap Swim times cancelled due to High School swim meets</i> )		

**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		

**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.

**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!

### OC Swimming Pool is now American Red Cross!

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 American Red Cross Swim Lesson Program

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

## SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION

Please register early before classes fill!!

**WINTER registration begins Monday, December 10.**

**SPRING registration begins Monday, March 10.**

- **Online Registration** – [www.ocpool.org](http://www.ocpool.org).  
If Internet registration creates a hardship for you, please contact staff for assistance.
- **Phone and In-Person Registration** — 503-657-8273  
Oregon City Pool, 1211 Jackson St, Oregon City
- **Private Lessons**—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	Winter Session 1 MWF	Winter Session 2 MWF	Winter Session 3 MWF	Private Lessons
Winter registration begins Dec 10	Jan 7–Jan 25	Jan 28–Feb 15	Feb 18–Mar 7	We offer Evening and Saturday private swim lessons! CALL TO REGISTER: 503-657-8273
	Classes <b>will be held</b> on January 21 (MLK Day) and February 18 (President's Day)			
Spring Registration March 10, 2008.	Spring Session 1 MWF	Spring Session 2 MWF	Spring Session 3 MWF	
	Mar 31 – April 18	April 21 – May 9	May 12 – June 2	
	If classes are full please add your name to a waiting list. We do our best to open up more classes! <b>No classes</b> on Saturday, May 24 or Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend)			
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			Swimming Pool will be closed for winter maintenance Dec 24–Jan 1
Level 5		7:00		
Level 6			7:00	

## AMERICAN RED CROSS LIFEGUARD TRAINING

Participants must attend all 5 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 retrieve a 10-pound 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.

**SESSION 1** Spring Break Mon–Fri | Mar 24–28 | 9:00am–3:00pm | OC Pool  
\$120 Resident / \$140 Non-Resident  
Registration Deadline: March 10

**SESSION 2** Mon Wed Fri | May 5–16 | 4:00–9:00pm | OC Pool  
\$120 Resident / \$140 Non-Resident  
Registration Deadline: April 21

## 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.*

## 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 Head Coach Erica Clower at 503-655-4169 or email [coachatOCST@hotmail.com](mailto:coachatOCST@hotmail.com).

## WHAT DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR THIS WINTER?

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 <i>(Has never had lessons and can't touch the bottom of the pool)</i>	EQUIVALENT TO	<b>SWIM TOTS</b> <i>Class uses TOT DOCKS* – platforms that sink in the water to change the depth of pool, making it easier for children to stand and participate in swim lessons.</i>	Level 4	EQUIVALENT TO	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
Level 1		<b>LEVEL 1</b>	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 to attend the class and 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.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Hours of Operation

Center is open ..... Monday – Friday | 9:00am–4:00pm  
 Center is closed ..... December 24 & 25 (Christmas Eve & Day)  
 January 1 (New Year's Day)  
 January 21 (Martin Luther King Day)  
 February 18 (Presidents 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.

### 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	Manicules	Dine-Outs
Massages	Classes	Pedicures	Lunches

### Holiday Volunteer Drivers Needed!

The Pioneer Center needs volunteer drivers to deliver emergency meals to the homebound, and to deliver Fill-a-Stocking, Fill-a-Heart gifts to seniors and low-income families. Please, if you have some spare time around the holidays and would like to volunteer, call Shirley Ryan for emergency meals, Beth for gift delivery. 503-657-8287.

## 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



### 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 December 10–11 | January 14–15 | February 11–12  
 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

### Manicules & 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  
 \$20 | 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
- Tables & chairs for 200, reception or theatre style
- Non-Smoking
- Alcohol is permitted

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

## 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–Dec 24, 25 | Jan 1, 21 | Feb 18
- 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  
Closed–Dec 25
- PINOCHLE** These card players meet twice a week.  
Mondays & Wednesdays | 12:45pm | 25¢  
Closed–Dec 24 | Jan 1, 21 | Feb 18
- SCRABBLE** Come challenge this fun, friendly group that 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

## 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 have people on the waiting list. Call 657-8287 or stop by to register or to get on the list. Trips may be canceled due to lack of interest or illness.

- Dec 12.....Pittock Mansion & Dinner
- Dec 26.....Clackamas Town Center
- Jan 09.....Spirit Mt.
- Jan 23.....Sake One Brewery
- Feb 13.....Two Rivers Museum (Washougal)
- Feb 27.....Cannon Beach
- Mar 12.....Edge Field McMenamins
- Mar 26.....Heritage Museum (Astoria)

## 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 503-723-9497 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.



## 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 503-657-8287.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | \$20  
Center is closed—Dec 25

### 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 |  
Purchase 24 visits for \$20

Center is closed—Dec 24-25, Jan 1 & 21, Feb 18

### 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 | Jan 8–Mar 20 | 10:40–11:25am  
\$63 (Over 62 – \$31) 11 weeks, 22 classes

### 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 | Jan 14–Mar 21 | 10:45–11:30am  
\$51 (Over 62 – \$25) 10 weeks

Center closed—Jan 21, Feb 18

### New! Tai Chi for Arthritis

Come and participate in a specially designed program for people with arthritis and related joint and mobility concerns. The program will teach you how to relieve pain, restore mobility and increase functional ability. All ages welcome. Instructor—Al Stults. Contact the Pioneer Community Center 503-657-8287.

Tuesdays | 5:30–6:30pm | Jan 8–Mar 18  
\$42 (Over 62–\$21) 11 weeks, 11 classes

### 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 | Jan 8–Mar 20 | 9:30–10:30am  
84 (Over 62 – \$42) 11 weeks, 22 classes

## MUSIC & DANCING



### New! Salsa Dance

Distinguish Latin beats, learn the basics, get a great work out, a new cultural experience, and make new friends! No partner required. Instructor—Carly Wells.

Wednesdays | 5:45–6:45pm | Jan 9–Mar 19  
\$42 (Over 62–\$21) 11 weeks, 11 classes

### 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

### 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



## ARTS & CRAFTS

### Knitting & Crocheting for Beginners

Learn basic knitting and crocheting stitches. Bring your own needles and yarn. For more information on class times, dates and cost please call instructor Janice Tipton at 503-266-8030.

### 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 is closed—Jan 21, Feb 18

### 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. Tuesdays | Jan 10–Feb 28 | 9:15–10:15am  
\$30 (Over 62–\$15) | 8 weeks, 8 classes



### 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 | Jan 9–Mar 12 | 9:30–10:30am  
\$76 (Over 62–\$38) 10 weeks, 10 classes

### 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. 10-week session.

Thursdays | Jan 10–Mar 13 | 11:00am–1:30pm  
\$95 (Over 62–\$48) 10 weeks, 10 classes

**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

*We will be closed Christmas & New Year’s.*

**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 Homebound Coordinator & Drivers**

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 recent severe budget cuts terminated the service.

We would like to regenerate this valuable service but are in need of a reliable volunteer to coordinate the effort. Duties include a preliminary interview with each client to ascertain preferred genres, required formats, and monthly volume desired. Monthly, the Homebound Coordinator will select materials from our collection according to each client’s needs, prepare items for pickup, and notify delivery volunteers of their availability.

Volunteer 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 in any way, 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
  - Oregon Sports Hall of Fame & Museum (Delete?)
- Come check out some fun!

**WINTER STORYHOURS**

Tuesdays ..... Preschool ..... 3–5 year olds ..... 11:00am  
 Wednesdays ..... Preschool ..... 3–5 year olds ..... 11:00am  
 Thursdays ..... Toddler ..... 2 year olds ..... 11:00am

**WINTER 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 ..... Jan 08 & 09..... Snow Day Craft..... 11:30 am  
 Tue & Wed ..... Jan 22 & 23..... Dinosaur Days..... 11:30 am  
 Tue & Wed ..... Feb 05 & 06..... Valentine Craft..... 11:30 am  
 Tue & Wed ..... Feb 19 & 20..... Strange Pet Day ..... 11:30 am  
 Tue & Wed ..... Mar 05 & 06 ..... Grow Easter Grass..... 11:30 am  
 Tue & Wed ..... Mar 18 & 19 ..... Easter Bunny Craft ..... 11:30 am

The following crafts are for grades K–3. **Advanced sign up is required.**

Friday ..... Jan 25 ..... Dinosaur Days..... 11:30 am  
 Friday ..... Mar 07 ..... Make an Easter Craft ..... 11:30 am

