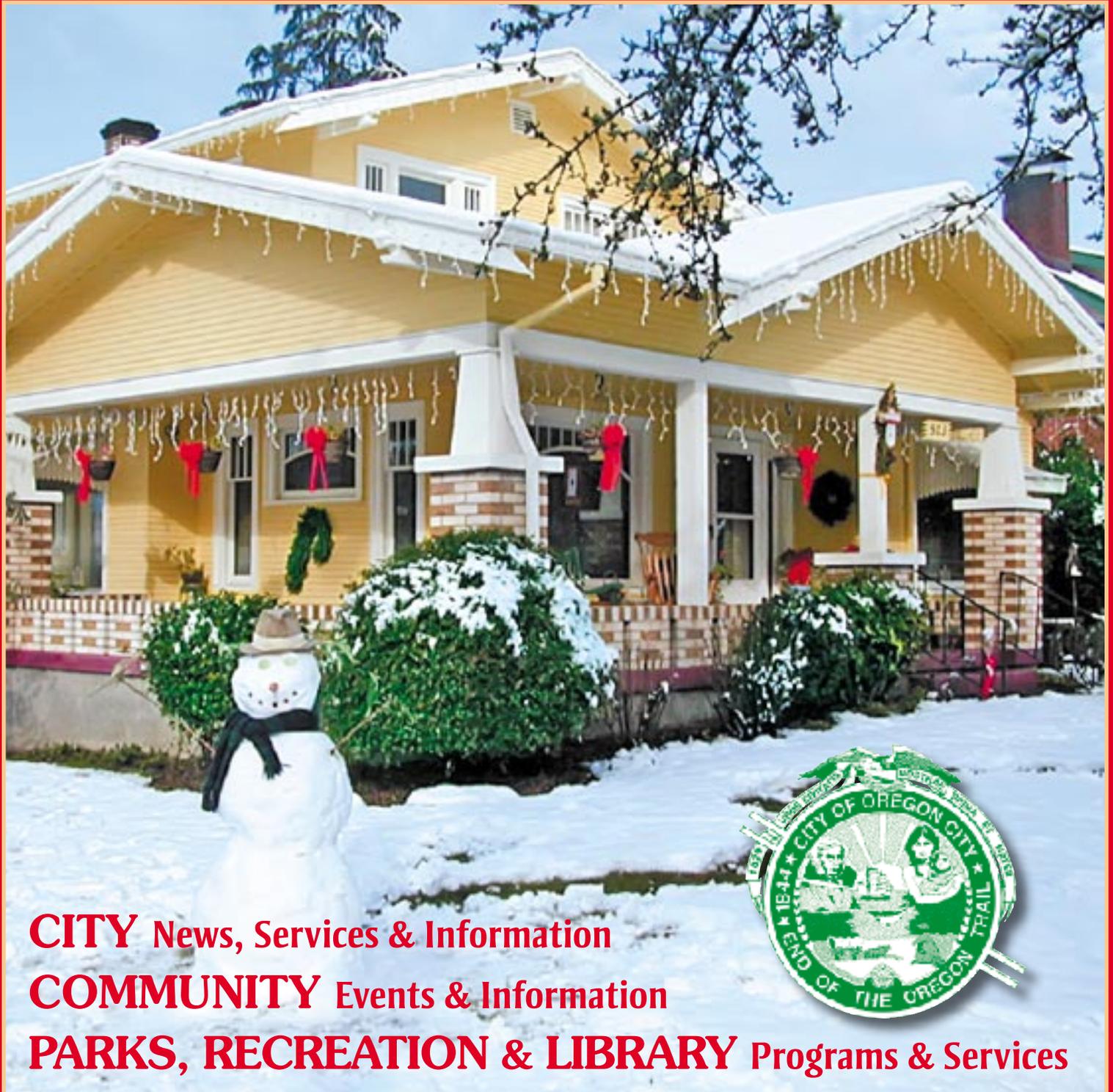


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*There are two ways of meeting difficulties: you alter the difficulties, or you alter yourself to meet them.*

—Phyllis Battome

**With the economy in crisis**, your city officials are exercising caution and diligence as we oversee and protect the public investment in our City and its essential services.

While Oregon and Clackamas County seem to be faring a little better than the nation, we are studying the numbers of housing delinquencies and foreclosures as indicators of community economic health. The economic downturn can impact the city in many ways.

First, large numbers of foreclosures could lead to falling home values and impact our tax revenues, which support city projects and services. But due to the provisions of Measure 50, we would have to see a property value dive of 40–50% before we are severely impacted.

Second, to balance the City budget and hold down costs for citizens, a certain level of growth is needed. The lack of new construction will result in a decrease of tax revenues derived from new growth. Additionally, less new construction will result in a decrease in System Development Charges (SDCs). SDCs help us buffer the impacts of growth by funding new parks, streets, sidewalks and utilities.

Finally, the lack of new construction results in impacts to our planning, building and utility operations since all of those are fee-based operations.

Last year, 328 planning applications were submitted. This year only 193 applications have been filed as of October 20. In 2007, 233 single family units were permitted; in 2008

only 81 have been filed through October 20.

Finally, rising interest rates affect the City's ability to issue bonds, which may delay needed capital projects. Higher unemployment levels hinder our citizens' ability to pay utility bills and therefore, create budget challenges.

As you do at home and at work, we also will make adjustments. We can delay projects, leave projects uncompleted, and cut or curtail some services. We will also continue to conserve energy, find efficiencies, and explore money-saving proposals.

The good news is that Oregon City's recovery from near bankruptcy in 2005 has left us financially stronger and more resilient. So we look to the future with cautious confidence, while maintaining firm control on spending, watchful eyes on economic indicators, and supporting our creative staff who must do more with less.

**Thank you for dedicated service to Oregon City!** Commission President Damon Mabee and Commissioner Trent Tidwell will leave the city commission after serving for four years. We appreciate their commitment to public service, the hundreds of meeting hours doing the public's business, and their dedication and success in making Oregon City a better community.

On January 7 at 7:00pm, new Oregon City commissioners Jim Nicita and Rocky Smith will be sworn in by Municipal Judge Laraine McNeice at City Hall.

**CITY DEPARTMENTS**



**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. City Commission regular

meetings are streamed live on the Internet at [www.orcity.org](http://www.orcity.org) and are available on demand following the meeting. Willamette Falls Cable broadcasts meetings live on Channel 23 at 7:00pm and rebroadcasts them throughout the month.

For a schedule, call 541-650-0275 or logon to [www.wftvaccess.com](http://www.wftvaccess.com).

- Mayor**—Alice Norris
- Commission President**—Damon Mabee
- Commissioners**—Doug Neeley, Trent Tidwell, Daphne Wuest (through December 31, 2008)
- Commissioners Elect**—Jim Nicita, Rocky Smith, Jr. (effective January 1, 2009)
- City Manager**—Larry Patterson
- City Recorder**—Nancy Ide
- Finance Director**—David Wimmer
- Human Resources Director**—Jim Loeffler
- Police Chief/Public Safety Director**—Gordon Huiras
- City Engineer/Public Works Director**—Nancy Kraushaar
- Community Development Director**—Dan Drentlaw
- Community Services Director**—Scott Archer

<b>City Government Contacts</b> .....(Area Code 503)	Public Works Operations ..... 657-8241	<b>Community Contacts</b> .....(Area Code 503)
Emergency Service .....911	Public Works Engineering.....657-0891	End of Oregon Trail Interpretive Cntr ..... 657-9336
City Hall.....657-0891	Recreation.....496-1565	<a href="http://www.historicoregoncity.org">www.historicoregoncity.org</a>
Building Dept.....722-3789	Swimming Pool & Activity Registration...657-8273	Ermatinger House..... 650-1851
Code Enforcement.....496-1559	Southfork Water Board.....657-5030	McLoughlin House .....656-5146
Community Services .....496-1546	Water Billing.....657-8151	Museum of the Oregon Territory..... 655-5574
Fire Business.....742-2670	<b>Other Government Contacts</b> ....(Area Code 503)	<a href="http://www.historicoregoncity.org">www.historicoregoncity.org</a>
Library.....657-8269	Animal Control .....655-8628	Oregon City Soccer .....672-9264 ext. 484
Mountain View Cemetery .....657-8299	Clackamas Community College ..... 657-6958	Oregon City Youth Baseball & Softball ....632-0569
Municipal Court.....657-8154	Clackamas County.....353-4400	Oregon City Youth Football.....632-0547
Parks Department .....496-1201	Clackamas County Commissioner .....655-8581	Redland Baseball ..... <a href="http://www.redlandball.org">www.redlandball.org</a>
Pioneer Community Center.....657-8287	Eastham Community Center ..... 785-8520	Stevens-Crawford House.....655-2866
Planning Dept.....722-3789	Fish & Wildlife .....657-2000	Tri Cities Adult Softball Association .....659-2992
Police Business.....657-4964	Oregon City School District ..... 785-8000	YMCA.....657-9795
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The 2008 Oregon Recreation and Park Association Voluntary Service Award was presented to teacher Brit Tucker of Oregon City Construction—Oregon City High School on behalf of his class.

At right is the Wesley Lynn Park pergola project the class recently completed.

See full story on page 7.

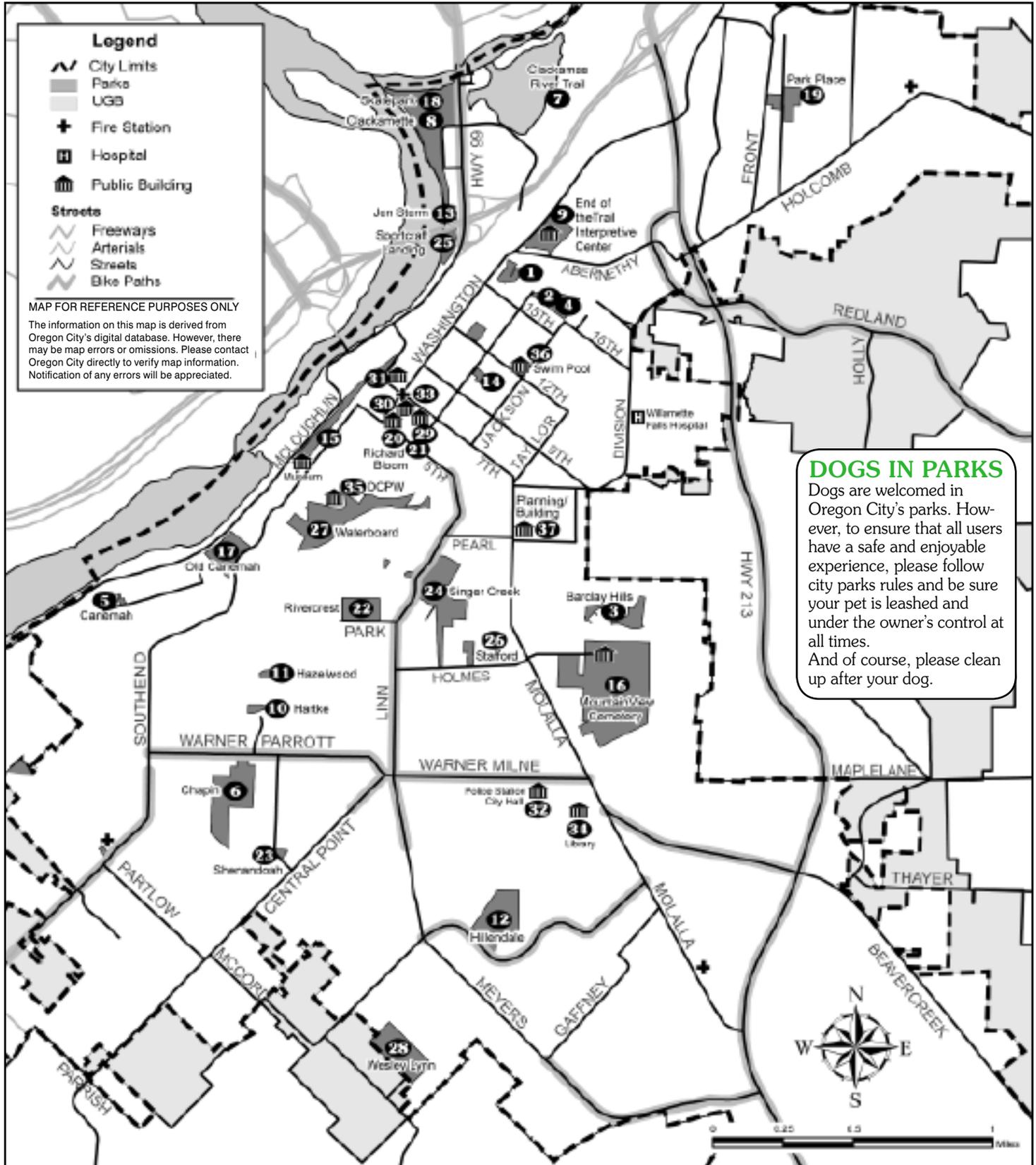


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**CITY OF OREGON CITY PARKS & FACILITIES MAP**





## PARKS OFFICE INFORMATION

**Office Hours**.....Monday–Friday | 8:30am–3:00pm

### Parks Department Staff

- Larry Potter, Parks/Cemetery Maintenance Manager
- Steve Little, Park Maintenance Specialist III
- Dennis Bonn, Park Maintenance Specialist III
- Mark Anderson, Park Maintenance Specialist II
- Betty Joe Armstrong, Office Specialist II
- Lori Hattig, Office Assistant

## MAJOR CITY PARKS

- 6 Chapin Park** 340 Warner Parrott Road
- 8 Clackamette Park** 1955 Clackamette Drive
- 12 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

## CITY FACILITIES

- 4 Buena Vista Clubhouse** 1601 Jackson Street
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1726 Washington Street
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- 31 McLoughlin House** 713 Center Street
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500 Hilda Street
- 32 Police Station & City Hall** 320 Warner Milne Road
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- 37 Planning & Building** 221 Molalla Avenue, Suite 200
- 34 Public Library** 362 Warner Milne Road
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## 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. Remember, your payment is your park reservation confirmation.

For more information visit [www.oregoncityparks.org](http://www.oregoncityparks.org).