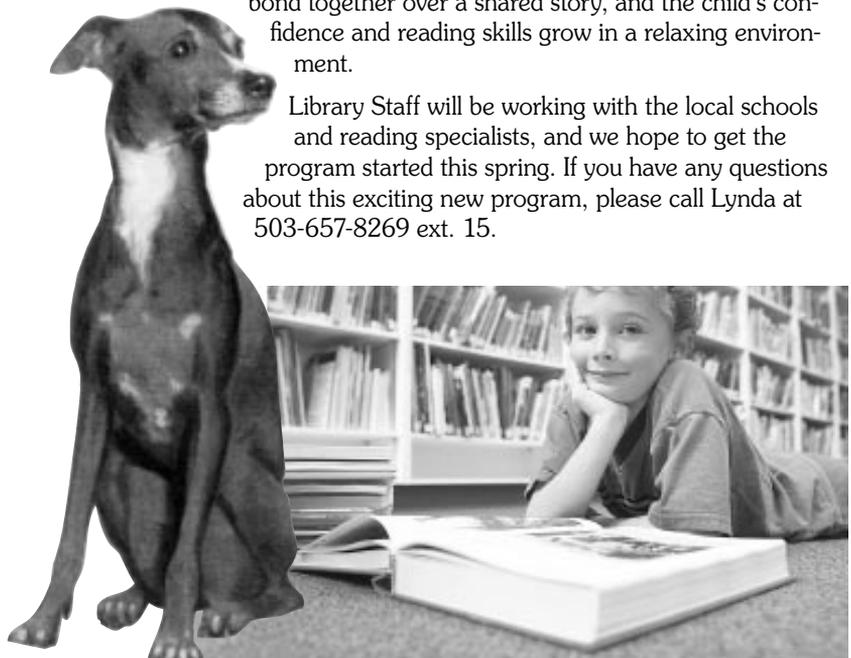
*There is no charge for any of our children’s programs. You may sign up in person at the children’s desk or call 657-8269 x26. We are always happy to accept craft supplies! We invite you to stop by the children’s desk or check its special bulletin board where we post our needed crafts supplies—anything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

**“BOW-WOW READING PROGRAM”**

We will be scheduling times for children to read aloud to a wonderful greyhound therapy dog named Churchill. The 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, and we hope to get the program started this spring. If you have any questions about this exciting new program, please call Lynda at 503-657-8269 ext. 15.





## TAX FORMS



We will provide the most common State and Federal tax forms and the instruction booklets for your convenience again this year. For forms not supplied, we will still be making 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.

## PIONEER LITERARY CIRCLE

Come by the library and see the Friends of the Library's display for our new Pioneer Literary Circle. Learn more about people and events in Oregon City History. New donors to the Friends will be acknowledged in one of our donor circles:

- \$1,000—Eva Emery Dye
- \$500—Circulating and Territorial Libraries
- \$250—Edwin Markham
- \$100—Oregon Spectator

Forms for your tax-deductible donation are available at the library. The Friends of the Oregon City Library is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations to the Friends help support the library and library programs.

## ANNUAL MAGAZINE SALE

The Friends of the Oregon City Library host a magazine sale each year featuring discards of magazines from the library collection. Magazines are generally 2–5 years old and sell for 25 cents per issue. This year the sale will be held in the children's area of the library. **Saturday, January 5 — Saturday, January 12**

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

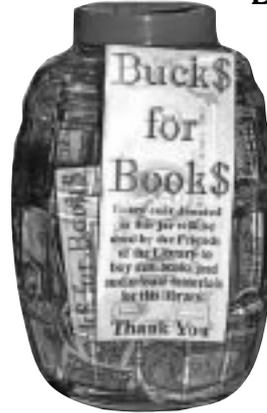
7<sup>th</sup> & Center Streets  
Inside the Oregon City Antique Mall

## 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
- Please do not bring moldy, smelly, dirty or damaged materials.
- Magazines
- Readers Digest
- Condensed Books

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 has a specific interest, the library staff is happy to work with the donor to obtain materials on that subject.

### Endowment Funds

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

# NEIGHBORHOOD & CITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

## 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 | Jan 15 | 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

Nov TBA | Jan 17 | Mar 20 | May 15

Where Cornerstone Family Life Center  
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)

### RIVERCREST NBRHD ASSN (RNA)

#### General Membership Meeting

When Thursday | Mar 20 | 7:00pm

#### Steering Committee Meeting

When Wednesday | Feb 20 | 7:00pm

Where First Presbyterian Church  
1321 Linn Avenue

#### Special Event—Citywide Egg Hunt

When Saturday | Mar 22 | 10am sharp

Where Rivercrest Park

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

Nov TBA | Jan 17 | Mar 20 | May 15

Where Cornerstone Family Life Center  
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 Wadsworth, Admin Assist »  
503-496-1681

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

## CONVERSATIONS WITH A COMMISSIONER



### Join Commission President

Trent Tidwell in an informal discussion regarding issues that concern you, your family and Oregon City. Call 657-1186 for more information.

First Tuesday each month | 7:00pm | Black Point Inn | 602 7th Street,

Oregon City | Upstairs in the Founders Room

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Volunteer Member Sought**—The City of Oregon City is seeking applications from residents of Oregon City to fill one vacancy on the Transportation Advisory Committee. This is a volunteer position that is needed to fill a vacancy created through the resignation of a member. The term of this position will run until December 31, 2009.

The Transportation Advisory Committee is a seven to nine member board that advises the City Commission, Planning Commission and Urban Renewal Commission on transportation related matters and guides preparation of transportation plans and programs, including the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan. Generally, the Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm.

Applications and a detailed description of the committee are available at City Hall, on the City's web site at [www.oregoncity.org](http://www.oregoncity.org), or by request at the contact information below. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Inquiries regarding this vacancy may be directed to Kathy Griffin, Oregon City Public Works, 503-496-1555, e-mail [kgriffin@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:kgriffin@ci.oregon-city.or.us).





## SPRING IS OREGON CITY GRANT SEASON

The City of Oregon City manages two grant programs that could help your group fund a project in the 2008–2009 fiscal year. This past spring the Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust and the Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Committee awarded a combined \$186,328 to groups with projects that were of benefit to the citizens in Oregon City.

The Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust (OCCIT) is a non-profit entity of the City of Oregon City, formed in 1982. The primary funding source for the OCCIT is the hotel/motel tax. By City ordinance, the hotel/motel tax is designated for projects that promote tourism within Oregon City boundaries. The OCCIT committee meets to review applications in March.

The Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Committee (OCMEC) provides an excellent opportunity for the City of Oregon City and Metro to support critical neighborhood projects and helps fulfill the community's vision. The grant pro-

gram benefits the Oregon City community, affected by the Metro South Transfer Station at Highway 213 and Washington Street. The program derives its funding from an intergovernmental agreement between Oregon City and Metro and is generated by a 50-cent per ton surcharge collected at the Metro South Transfer Station on Washington Street. The OCMEC committee meets in May to review applications.

Applications and the amounts available to award for both grant programs will be available online at [www.oregon-city.org](http://www.oregon-city.org) by January 25, 2008. For more information, contact Michele Beneville at 503-496-1542 or [mhbeneville@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:mhbeneville@ci.oregon-city.or.us).



## 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.

**Can I park my RV and/or boat in front of my house?**

NO. It is unlawful for any person to park or store any trailer, camper, mobile home, boat, trailer house, motor home or other recreational vehicle on any street, alley or highway, or other public place.

**Can I park my vehicle(s) in my yard?**

Yes, provided they are parked on an approved surface, are not sight obstructions, and have a currently valid license or registration

**Can I have a membrane structure on my private property?**

Yes, provided it is behind the front façade of the home and items stored meet municipal standards.

**I live in a subdivision with a Homeowners' Association. Can the City enforce the Association's by-laws?**

No. If someone in the subdivision is violating a provision of the Association's by-laws, it is the responsibility of the Association to initiate legal action. The only regulations the Code Enforcement Group can enforce are State, County, and City laws.

**I phoned in a complaint weeks ago. Why has nothing been done to the property?**

In all cases, the responsible party (Respondent) must be provided notice that there is a problem. They must be provided with a reasonable time period in which to correct the violation(s). This notice may be as simple as a visit from a Code Enforcement Officer or other authorized City employee, or as difficult as sending notice via certified mail, or the filing of a formal citation against

those who refuse to answer their door or pick up certified mail. Regardless of the type of service for the Respondent(s) in your particular case, please rest assured that your complaint is important and is being handled in an appropriate manner.

For more information please contact the complaint and information line at 503-496-1559 or see our website at [www.oregon-city.org/code-enforcement](http://www.oregon-city.org/code-enforcement).

### What? I need a permit?

**Permits Protect**  
**Protecting the Safety & Value of Your Home**

To find out when you need a permit for your home project call the Oregon City Building Department at 503-657-0891 or check out this web site:

[www.PermitsProtect.info](http://www.PermitsProtect.info)

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**STORMWATER DIVISION**



**T**hat Stream is Your Neighbor. **Treat it Kindly.**—Oregon City has 22 major drainage basins within the city limits. Each has either a small stream or significant waterway. If you live along one of these streams or waterways, you can make a significant contribution to improving water quality without even leaving the comfort of your backyard. How can you contribute? Try some of these ideas on a

routine basis and you will improve water quality in Oregon City.

- **Keep your pets away from the waterway.** Pet waste left for decomposition on the ground is a leading source of E. coli (*Escherichia coli*) bacteria in urban runoff. Pet traffic can destroy native plants or landscape resulting in less filtration, reduced shade, and more erosion.
- **Inform your children about the importance of a clean and healthy waterway.** Like pet traffic, human traffic along waterways can damage fragile ecosystems. Litter, both forgotten toys and trash, tend to plug stormwater pipes and drainage grates. This can result in flooding.
- **Keep yard clippings and debris (grass and leaves) away from the stream.** When left in the waterway, this seemingly natural yard debris decomposes, using up oxygen that fish and other water creatures need. Yard debris washed down the system can result in flooding too.
- **Replace invasive plants with native plants.** Invasive plants such as Himalayan blackberries and English ivy choke out native plants. Native plants provide better habitat and greater protection from erosion and require less water and fertilizer.
- **Plant a tree, or two, or more.** Waterways should be shaded and every little bit of shade counts. The City is now required to establish cooler temperatures in the tributaries of the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers. Private property owners play a large role in this requirement since most of Oregon City's waterways flow through private property.
- **Avoid using chemicals and fertilizers along waterways.** Most lawn and garden chemicals and fertilizers can damage beneficial native plants. Fertilizers can result in unpleasant algae blooms. If chemical and fertilizer use is necessary, please read and follow the directions. Apply these products when runoff from rain or irrigation will not wash them into the waterways.



**O**regon City has a SWMP?—Yes, Oregon City has a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP). Originally created in 1995, the plan was re-evaluated and updated in 2006. Oregon City's SWMP is a guidance document that arms the City in the difficult battle to reduce pollution in our local rivers and streams. Imagine if you will, a how-to book that provides us

with guidance on best management practices (BMPs) - actions that can reduce pollution of storm water that flows across streets, parking lots, open spaces, and even your yard.

As stormwater flows, pollutants such as metals, phosphorus, E. coli bacteria, and other toxins are picked up. Even naturally occurring ingredients in runoff can be a concern. Soil parameters like pH, nitrogen levels, and water temperature can be adversely changed.

Here are samples of some BMPs from Oregon City's SWMP:

- Clean conveyance systems (i.e. pipes, catch basins, filters, ditches)
- Conduct master planning and complete capital improvements
- Ensure compliance with municipal codes, design standards, and construction standards
- Manage programs to detect and remove illicit discharges and improper disposal
- Manage programs to reduce pollutants in stormwater discharges from construction sites
- Conduct erosion control permitting and inspection of construction grading activities
- Conduct public education to discourage pollution and to promote reporting of illegal pollution
- Conduct public education to encourage pollution free lawn and garden care

Oregon City staff works hard to implement these activities and Oregon City residents can help, too. For more information, or to see a copy of the City's SWMP, visit <http://www.ci.oregon-city.or.us/public-works/StormWater.html> or contact Eric Hand at 503-657-8241.





## WATER DIVISION



**Drinking Water Quality News**—Do you use hot water from the tap for cooking or preparing baby formula? It is recommended to use cold water only. Why? Hot water can contain impurities such as rust, copper, and lead from your home's plumbing system and hot water heater. This is because hot water dissolves these contaminants more rapidly than cold water.

It is also a good idea to let the cold water run from the tap for at least 15–30 seconds if the faucet has not been used for more than six hours. When water stands in plumbing systems for an extended time, lead from the faucet may dissolve into the water. Flushing the water is a simple and inexpensive way to reduce this type of exposure to lead.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments about drinking water quality in Oregon City, please contact Gail Johnson at 503-657-8241, extension 107, or e-mail [gjohnson@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:gjohnson@ci.oregon-city.or.us).

## CLACKAMAS RIVER WATER PROVIDERS

**The water providers in the Clackamas River Basin** have been working together on various water resource issues for more than a decade. In July of 2005, an Intergovernmental Agreement for Joint Funding for Watershed Activities in the Clackamas Basin was signed between water providers and Clackamas County Water Environment Services to formalize collaborative work on watershed and water quality related projects. This past summer, strides were made to expand these efforts to include water conservation and broader water resource issues with the signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement creating the Clackamas River Water Providers.

This new organization is made up of representatives from the City of Lake Oswego, Clackamas River Water, the North Clackamas County Water Commission, South Fork Water Board, and Sunrise Water Authority and includes two staff people, a Water Resource Manager and a Water Conservation Program Coordinator. The purpose of the organization is to fund and coordinate efforts regarding water resource planning and management, water conservation and the development of the Clackamas River on a sustainable basis. The Water Resource Manager will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the organizations as well as overseeing the development and implementation of the watershed and conservation program. The Water Conservation Program Coordinator will be responsible for expanding the water conservation program established by the South Fork Water Board to the other members of the Clackamas River Water Providers. For more information about the Clackamas River Water Providers call 503-723-3510.

**Winter Water Tips**—Here are some precautionary measures you can take now to help avoid the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes.

1. Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses. Protect outside pipes and faucets. In some homes, the outside faucet has a separate shut-off in the basement or crawl space. If you do have a separate valve for outside faucets, shut it off. Then go outside, disconnect the garden hose and turn on the faucets to drain water from the line. If you don't have a separate valve to turn off the outside faucets then wrap the outside faucets or hose bibs. Also remember to disconnect garden hoses from the faucets. Otherwise, a single hard overnight freeze can burst either the faucet or the pipe it is connected to.
2. Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas. If you have pipe lines in an unheated garage or cold crawl space under the house, wrap the water pipes before temperatures plummet. Hardware or building supply stores will have good pipe wrapping materials available.
3. Find the master shut-off. It may be near the water heater or the washing machine. More likely it's where the water line comes into your house from the street. If a pipe bursts anywhere in the house—kitchen, bath, basement, or crawl space—this valve turns it off. So find it now and paint it a bright color or hang a tag on it. Be sure everyone in the family knows where it is and what it does.
4. Seal off access doors, vents and cracks. Repair broken basement windows. Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes. But don't plug air vents your furnace or water heater needs for good combustion.
5. Open the cupboard doors beneath your home's sinks. This will allow warm air to circulate around the pipes.
6. Allow water to trickle from faucets with pipes underneath your home or near outside walls that may be exposed to extreme weather conditions. Over a 24 hour period this will cost less than 15 cents per faucet—much less than the cost to repair broken pipes!
7. Have your plumber's telephone number handy. During an extended cold spell, your pipes might freeze despite the best precautions.

### What If It's Too Late?

What if you wake up one day to find the pipes are frozen anyway?

- Thaw the line safely. If you know where the lines are frozen, you can attempt to thaw them with a hair dryer set on low heat. Wave the dryer back and forth along the frozen area.
- Don't use an open flame to thaw frozen lines. Overheating a single spot can burst the pipe, and an open flame could cause a fire.

### What If The Pipe Won't Thaw?

If you are unable to thaw the pipes or you think there may be a problem in the street because none of your faucets are working, call your water provider.

### What If The Pipes Are Broken?

Shut off the water and power (or gas) to the water heater. If you are unable to find the shut off valve, or the valve doesn't work, call your water provider.

To contact a member of the Oregon City Water Division call Public Works at 657-8241. Clackamas River Water customers can call 503-722-9220.

**BE FLOOD READY!**

*Protect your Family and Property from Flood Hazards.*

**A History of Flooding in Oregon City**

In February and November of 1996, Oregon City and its surrounding area were hit with widespread, localized flooding. The flooding occurred due to the combined factors of rain, snowmelt, frozen ground and high tides. Low lying areas along the Willamette River, Clackamas River and Abernethy Creek flooded.

1996 was not the first time Oregon City sustained flooding. History shows that the main streets of Oregon City were flooded as early as 1861, when the Willamette River overtopped and inundated the streets with four feet of water.

Since 1861, severe riverine flooding on the Willamette occurred in 1890, 1924, 1943, 1948, 1956, 1964 and 1996. Major floods on the Clackamas were recorded in 1923, 1931, 1960, 1964 and 1996.

**Types of Flooding**

River channels, ditches and other watercourses can only carry so much water. When precipitation brings more water (or when a blockage occurs in the water course) the surrounding land is flooded. In the Pacific Northwest, flooding is most common from October through April. Oregon City is subject to two types of flooding: riverine and local drainage.

Riverine flooding occurs along our three major waterways: the Willamette River, the Clackamas River and Abernethy Creek. Riverine flooding is a threat to life and safety. It can endanger people either when a flash flood hits an area with no warning, or when floodwaters slowly rise and people ignore basic safety precautions.

Local drainage flooding occurs along smaller creeks and drainage ways throughout the City. Local drainage flooding is more likely to create smaller scale inundations of roads or properties. There are three general types of problems:

1. High water tables after local storms sometimes mean wet crawlspaces, yards and basements.
2. In some areas, the lay of the land means surface water doesn't drain quickly to a receiving stream or storm sewer.
3. Storm sewers and culverts may be too small to convey heavier flows.

Life and safety threats from flooding include impassibility of roads and bridges, electrocution, contaminated water and damage to emergency services and public health facilities. More people are killed in their vehicles by floods than in any other location because the driver ignores warning signs or barriers, and tries to travel a road or cross a bridge.

**Natural and Beneficial Functions of Flooding**

Flooding is a natural process that helps restore a river's health, clean its sediments, create critical aquatic and streamside habitat,

exchange nutrients between the river and floodplain and renew its fisheries. Floods can clean out accumulations of large wood. They can also bring leaves, needles, wood and dissolved nutrients into the river giving aquatic communities access to new habitats and increase food supplies.