### THREE WAYS TO MAKE A RESERVATION

- 1–Call Park Operations: **503-496-1201**
- 2–Stop by during office hours: 500 Hilda Street
- 3–Email BJ Armstrong: [barmstrong@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:barmstrong@ci.oregon-city.or.us)  
or Lori Hattig: [lhattig@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:lhattig@ci.oregon-city.or.us)

**Rent the Buena Vista Clubhouse**—Buena Vista Clubhouse is available for hourly rentals for meetings or special events such as birthdays and receptions. The rental rate is \$125 for 4 hours plus a refundable \$125 cleaning/damage deposit and a \$25 key deposit. For more information please contact Parks Operations at **503-496-1201**.

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	Buena Vista Clubhouse													
5	Canemah Children's Park													
6	Chapin Park													
7	Clackamas River Trail													
8	Clackamette Park													
9	End of the Oregon Trail													
10	Hartke Park													
11	Hazelwood Park													
12	Hillendale Park													
13	Jon Storm Park													
14	Latourette Park													
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													

**RV Park at Clackamette Park**—Clackamette Park has a 36-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, VISA, MasterCard or Discover only; we do not accept checks. For more information, call Park Operations at **503-496-1201**.

**The Carnegie Center will be closed** for an undetermined amount of time. The Fine Art Starts management contract to operate the Center expired August 3, 2008. The City will be evaluating City needs and future use of the building. This facility is an asset to the City and the future use will be given serious thought and consideration. We appreciate your patience while we pursue this process.

## PARKS NEWS & EVENTS

### New Jon Storm Park Now Open!

**J**on Storm Park, Oregon City's new waterfront recreation site, is now complete and open for public use. Jon Storm Park is a 1.5-acre site directly overlooking the Willamette River. The new park is located along Clackamette Drive, north of the Abernethy Bridge (I-205), situated between Clackamette Park and Sportcraft Marina.

In 2005–2006 the 320-foot boat dock and restroom facility were completed ahead of the rest of the park, due to availability of funding and support from the Oregon State Marine Board. In 2006 the City of Oregon City was awarded a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$330,000 to assist in the development of Jon Storm Park. This project completes the build-out of the park according to its master plan. In addition to the already completed dock and restroom, features of the park include a plaza area with seat walls, interpretive areas, a cantilevered river overlook boasting one of the most unique views of Willamette Falls, a picnic shelter, lawn areas, walkways and connections to the Willamette River Trail, a bus and trolley turnaround, and a parking lot underneath the Abernethy Bridge.

Also completed in conjunction with this project is the first major segment of the non-motorized Willamette River Trail. The Willamette River Trail is planned to eventually connect pedestrian and other non-motorized uses all the way to Willamette Falls. This new 12-foot wide asphalt pathway follows the Willamette riverfront, connecting Jon Storm Park to Clackamette Park and the existing Clackamas River Trail. This connection will continue south of Jon Storm Park on the non-motorized pedestrian pathways being developed with the McLoughlin Blvd./99E enhancement project currently underway.



*New deck at Jon Storm Park, a new 1.5 acre waterfront recreation site between Clackamette Park and Sportcraft Marina. The park was recently completed and is now open for public use.*

### Restroom Closures

Please be aware that restrooms at Atkinson Park, Rivercrest Park, the Richard Bloom Tot's Park, and Park Place have been closed for the winter months.

### Spray Park Schedule

The Parks Office has received many calls inquiring as to why the Spray Park is closed. Our current funding provides for temporary, seasonal staffing, maintenance and operation of the Spray Park from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

### Benches and Picnic Tables

Callers comment on how nice it is to have benches in our parks, and that they would like to see more of them. We invite families, neighborhood groups, companies or organizations to consider purchasing a bench or picnic table for a nearby park! Cost is tax deductible, and will include a bronze plaque recognizing the donor/s. For more information on purchasing a bench or picnic table, please contact Betty or Lori at 503-496-1201.

### Reservation Information

Were you aware that reservations could be made up to one year in advance of your activity? Now is a good time to be planning your family reunion and party times, while most dates are still available. Clackamette Park is a good site for large activities, such as car and boat shows, fishing derbies, company picnics, community events, class reunions, and dog shows.

### Park Facilities Information

Our Parks website ([www.oregoncityparks.org](http://www.oregoncityparks.org)) gives excellent descriptions and pictures of our shelters, the Buena Vista Clubhouse and the Clackamette RV Park.

### Oregon City Has 3 Boat Docks Available

- **Jon Storm**—1801 Clackamette Drive, offers a transient dock with 72-hour moorage, a pump out station, restrooms and a reservable picnic shelter.
- **Sportcraft**—1701 Clackamette Drive, has a two-lane launch with floats and a restroom.
- **Clackamette Park**—1955 Clackamette Drive, offers a two-lane launch with floats, restrooms and two reservable picnic shelters.



## CEMETERY OFFICE INFORMATION



**Office Hours**.....Monday–Friday | 8:00am–3:00pm  
**Mountain View Cemetery Staff**  
 Larry Potter, Park Operation & Facilities Manager  
 Betty Joe Armstrong, Office Specialist II  
 Lori Hattig, Office Assistant  
 Richard Reed, Park Maintenance Specialist III

## CEMETERY NEWS & EVENTS

### Cremation News

We have had five scatterings of remains in our Canyon Nature Walk area. This reflects the growing trend of cremation over traditional ground burial. Since 1973, the number of cremations in the nation has tripled. As always, Oregon is among the leaders in change, ranking as third in percentage of cremations in 2005, just behind Hawaii and Washington state. (National Funeral Director's Association, 2008. Retrieved from <http://www.nfda.org/page.php?pID=78>, October 6, 2008.) Mountain View is in the process of planning a new cremation garden.

### Parents of Murdered Children Memorial

In partnership with Parents of Murdered Children, a national organization, the plans to construct a memorial are moving forward. An illustration of the memorial site has been erected near the flagpole area. Ground breaking should take place soon.

If you are interested in more information or would like to make a donation for the memorial, contact Mary Elledge at 503-656-8039.

### Fall Bulbs Bring Spring Flowers!

Mountain View employees have been busy planting bulbs for spring flowers. Watch for our daffodils next spring!

## A TIME FOR THANKSGIVING

**W**e at Oregon City Parks and Mountain View Cemetery wish to express our appreciation to the many individuals and groups who contributed their time and energy this year!

### Their efforts have included:

- Picking up litter
- Planting trees and removing ivy
- Clearing brush and pulling weeds
- Leveling and cleaning markers
- Keeping watch over parks facilities
- And so much more...

### We also wish to recognize those Volunteers whose efforts are ongoing:

- Oregon City High School JROTC
- Area Scout Troops
- Oregon City Construction
- Oregon City Optimist Club
- Friends of Mountain View Cemetery

**Many Thanks!**

## 2008 OREGON RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION VOLUNTARY SERVICE AWARD



On September 23, teacher Brit Tucker received the 2008 Oregon Recreation and Park Association Voluntary Service Award at the Riverhouse Convention Center in Bend on behalf of his high school class.

See also page 3 for photo of completed pergola project at Wesley Lynn Park.

### Oregon City Construction—Oregon City High School

**O**regon City Construction started in 2003 as an advanced construction class based on the concepts of community service, project management and planning future job opportunities. Initial projects have been focused around local parks, which have enhanced their function ability throughout the years. The outcome over the years has been tremendous. The local neighborhoods have said that crime and vandalism have dropped drastically, and more people are using the parks. The OCC is continuing to strive for the same outcome as before. This requires innovation on our part to think of new projects that will continue to enhance the parks we are working in. Projects in the past have included: an observation deck, birdhouses, retaining wall, bridge at Hillendale Park, concrete walkway and pergola at Wesley Lynn Park, a volleyball court at Hillendale Park and refurbishing stairs at Oregon City Municipal Pool.

The participants of this class are high school students led by their teacher Britt Tucker. The students are working on these projects from concept to design, to material run off and obtaining donations, to onsite implementation. These projects occur during class time, after school hours and on weekends. These students are engaged and have a sense of ownership with these projects, not to mention the skills they take away with them. The product of their time, efforts, and skills are a benefit to the community and provide assets that may otherwise not be funded in our parks.

### The OCC Mission Statement

We at Oregon City Construction strive to:

- Develop professional connections to establish a foundation for our future.
- Promote a professional image of ourselves and our peers by demonstrating integrity, quality, and giving back to the community.
- Enhance the environment throughout Oregon City.

## RECREATION 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 also be done online, in person at the Swimming Pool at 1211 Jackson St. or by calling 503-657-8273. For new class offerings and updated information, go online 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**—A resident is any person who lives inside the city limits of Oregon City. Non-residents pay a higher fee for classes and activities since they do not pay Oregon City property taxes, which help fund Parks and Recreation programs.

## SPORTS, FITNESS & FUN

### Kenpo Karate [Beginner/Intermediate] 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. Uniforms optional; information will be provided at the first class. Nine group lessons. Private sessions with a personal trainer are available for an additional fee—Schedule with instructor, David Barnes.

Mondays | January 5–March 9 | 5:30–6:30pm | OC Pool  
\$98 Residents | \$118 Non-Residents | \*Registration Deadline: Dec 29

### Kenpo Karate [Advanced]

**Requires previous Martial Arts experience or instructor's permission.**

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 available for an additional fee—Schedule with instructor, David Barnes. **Class will be physically demanding.**

Mondays | January 5–March 9 | 7:00–8:00pm | OC Pool  
\$98 Residents | \$118 Non-Residents | \*Registration Deadline: Dec 29

### Kumite Karate [Sparring] Ages 6 years & up

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

Mondays | January 5–March 9 | 6:30–7:00pm | OC Pool  
\$48 Residents | \$58 Non-Residents | \*Registration Deadline: Dec 29

## DADDY DAUGHTER DINNER DANCE

Please join us for our Fifth Annual Daddy Daughter extravaganza—held again 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 our staff. Maximum capacity is 160, so register early as this event fills quickly! Registrations must be received by January 9. To register call 503-657-8273 or go to [www.oregoncityparks.org](http://www.oregoncityparks.org).

Saturday | January 24  
6:00–9:00pm | \$30 Per Person  
The Abernethy Center | 606 15th Street, Oregon City



## MOM & SON COSMIC BOWLING

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

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!** Registration deadline is March 21. Call 503-657-8273 or come by the Oregon City Swimming Pool at 1211 Jackson St. You can also register online at [www.orcity.org](http://www.orcity.org) (you must register each person separately—Mom and then son.)

Saturday | April 4  
Check in at 12:15pm  
Bowling 12:30–2:30pm  
Kellogg Bowl | 1030 SE Main St,  
Portland—only 8 miles from  
Oregon City  
Residents: \$14 per person  
Non-Residents: \$21 per person





### SWIM SCHEDULE.....December 1 – March 31

Recreational Swim	Fri	7:30 – 9:00pm
	Sat	12:30 – 2:00pm
Family Swim	Tue	7:15 – 8:30pm
<b>Spring Break Recreation Swims Monday–Friday 2:00–4:00pm</b>		
Adult Swim	Mon–Fri	8:00 – 9:00am
	Mon–Fri	1:00 – 2:00pm
	Sat	11:00am – 12:30pm
Adult Lap Swim (Number of available lanes may vary)	Mon–Fri	6:00 – 8:00am
	Mon–Fri	12:00 – 1:00pm
	Mon Wed Fri	5:00 – 6:00pm
	Tue Thu	5:00 – 6:15pm
	Sat	11:00am – 12:30pm
Water Exercise (Shallow)	Mon Wed Fri	8:00 – 9:00am
	Tue Thu	6:15 – 7:15pm
Water Exercise (Deep)	Tue Thu	6:15 – 7:15pm
Water Exercise (Arthritis)	Tue Thu	8:00 – 9:00am

**\*\*Pool Closures:**

December 22–January 2 (winter maintenance, no activities)  
May 25 for Memorial Day.

### ADMISSION PRICES

Daily Admissions	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.

### OREGON CITY SWIM TEAM

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

### POOL & PARTY ROOM RENTALS

Rent the pool and party room for your special occasion! The swimming pool and 2,000 sq. ft. party room are available for private rentals on Saturdays from 2:00–8:00pm. Pool rental starts as low as \$65.00 per hour with lifeguards provided. Party room rates start at \$13.25 per hour.

### POOL DONATIONS NEEDED

The Oregon City Pool is always seeking donations from the community and businesses to help fund various projects. If you are interested in donating, please contact Rochelle Parsch, Aquatic and Recreation Supervisor at 503-496-1572. For your contribution you will be recognized in publications and signage.

**Pool Wish List**—Water Exercise Equipment; Life Jackets; Facility Maintenance, Upgrades & Repairs such as: roof repairs, linoleum floor replacement in Community Room and hallway, upgrades for various ADA equipment, acoustical tile replacement, old lifeguard equipment replacements, and curtain wall windows updating.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS SWIM LESSONS

Since the summer of 2007, American Red Cross swimming lessons have been offered at the Oregon City Swimming Pool. 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.

## SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION

Please register early before classes fill!!

**WINTER** Registration begins Monday, December 8.

**SPRING** Registration begins Monday, March 9.

- **Online Registration**—[www.ocpool.org](http://www.ocpool.org)  
If necessary, please contact our 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.
- **Gift Certificates**—Must register in person. Please present Gift Certificate at time of registration.

## SWIM LESSON FEES

Residents live inside the city limits of Oregon City.

Residents .....	\$34.50
Non-Residents .....	\$51.50
Private Lessons (1/2 hour) .....	\$19.50
Semi-Private Lessons (2 students, 1/2 hour).....	\$27.00

## SWIM LESSON PLACEMENT

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

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

DATES	Winter Session–1 MWF	Winter Session–2 MWF	Winter Session–3 MWF	Private Lessons						
Winter registration begins Monday, December 8	Jan 5–Jan 23	Jan 26–Feb 13	Feb 16–Mar 6	We offer Evening and Saturday private swim lessons! Call to register: 657-8273						
	Classes <b>will be held</b> on MLK Day–January 19 and President’s Day–February 16									
Spring Registration begins Monday, March 9	Spring Session–1 MWF	Spring Session–2 MWF	Spring Session–3 MWF							
	March 30–April 17	April 20–May 8	May 11–June 3**							
	If classes are full please add your name to a waiting list. We do our best to open up more classes! **No classes for Memorial Day weekend May 22 & 25. Session 3 ends on a Wednesday.									
LEVEL	All group lessons last 27 minutes.						All private lessons last 27 minutes.			
Water Babies	6:00	6:00	7:00	6:00						
Swim Tots	6:00   6:30   7:00	6:00	6:30   7:00	6:00	6:30	7:00	Evening Private Lessons 6:00   6:30   7:00			
Level 1	6:00   6:30   7:00	6:00	6:30	6:00	6:30	7:00				
Level 2	6:00   6:30   7:00	6:00	6:30   7:00	6:00	6:30	7:00				
Level 3	6:30	6:30		6:30						
Level 4	7:00									
Level 5										
Level 6							7:00	Swimming Pool will be closed for winter maintenance Dec 22–Jan 2		

## 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 300 yards
  - able to tread water for 2 minutes using legs only
  - able retrieve a 10-lb brick from 7 feet of water and return it to the surface
- Bring a swimsuit and towel...you will get wet. For more information, call Rochelle Parsch at 503-496-1572.

**SESSION 1** Spring Break: Mon–Fri | March 23–27 | 9:00am–3:00pm  
OC Pool | \$120 Resident / \$140 Non-Resident  
Registration Deadline: March 9

**SESSION 2** Mon Wed Fri | May 18, 20, 22 & May 25, 27, 29 | 4:00–9:00pm  
OC Pool | \$120 Resident / \$140 Non-Resident  
Registration Deadline: May 1

## REMINDERS

- Swim lessons are different from other sports or activities. Children often need to retake a level two or three times to become proficient in their skills. Please consider this when registering your child for swimming lessons.
- If you have questions for your child’s instructor please feel free to speak to them after class. But remember, they often have another class to teach within a few minutes.
- Remember that children 7 years and older are not allowed in the changing room of the opposite gender. If your child needs assistance, please make arrangements with the staff at the front counter.



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

OLD Swim Level		NEW Red Cross Swim Level	OLD Swim Level		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 lessons. For 3–4 year olds only. No age exceptions.</i>	Level 4	EQUIVALENT TO	LEVEL 4
Level 1		<b>LEVEL 1</b> — <i>For 5 years old and up, unless a 4 year old and can prove s/he has passed Swim Tots.</i>	Passing Level 4		LEVEL 5
Level 2		<b>LEVEL 2</b>	NEW LEVEL		LEVEL 6 (Lifeguard Readiness & Personal Water Safety)
Level 3		<b>LEVEL 3</b>			

**OREGON CITY'S SWIM LESSON PROGRAM**

**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

**AMERICAN RED CROSS LEARN-TO-SWIM PROGRAM**

**LEVEL 1—INTRODUCTION TO WATER SKILLS.** Must be at least 5 years old, or if child is 4 years old you **MUST** show proof that child has passed Swim Tots to attend the class and child is unable to swim or float. Exceptions may be authorized by the supervisor. Please call for further inquiries. Children must also be over 50 inches tall. (*The 50-inch rule may be waived. However, it ensures the safety of your child and helps with the transition into deeper water where they won't be able to touch bottom if they are less than 50 inches tall.*) This class does not use the \*tot docks! It is very important that participants can touch the bottom of the pool. Participants will learn through games and skill practices. Skills they will learn and must successfully demonstrate to pass are: Class participation | Submerge face for 3 seconds | Open eyes underwater and pick up an object | 10 chest-deep bobs | Blow bubbles | Enter and exit water independently | Front and back float with support–5 seconds | Explore arm and hand movements of treading water | Combined stroke on front and back with support–5 feet

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

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

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

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

**LEVEL 4—STROKE IMPROVEMENT.** Builds on skills from Level 3. Skills participants will learn and must successfully demonstrate to pass are: Dive in from side of deep water, compact or stride position |

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

**LEVEL 5—STROKE REFINEMENT.** Builds on skills from Level 4. Skills participants will learn and must successfully demonstrate to pass are: Shallow dive from the side of the pool | Shallow dive, glide 2 body lengths and begin any front stroke | Swim underwater–15 yards | Tuck and pike surface dives | Back float in the deep end–2 minutes | Front and back flip turns | Tread water using 2 different kicks–2 minutes | Front and back crawl–50 yards | Butterfly, breaststroke, elementary backstroke and sidestroke–25 yards | Survival swimming | Rescue breathing

**LEVEL 6—LIFEGUARD READINESS / PERSONAL WATER SAFETY.** Builds on skills from Level 5. Skills participants will learn and must successfully demonstrate to pass are: Front and back crawl–100 yards | Breaststroke, elementary backstroke, sidestroke and butterfly–50 yards | Front crawl, back crawl and 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

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Hours of Operation

**OPEN**..... Monday – Friday | 9:00am–4:00pm

**CLOSED** .... Thu & Fri, Dec 25 & 26 (Christmas) | Fri, Jan 1 (New Years) | Mon, Jan 19 (MLK Day) | Mon, Feb 16 (Presidents Day)

**Pioneer Center will be closed for spring cleaning and maintenance Mon–Fri, March 23–27, 2009.**

**LUNCH (see complete details facing page):**

- Meals-on-Wheels Deliveries: \*\*Monday–Friday | 10:30am–1:00pm
- Lunch & Dessert Bar: Monday–Friday | 11:30am–12:30pm

*\*\*Monday drivers needed. Please call Shirley today to help out!*

**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 want to volunteer, call Shirley Ryan at 503-722-5979 for emergency meals, and Beth at 503-722-3268 for gift delivery.

**Gift Certificates**—If you can't think of a thing to buy the person who has everything...how about a gift certificate from the Pioneer Center?! Gift certificates are available for any of the following: **Swing Band | Trips | Manicures | Lunches | Massages | Classes | Pedicures**

**Wish List**—Wii game for our TV room, pictures, new & modern silk plants, new senior-friendly chairs for lobby areas, large table cloths, large plastic storage containers, good, clean working wheelchairs and canes. Computer ink & paper for printers in recreation room, regular and decaffeinated coffee.

## FACILITY RENTALS

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

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

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

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

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

## DINE-OUTS

**First Monday of every month starting November 2008.**

**Bus departs the Center at 11:30am.** Meet at the Center by 11:30am or call 657-8287 for a pick-up (suggested donation \$1 each way). Lunch is on your own. Dine-Outs and restaurants are subject to change! Call us for the Restaurant of the Month.

## DAY TRIPS (Tentative Schedule)

Please call or stop by the center 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 additional 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. Our trips are quite popular and we often have people on a waiting list. To register or to be placed on the waiting list, stop by or call 503-657-8287.

No refund or credit is given to “no-shows.” The Center must be notified in advance if you cannot participate. Trips may be canceled by the Center due to lack of interest or illness.

**All trips are scheduled for Wednesdays.**

**Dec 4...THE SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE**—2008 Portland's Singing Christmas Tree adorns the Keller Auditorium with over 30,000 lights that dance, twinkle, sparkle and shine, bringing the magic of the Tree's full stage Christmas production to life. Guest Performers: Katie Harman, Timothy Greenridge, Bells of the Cascade, Aaron Meyer (all performances); Michael Allen Harrison (December 4–6 only)

**Dec 24...PIONEER COMMUNITY CHORUS**—Singing at lunchtime at the Pioneer Center (special dessert and coffee served). Relax and enjoy your lunch today by listening to our own chorus group.

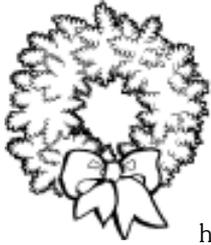
**Jan 14...FOREST GROVE GRAND LODGE (McMenamins)**—Prepare yourself for a grand escape at McMenamins Grand Lodge, a place with stately columns, sweeping green carpet of a lawn, 77 European-style lodging rooms, multiple restaurants and cozy small bars. And the best part is some of the most fantastic artwork to ever grace these aged walls.

**Jan 28...WILD LIFE REFUGE** in Jewell, Oregon—Watch the magnificent Elk feed; go on a wagon ride with a narrator informing you about these wonderful creatures of Jewell, Oregon.

**Feb 11...CINETOPIA (Movie and lunch)**—Theaters have superior seating and Digital Super High Definition projection and audio equipment. Within Cinetopia is Vinotopia, a restaurant and wine bar with indoor and tropical garden seating.

**Feb 25...SPA & WINE TOUR**—A relaxing day at the Spa (whether it be a Massage, Foot Treatment or Facial). After your relaxing treatment we will take you to a nice restaurant and you can treat yourself to a nice meal with a glass of one of Oregon's wines.

**Mar 11...EVERGREEN AVIATION/SPACE MUSEUM & IMAX THEATER**—Home of the Spruce Goose and many unique selections of aircraft, an IMAX Movie theater, Gift Shop, Farm Store and Tasting Room. If you're hungry, stop by the Spruce Goose Café.



## WREATH & SWAG SALE

Support your center by purchasing your holiday wreath or swag from the Pioneer Adult Community Center and help raise money for our “Cover the Miles” Meals-on-Wheels Mileage Reimbursement Program. Wreaths are FRESH and Beautiful, at 22” diameter. Cost is \$18 for these wonderful holiday decorations. Call the Center to purchase one today. **November 24 is the last day to order.** Pick up your wreath or swag at the Center during the first week of December.

## SENIOR SERVICES & PROGRAMS

**Nutrition Program**—Lunch with dessert bar is served Monday–Friday, 11:30am–12:30pm in the Pioneer Center’s Dining Room. Suggested donation for ages 60+ is \$2.50. Cost for those under 60 is \$4.50. Meals-on-Wheels are provided to homebound seniors 60+ and the disabled. For more information call 503-657-8287.

**Meals-on-Wheels Service**—The 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 Monday–Friday 10:30am–1:30pm. Frozen meals are provided for closures, weekends and holidays. The service also provides a menu and a newsletter with upcoming service events and meal information. For more information call the Pioneer Adult Community Center Meals-on-Wheels Coordinator Shirley Ryan at 503-722-5979.

**Support Our Meals-on-Wheels Program!**—We’re seeking donations for our Meals-on-Wheels program, and need your support to cover the “Miles for Meals-on-Wheels” program. Meals-on-Wheels drivers deliver a well-balanced hot meal along with companionship to homebound seniors and the disabled. Using their own vehicles, they drive between 1–60 miles round trip Monday–Friday in the Oregon City, West Linn, Beavercreek, Holcomb and Redland areas. If you’re interested in making a donation to support a Meals-on-Wheels route, please call us at 503-657-8287 or 503-722-5979.

**Special Thanks** to Mayor Alice Norris, Berry Park Retirement, Oregon City Lions, Beavercreek Lions, Vesta Peterson, Josefa Nichols, Trick ‘N Racy Cars, Clackamas Community Federal Credit Union, Executive Copy & Printing and Denyse McGriff for donating to our “Miles for Meals on Wheels” Mileage Reimbursement Program.

**Other Ways to Donate:** Meals-on-Wheels Cover the Miles Program—Donate your old car, help with replacing carpets, new chairs for dining room, food for our Meals-on-Wheels pets (dog & cat food, treats etc).

**Extra! Extra! Read All About It!**—The Pioneer Community Center has a Newspaper Recycle Drop Box. We want your recycled newspaper business! We’re collecting newspaper in hopes of filling our drop box. All monies raised from newspaper recycling helps raise funds for The Meals-on-Wheels Program. So drop your old newspapers in our box, located in our parking lot across from the main entrance. Every page counts! Help us keep our drivers on the road delivering meals to our Meals-on-Wheels clients.

## HOLIDAY ART SHOW & SALE

**Saturday & Sunday | December 6 & 7 | 10:00am–4:00pm**

Mark your calendars for the weekend to spend a day at the Pioneer Adult Community Center doing your holiday shopping. The Three Rivers Artist Guild will co-host a Holiday Art Show and Sale at the Pioneer Community Center. Twenty-five craftspeople will set up shop and sell original handmade items. This is a special opportunity for you to pick up unique gifts created by local artisans. The Pioneer Adult Community Center will also serve food at the event to raise funds for the Center.

**Grocery Shopping Trips** —For ages 60+ years or disabled. Suggested donation 50¢ each way. Pick-up starts at 12:45pm. Call 503-657-8287 to schedule a ride.\*  
Mondays.....Market of Choice (West Linn), Safeway (Gladstone)  
Tuesdays.....Fred Meyers  
Wednesdays...Albertson’s  
Fridays .....Danielson’s Fresh Marketplace  
\*Shopping can also be scheduled in the mornings if time and space is available! Please call ahead as space and time is limited.

**Transportation**—For those 60+ or 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.

**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 each 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 now located in our Wellness Room.  
Monday–Friday | 9:00am–4:00pm  
Closed–Dec 25 & 26, Jan 1 & 19, Feb 16, Mar 23–27

**Manicures & Pedicures**—RN Bea offers pedicures and manicures for seniors and the disabled at the Center. Bea has 30 years of experience with foot soaks, foot hygiene and cuticle care. Please tell the receptionist if it’s been a long time since you’ve had your nails done, or are a diabetic with foot problems, so she can allow sufficient time for you. Bring two towels. For more information or to schedule an appointment call 503-657-8287.  
Every other Tuesday & every 2nd Wednesday | by Appointment  
\$25 | Pay RN Bea directly. | Closed–March 23–27

## CLASS INFO & REGISTRATION

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

- **Payment**  
Cash/Check preferred; we also accept Visa. Full payment is due before the first class begins.
- **Over 62 Discount**  
Citizens 62 years 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 given if a class has already begun.