Floodplains in their natural and relatively undisturbed state provide numerous beneficial natural resource functions and values, including: moderation of floods, flood storage, water quality maintenance and groundwater recharge; habitat value for plants and animals; and scientific, historic, agricultural, recreational and aesthetic values.

**Flood Warning**

When high intensity storms move through the Willamette Valley, the Portland River Forecast Center and the National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are responsible for river stage forecasting on both the Willamette and Clackamas Rivers. Forecasts and flood warnings prepared by the center are disseminated through the City of Oregon City, Clackamas County Emergency Services, radio, television and website updates.

**Surviving a Flood**

Preparing for a flood before it occurs can prevent loss of property, possessions and, in the worst situation, lives. Follow these tips to prepare for a storm before it becomes an emergency.

1. Know the safest route from your home or business to high, safe ground.
2. Monitor local weather forecasts.
3. Put insurance policies and lists of personal property in a safe place, such as a safe deposit box.
4. Prepare a family disaster supply kit. It should contain items such as:
  - Flashlight
  - Portable, battery-operated radio
  - Extra batteries
  - First aid kit and manual
  - Essential medications
  - Blankets
  - Cash and credit cards
  - Emergency food and water
  - Non-electric can opener
  - Sturdy shoes and warm outer wear for your family

Floodwaters can rise rapidly. Be prepared for evacuation procedures before the water level reaches your property.

- Move to higher ground if you can do so safely—DO NOT attempt to walk through moving water.
- Do not drive in flooded areas.
- Do not remove manhole covers or drain gates.
- If you are caught at home by rising water, move to the second floor or the roof. Take your disaster supplies kit with you. Wait for help—don't try to swim to safety.
- Beware of downed power lines.
- If you come in contact with floodwaters, wash hands with soap and clean water.
- Stay out of disaster areas unless authorities give you permission to enter.



*Flooding in 2006*



## Are You in a Flood Zone?

A 100-year floodplain is an area that has a one-percent chance of flooding in any given year. These areas in Oregon City have been mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

However, additional areas were also flooded by the February 1996 flood, which is classified as the highest flood area of record. Together, the FEMA-mapped and February 1996 flood areas comprise the City's flood management overlay district. The Oregon City flood management overlay district is subject to development. These areas are known as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). To find out if your property is in a SFHA, go to the FEMA Flood Insurance Program and click on the "Find a Floodmap" link from <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/index.shtm>.

## Flood Insurance

The City of Oregon City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which is a federal program operated by FEMA to make flood insurance available to everyone. To participate, the City has met minimum NFIP standards, which include adopting and enforcing flood plain zoning regulations.

In 1990, the NFIP introduced its Community Rating System (CRS) assigning municipalities grades of 1 to 10 (with 1 being the best). The idea is that if a city has taken steps to reduce the risk of flood damage in the community that goes beyond the NFIP's minimum requirements, that community's residents should pay less for flood insurance because of the reduced risk.

For many people, their home and its contents represent their greatest investment. If you are located within an SFHA, don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. Your homeowner's insurance policy will not cover losses due to flooding and there is a 30-day waiting period before NFIP coverage can take effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information about flood insurance, rates and coverage. Property owners can insure their buildings and contents, and renters can insure their possessions. Currently, FEMA's records show that 55 flood insurance policies are active in Oregon City. Remember, you do not have to live in the floodplain to suffer flood damage or to qualify for flood insurance.

## A History of Flood Loss Claims

Following the February 1996 flood, 300 Oregon City households applied for FEMA disaster assistance. Of those, 206 received a total of \$1,336,500 in assistance. In contrast to the FEMA figures, there were only 12 flood insurance claim policies. Two of these claims were for residential properties located outside the mapped floodplain, but apparently were subject to local drainage problems. These 12 insured properties received \$969,000. These figures show that the few who were insured received much higher payments than those who received disaster assistance.

In addition to Oregon City property losses that occurred in 1996, one flood insurance payout occurred in 1982 and several claims were paid in 1997.

## Protecting Property

When flooding occurs, there is not only the threat to life and safety, but also property. Within the 100-year floodplain in Oregon City there are over 250 buildings that are subject to over-bank flooding. Most of these buildings are located in the lowest part of the City, where the three waterways converge. Proactive steps taken before a flood can help protect your property during a flood.

Stock up on sandbags before the rainy season begins, and sandbag around your structures when flooding is imminent. Sand bag materials are available at the Public Works Operations Building at 122 S. Center Street. Sandbags are also available inexpensively at retail sites across the county, including home improvement stores such as Home Depot. Keep materials such as plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber on hand. To be effective, sandbags must be properly stacked. Check with local home improvement stores for sandbag demonstrations.

There are other steps that can be taken to protect your property from flood damage. Consider elevating your house above the flood hazard or diverting possible floodwaters around your structures.

Property owners are responsible for maintenance activities for their own property, but if you think the main-

tenance requirement is within the city-wide drainage system, call the Oregon City Public Works Stormwater Management Division at 503-657-8241. We'll send a crew to evaluate the problem.

## Floodplain Development Requirements

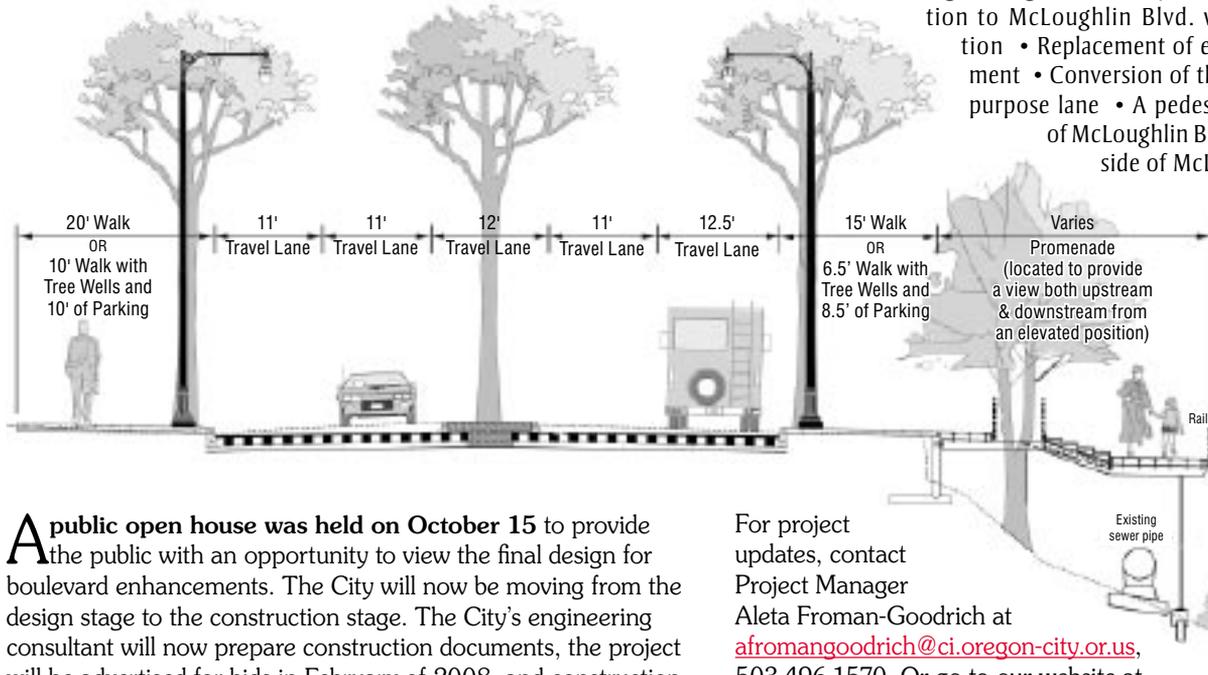
All construction or fill within a floodplain (except normal farming activities) require a grading or fill permit and a floodplain management permit. If you plan on building or grading within the floodplain or drainage swale, please contact the Oregon City Community Development Department at 503-657-0891. If you know of any non-permitted floodplain construction or fill, please contact the Oregon City Public Works Code Enforcement Group at 503-496-1559.

All new structures constructed within a flood hazard area are required to be constructed such that the lowest floor of the structure is at least one foot above the flood hazard. Substantially damaged or improved structures have the same elevation requirements as new construction. A substantially improved/damaged structure is where the cost of the improvement/damage is equal to or greater than 50 percent of the fair value of the structure, before the improvements are made or the damage occurred.