## GAMES, GROUPS & MORE

- AA** Meets weekly in the Center’s Basement  
Sundays | 1:30–3:30pm
- 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 25-26, Jan 1 & 19, Feb 16, Mar 23–27
- BINGO** Our bingo group meets for fun and small cash prizes every week. A lively, friendly group that can always use more players to make it more enjoyable.  
Thursdays | 12:30–3:00pm | 25¢ per card  
Closed: Dec 25, Mar 26
- CHESS** Games in Pioneer Center’s basement  
Tuesdays | 7:00–10:00pm | Free  
Closed: Mar 24
- NARANON** Meets weekly in the Center’s Basement  
Thursdays | 7:00–9:00pm  
Closed: Dec 25, Mar 26
- PINOCHLE** These card players meet twice a week.  
Mondays & Wednesdays | 12:45pm | 25¢  
Closed: Jan 1 & 19, Feb 16, Mar 23 & 25
- POPCORN!** Every Friday | 10:00am  
Closed: Dec 26, Mar 27
- SCRABBLE** Come challenge this fun, friendly group that meets once a week.  
Fridays | 12:30–3:00pm | Free  
Closed: Dec 26, Mar 27

## FITNESS & RELAXATION

### 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. 11 weeks, 22 classes.  
Tuesdays & Thursdays | January 6–March 19 | 10:40–11:25am | \$66 (Over 62 – \$33)

### Cross-Training Program—NEW!

Stay in shape over the winter! This modified workout program is designed for overall body fitness. Combines cardio, weight training & stretching exercises. 11 weeks, 9 classes  
Mondays | January 5–March 16 | 9:30–10:15am | \$27 (Over 62 – \$13)  
No Class: Jan 19, Feb 16

### 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. 11 weeks, 22 classes  
Tuesdays & Thursdays | January 6–March 19 | 9:30–10:30am | \$80 (Over 62 – \$40)

### 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 movements also strengthen muscles and reduce stress. Instructor—Phyllis Crain. 11 weeks, 20 classes  
Mondays & Wednesdays | January 5–March 18 | 10:45–11:30am | \$63 (Over 62 – \$31)  
No Class: Jan 19, Feb 16

### Taoist Tai Chi™ Taijiquan—NEW!

This internal martial art developed by Master Moy Lin-shin improves health through a gentle set of 108 movements. Turning and stretching exercises your whole physiology, and restores calmness and peace of mind. Wear flat shoes and loose clothing. Cost includes Int’l Taoist Tai Chi Society lifetime membership. 17 weeks, 14 classes  
Mondays | January 5–April 27 | 6:00–9:00pm | Suggested Donation \$180 (Over 62 and Students – \$120) | No Class: Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 23

### Weight Room Orientation

This individual weight training session introduces you to a personalized fitness program designed to meet your individual needs and goals. For adults 50 years and up. Call 503-657-8287 to schedule an appointment.  
Tuesdays & Thursdays | Ongoing | \$20 | Closed: Dec 25, Jan 1, Mar 23–27

### Weight Training Room

Come enjoy this room and exercise with others! For adults 50 years and older.  
PREREQUISITE—Weight Room Orientation is required.  
Monday–Friday | Ongoing | 9:00am–4:00pm | \$20 for 24 visits  
Closed: Dec 25–26, Jan 1 & 19, Feb 16, Mar 23–27

### Yoga [Beginning]

This class is for the yoga novice or someone who enjoys gentle flow yoga. We will focus on breathing and technique, with special attention on balancing and holding poses, as well as partner stretches. Dress comfortably; bring water and a yoga mat. New students with yoga experience are encouraged to attend. To register call Jenny at 503-419-9738. Relax and have fun! 10 weeks, 10 classes  
Thursdays | January 8–March 12 | 5:30–6:30pm | \$65 (Over 62 – \$32.50)

### Yoga [Intermediate]

This Yoga class directly follows beginning yoga and introduces more intermediate poses and technique. We will focus specifically on balancing and holding poses as well as partner stretches. Dress comfortably; bring water and a yoga mat. New students with yoga experience are encouraged to attend. To register call Jenny at 503-419-9738. 10 weeks, 10 classes  
Thursdays | January 8–March 12 | 6:30–7:30pm | \$65 (Over 62 – \$32.50)



## COMPUTER SKILLS

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

### Computer Basics

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

### Word Processing

Build on the basics you've mastered to fine-tune your word processing skills.

### Movie Editing with Pinnacle Studio

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

## MUSIC & DANCING

### Line Dancing

Learn the latest line dance steps, as well as the traditional ones. No partner needed.

Tuesdays | On-going | 11:45am–1:30pm | Donation | Closed: Mar 24

### Pioneer Singers

If you enjoy singing join us in choral renditions of show tunes and good time oldies at the Pioneer Center. For more info call 541-657-8287.

Fridays | 10:00am–12:00 noon | Closed: Dec 26, Mar 27

### Salsa Classes [Latin Dance]

Learn the Latin style of dancing. Develop skills to increase your confidence at a club or party. You will also learn the Merengue and Cha Cha. Wear comfortable, casual clothing. Ladies should wear heels of any height. Men's shoes should have smooth soles. No tennis shoes. Bonus outing: We'll go out on the town to a local Salsa club so you can get a real life feel for the dance. No partner necessary for this class. Both couples and singles are welcome.

Wednesdays | January 7–March 18 | 6:00–7:00pm

11 weeks, 11 classes | \$44 (over 62 – \$22)

### Wednesday Afternoon Dances

The Swing Street Glenn Tadina Big Band (16-piece band) and the Black Magic Band (14-piece band) jump and jive on alternating weeks at the Pioneer 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 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 | 12:45–3:00pm | \$5/person  
Closed: Mar 25



## NEW! LIFE SKILLS

### Solutions for Women—Redesign Your Life & Thrive

Is there a tiny voice inside you saying, "Excuse me, your life is changing!" When things fall apart whether through declining health, divorce, death of a loved one or taking the first steps into retirement, all too often we are left in shock and at the same time needing to make choices that will affect us for years to come. Laisha Kneuvén, Certified Life Coach, will help you find your inner compass, sort out what really matters, move forward and take effective action that will enable you to flourish and thrive. In addition to the class, a complementary 30-minute private coaching session is offered to address each participant's individual concern. To register or for more information call Laisha at 503-699-6923.

Mondays | January 5–February 23 | 6:00–8:00pm | Ages 18+ | \$120 | 8 weeks, 6 classes | No class: Jan 19, Feb 16 | Minimum—8 participants

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### 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 7–Mar 11 | 9:30–10:30am

10 weeks | \$80 (Over 62 – \$40)

### 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.

Mondays | Ongoing | 9:00am–Noon | Free

Closed: Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 23

### Knitting & Crocheting [Beginning]

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

### Oil 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. Please pick up a supply list at the center.

Wednesdays | January 7–March 11 | 12:30–2:30pm

10 weeks, 10 classes | \$80 (Over 62 – \$40)

### Watercoloring with Melissa Gannon

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

Thursdays | January 8–March 19 | 11:00am–1:30pm

10 weeks, 10 classes | \$100 (Over 62 – \$50)





## STATE AND FEDERAL TAX FORMS



Income tax forms for Federal and State filing will be available at the library beginning December 26. We begin displaying them as soon as they are received and add to the files as new shipments arrive. Oregon state products include the forms and instructions for residents and non-residents in both short and long forms. Federal products include the 31 most popular forms including instructions for most of them. If the form you desire is not in stock, our reference staff can help you locate what you need online.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



The library will again partner with the American Red Cross in sponsoring a bloodmobile on Friday, January 23. Hours of collection will be noon to 5:00pm. For an appointment to donate blood at this event, please call the American Red Cross at 503-528-5892 or the Library at 503-657-8269. Your participation will save lives!

## FREE MP3 AUDIO BOOKS AND MORE!



Library2Go, a service provided by the Oregon Digital Library Consortium, has been providing downloadable audio books for library patrons' personal computers and non-I-Pod MP3 players. Now they have added children's titles, old movies and I-Pod functionality.

Best-selling titles are available 24/7 from the website, and are playable on a PC or MP3 player at home, in the office or from anywhere in the world. The downloaded computer files expire after 2 weeks so there is no need to return items and no

late fees. Can't listen right away? You can burn the files to a MP3 disk or transfer them to your portable device, from which the files do not expire. Materials that are 'checked out' (downloaded to another person's computer) can be placed on hold to be downloaded when that person's time expires. If you just can't wait for something to listen to, there are many titles that are 'always available' which do not expire and which many people can have downloaded at the same time.

Library2Go is free for all Oregon City Library customers. To use the products a patron needs a valid library card, access to the Internet and free digital book software (available on the Library2Go website).

Visit our website today and learn more about these exciting new features!  
[www.oregoncity.lib.or.us/online.htm](http://www.oregoncity.lib.or.us/online.htm)

## TAX DEDUCTIBLE LIBRARY DONATIONS

*Donations are much appreciated in these lean budgetary times!*

### 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 sales 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.** 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. For a list of favorite and not accepted items, please call us at 503-657-8269.

### Favorite donations are:

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

### NOT accepted are:

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

### Memorials

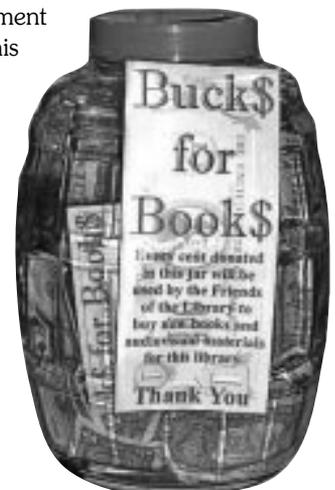
The donation of funds for a book or other item in the memory of a loved one is a lasting memorial that also serves the community. Materials purchased with donations have a bookplate that lists the names of the memorialized and the donor. If the person in whose memory the funds are donated had a specific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

### Endowment Funds

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

### Bucks for Books

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



## TWO NEW CITY COMMISSIONERS

On November 4, 2008 Oregon City voters elected two new City Commissioners. Rocky L. Smith, Jr., Position #2, and James J. Nicita, Position #3, will be sworn into office in January 2009. The positions are 4-year terms. Mr. Smith and Mr. Nicita will join already-seated Mayor Alice Norris, Commissioner Daphne Wuest and Commissioner Doug Neeley to form a 5-member City Commission.

**Rocky Smith, Jr.** is an art teacher at Oregon City High School. Previously he was artist in residence at Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland and head counselor for the Oregon City Parks & Recreation Department. He has a Master of Arts degree in Teaching from George Fox University, and has previously served on Oregon City's Tourism Commission and Arts Commission and the Oregon City School Bond Steering Committee. Mr. Smith can be reached at 503-679-4464.

**James Nicita** is an attorney specializing in land use. Previously he was employed as a planner. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of California, a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Michigan, and his J.D. in Law from Wayne State University. Mr. Nicita is currently a member of Oregon City's Historic Review Board. Mr. Nicita can be reached at 503-650-2496.

## CITY BUSINESS ONLINE

The latest business and meeting news related to the City Commission, Urban Renewal Commission, Planning Commission, and other City boards and committees is available on the City's website at [www.oregoncity.org](http://www.oregoncity.org). You can access the agendas and supporting documentation. From the home page, simply scroll down and select the meeting you wish to review. These documents require you to have or download Acrobat Reader; a link to download this program is available at the bottom of the home page. A paper copy of the agenda packets is available to view at City Hall, 320 Warner Milne Rd, and the Oregon City Library, 362 Warner Milne Rd. Contact Nancy Ide, City Recorder at 503-496-1505 with questions.

## 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 20 | 7:00-8:30pm  
 Where TBA  
 Info Joan Schultze, Chair » 503-657-3355

### HAZEL GROVE-WESTLING FARM NBRHD GRP (HG-WFNA)

**General Membership Meetings**  
 When Thursdays | 7:00pm  
 Nov 20 | Jan 15 | Mar 19 | May 21  
 There will be speakers at each meeting  
 Where Oregon City United Methodist Church  
 18955 S. South End Road  
 Info Kathy Hogan, Co-Chair » 503-657-9435  
[www.oregoncity.org/neighborhood-associations/Hazel-Grove-Westling-Farm.htm](http://www.oregoncity.org/neighborhood-associations/Hazel-Grove-Westling-Farm.htm)

### 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 | Nov 20 | 7:00pm  
 Where First Presbyterian Church  
 Corner Linn Ave & Warner Milne Rd  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
 When Wednesday | TBA | 7:00pm  
 Where First Presbyterian Church  
 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 Meetings**  
 When Thursdays | 7:00pm  
 Nov 20 | Jan 15 | Mar 19 | May 21  
 There will be speakers at each meeting  
 Where Oregon City United Methodist Church  
 18955 S. South End Road  
 Info Karen Montoya, Chair » 503-557-8065

### TOWER VISTA NBRHD ASSN (TVNA)

Inactive

### CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE COUNCIL (CICC)

Inactive

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

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

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).

## 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-Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec..... 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



## NEW! MEETINGS GO LIVE ONLINE IN OREGON CITY



Oregon City's Web site now carries the regular City Commission and Urban Renewal Commission meetings live on the Internet, and will have an archived webcast of the meeting available almost immediately afterward. You can also sign up to receive an automatic electronic notice when agendas, actions and minutes for the meetings are available through an RSS feed page.

Video clips of other City events, such as the recent volunteer appreciation event, can also be viewed on the City's Web site.

The Web site address to access the webcasts is <http://www.oregoncity.org>. Just click on the orange and blue "Video on Demand" button to access the videos.

This is all from an effort spearheaded by Oregon City's City Commission to go beyond televising the City's meetings and to ensure a more open and transparent government process for residents and non-residents. Other objectives for implementing the new technology include:

- Expanding the reach of public meeting broadcasts to everyone, beyond the limitations of cable boundaries and prescheduled programming.
- Fostering a paperless, completely integrated, and comprehensive environment for public records including voice, video, and documents.
- Cost-effectively improving public access and accountability.
- Enhancing public meeting efficiency.

The solution is provided by San Francisco-based Granicus® Inc., the nation's leading provider of webcasting and public meeting management solutions for government. Granicus serves 2 other governing bodies in the state of Oregon, including the City of Beaverton and the City of Sandy, and 400+ other government bodies in the United States.

"Oregon City desires to raise the bar on its communication to citizens by providing multi-media Web streaming and



archiving of City meetings. Public access to City business will improve as the user can search the meeting archives to find items of specific interest. Events such as the State of the City Address, ground-breakings, and park dedications, as well as public education/awareness videos will expose citizens to local matters using the latest technology available to us," said Nancy Ide, City Recorder in Oregon City. She added that "the videos will also provide a venue to showcase our great City and highlight our strong historical roots."

To access a past (archived) video or a live City Commission meeting on the Internet:

1. Visit [www.oregoncity.org](http://www.oregoncity.org)
2. Click on the orange and blue "Video on Demand" picture on the left side of the home page.
3. Choose a live meeting that is currently in progress or select a blue tab for the archived meetings of your choice.

Regular City Commission meetings are generally held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, beginning at 7:00pm. The archived video of the meetings will be available within a couple hours after the meeting.

RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is a process that makes it possible for users to keep up with new information posted on Web sites in an automated manner from the viewer's RSS enabled browser or a separate RSS reader. The City of Oregon City is now offering the regular City Commission meeting agendas, actions and minutes in an RSS feed. The feed can be accessed from the same Web page described above for Commission videos.

Stay tuned for other City boards and commissions to join the world of Web streaming on the City's Web site.

## NEW! OREGON CITY RECORDS ONLINE

Records Online is an exciting new Web feature that enables anyone with Internet access to search and access many City documents.

The mission of the City Recorder's Office is to provide ready access of public records to anyone at any time. The goal is to continually increase the number of records available to the public and to establish user-friendly search mechanisms to access these records. Records Online now provides the following Oregon City documents by accessing the City's Web site, and we will continually be updating the feature:

- City Commission Minutes from 1865 to 2008
- Ordinances of the City of Oregon City from 1852 to 2008
- Resolutions of the City of Oregon City from 1964 to 2008
- Planning Commission Minutes from 1999 to 2002

### How do I access these records?

From the home page of the City's Web site, [www.oregoncity.org](http://www.oregoncity.org), click on the "Records Online" link on the left side of the page. This will take you to the Records Online page where you will follow the instructions to the retrieval site. Once there, enter the specific search information and click "search."

All documents are word-searchable. If you wish to search on a specific topic, enter that word in the "full text criteria" field and click "search." All documents containing that word will be found. Narrow your search to further identify the documents you wish to find.

The site will be updated over the next few months to make navigating easier. Please contact the City Recorder with any questions at 503-496-1505.



## GOOD NEWS FOR MAIN STREET!



This September 26th downtown Oregon City received some exciting and honorable news from Governor Kulongoski. Oregon City was chosen, along with 3 other communities in the state, to receive the highest-level award of becoming a performing Main Street™!

### The Background

The Main Street™ Program is a national program created in the 1970's. The Na-

tional Trust for Historic Preservation developed it for communities to use for downtown economic development and commercial revitalization. This award means that Oregon City will become part of a statewide investment program to help one of our largest existing assets—our traditional Main Street and downtown.

### What this Means for Oregon City Businesses

If you are an existing business or property owner, or considering becoming one, this program offers a renewed commitment to your business by offering tools such as technical assistance and people to help you. Local business is the backbone of our community. A reinvestment in our downtown helps us create a sense of pride and define our hometown image. In the near future, Main Street™ Oregon City will be hiring a downtown manager, thanks to a three-year commitment and a collaborative effort from Clackamas County, the City of Oregon City, and many local businesses. A Main Street™ manager's efforts will go a long ways towards increasing downtown occupancy rates, reducing the number of vacant storefronts and planning a diverse and complementary business mix. An item on the top of the list is addressing the challenges in downtown parking for customers, tourists, and business employees. A downtown task force has been created to find feasible solutions. Look for the results of the task force study later this year.

### Why this is Exciting and Important

Oregon City has great historical significance such as being the first incorporated city west of the Rocky Mountains and named the first capital of the Oregon Territory in 1841. Our community has much to celebrate, preserve, and promote. By reinforcing our community goals of historic preservation and creating a greater awareness of historic and architecturally significant properties, we hope to improve the image of our downtown and create a greater sense of place and community pride.

With a reinvigorated, vibrant downtown Oregon City, there will be new opportunities for all of us to shop, eat and play. In the future, keep an eye out for new social and cultural events in downtown Oregon City.

### How You Can Get Involved

The Main Street™ Approach encompasses a four-point program based on these distinct themes and committees: organization, promotion, design, and economic restructuring. The strategy relies on community input because our local business community and neighborhoods know best what they want and need. Additional information is available on the city web site, [www.orcity.org](http://www.orcity.org) or contact Don Slack, President at 503-830-1957 or Elizabeth Fowler, Vice President at 503-722-9400 x101 to learn how you can be involved in this exciting and new endeavor.

## SPRING IS OREGON CITY GRANT SEASON

The City of Oregon City has two grant programs that could help your group fund a project in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. This past spring the Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust and the Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Committee awarded a combined \$198,004 to groups with projects that were of benefit to the citizens in Oregon City. The amount available each fiscal year varies.

The Oregon City Civic Improvement Trust (OCCIT) is a non-profit entity of the City of Oregon City, formed in 1982, and funded by 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. The grant program benefits the Oregon City community, affected by the METRO South Transfer Station at Highway 213 and Washington Street and is available to projects within the City boundaries. The program derives it's funding from an intergovernmental agreement between Oregon City and METRO. This agreement generates a \$.50 per ton surcharge on fees 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.orcity.org](http://www.orcity.org) by January 30, 2009. For more information, contact Michele Beneville at [mbbeneville@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:mbbeneville@ci.oregon-city.or.us) or 503-496-1542.





## PICKING SAFER PLASTICS

### PLASTICS LABELED #1—GOOD

- Polyethylene terephthalate (PET or PETE)
- No known human health impacts. Commonly recyclable.
- Used in: soft drinks, water sports drinks, ketchup and salad dressing bottles; and peanut butter, jam, pickle and jelly jars.

### PLASTICS LABELED #2—GOOD

- High density polyethylene (HDPE)
- No known human health impacts. Commonly recyclable.
- Used in: opaque milk, water, juice and shampoo bottles; yogurt and margarine tubs, cereal box liners, and grocery, trash and retail bags.

### PLASTICS LABELED #3—BAD

- Polyvinyl chloride (V or PVC)
- Can leach phthalates, suspected of being reproductive and developmental toxicants, as well as carcinogenic. Suspected endocrine disrupter.
- Used in: cosmetics, cling-wrap, flexible cooking oil and window cleaner bottles; peanut butter jars, and flexible plastic toys.

### PLASTICS LABELED #4—OKAY

- Low density polyethylene (LOPE)
- Not known to leach chemicals suspected of causing cancer or disrupting hormones, but not as widely recycled as #1 or #2.
- Used in: grocery store bags, some bread and frozen food bags and squeezable bottles.

### PLASTICS LABELED #5—OKAY

- Polypropylene (PP)
- Not known to leach chemicals suspected of causing cancer or disrupting hormones. Not as widely recycled as #1 or #2.
- Used in: Rubbermaid, deli soup containers, straws, some ketchup bottles, yogurt and margarine tubs; clouded plastic containers and baby bottles.

### PLASTICS LABELED #6—BAD

- Polystyrene (PS, Styrofoam)
- Benzene, a known human carcinogen, is released in production process. Contains butadiene and styrene—suspected carcinogens.
- Used in: Styrofoam food trays, egg cartons, disposable cups and bowls; carry-out containers, foam insulation and some toys.

### PLASTICS LABELED #7\*\*—BAD

- Other (usually polycarbonate)
- Made with bisphenol-A, a chemical that mimics estrogen and is suspected of contributing to abnormal reproductive development, birth defects and prostate and breast cancer. Bisphenol-A can leach into foods. Leaching increases as products age.
- Used in: “Sport” water bottles, clear plastic sippy cups, baby bottles, microwave ovenware, eating utensils, and plastic coating in metal cans.

\*\*New bio-based plastics, which have not been found to have negative health impacts, may also be labeled #7.

## HOW TO CHOOSE BABY BOTTLES

- **CHOOSE**—Non-polycarbonate products (tend to be opaque or milky-colored)
- **AVOID**—#7 Polycarbonate products (tend to be hard and clear)
- Baby bottles and sippy cups can contain either bisphenol-A (#7—BAD) or polypropylene (#5—OKAY). Plastic making up the polypropylene bottles is usually cloudy and squeezable. Polycarbonate plastic bottles containing bisphenol-A is generally clear and very hard.
- Visit [www.tinyfootprints.org](http://www.tinyfootprints.org) to see what brand of bottles to look for (and those to avoid).



## RECYCLING PLASTIC IN OREGON CITY

Oregon City Garbage is Oregon City’s franchise garbage hauler. They follow rules and regulations established by Clackamas County for recycling. Here, plastic recycling is not by the number but by the type of plastic.

For detailed plastic recycling information, check out their recycling brochure on-line at [www.clackamas.us/docs/dtd/recycling.pdf](http://www.clackamas.us/docs/dtd/recycling.pdf) or call 503-557-6363. You may also call Oregon City Garbage at 503-656-8403.

Another good recycling resource is [www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org).

## DISCOVER YOUR OPTIONS... Drive less. Save more.

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



More reasons to drive less:

- Each household in the Portland Metro region travels approximately 39 miles each day. If a person's car gets 22 miles per gallon and gas costs \$3.85, then those miles represent \$6.83 a day in gas alone. That's about \$2,484 a year!
- The average commuter today spends an extra 39 hours per year on the road as a result of congestion.

- Each household in the region makes almost 45 single car trips a week.
- By 2025, area residents will spend an additional 50 hours in traffic per year as our population grows.
- Most American families spend more on transportation than on health care, education, or food.

Non-work trips (for shopping, recreation and errands) are estimated to account for 67 percent of all trips in the region. Almost half of these trips are made by individuals driving alone. If each household in the region eliminated just two single car trips per week, there could be a four to five percent reduction in cars on the road. To get help reducing trips in your household, check out [www.DriveLessSaveMore.com](http://www.DriveLessSaveMore.com).

## PLUG-IN VEHICLE CHARGING STATION INSTALLED DOWNTOWN



To help drivers in Oregon City and the region be more sustainable, Oregon City and Portland General Electric (PGE) have installed a plug-in vehicle charging station on the east side of Main Street between 12th and 13th Streets.

For the charging station locations, PGE is partnering with businesses and organizations that

share its commitment to sustainability. The first charging station was installed in front of PGE's headquarters on SW Salmon Street in July 2008, replacing an outdated charging station installed in 1996 for all-electric vehicles. In addition to the charging station in Oregon City, other locations include:

- Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), 1945 SE Water Ave., Portland (two plugs)
- Portland General Electric, 4245 Kale St. NE, Salem (two plugs)
- Portland General Electric, 121 SW Salmon St., Portland (two plugs)
- Two World Trade Center garage, Portland (four plugs)
- City of Lake Oswego, A Avenue just west of 2nd Street, Lake Oswego (two plugs)

Metro-area businesses and several local governments plan to install charging stations in the near future. The Oregon Department of Transportation's Office of Innovative Partnership and the State of Oregon Building Codes Division are playing a critical role in the project rollout.

The plug-in vehicle charging stations support plug-in electric and future plug-in electric hybrid vehicles. With a modern, blue design, PGE developed the new charging stations to be easily recognizable and easy to use. Drivers simply park their cars at a station and plug in their vehicles the same way a household appliance plugs into the wall. During the initial rollout, there is no charge to use the stations and all stations are powered by 100 percent renewable power. All stations are open to the public.



Discover your options. [DriveLessSaveMore.com](http://DriveLessSaveMore.com)



Mark Mongillo (electric vehicle owner) and Mayor Alice Norris.



## OREGON CITY MUNICIPAL ELEVATOR RECEIVES INTERIOR FACELIFT

The **Street Division** spent a considerable amount of time this summer/fall making improvements to the interior of the elevator, the elevator tunnel, and the stairway. These safety and cosmetic improvements include repainting the interior walls of the Elevator deck, tunnel and stairs; repainting the Elevator façade on Railroad Avenue; re-tiling the elevator tunnel; installing new handrails; installing security cameras; and installing new lighting.

The new work complements the recently installed artwork by artist Michael Asbill. Asbill's project, titled "Elevations in Transition," consists of three series of unique and distinctive photographic lenticular prints, installed under the Elevator windows, on the Elevator housing, and in the access tunnel. The unusual print process Asbill used allows a viewer to see multiple pictures in the same image, depending on the viewing angle. The prints depict "then and now" images from downtown Oregon City; people from Oregon City's past and present; and the construction of the elevator from start to finish. Asbill also designed images that were carved and painted onto the Elevator's deck floor that complement the prints.

To celebrate the remarkable transformation of the Elevator, an Oregon City Municipal Elevator Dedication Ceremony and Ice Cream Social was held on September 27. Mayor Alice Norris, County Commissioner Bill Kenemer, Oregon City Municipal Elevator Art Steering Committee Chair Chuck Clemans, and artist Michael Asbill all spoke at the event. In addition, Mayor Norris kicked off fundraising efforts for the next phase of the Elevator improvements, the Elevator exterior. A special thanks to those who turned out.

If you have yet to see the artwork and all the improvements made at the Municipal Elevator, a ride on the Elevator is always free and the Elevator is open seven days a week excluding holidays.



ABOVE: Mayor Alice Norris spoke at the Oregon City Municipal Elevator Dedication Ceremony and Ice Cream Social on September 27.

BELOW: Elevator Tunnel improvements include new tile, handrails, paint, lighting and security cameras.



## SESQUICENTENNIAL-IZE!—Oregon City's Celebration of Oregon's 150th Birthday

**B**eginning on **February 14, 2009**, communities throughout Oregon will be Appreciating the Past, Celebrating the Present, and Imagining the Future—all as part of Oregon's 150th birthday or sesquicentennial of statehood (February 14, 1859).

You can find the statewide signature projects at [www.oregon150.org](http://www.oregon150.org). But the real celebration begins and ends at the community level. Oregon's first city, Oregon City, has a good list of events and activities. Check out the details at [www.oc150.org](http://www.oc150.org).

**We will begin on February 14** with Free Museum Day and activities at each of our unique museums. Take our vintage trolley to explore Oregon City's special place in Oregon history.

**Two contests may intrigue you:** (1) Design new banners for our 50 light poles and win a cash prize for coming up with a design that is uniquely Oregon City and can hang proudly for many years.

(2) Take a photo that shows Oregon City through your eyes and enter our Photo Contest. Your entry will hang in a special exhibit—perhaps along with historic photos of Oregon City.

**We will plant 150 trees** throughout the public spaces in Oregon City that need more tree canopy.

You might enjoy reading "The Stubborn Twig" along with the rest of the state, as part of the Oregon Reads program. Watch for information from our library.

**Come up with your own Legacy Project** (something that will leave Oregon City a better place) and apply for a small grant. We have \$8000 to assist you in completing a project. We are hopeful that some of this funding will go toward programs planned by the youth in Oregon City.

**Our finale will occur on July 25 at Chapin Park.** The Portland Pioneers will play the Clackamas Nine in a baseball game authentic to 1866, including uniforms and equipment of the period. The community is invited to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the game, and an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social.

We invite you to participate in Oregon's Sesquicentennial by theming your events in 2009. Or apply for a Legacy Project grant to do something special for your community. This is a time to join together to Take Care of Oregon.