### Good News for Flood Insurance Buyers!

*Based on what the City of Oregon City has done to reduce the risk of flood damage, the NFIP has just improved Oregon City's rating from a Level 9 (5% reduction in flood insurance rates) to a Level 7 (15% reduction in flood insurance rates for properties in the 100-year floodplain; 5% reduction for properties outside the 100-year floodplain). Please check with your insurance agent and make sure they are aware of this change and are giving you this discount.*

**MCLOUGHLIN BOULEVARD  
Enhancement Project Phase 1**



Improvements through the project limits (10th St. to 15th St.) generally include:

- The reconstruction of McLaughlin Blvd. including underground utility work
- A 12th Street connection to McLaughlin Blvd. with a signalized intersection
- Replacement of existing traffic signal equipment
- Conversion of the by-pass lane to a general purpose lane
- A pedestrian walk on the east side of McLaughlin Blvd.
- A walkway on the west side of McLaughlin Blvd.
- New crosswalks to the riverfront
- A river-viewing platform
- Bike route signage along Railroad Ave and Main Street (from the tunnel to 15th Street)
- Street trees, landscaped medians and landscaped riverfront
- Public art integrated into landscaping and architectural elements
- Decorative street lights, benches, and trash bins

A public open house was held on October 15 to provide the public with an opportunity to view the final design for boulevard enhancements. The City will now be moving from the design stage to the construction stage. The City's engineering consultant will now prepare construction documents, the project will be advertised for bids in February of 2008, and construction is expected to begin in May/June of 2008.

For project updates, contact Project Manager Aleta Froman-Goodrich at [afromangoodrich@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:afromangoodrich@ci.oregon-city.or.us), 503.496.1570. Or go to our website at [www.oregoncity.org/public-works/Construction\\_projects.htm](http://www.oregoncity.org/public-works/Construction_projects.htm).

**BEAVERCREEK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – Beaver Creek Way to Fir Street**

After ten months of construction, the Beaver Creek Road Improvement Project was substantially completed in October. Key components of the project included:

- The installation of a 20-inch ductile iron water pipeline, water service lines and fire hydrants, and the removal of an abandoned 16-inch steel water pipeline
- Sanitary sewer system improvements
- Property acquisition and building demolition
- Installation of a stormwater system mainline, inlets, laterals, manholes, and catch basins
- Construction of the City's first green-street project including a water quality bioswale, area drain inlets and rain gardens
- The construction of signalized intersections at Fir Street and at the South Ridge Center
- Retaining wall, street light and signal pole foundation installation
- Concrete median curb, bioswale curb, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and driveway approach construction
- Asphalt paving
- Landscaping

What once was a three lane roadway is now a five lane roadway that ties in with the Beaver Creek Road improvements at Fir Street that were constructed in 1996. While the project is substantially complete, the contractor will continue to finish up minor work through December including any necessary maintenance repairs.

The City of Oregon City wishes to thank business owners, residents, and property owners for their patience shown throughout the construction phase as well as the patience shown by drivers commuting down Beaver Creek Road. Remember, business is open as usual and your patronage of the Beaver Creek Road businesses is appreciated!

For more information about this project, contact Project Manager Aleta Froman-Goodrich at [afromangoodrich@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:afromangoodrich@ci.oregon-city.or.us) or 503.496.1570.





## MOVING TOWARD SUSTAINABILITY

Every time we drive, fly, turn on an appliance, discard waste, and cool or heat our homes we emit greenhouse gases into the air. Some greenhouse gases are required to keep the earth at a livable temperature. But, in excess they have a negative impact by trapping too much heat in the atmosphere which warms the planet and changes our climate. An eco footprint is a measurement of how much your lifestyle impacts the earth in terms of the resources needed and the waste produced. You can also measure your impact by counting greenhouse gas emissions, measured in units of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). To learn more about what you can do, please visit the following websites:

- Redefining progress—Calculate your eco footprint: [www.earthday.net/Footprint](http://www.earthday.net/Footprint)
- New American Dream's Carbon Conscious Consumer Pledge to change one habit per month: <http://c3.newdream.org>
- Metro's Recycle at Work: [www.recycleatwork.com/](http://www.recycleatwork.com/)
- Metro's Recycle at Home: [www.recycleathome.org](http://www.recycleathome.org)



Courtesy of  
Clackamas County's  
Office of Sustainability

503-557-6363 | [www.clackamas.us/transportation/recycling/](http://www.clackamas.us/transportation/recycling/)

## 10 EASY STEPS TOWARD SHRINKING YOUR ECO FOOTPRINT

1. **Reduce your number of car trips**—carpool, bike, walk, take the bus. You will save 1 lb of carbon for every mile you don't drive.
2. **Adjust your thermostat**—up 2 degrees in the summer and down 2 degrees in the winter. You could save 2,000 lbs of carbon dioxide per year.
3. **Unplug chargers and turn off appliances**, including computers, when not in use. Even if they are turned off, electronics consume energy when they are plugged in. By pulling the plug when something is not in use you could save 1,000 lbs of carbon dioxide a year.
4. **Change to energy efficient light bulbs**. By switching out 3 lights with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) you could save 300 lbs of carbon dioxide per year. CFLs seem more expensive than regular bulbs, but since their life is 10 times longer they save you money over time.
5. **Bring re-usable bags to the store**. Using your own bag instead of plastic or paper bags reduces waste and requires no additional energy to make.
6. **Reduce your water usage**—turn off the water when brushing your teeth and shorten your shower. Showers use 2.5 gallons of water per minute, and each gallon uses 3 ounces of carbon dioxide. If you shorten your shower by 2 minutes a day, you can save 342 pounds of carbon dioxide a year.
7. **Buy energy efficient appliances**. Updating your old refrigerator to an Energy Star certified appliance could save 500 lbs of carbon dioxide per year.
8. **Choose a re-usable coffee mug and water bottle**. One plastic mug, used twice a day, every day instead of disposable cups, can save 135 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions per person per year.
9. **Always recycle**. Every time you recycle one pound of waste, you reduce your carbon dioxide emissions by one pound.
10. **Spread the word to your family and friends**.

*Knowledge is power, the time to act is now!*



### Clackamas Fire District #1 WINTER FIRE SAFETY



Your Friend for Life!

Oregon experiences more fires during winter than any other time. Taking simple precautions can prevent most fires and help ensure your family's safety.

**Holiday Trees**—Choose a fresh tree with a deep-green color and flexible needles. ■ Cut off about 2" of the trunk at an angle to expose fresh wood for better water absorption. ■ Water the tree every day. An average tree may consume a quart to a gallon of water per day. If the water level drops below the cut end, a seal will form and the tree will not be able to absorb any more water. ■ Keep the tree away from all heat sources to preserve its freshness. ■ When the needles begin to fall off, it's time for the tree to go back outside.

**Holiday Lights & Trimmings**—Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant tree decorations. ■ Use only UL-approved lights. ■ Check every set for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, and loose connections before using. Throw away anything that is not in perfect condition. ■ Miniature lights are better than standard lights as they do not dry the tree needles as quickly. ■ Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights and cause electrocution. Use colored spotlights as an alternative. ■ Use no more than three sets of lights per single exten-

sion. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strings in one circuit. ■ Always turn off all lights and decorations before you go to bed or leave home.

**Chimneys, Fireplaces & Woodstoves**—Have a certified chimney sweep clean and inspect your chimney and fireplace for creosote build-up, cracks, crumbling bricks and obstructions. ■ Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor wood stove flue temperatures, then adjust burning practices as needed. ■ A flue fire can ruin your chimney or stovepipe. To prevent flue fires, burn dry, well-seasoned wood. Dry wood is more important than hard versus soft wood. ■ Burn small, hot fires; they burn more completely and produce less smoke than larger fires. ■ Don't burn trash. ■ Always use a fireplace screen made of sturdy metal or heat-tempered glass to prevent sparks from escaping. (If children are present, use a special child-guard screen as a barrier for your woodstove.) ■ Place ashes outdoors in a covered metal container at least 3 feet away from anything that burns.

**Portable Heaters**—Put at least 36 inches of empty space between the heater and furniture, curtains, papers and people. ■ Vacuum and clean all heaters. A buildup of dust and lint can cause a fire. ■ Check the cord on portable electric heaters. If it gets hot, frayed or cracked have the heater serviced. ■ Never use extension cords with portable electric heaters; it is a common cause of fires. ■ Turn off portable heaters when family members leave the house or are sleeping. ■ An adult should always be present when a space heater is used around children. ■ Make sure your portable electric heater is UL-approved and has a tip-over shut off function.

**Candles**—Never leave burning candles unattended. ■ Keep candles away from things that can burn, and out of reach of children and pets. ■ Keep wicks trimmed to one-quarter inch. ■ Avoid candles with combustible items embedded in them such as twigs, flowers or leaves.



## SAFE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**T**he Oregon City Police Department's goal is to keep the community informed of the types of crimes that are occurring in your neighborhood. We would like your help in catching the persons responsible for the crimes and keep your neighborhood free from theft. We would also encourage the public to call when they see anything suspicious or out of place.

### Stolen Vehicles

Theft of cars is still a problem in Oregon City. The total number of cars stolen this year is slightly less than last year, but even one stolen car is too many for a victim of that crime. The thefts usually occur during the early morning hours, and the vehicles range from Hondas to Dodge Durangos. The bad guys do not like to work very hard, so they focus on vehicles left unlocked or with the keys inside. Please keep your vehicle secured and never leave your keys in your vehicle for any reason. If you see anyone suspicious looking in car windows or trying doors, please call 911 as soon as possible.

### Identity Theft

One of the most frequent crimes in the United States today is Identity Theft. Oregon City is no exception. Criminals rely on the hardworking everyday person to make it easy for them to steal your identity and make money off of your credit in order for them to buy drugs. The Oregon City Police Department understands that sometimes the criminals find ways to obtain your identity no matter how safe you are, but let's work together to try and make it as difficult as possible.