Questions? Contact [OC150info@gmail.com](mailto:OC150info@gmail.com)

## STREET DIVISION



**Transportation Utility Fee Work in Action**—The Public Works Street Division took advantage of dry spring weather by preparing 51 individual streets for further maintenance in the form of a slurry seal application. Preparations included trimming brush and sealing major cracks. This work was followed by the slurry seal project that occurred during the later part of September. In all, 127,500 square yards of road surface were sealed by a private contractor at a unit cost of \$1.25 per square yard.

A slurry seal is a preventative form of street maintenance that is applied on low volume streets that are in structurally sound condition but need a new wearing surface. The process seals the roadway preventing penetration of water and deterioration of the surface. When applied early in the life of the roadway the protective seal renews the wearing surface and extends the roadway life for an average of 5 to 7 years.

In July our crews, working with the Clackamas County Road Department, completed another asphalt maintenance project, this time on Meyers Road from Hwy. 213 to Moccasin Street. City crews prepared the street by sealing large cracks and repairing several deteriorated areas by removing and replacing small asphalt sections. The City then contracted with Clackamas County to apply a chip seal to this section of Meyers Road. The chip seal work on Meyers

Road was completed at a unit cost of \$2.42 per square yard.

A chip seal is a coating of liquid asphalt and rock chips applied to the roadway to extend the life of the pavement. This application can be applied on roads that are in structurally sound condition but need a new wearing surface. This process seals the pavement preventing deterioration for 7 to 10 years.

Additional work completed by the Public Works Street Division this summer included:

- Removing and replacing a large portion of asphalt on Warner Milne Road from Beaver Creek Road to Linn Avenue. This heavily traveled roadway had significant failure of the asphalt surface and defects in the road base. This work will greatly extend the life of the road.
- Repairing the road base on Holmes Lane from Linn Avenue to McCarver Avenue. A contractor applied a final lift of asphalt on this section following the City's work.
- Pavement maintenance work on Division Street, 15th Street, South End Road, Central Point Road, Linn Avenue and several other locations.

The unit cost of projects involving removal and replacement of asphalt and road base can differ due to a long list of variables. Generally these kinds of repairs vary in price from \$10–\$40 per square yard.

A majority of these maintenance efforts were made possible through the Transportation Utility Fee. If you have any questions or comments regarding this work, please contact Jim Burch, Public Works Street Supervisor at [jburch@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:jburch@ci.oregon-city.or.us) or 503-657-8241.





## OREGON CITY INCLEMENT WEATHER OPERATIONS



As part of the City's overall strategy to improve the safety of Oregon City's motorists during snow and ice storm events, the City's Street Division will again be utilizing a liquid de-icer this year as part of its overall response efforts. Efforts will focus on the light to moderate snowfall events, as well as the occasional black ice or frost conditions typical for the Oregon City area.

Utilizing liquid de-icer allows the Street Division to improve safety, improve the efficiency of City crews, and address environmental conditions result-

ing from other methods of winter operations. The Street Division's goal is to apply the least amount of de-icer and sand needed to maintain a safe driving surface for Oregon City travelers. If needed, the Street Division will also plow snow and in some cases, close steeper streets when there are safety concerns.

Remember, even the best preventative measures don't eliminate risk. It is always up to motorists to drive at speeds appropriate for the road and weather conditions.

### How will de-icer will be used?

Liquid de-icer is applied to the roadway in order to lower the freezing temperature of water and to prevent ice and snow from forming a bond to the roadway surface. The type of de-icer Oregon City is using is called Magnesium Chloride. This product is currently in use by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Clackamas County as well as many other jurisdictions in Oregon and Washington State. ODOT has been safely using this product for over 10 years.

This product contains 70% water, magnesium chloride, and a corrosion inhibitor to reduce impacts to vehicles. This product can cause corrosion if equipment is exposed for an extended period; however, it is highly water-soluble and a quick rinse will dilute and clean vehicles easily. This product works well at cold temperatures, is inexpensive and is safer on the environment than traditional methods.

### Winter de-icer can be used in several ways including:

- To help prevent snow and ice from sticking to street surfaces.
- To melt snow and ice on street surfaces.
- In conjunction with sand to help the sand stick and stay in place on icy street surfaces.

Areas targeted for de-icer will focus first on arterial streets (Molalla Avenue, Meyers Road, South End Road, etc.), then collector streets (Main Street, Partlow Road, Clairmont Way, etc.), then steeper residential streets. Snow and ice response seldom target residential streets unless the event lasts over an extended period of time (1 week).

### What is the advantage of using de-icer?

One advantage of de-icer is that liquid de-icer can be applied to the roadway a few hours before a severe weather event occurs, which

prevents ice crystals from bonding to the pavement. As pavement is kept from freezing, crews can keep key streets ready for traffic rather than responding after Oregon City's road conditions have become dangerous for motorists.

De-icer may also be applied in conjunction with sand under some conditions. The application of de-icer on snow or ice with significant accumulation helps keep the snow loose and "plowable" so it can be removed more easily. The City will use a variety of treatments and techniques to control snow and ice at different times and places throughout Oregon City. A great advantage is that liquid de-icer will help to improve conditions over sanding alone.

Another advantage is that many other jurisdictions that use winter de-icer have had reductions in wintertime vehicle crashes. Additionally, the de-icing product can be less expensive than sanding and is expected to reduce the amount of time spent plowing, sanding, and cleaning up sand after storm events.

### Are the City's de-icer practices safe for the environment?

City staff has worked closely with ODOT and the Clackamas County Road Maintenance Department to ensure our winter response program is consistent with industry standards, reasonable for Oregon City, affordable and safe. We are obtaining de-icer from the ODOT's distribution yard which is conveniently located just outside Oregon City. The de-icer is much less toxic to plant life surrounding roadways and is less corrosive to concrete and steel (and other iron alloys) than old de-icers such as rock salt.

Both sand and winter de-icer have drawbacks, but each has strengths that, under certain conditions, make each one valuable for improving safety on Oregon City streets. The City will update winter maintenance practices and policies as new technologies become available and we will continue to evaluate our winter response to achieve the most efficient and safe methods for our residents and the environment.



## CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



**V**olunteers Needed—Code Enforcement is looking for volunteers for clean up and/or enhancement sites in your neighborhood. Please see our web site at [www.oregocity.org/code-enforcement](http://www.oregocity.org/code-enforcement) or contact Nancy Busch at 503-496-1571 for Clean Up/Enhancement and Adopt-A-Street opportunities.

### *Neighborhood Livability Starts With You!*

**S**treet Parking Regulations—We have approached the time of year when owners of boats, trailers and RVs are preparing them for winter storage. The City of Oregon City would like to remind its citizens that there are City ordinances regulating on-street parking, and these ordinances are very specific as to the type of vehicles that can be parked on city streets.

**10.12.010 Parking restrictions.** 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.

Please be mindful of your neighbors and use alternative parking, such as RV pads or local RV storage facilities, etc. By following these guidelines, we can all enhance City services, improve public safety and improve the livability of our neighborhoods.



## FAQ'S—Code Enforcement Answers Frequently Asked Questions

■ **Q: Who is responsible for sidewalk maintenance?**

A: Adjacent property owners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks abutting their property. Sidewalks should be safe and accessible for the use of the general public including those with mobility and vision disabilities. Clearing debris, overgrown vegetation and maintaining sidewalks in good repair is all part of property ownership.

■ **Q: Can I run a business out of my home?**

A: Yes. The first step is applying for a Home Occupation License at 503-657-0891; not all businesses meet the zoning requirements nor are they necessarily a good fit in residential neighborhoods. In order to maintain neighborhood livability, all home occupations are subject to City review.

■ **Q: I have used the complaint form processor from the website to file anonymous complaints; why is nothing being done?**

A: The City receives several complaints every day; complaints related to speed and noise are forwarded to the Police Department or other appropriate department. If a complaint is filed anonymously and there is no ordinance directly prohibiting the action, the case is closed. Closed cases that continue to receive complaints are not investigated.

■ **Q: Can the City do anything about my neighbor who is building a fence on my side of the property?**

A: No. Property line disputes are a civil matter between the affected property owners. Suggestions on how to resolve the issue include working with the neighbor to determine property lines or hiring a surveyor to find property lines. You may also contact Clackamas County Dispute Resolutions at 503-655-8850.

For more information or to find out why your complaint may be unanswered, please contact the complaint and information line at 503-496-1559 or see our website at [www.oregocity.org/code-enforcement](http://www.oregocity.org/code-enforcement).





## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### Willamette River Promenade! McLoughlin Blvd Enhancement Project Phase 1

**Weekend paving work is complete for the winter.** McLoughlin Boulevard has new paving from 10th Street to 15th Street for both northbound and southbound traffic. In the spring of 2009, the final pavement lift will be placed to complete the new structural section of ten and a half inch (10½") deep asphalt concrete over a six inch (6") deep aggregate base.

Through the winter months, the river side of the project will transform from barren landscape to an inviting riverfront promenade. The promenade deck will start imprinting the slope along the river with concrete spread footings, steel infrastructure, and the final architectural details including the wood decking, decorative lighting and railing, landscaping integrated into deck openings, and public art sculptures.

With the completion of the Jon Storm Park Improvements Project, the improvements will bridge the McLoughlin Boulevard project all the way to Clackamette Park and create an important Oregon City community connection.

For more information on construction updates and the schedule, see the City's website at [http://www.ci.oregon-city.or.us/public-works/Construction\\_projects.htm](http://www.ci.oregon-city.or.us/public-works/Construction_projects.htm).

### Construction of the Cook Street Sewage Pump Station Improvements

**The Cook Street Sewage Pump Station (Cook Street PS)** is one of fourteen active sewage pump stations serving Oregon City, and as indicated by its name, is located on Cook Street off of South End Road. The station pumps sewage into a collection system that discharges into interceptors operated by the Tri-City Service District (TCSO). TCSO provides wastewater treatment for Oregon City, Gladstone, and West Linn.

The City's 2003 Sanitary Sewer Master Plan evaluated the current sewer system, identified deficiencies, and outlined a capital improvement program to provide adequate sewer service over a 20-year planning period. The Cook Street PS was constructed in 1972 and has been in operation for thirty-six years. The evaluation's findings and recommendations included a requirement for the Cook Street PS to receive capacity upgrades in the short term. The design for the Cook Street PS improvements was completed this year and construction has begun. Canby Excavating, Inc. was awarded the construction contract.

The existing pump station will be removed and replaced with a new pump station. The improvements include two higher capacity pumps and wetwell, auxiliary power, computer monitoring and control system, equipment building, natural rock retaining wall, landscaping, and modifications to the existing detention pond to accommodate the new improvements on the same City property.

For more information on the construction updates and schedule, see the City's website [http://www.ci.oregon-city.or.us/public-works/Construction\\_projects.htm](http://www.ci.oregon-city.or.us/public-works/Construction_projects.htm).



## WATER DIVISION



**Water Loss and Leak Detection**—All water distribution systems experience some loss of water as the water travels from the treatment plant to customers' meters. This loss, known as “unaccounted for water”, can result from a variety of situations such as main breaks, faulty meters, and hydrant use for fire fighting, system flushing, and other activities.

Oregon City Water Division continually strives to reduce the amount of unaccounted for water. All water used is metered, including all City facilities and parks. When water

used by Public Works cannot be metered, such as during routine flushing or for filling tanker trucks or the street sweeper, then the amount is estimated and reported. Clackamas Fire District #1 also reports water used for fire fighting and training purposes.

Private construction operations that require water must use a hydrant meter. A deposit is required to obtain a hydrant meter from Public Works. Not only is the amount of water tracked, the water usage cost and any repair expenses are deducted from the deposit when the meter is returned.

Most distribution systems also have some leakage from pipes, especially when the piping is old and the system pressure is high. Oregon City has some of both—old pipes and high pressure, especially in areas such as the McLoughlin neighborhood or along Main Street. Water mains with a history of breaks are added to a list of capital improvement projects and upgraded as funds allow.

When a water main breaks, there is generally visual evidence such as wet pavement (on a dry day) or water bubbling out of the street or sidewalk. Small leaks, however, can be difficult to pinpoint, as they may not appear above ground.

Oregon City has contracted with a company that specializes in detection of leaking pipes, using the latest procedures, methods and leak detection technology. The sophisticated electronic equipment used for detection of leaks includes extremely sensitive sound amplification instruments for the leak survey and a computer based correlator for pinpointing leaks. In 2007, a comprehensive water leak detection survey was conducted on the entire distribution system of approximately 142 miles of water pipeline. A total of twenty-nine leaks were pinpointed and the water loss due to the leakage was estimated to be approximately 132,000 gallons per day. The leaks were repaired by the Public Works Water Division. One-third of the system was surveyed again this year, or approximately 47 miles of water pipeline. The second one-third of the system will be checked next year and the final third of the system in the year 2010. Using this method, the entire water system will be monitored for water leaks every three years. This on-going maintenance should lower our percentage of unaccounted for water and help prevent larger main breaks that can cause property damage, inconvenience customers, and possibly impact water quality.

If you have questions about Oregon City's distribution system operations and maintenance please contact Eli Deberry at 503.657.8241 or [edeberry@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:edeberry@ci.oregon-city.or.us).

**Drinking Water Quality News**—Lead is a common, natural, and often useful metal. Unfortunately, repeated exposure to lead can pose serious health risks, especially to young children and pregnant women. No lead has been detected in Oregon City's public drinking water distribution system. Lead enters drinking water primarily as a result of the corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in household plumbing.

### What can you do to reduce your exposure to lead?

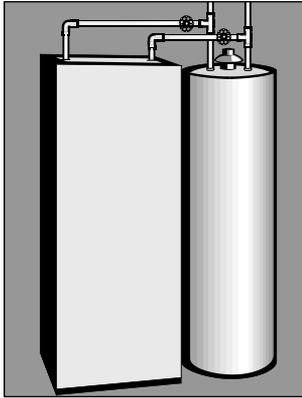
- Run the cold water faucet for 15–30 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking any time the water has not been used for six hours or more.
- Use only cold water for cooking, drinking, and preparing baby formula. Hot water can contain lead, as well as rust and copper, from the plumbing system and hot water heater. This is because hot water dissolves these contaminants more rapidly than cold water.
- Use only lead-free solder for plumbing installation and repairs.
- Look for NSF certified faucets and plumbing products. For information about certified products contact NSF International at 1.800.NSF.MARK or [www.nsf.org](http://www.nsf.org).

Questions or concerns about your drinking water? Oregon City customers can contact Gail Johnson at 503.657.8241 or email [gjohnson@ci.oregon-city.or.us](mailto:gjohnson@ci.oregon-city.or.us). Clackamas River Water customers can email [gmcghee@crwater.com](mailto:gmcghee@crwater.com) or call 503.722.9241.





## CLACKAMAS RIVER WATER PROVIDERS



**Where to Check for Water Leaks**—In and around our homes, there are many areas where water leaks can develop and go unnoticed. Sometimes these leaks can occur during the winter months when unprotected water pipes freeze and break, other times it is old age or simple lack of maintenance which can cause a leak. Here are a few areas where you can check to make sure a water leak has not gone unnoticed.

### In the Basement

- **Hot Water Tank**—The pressure release valve could be stuck. This valve is most often found near the top of the tank, and is usually a large brass fitting threaded to the tank. If it's not working properly, water will be leaking from it, dripping down the side of the tank and accumulating on the floor. A plumber will be needed to repair it.
- **Boiler**—Listen for the sound of running water. If it's continuous, and doesn't stop and start periodically, there could be an underground leak in your boiler system. Call your plumber.
- **Water Softener**—A leak could be caused if your water softener is not recycling properly. The cycling process, regulated by a timer, often occurs between 2 am and 4 am. You're likely to have a leak in this unit if you hear the sound of constantly running water. If so, contact a plumber.
- **Washing Machine**—If you see water on the floor near the machine, it is a sign of a possible leak. Call your washing machine repair service.
- **Humidifier**—Water accumulates beneath the unit is a sign of a leak. Caution: if the overflow discharge is piped into a sewer or drainage line, you may not find any visual signs of a leak. Listen for the sound of running water. If it's continuous, there could be a leak.

### On the Main Floor

- **Dishwasher**—Water accumulated on the floor near the unit could be a sign of a leak. Call your dishwasher repair service.
- **Refrigerator Ice-Making Unit**—A leak in the ice making unit will cause excessive accumulations of ice in the freezer, and may also produce small puddles of water under the refrigerator. Call your refrigerator repair service.
- **Bathtubs and Showers**—Check the spout and shower head for dripping water. A new washer may be needed. You may be able to do this repair yourself by unscrewing the faucet and replacing the washer with the same size. But before doing this repair, close your home's main shut off valve. If necessary, call your plumber to make the repair.
- **Toilets**—Your toilet may have a silent leak. Drop a little food coloring in the tank. Wait about 10 minutes without flushing. If color appears in the bowl you have a leak.

### Outdoors

- **Water Faucets**—Each faucet should be checked for leaks which could be the cause of water waste. Make sure faucets are closed when not in use. If you find a leaky faucet, change the washer (after turning off the shut-off valve, of course). During the winter, these valves should be closed to prevent freezing. Be sure to open the outside faucet after you have shut the valve off so any water still in the pipes will drain out. These outdoor shut-off valves are usually in your basement. There may be only one shut-off valve for all the outdoor faucets.
- **Automatic Lawn & Sprinkling Systems**—Soft spots on your lawn and around the sprinklers may indicate a leak which is being absorbed into the ground. Contact your landscape/lawn irrigation professional.
- **Swimming Pool**—The pool system's shut-off valve, which works automatically, could be malfunctioning, causing a continuous cycle of water being pumped in and then drained out. If the water level stays higher than normal and it overflows when people are using it, call your plumber.
- **Service Connecting Line**—If you find a soft, wet spot on your lawn or hear the sound of running water outside your house, you may have a leak in the service line to your home. Shut off the main shut-off valve (often located in the garage where the water line comes in). If the sound of running water continues and your water meter is showing movement, the outside service line could be leaking. Contact a plumber if you suspect a water leak.



## BE FLOOD READY!

### A History of Flooding in Oregon City

When you hear “Flooding”, you may think of Hurricane Katrina that in 2005, inundated New Orleans and outlying areas. However, riverine flooding (runoff from sustained rainfall or rapid snowmelt exceeding the capacity of a river’s channel) can also be a major threat to communities hundreds of miles from coastlines. Oregon City is not exempt from flooding.

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

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 drainageways. 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. This is especially true in the south parts of Oregon City.
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.

4. 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.

### 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 (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 a 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.

### Do You have Habits that Reduce Water Pollution?

Now that Oregon is clearly into the rainy season, it's appropriate to think about all this rainwater and what you can do to keep it clean. Most of us don't realize how our actions, or inactions, impact water quality. Yet State and Federal regulators advise us that personal habits, at our homes and local businesses, are where stormwater pollution is most likely to be reduced.

Each Oregon City resident and business can help reduce pollution in the Willamette River, Clackamas River, and Abernethy Creek by improving the health of the other local creeks and streams that flow into them. Oregon City has 12 creeks and streams that originate in the city - Newell, Singer, and Caufield Creeks, to name a few.

Oregon City's stormwater management plan provides guidance to Oregon City Public Works as we work to improve stormwater quality. Part of that plan is to provide our residents and local businesses with friendly reminders and tips on how to do their part in keeping Oregon's creeks and streams clean. Here are a few ways you can reduce pollution in our local waterways:

- **Report illegal dumping**—Anything from dumping trash to cleaning paintbrushes in the street. Oregon City Public Works will respond to reports of illegal dumping so give us a call at 503.657.8241.
- **Scoop the poop**—Rain washes animal waste away just like it washes away piles of dirt on a construction site. Both are sources of pollution. We typically find measurable amounts of animal waste in stormwater. Since Oregon City is urbanized, animal waste is either from waterfowl or domestic pets.
- **Keep yard debris out of the street and away from areas where rainwater runoff tends to collect**—Compost deliveries or yard clippings should be stored away from curb lines, driveways, or natural drainage ways. These items can wash down storm drains, becoming sediments loaded with nutrients that are harmful to the natural biology of a stream.
  - **Car washing best management.** Car grime is not nice to have on your car, but it is much worse for your local streams. Consider washing your car on your lawn or taking it to a commercial car wash. Always use biodegradable soap when washing your car.
- **Organize a neighborhood cleanup along a local waterway**—Streetside litter is not only unsightly, it can also pollute our streams and rivers. You can have an immediate positive impact on water quality and beautify your neighborhood!
- **Report muddy construction debris**—Oregon City Public Works will enforce erosion prevention codes and policies when dirt and mud are tracked offsite. If it's a minor amount, consider taking it upon yourself to sweep up the dirt and debris before it gets into the storm drain system.
- **Maintain facilities**—If you notice debris along a street gutter, have a private catch basin, or you're a business with a parking lot with catch basins, keep these facilities clean and free of debris. Debris and litter left in these facilities will add pollution to our creeks and streams.

### 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 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.

**Clackamas Fire District #1**



**Your Friend for Life!**

[www.clackamasfire.com](http://www.clackamasfire.com)  
503-742-2600

Please visit us at our website! You will find a vast amount of information about YOUR Fire District. Please contact us with questions and input. See you on the web.

**SOUTH END STATION 17 Responses and Summary since Grand Opening**

Reported by Captain Brian Rooney.

- Fire alarms—6
- Fire related responses—52
- Medical aid calls—135
- Motor vehicle accidents—9
- Misc.—11
- Mutual aid calls—9
- Public assists—10
- Total alarms—230

Please call Community Liaison Steve McAdoo at 503-742-2693 regarding any questions about the Fire District. He welcomes any and all inquiries.

**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!**

The Original Operation Santa Claus will be coming to town on December 6 & 7. This is the 23rd year this event has come through Oregon City. Fire engines and Fire Trucks will bring Santa on his brand new sleigh. He will be driving through your neighborhood and would like everyone to come out of their homes when you hear the sirens and wave to him. Please donate canned foods high in protein, unwrapped new gifts for older kids and please, NO stuffed animals. Details for routes, dates and times are on the Fire District website or call the Operation Santa Hotline at 503-742-2940.

**U.S. HOME CANDLE FIRES**

U.S. fire departments responded to 15,600 home<sup>1</sup> structure fires that were started by candles in 2005. These fires caused

- 150 civilian fire deaths;
- 1,270 civilian fire injuries; and
- \$539 million in direct property damage.

Overall, candles caused 4% of reported home fires, 5% of the home fire deaths, 10% of the home fire injuries, and 8% of the direct property damage in reported home fires

**Causes and Circumstances of Home Candle Fires**—Details from the U.S.

Fire Administration's National Fire Incident Reporting System show that in 2002-2005:

- On average, one home candle fire was reported every 34 minutes.
- More than half of all candle fires started when something that could burn, such as furniture, mattresses or bedding, curtains, or decorations, was too close to the candle.
- In one-fifth (20%) of the fires, the candles

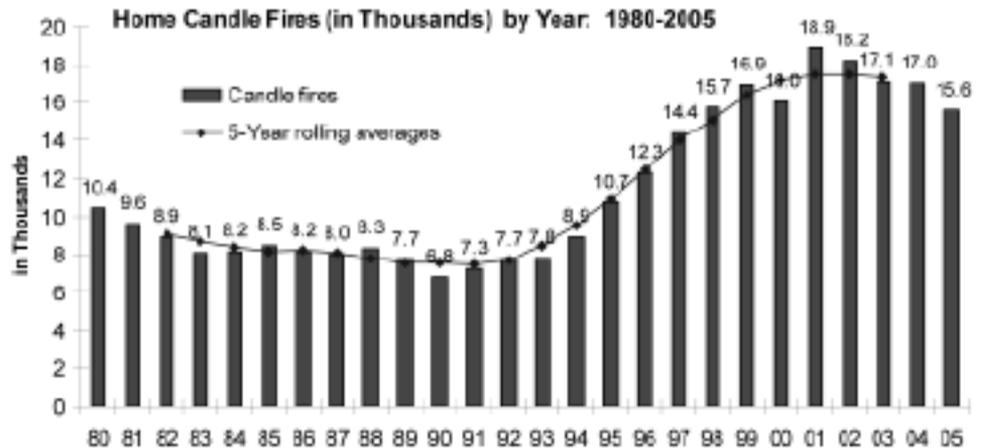
were unattended or abandoned.

- Almost two-fifths of home candle fires begin in the bedroom, although the candle industry found that only 13% of candle users burn candles in the bedroom most often.
- December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. In December, 13% of home candle fires began with decorations compared to 4% the rest of the year.
- The top five days for home candle fires were Christmas, Christmas Eve, New Year's Day, New Year's Eve, and Halloween.

**Candle Fire Trends**—Although home candle fires fell 8% from 2004 to 2005, more than twice as many were reported in 2005 as in 1990.



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<sup>1</sup>Homes are dwellings, duplexes, manufactured homes, apartments, townhouses, rowhouses, and condominiums.

Source: *Home Candle Fires*, Marty Ahrens, National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, MA, September 2007.



For Parade information, please call 503-742-2941. Come out and be a part of this memorable time.

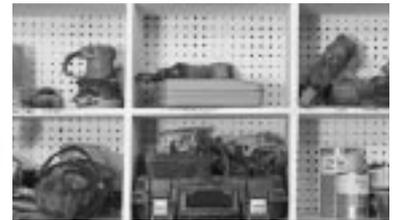
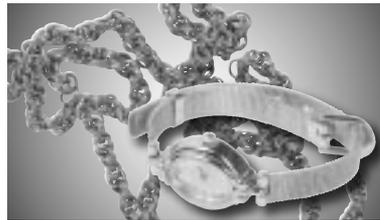
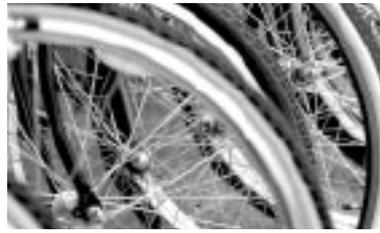


## UNCLAIMED/FOUND PROPERTY FOR AUCTION

The Oregon City Police Department Property Division is required by law to hold unclaimed and found property 90 days before sending it to auction. Every attempt to contact the owner of the property is made before sending it to auction, but many times the owners are never found.

The department sends miscellaneous items to auction every three to four months. The department encourages the citizens of Oregon City to contact Property Officer Wilson at 503-496-1608 if you have lost anything of value. The common items routinely sent to auction are:

- Bicycles
- Lawn Ornaments
- Jewelry
- Tools



## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM—Safety Tips for Cyber-Savvy Teens

### Check It Out

Do you meet the age requirement? Do the Terms of Use prohibit harmful activities? Does the site allow you to control who has access to your profile? Does the site have a complaint process?

### Protect Your Privacy and Reputation

Use the privacy protection features to limit who can view your profile. Remember “private” does not mean PRIVATE. Even if you use the privacy protection features, don’t post material that could....

- Allow a stranger to find you in Real Life
- Attract a dangerous stranger
- Be used by a cyber bully to torment you
- Danger your reputation, friendships, or future opportunities
- Cause harm or distress to another

If someone posts this kind of information or material about you on his or her profile, demand that it be removed. If it is not, tell an adult or file a complaint. Recognize that personality quizzes and contests are techniques to obtain your personal information for advertising.

### Be Selective

Be selective about who you add as friends. When starting, limit contacts to friends and “friends of friends”. Carefully assess the safety of people you meet online by reviewing their profile and communications. Block anyone who....

- Communicates rudely
- Sends “overly friendly” messages
- Wants to talk about sex
- Does not fit your values

File a complaint if you receive harmful communications

### Be Responsible

Do not send rude or hurtful messages or post-harmful material. Respect the privacy and reputation of your friends.

### Be a Leader

If you see someone who is making bad choices or in danger...

- Talk with the person about your concerns
- Report to a responsible adult

### Keep Your Life in Balance

Communicating with friends online can strengthen your friendships, but make sure you also spend time with your friends and family in Real Life.



## BUILDING DEPARTMENT



**B**uilding Codes... Who needs them? Everyone Does. Because of the downturn in the housing market, many people are considering remodeling or adding on to their existing home. If you're like a lot of people, you watch HGTV through the winter, and then can't wait until spring to start a new project, pick your paint colors, and roam the halls of your local home improvement store to find everything you will need.

With all the thought going into your project, how much thought will be put into fire and life safety issues? Will the windows you pick be large enough to allow a firefighter with full gear and oxygen tanks on to rescue you and your family members? Will they be large and

low enough to the floor for someone to crawl out of if they need to in an emergency? Did you plan to put in smoke detectors? Will the beautiful new wrought iron stair railing you've been dreaming about allow for a child's head to pass through and become stuck, or perhaps even for the child to fall through? Will the new gas fireplace be vented correctly? Will the new pellet stove have enough clearance around it from anything flammable? The list of questions goes on and on....