1. If you shop on-line, please have the security and safeguards in place to make it difficult for someone to steal your information.
2. Do not throw your mail or receipts in the regular garbage. Anything that has your name and address on it—an application for a credit card you do not want, debit cards receipts, credit card receipts or anything else that might identify you—needs to be burned (if you have a woodstove) or shredded. Make this a habit.
3. Do not leave wallets, purses, briefcases or day planners in a vehicle. Theft from a vehicle is a daily crime in Oregon City, and ninety percent of the time the owner becomes a victim of Identity Theft a month later.

### Scams

There are a lot of scams out there. One popular scam is fake checks sent out as prize money or offerings of too-good-to-be-true deals. The scammers will make a check and send it in the mail along with a letter advising the victim that they have won a contest. The checks are usually for large amounts of money, and the letter will tell the victim to deposit the check and send a portion of the money to a certain address or location. These types of letters and checks are scams.

The other scam is to overpay a seller for items by check or money order. For example: you ask \$2000 for an item and the buyer sends you \$4000 "accidentally". He then requests that you send him back \$1500 along with the item he purchased, and to keep \$500 for your troubles. You will find that the \$4000 check or money order is no good. The bank may take the check or money order initially and give

you the cash, but they will eventually find out the check is bad, and you will be out the item you are selling and in debt to the bank for cashing a fraudulent check.

Always remember, if it seems too good to be true, then it is!!!!!!

### Holidays and Theft

The holidays are upon us and everyone is very busy running around buying presents or supplies for the New Year. The Oregon City Police Department would like to encourage everyone to keep their property safe.

1. When you are shopping for your family at Fred Meyers, Haggen or K-Mart, please do not leave a purse or wallet in a shopping cart. Let's make it hard on the bad guys! Hold that purse or wallet in your hands.
2. When you leave your home for a family function, lock your doors and windows. Burglaries increase during the holiday season.
3. Lock your car. You've heard this before, but we can't stress it enough. If you are shopping and have packages in your vehicle, put them in your trunk out of view. If the bad guys can't see what you have, more often than not, they will not break in.
4. The colder weather during the winter months tends to ice up the windows in our vehicles. Every year the Oregon City Police Department takes stolen vehicle reports from people who have left their vehicle running to defrost the windows. Please help us cut down on these winter vehicle thefts. Do not leave your vehicle running. If you need to do this, please lock your car securely and be in an area where you can keep an eye on it. Never leave your child unattended in a car seat in a running vehicle! The bad guy stealing your car is focused on the driver's seat and not on the child, and he may steal your car without knowing your child is there.

**The Oregon City Police Department takes pride in serving our community. We would appreciate any help that the community can give us in cutting down on crime in your neighborhood. Oregon City Police Non-Emergency Dispatch: 503-655-8211.**





**CLACKAMAS  
HERITAGE  
PARTNERS  
PRESENTS**

**A Frontier Holiday  
November 1–December 31**

Celebrate the season at the End of the Oregon Trail! Experience the Pioneer lifestyle through hands-on activities and crafts offered each week through December 31 at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. The whole family will enjoy making holiday greeting cards, old-fashioned rag dolls, buzz saws and candle/leaf dipping activities. An updated daily activities schedule can be found on our website or by contacting the Interpretive Center.

Visitors to the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will also enjoy unique exhibits, hands-on activities and interpretive presentations highlighting the history of Oregon, the Oregon Trail and Clackamas County. The Museum of the Oregon Territory also houses a large inventory of Clackamas County history including a piece of the Willamette Meteorite, the largest meteorite found in the U.S. In addition, the collection features artifacts from the Native Americans of the Willamette Valley and industrial history of the mighty Willamette Falls. The circa 1908 Stevens-Crawford Heritage House, a classic example of Foursquare Architecture, features period décor and displays from the Harley Stevens and Medorem Crawford families.

**End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center**  
1726 Washington St., Oregon City | 503-657-9336 x124  
Hours: Tuesday–Saturday | 11:00am–4:00pm

**Museum of the Oregon Territory**  
211 Tumwater Dr., Oregon City | 503-655-5574  
Hours: Tuesday–Saturday | 11:00am–4:00pm

**Stevens-Crawford Heritage House**  
603 6th St., Oregon City | 503-655-2866  
Hours: Wednesday–Saturday | 12:00pm–4:00pm

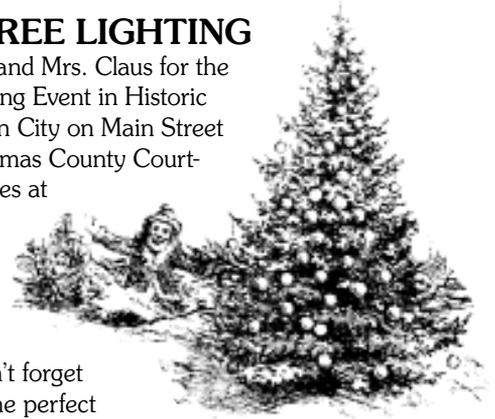
*\*All facilities closed on Christmas and New Year's Day*

**Ticket/General Information**  
503-657-9336 | [www.HistoricOregonCity.com](http://www.HistoricOregonCity.com)  
Media Contact: Kristin Kraemer 503-657-9336 x101  
Development Assistant [kkraemer@historicoregoncity.org](mailto:kkraemer@historicoregoncity.org)



**ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING**

Please join Santa and Mrs. Claus for the annual Tree Lighting Event in Historic Downtown Oregon City on Main Street next to the Clackamas County Courthouse. Santa arrives at 5:00pm, so arrive early and enjoy the festivities. Music and refreshments will be available. And don't forget your camera for the perfect holiday photo! Please call Nancy Busch at 503-496-1571 for more info.



**Saturday | December 1 | 4:30pm | Liberty Plaza, Main Street**

**STEVENS-CRAWFORD HERITAGE HOUSE**

**Dec 1 Holiday Open House**  
10:00am–4:00pm | Free admission | Refreshments

**Dec 1–15 Annual Christmas Celebration**  
“Gingerbread Holiday” theme

**Feb ‘08 100 Year Celebration** begins, featuring:  
• Boy Scout Troop #220, the oldest troop in Oregon  
• Exhibits of historically significant events and era music  
• Refreshments will be served on opening day.

**Hours** Wednesday–Saturday | 12:00–4:00pm  
**Cost** \$5–\$7 with Historic Oregon City Pass  
**Info** 503-655-2866 | 603 Sixth St., Oregon City



**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

**T**our the Historic Stevens-Crawford House, which will be festively decorated with early Christmas decors featuring a “Gingerbread Holiday” theme. Refreshments.

Call 503-655-2866 for more information.

**Saturday | December 1**  
**10:00am–4:00pm**  
**Free admission to Open House**



**FILL A STOCKING,  
FILL A HEART**

**F**ill a Stocking, Fill a Heart is an all volunteer non-profit with the goal of filling 2,500 stockings for agencies in Clackamas County. The agencies distribute these holiday stockings to their clients who are most in need. For some this is the only gift they will receive.

These stockings are filled for all ages—infants to senior citizens. Agencies include the Pioneer Community Center seniors, Healthy Start, Social Services, Mental Health, Camp Fire Teen Parents and many more.

You can help make the holidays happy for our less fortunate neighbors.

- Pick up an empty stocking, fill and return it to one of the local sites:
  - City Hall ■ Bank of the West ■ Clackamas Federal Community Credit Union
  - Northwest Community Credit Union ■ Hopp's Upholstery ■ Pioneer Community Center ■ Nelson's Nautilus and more.
- Have your business or community group fill a number of stockings.
- Have a collection drive for some of our most needed items: ■shampoo, toothpaste ■men's gloves ■toddler toys ■items for teen boys and adults
- Volunteer at our workshop where we fill approximately 1,200 stockings with donated and purchased items.
- Donate money to help purchase stocking items in bulk. Mail your donation to PO Box 1255, Oregon City OR 97045. Please do not send cash in the mail.

All donations are tax deductible as allowed by the IRS. Visit our website, [www.fillastocking.org](http://www.fillastocking.org) for details on how to help, to see an up-to-date list of drop-off locations, and a complete list of agencies receiving stockings. Messages may be left at 503-632-0577.



**AN OREGON CITY  
RED CARPET NIGHT  
LET THE STARS SHINE!**

**J**oin the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner and Auction on Friday, January 25 and watch the "stars" come out and walk our red carpet! The evening begins at 6:00pm at the Willamette Falls Community Health Education Center with a silent auction, no-host bar and hors d'oeuvres. At 7:00pm the festivities move across the street to the Abernethy Center for a plated dinner, oral auction and awards.

The Chamber's Annual Dinner provides an opportunity to recognize our "local stars"...individuals and businesses in Oregon City that make it a dynamic place to live and work. The Chamber, City of Oregon City, the Oregon City School District, and several civic groups present awards to people that have made a difference. The Chamber's new Board of Directors will also be installed. Please call 503-656-1619 for tickets or more information.

**Friday | January 25 | Tickets \$40 (before Dec 31) ~ \$45 (after Dec 31)**  
**6:00pm—Silent Auction | Willamette Falls Community Health Ed Cntr**  
**7:00pm—Dinner, Live Auction, Awards | Abernethy Center**

**EARTH DAY 2008 MEETING**

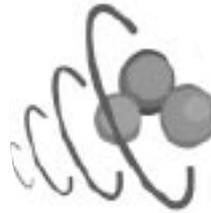


**C**lean up and enhancement projects are scheduled for Earth Day: **Saturday, April 26, 2008.** Get to know your neighbors, community and improve neighborhood livability by getting involved. Team leaders and clean up sites are needed. Please attend the first meeting, and bring your site nominations and ideas.

**Thursday | January 10 | 10:00–11:00am**  
**Pioneer Community Center, 615 5<sup>th</sup> St**

Additional volunteer opportunities can be found at the website [www.orecity.org/code-enforcement](http://www.orecity.org/code-enforcement) or the code enforcement information line at 503-496-1559.

**Neighborhood Livability Starts With You!**



**HEARING LOSS ASSN OF  
CLACKAMAS COUNTY**

**D**o you feel like you are losing some of your independence because you can't hear the doorbell or telephone ringing? Join us for a presentation by

Ken Jenkins of Access Technologies, Inc.

Ken will discuss and share some of the new devices available to those with hearing losses. Visit the website before the meeting and come with questions! [www.accesstechnologiesinc.org](http://www.accesstechnologiesinc.org)  
**Tuesday | January 8 | 4:00–5:30pm | Adult Community Center**  
**505 G Avenue, Lake Oswego**

Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is a leading voice in improving communication access for people with hearing loss. We advocate for communication access in the workplace, hotels, schools, entertainment facilities and more. Make membership inquiries and/or meeting topic suggestions to Karen Jacobson, chapter president at [Jkaren4@comcast.net](mailto:Jkaren4@comcast.net) or 503-635-3856, or Belinda McNally, chapter vice president at [mcnally8771@comcast.net](mailto:mcnally8771@comcast.net) or 971-322-9435  
 State chapter: [www.hearinglossor.org](http://www.hearinglossor.org) | 541-689-7242 voice/TTY  
**New meeting times in 2008! Second Tuesday of the month (except June, July, Aug & Dec) 4:00–5:30pm at the Adult Community Center, 505 G Avenue, Lake Oswego.**



**FAMILY FOCUS  
FORUM**

**P**lease join us in this opportunity to honor, rejuvenate, inform and educate parents about the vital role we all play in developing healthy, happy, productive and educated adults. Continental Breakfast and Lunch is included for registered families. Child care will be provided.

**Sat | Feb 2 | 8:30am–2:00pm | Oregon City High School**  
 Watch [www.orecity.k12.or.us](http://www.orecity.k12.or.us) for registration information.



In an effort to reach out to the community, and with the help of Grocery Outlet, we have developed a literacy program for the children in the Oregon City school district.

As the mother of three children enrolled in the school district, the idea came to me when my children were cleaning out their rooms one day. They brought out stacks of books to me and said “Mom, we’ve outgrown these books, let’s have a garage sale!” I looked at all of those books collected over 15 years and thought, “What am I going to do with all of these beautiful books?” I knew with all the budget cuts in the district and the limited amount schools had to spend on extra items for their classrooms, there had to be a need for quality books that were no longer needed or being used. Certainly my family couldn’t be the only ones with books that we had outgrown. The “OCGO” (Oregon Children’s Giving Opportunity) rose up from that idea.

How will it work and how will the books get into the hands of the people that really need them?

- The books will be stored at the special programs department, where they will be organized by category. Deleen Baker, the literacy specialist for Oregon City school district has graciously given us this space for the storage of the books.
- A minimum of 3–4 new or used children’s books can be donated to Grocery Outlet at any time. Grocery Outlet will in return provide a special discount coupon towards the donor’s next grocery purchase.
- Each book will receive a book plate so a child’s name can be put in it.
- The donated books will then go directly back into the school district for new teachers to build a library in their classrooms or to other reading literacy programs throughout the Oregon City school district.

Reading is such an important part to a child so they may be successful in school and beyond. Oregon City Grocery Outlet would like to urge you to come to our store and donate your children’s unused books so they can get back out into the local schools for others to enjoy!

Suz Ferguson, Marketing Manager at the Oregon City Grocery Outlet.

## Oregon Children’s Giving Opportunity



Please support our children’s reading program by donating NEW or USED books that are in good condition.

Donations are being accepted at Oregon City Grocery Outlet. All those who donate at least 4 books in one visit will receive a coupon to Oregon City Grocery Outlet.



## 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!



## CLACKAMAS COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**C**lackamas County Special Olympics is the local 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 donation and grants and receive no state or federal monies.

The year-round program, with 15 different Olympic style sports is designed to help persons with disabilities reach their potential by focusing on their abilities and helping them gain self-confidence, social competency and other enhanced skills, both physical and social.

The seasonal program runs as follows:

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

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



## CITYWIDE EGG HUNT

Sponsored by the Rivercrest Neighborhood Association  
Ages: Toddler – 12 years old  
Saturday | March 22 | 10:00am sharp  
Rivercrest Park

6th Annual



## THE ART SCENE IN OUR COMMUNITY 2008 First City Arts Faire

The First City Arts Faire committee is looking for volunteers to fill committee positions for the coordination of the 2008 faire on July

12-13. There are many positions available including Committee Chair, Sponsorship and Fund-raising committee, Entertainment, Advertising and Marketing, Children's art activities, Site management and the Transportation and Public Safety committee. The arts faire has gained a great reputation in the arts fair community for being a well coordinated and efficiently run organization. Some of our standards are now being adopted by other fairs and festivals in the area.

The faire committee is organized and run through an adopted set of by-laws with all committee roles and responsibilities very well identified. The current chair has been on the committee since the inception of the faire 5 years ago and is compiling a master workbook to be handed off to the next chair. This handbook will describe all tasks, time-lines, contact information, documentation, a marketing plan and all other necessary information that has been used successfully for the past faires.

If you are interested in finding out more about joining the arts faire committee please contact Lynda Orzen, 503-313-0024 or [Orzep@bctonline.com](mailto:Orzep@bctonline.com).

## THREE RIVERS ARTIST GUILD

We are happy to announce the arrival of a new art gallery in Oregon City located at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. A grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 16, 2007 as an Oregon City Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" event. Invitations went out to the arts community, the Oregon City, West Linn and North Clackamas Chamber's of Commerce. Attendees packed the sales gallery of the interpretive center and were treated to catering delights by Sharon and Raymond Sockerson of Country Fresh Café in the Antique Mall on 7th street. The reception was such a success that the guild was asked to host a Holiday event.

Mark you calendar for December 6, 2007 when the guild will be hosting a "Business After Hours" to open the holiday shopping season. The event will be held from 5-7pm on Thursday night with art work available for sale. There will be lots of very special items that will be sure to delight everyone for Christmas. The Gallery is open normal hours for the interpretive center with the artists work rotating every 4 months. Check here for current hours of operation at the center <http://www.endoftheoregontrail.org/>.

The Three Rivers Artist Guild meets the second Monday of every month from 7-9pm at the Pioneer Community Center, 615 5th Street in the basement meeting room with the entrance on Washington Street. Artists from all mediums of art are welcome to attend the meetings.

For more information, please contact Lynda Orzen via email at [Orzep@bctonline.com](mailto:Orzep@bctonline.com) or call 503-313-0024.



*Commissioner Daphne Weust cuts the ribbon with TRAG President Lynda Orzen.*



FINE ART STARTS!®

**CARNEGIE CENTER**

606 John Adams Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045  
503-723-9661

[www.fineartstarts.com](http://www.fineartstarts.com)

**Winter Hours (January – March)**

Wednesdays ..... 11:00am–6:00pm  
Thursdays & Fridays ..... 11:00am–7:00pm  
Saturdays ..... 10:00am–12:00pm  
There will be special holiday hours during December.

**Winter Classes & Events**

**DECEMBER**

**2nd Annual Holiday Art Market!**—Unique holiday gifts! Sat & Sun | Dec 1 & 2 | Meet the artists in person opening weekend 10:00am–5:00pm | Market continues throughout December.

**“December Art Show Gala” Public Celebration!**—Join us for a festive event as we celebrate artwork created during the fall term by Fine Art Starts students age 3–Adults. Live music, face-painting, goodies, and more! Fun for the whole family!

Saturday | December 8 | 5:00–7:00pm

**Art Elves**—Workshops for children ages 4–6, 7–10, 11 & up, and families. Make durable, unique fine art gifts for December holidays. Please call or check our website for a detailed schedule.

Monday–Friday | December 17–21



11-year old student paints her clay sculpture.



Unique Art & Gifts Presented by Over 30 Artists

**Saturday and Sunday  
December 1–2 | 10am–5pm**  
Indoors at Carnegie Center

Plus Special Musical Performances throughout the weekend!

Market continues throughout December

**JANUARY**

**Dancing at the Carnegie!**—Please call for a variety of dance classes (Salsa, Ballroom, Women’s Tribal Bellydance, and Children’s Movement).  
January–March

**ART Classes & Workshops**—Art, dance, music, and yoga classes for ages 3–adults! Parent-Child and Home School classes, too! Please call for more information.  
Classes begin Tuesday | January 8.

**FEBRUARY**

**Valentine’s Day Contest!**—Bring your most creative hand-made valentine to the Carnegie and celebrate the month of love through art. Entries on display through February 28. See our website after January 1 for contest rules and prizes.  
Deadline: Saturday | February 9

**MARCH**

**Spring Break Workshops!**—Workshops for children ages 4–6, 7–10, 11 & up, and adults, too! Make unique springtime projects! See our website for unique workshop descriptions and times.  
Monday–Friday | March 24–28



Pottery lessons available at the Carnegie Center!



**CLACKAMAS COUNTRY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**WINTER EVENTS: December–March**

**Tree Farm Walks**

Come to the tree farm near Wilsonville for a guided tour on an easy, 1-mile trail. Learn about the history and purpose of the tree farm and the importance of sustainable forestry from METRO experts. Meet at the parking lot on Ladd Hill Road. FREE. Advance registration not required. Call for more info. Year-round | Sundays | Guided Tour 2:00–3:30pm | Magness Memorial Tree Farm | 31195 SW Ladd Hill Rd, Wilsonville | 625-7471

**The Dinner Party**

Lakewood Theatre presents “The Dinner Party” by Neil Simon, directed by Diane Englert. A bitter-sweet comedy about marriage, fidelity and missed opportunities from the writer of “The Odd Couple” and “Biloxi Blues”. Nov 2–Dec 9 | Lakewood Center for the Arts | 368 S. State St., Lake Oswego | 503-635-3901

**Lake Oswego Holiday Market**

This two-day market features holiday crafts, entertainment, winter greenery, ornaments and gifts galore. Browse under the heated canopy and warm your hands by the fire. Feel the thrill of a horse drawn carriage ride. Dec 1–2 | Sat & Sun | 10am–5pm Millennium Plaza Park | Downtown Lake Oswego | 503-675-3983 | 503-675-3985

**St. Nicholas Arts & Crafts Faire**

Browse crafters, homemade jams and jellies, a bake sale and raffling of gift baskets. Lunch available, soups and sandwiches. Take a photo with St. Nicholas and more!

Dec 5–6 | Wed & Thu | 10am–4pm both days | St. Paul’s Episcopal Church | 822 Washington St., Oregon City | 656-9842

**Christmas Fantasy Trail**

Walk a Christmas Fantasy Trail with thousands of lights. Walk through a 40-foot castle with scenes, tunnels, maze, suspension bridge and more. Great for all ages.

Dec 7–29 | Mon–Sat | 6–9pm | Wenzel Farm | 19754 S. Ridge Rd., Oregon City | 631-2047

**Christmas Ship Parade Viewing**

Get the spirit of the holidays while watching the decorated lighted ships on the Willamette River.

Dec 8 | Sat | 6–7pm | Foothills Park 199 Foothills Rd, Lake Oswego | 503-697-6500

**A Pioneer Christmas in the Country**

Old-fashioned Christmas traditions with strolling musicians, cookies and cider on the wood stove. Browse local trees and wreaths, and have a visit with Santa in the parlour. Unique gifts and stocking stuffers available.

Dec 8–9 | 11am–4pm | Philip Foster Farm | 29912 SE Highway 211 | Eagle Creek | 503-637-6324

**West Linn Holiday Parade—Kids Giving to Kids**

Join Grand Marshall Santa in the procession through Historic Willamette along Willamette Falls Drive. Donate a new, unwrapped toy for needy families at the local fire station (Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Willamette Station), the Toy & Joy collection site. 557-4700 Dec 15 | Sat | 8:45am Staging at 10th Street & Willamette Falls Drive. Parade starts 10:00am Historic Willamette District | Willamette Falls Drive, West Linn 503-657-0331

**Christmas Eve Dinner**

Join The Resort for an extra special Christmas Eve in the The Highlands Restaurant. Call for details.

Dec 24 | 5–9pm | The Resort at The Mountain | 68010 E. Fairway Ave., Welches | 800-669-7666 | 503-622-3101

**Christmas Day Buffet**

When you’re finished with the Christmas morning festivities, come enjoy a tasty Christmas dinner at The Resort, including traditional favorites and a mountain of desserts. Adults \$30. Reservations required.

Dec 25 | 12–8pm | The Resort at The Mountain | 68010 E. Fairway Ave., Welches | 800-669-7666 | 503-622-3101

**Blacksmith Demonstrations at the Arts Cabins**

Learn the art of blacksmithing in a beautiful Mt. Hood Community located in the Village of Government Camp. Daily demonstrations, many hand forged items on display and for sale. Need something unique for your house or cabin? Ask the blacksmith! Lodging, restaurants, skiing and recreation nearby. Dec 29–30 | 10am | Arts Cabins Project | Village of Government Camp | 503-272-3525 or 272-3301

**New Year’s Eve Fireworks Extravaganza**

Live music, fireworks at midnight. Ski and board until 2am Dec 31 | Mt. Hood Skibowl | 87000 E Hwy 26, Government Camp | 503-222-BOWL | 800-SKIBOWL

**Antique Toy and Doll Show**

Molalla Area Historical Society. Exhibit of antique and vintage dolls, doll houses, toys and teddy bears from the museum and private collections. Tour the historic houses and museums. Refreshments offered. For special tours and more info, please call 829-8030 or 829-5521. Mar 7–9 | Fri–Sun | 10am–4pm Dibble House and Von Der Ahe House & Exhibit Hall | 620 S. Molalla Ave. Molalla | 503-829-5521





## OREGON CITY—TATESHINA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

**Who We Are**—The Oregon City-Tateshina Sister City Committee is an all-volunteer group of Oregon City residents and surrounding communities, who maintain communications and cultural ties with our Sister City, Tateshina, Japan. We are an official committee of the City of Oregon, formed in 1974 as part of the national Sister City program, established by President Dwight Eisenhower to encourage peace among nations through friendships among individuals of those nations. We are always open to new members!

**What We Do**—One of the main activities of the Sister City Committee is to host visiting delegations from Japan. *See Below.* We also take trips to Japan and spend time with host families in Tateshina, experiencing the daily life and customs of Japanese families. We also recruit qualified individuals to serve for a year as an Assistant English Teacher in Tateshina's junior high school. The volunteers of the Oregon City - Tateshina Sister City Committee help to maintain the Peace Garden, located next to the Pioneer Community Center at 5th and John Adams in Oregon City. If you are interested in learning more about these programs, please attend one of our monthly meetings, usually the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm at City Hall in Oregon City.

### SISTER CITY PROGRAM SEEKS HOST FAMILIES

Oregon City regularly hosts a group of 8th grade students and their chaperones from Tateshina, Japan. This year the students are expected during spring break, the week of March 24, 2008.

"It's a wonderful way for the Japanese students to learn about American culture and improve English skills," said Elise Lunas, Secretary for the Sister City Committee. "For the host families, it's a unique way to learn about a different part of the world. It's great fun, and long-lasting friendships often develop between students and their host families." Clackamas County families can host two of the students for either the entire week or a few days. Those with children of middle-school age are preferred, but others will be considered. An orientation for host families is conducted by the Sister City Committee, prior to the students' arrival, with lots of tips and information to make it a successful experience. Host families include the students in everyday activities, such as grocery shopping, trips to the car wash, birthday parties, and sometimes family outings to the zoo, the coast or Mt. Hood. In addition, the Sister City Committee arranges tours of Oregon City businesses, historical sites, schools, and other local landmarks for the visiting delegation.

If you are interested in being considered as a host family, or want more information, contact Elise or Larry Lunas of the Oregon City-Tateshina Sister City Committee at 503-656-5578.

**More about Tateshina**—Tateshina is a beautiful, rural town located in the mountains about 125 miles west of Tokyo in Nagano Prefecture, close to where the 1998 Winter Olympics were held. Elevation varies from cultivated areas at an altitude of 2,066–3,166 feet up to Mt. Tateshina (8,433 feet). Mt. Tateshina is a popular resort area, especially for winter skiing. In addition to tourism, agriculture is a primary industry, including apples and a town-owned dairy herd. The weather is very cold and snowy in the winter; warm and humid in the summer. Tateshina's population is about 8,000 people.

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# DADDY DAUGHTER DINNER DANCE

## Dinner~Dessert~Dancing~Photos

Please join us for our Fourth Annual Daddy Daughter extravaganza—held this year at the Abernethy Center! This Valentine's Day-themed event provides a great opportunity for dads and their daughters, sixth grade and under, to spend some very memorable quality time together.

Included is dinner, dessert, dancing, keepsake photos and more. Bring as many daughters as you have. This year, the food is provided by Abernethy Center Catering. Music is by RJ Mobile Music and the photos are by Bridgit Braun Photography. Registrations must be received by January 31, 2008. To register call 657-8273 or go online to [www.oregoncityparks.org](http://www.oregoncityparks.org).

Saturday ~ February 9, 2008

6:00—9:00pm

\$30 Per Person

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