If you're adding onto or extending your space, have you thought about lateral bracing? Do you know how to construct a brace panel? What is a brace panel? Your foundation carries the physical weight (or load) of your home, but only the weight that goes straight down to the ground. It doesn't hold or brace against forces that come at your home from the side such as strong wind, or earthquakes that shake your house from side to side. This is where brace panels and hold downs come in. Brace panels provide extra strength against these side loads and are built right into the construction of your wall.

We know that sometimes building codes seem pointless. Most people don't hear about what goes on around the nation when it comes to construction unless there is huge devastation. Building codes are written to help keep these unfortunate events from happening again. They are meant to help people who don't think of every single detail while completing a project, and to even save homeowners money in the long run from costly repairs. And they may also lower energy bills.

Homeowners have enough going on when undertaking a project in their busy lives, and may not be completely aware of building codes. They aren't expected to; that's the job of the local building department. If you're thinking about starting a large or small project to update, remodel or alter your home, drop by and see us. We'd be glad to review and explain any codes that apply to your project. Our goal as a



## What? I need a permit?



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

To find out when you need a permit for your home project, check this web site:

**[www.ThinkPermit.com](http://www.ThinkPermit.com)**

or call

The Oregon City Building Department at (503) 657-0891

**[www.ThinkPermit.com](http://www.ThinkPermit.com)**

department is to help ensure that the home you live and sleep in is safe for everyone inside, that the home your child goes to for a sleepover is safe, and that the next home you purchase is safe to move into.

You can find us at 221 Molalla Avenue, Suite 200 here in Oregon City. We're in the newly remodeled Copeland Lumber building on the corner of Molalla and Pearl. Our number is 503-722-3789. We look forward to meeting you!





## 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'll 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

## OREGON CITY—TATESHINA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE RECENT AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**T**he year 2009 will mark the 35th anniversary of Oregon City's sister-city relationship with Tateshina, Japan! We'll have more information in future editions about the history of the relationship, but now we're gathering citizen input as to how best to celebrate this event. Should we have several smaller events throughout the year, open to the community, or one big gala event? What kind of event would you like to attend -- a Japanese food tasting? Ikebana (Japanese flower arranging) class? Taiko drum concert? If you have any suggestions or comments, or would like to volunteer your time or expertise, please contact us.

**W**e are still seeking a high school student to serve as a student representative on the Board of the Oregon City-Tateshina Sister City Committee. Applicants should be able to attend our meetings, scheduled for the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm at City Hall. (Meetings usually last about an hour.) Applicants should also have an interest in learning about Japan and Japanese culture. The student representative has all the voting rights and responsibilities of the other Board members and participation looks great on college applications and job resumes!

**T**hanks go the Sister City Committee volunteers who spent several days this fall working on the foot bridge that connects the Pioneer Community Center with the Peace Garden! The bridge was pressure washed, sealant put on to protect the wood, and anti-slip strips added for better safety on rainy days. The funds for this project were raised by the Sister City Committee at their annual, spring rummage sale.

For more information about these or any of the Sister City Committee activities, call Elise Lunas at 503-656-5578. We're always looking for new members to join in the fun!

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 don't 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.

## ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

**P**lease 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 come early and enjoy the festivities. Music and refreshments will be available, and don't forget your camera for the perfect holiday photo! Call Nancy Busch for more info at 503-496-1571.

**Saturday | December 6 | 4:30pm | Liberty Plaza, Main Street**



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

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

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

- **Winter Sports** [DECEMBER—MARCH] includes Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Snowboarding, Snowshoeing, Basketball and Powerlifting.
- **Summer Sports** [APRIL—JUNE] consist of Track and Field, Bocce, Golf, Gymnastics and Softball.
- **Fall Sports** [AUGUST—NOVEMBER] are Aquatics, Bowling, Soccer, Volleyball and Long Distance Running/Walking.

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

**CLACKAMAS HERITAGE PARTNERS PRESENT**



**Pieces of History:**  
A Comforting Look at Quilting through the Years  
October 14–December 31  
End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center & Museum of the Oregon Territory

Quilting is a functional art form that has been passed down from generation to generation throughout the world for centuries.

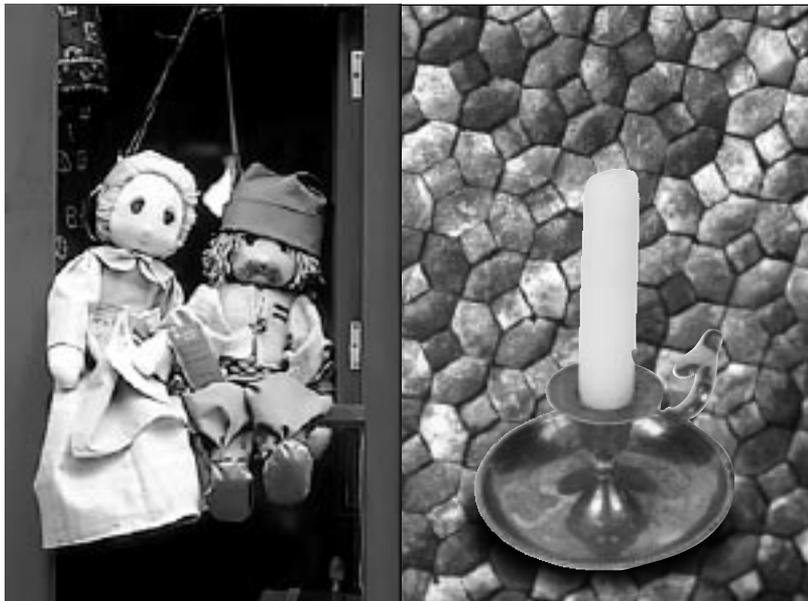
The care put into each piece is clearly visible. Even a quilt made from old scraps of worn out clothing had meaning. Grandpa’s shirt, Mother’s apron, or a baby’s dress all found new homes in a warming blanket. Experience the art and technique of traditional and modern quilting at the End of the Oregon Trail.

**End of the Oregon Trail—Annual Holiday Activities**

November 1 – December 31

End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

- **Celebrate the Season** at the End of the Oregon Trail! Each week of November and December visitors will have the opportunity to create their own quilt squares as they experience the Center’s “*Pieces of History: A Comforting Look at Quilting through the Years*” display.
- **“Take Home Fridays”**—Play like the Pioneers! Each Friday, visitors can create and take home crafts commonly used by Oregon’s pioneer settlers in the 1800s. Crafts will change each week between candle dipping, journals and rag dolls.
- **November 28**—Visit the Center the day after Thanksgiving to create various crafts including candle dipping, quilt squares, rag dolls and journals.
- **December 1–31**—Celebrate the Christmas season and decorate the Center’s Christmas tree or create your own holiday greeting cards.



**Clackamas County Historical Society**  
Winter Membership Meeting  
December 4 | 6:30pm | Museum of the Oregon Territory  
Featuring: Andrew J. & Anna B. Johnston Farmstead  
Presentation by Shirley Wilson

The Clackamas County Historical Society (CCHS) invites its members and friends to the winter membership meeting featuring a presentation on the Andrew J. & Anna B. Johnston Farmstead by Shirley Wilson. Wilson will discuss the historical significance of this National Registry property in Oregon City. The Johnston Farmstead is a Queen Anne style house built in the late 1800s and noted for its architectural and engineering features. This meeting will include a Q&A session along with complimentary refreshments. The Clackamas County Historical Society’s quarterly membership meetings feature notable speakers and presentation topics held at the Museum of the Oregon Territory. This event is open to the public and is free.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Kristin Krahmer at 503-657-9336 x101. This lecture is sponsored by Clackamas Heritage Partners and the Clackamas County Historical Society.

**Stevens–Crawford Heritage House**  
“Old Fashioned Christmas” Open House and Display

Saturday | December 6 | 1:00–4:00pm  
Free Admission for Open House

Celebrate the holiday season at the Stevens-Crawford House’s annual Christmas open house on December 6. This special event will feature beautiful Christmas displays, floral arrangements by local garden clubs, live music and complimentary refreshments. In keeping with our 100th year celebration, each room in the house will be decorated appropriate to that period. Refreshments will be served and there will be hourly entertainment. Free admission this day. For more information please call 503-655-2866.

The “Old Fashioned Christmas” display will be open through December 18 (Wednesdays–Saturdays, 12–4pm). Admission fee applies.

**Oregon Museum Association/Oregon Heritage Commission—Museum Free Day in Celebration of Oregon’s 150th Year**  
February 14, 2009

In celebration of Oregon’s 150th year, the Oregon Museum Association and Oregon Heritage Commission have declared a state-wide “Museum Free Day” on February 14. All CHP museums will be free this day only. For more information, please visit CHP’s website at [www.HistoricOregonCity.com](http://www.HistoricOregonCity.com).



**Pieces of History**—Life BEFORE the Great Migration  
End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center | February 17–September 30, 2009

**Pieces of History**—Life AFTER the Great Migration  
Museum of the Oregon Territory | February 17–September 30, 2009

CHP's 2009 featured exhibit will be presented at both the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center & Museum of the Oregon Territory through September. Visitors will explore the experiences of pioneers prior to their Oregon Trail journey at the Interpretive Center. The Museum of the Oregon Territory will feature unique artifacts and stories pertaining to the pioneers' lives as settlers in the Oregon Territory.

**CHP Museum Locations & General Information**

\*\*All sites are closed on Christmas Day & New Year's Day\*\*

- **End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center**  
1726 Washington St, Oregon City | 503-657-9336 x124  
OPEN Tuesday–Saturday 11am–4pm
- **Museum of the Oregon Territory**  
211 Tumwater Drive, Oregon City | 503-655-5574  
OPEN Tuesday–Saturday, 11am–4pm
- **Clackamas County Family History Society**  
In Museum Research Library | 211 Tumwater Dr, Oregon City | 503-655-5574  
OPEN Tuesdays, Wednesdays & the 1st/3rd Saturdays
- **Stevens-Crawford Heritage House**  
603 6th Street, Oregon City | 503-655-2866  
OPEN Wednesday–Saturday 12pm–4pm  
Closed December 19–January 31
- **www.HistoricOregonCity.com—Tickets**  
The Historic Oregon City Pass is priced at \$7—seniors & adults; \$5—youth; children under 5 are free. Winter HOC Pass is good through May 29, 2009.

**HISTORIC ERMATINGER HOUSE**



The Historic Francis Ermatinger House & Textile/Living History Museum in Oregon City invites you to tour the House with its Vintage Clothing and Textile Exhibits, participate in our announced Special Events and Activities, and make reservations

for your own Living History Tea. This Historic House was built by Dr. John McLoughlin for Francis Ermatinger, who was his Hudson Bay employee and his granddaughter's husband.

- 616 6th Street, Oregon City | 503-650-1851
- Call for info about Living History Teas & Special Events.
- All Living History Teas are by reservation only.
- Fall & Winter tours: Please call in advance to schedule.
- Tour admission: \$4—Adults | \$3—Seniors & Children
- If you are interested in being a tour/guide volunteer, please contact Marge and Rolla Harding at 503-650-1851.

**ART IN THE COMMUNITY**



**Holiday Art Show and Sale**

Saturday & Sunday  
December 6–7  
10:00am–4:00pm  
Pioneer Community Center

**W**ant to do some early local holiday shopping?

The Guild is going to be co-hosting an Art show and sale at the Pioneer Community Center the weekend of December 6–7. Walk to this event and spend the day shopping and enjoying lunch or a snack provided by the center. There will be twenty plus artisans setting up shop and selling original handmade items. This will be a wonderful opportunity to pick up that very unique gift created by local artists.

The Three Rivers Artist Guild will be co-hosting the Holiday Art Show and Sale at the Pioneer Community Center on December 6 & 7, 10:00am–4:00pm both days. The Pioneer Community Center will be serving up food at the event to raise funds. With over 80 guild members, this is sure to be a wonderful event with a wide range of gift ideas. For those living in the neighborhood, leave your car at home and walk to the center.

**Community Development to Install Art**

The Guild was invited by the City of Oregon City Planning Department to install artwork in their new facilities at 221 Molalla Ave, Suite 200. A selection process was implemented for the first installation. The artwork is displayed with museum installation fixtures, which were installed in October along with the artwork. The artists chosen are Bill Oyen, Linda Spillum, Christopher Mooney, Stephanie Gillette and Connie Veenker.

Please stop by and check out the new artwork. The art will be rotated every 4 months to keep the offices fresh and exciting.

**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. Call 503-650-0275 or click [www.wftvaccess.com](http://www.wftvaccess.com) for more information. Email us today at [wftvaccess@comcas.net](mailto:wftvaccess@comcas.net) and become a Producer!



**OREGON CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Celebrate a Century of Progress!**—One hundred years and still growing strong! 2009 will be the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce's centennial year, and our celebrating will begin at our Annual Dinner and Auction. Save the Date! This gala affair will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2009 beginning at 5:30pm with a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres and social hour at the Willamette Falls Hospital's Community Health Education Center. At 7:00pm, the festivities will move across the street to the Abernethy Center for a plated dinner, entertainment, program, and our oral and dessert auctions.

In celebration of our centennial, the Chamber will unveil a new logo and the Chamber's new tourism piece: *Discovery Pass – Destination Oregon City!* We will be raffling off an exciting 4-night Disneyland family adventure package with airfare for four! Raffle tickets are available for \$10 each or 3 for \$25 with a limit of 1,000 to be sold.

The Annual Dinner committee is seeking historic photos and memorabilia of the Oregon City Chamber through the past 100 years. All items will be returned. We are also asking for donations for our silent and oral auctions. Please contact Claire at [cmnet@oregoncity.org](mailto:cmnet@oregoncity.org) or 503-656-1619 for more information, reservations or to purchase raffle tickets. Come join our celebration!



**CLACKAMAS COUNTY TOURISM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**  
**Winter Events**

For a complete list of winter events in the Mt Hood Territory go to [www.MtHoodTerritory.com](http://www.MtHoodTerritory.com)

**Jazz Jams**—Some of the area's most well-known and accomplished jazz musicians gather at weekly jam sessions in the LeRoy Anderson Room (rm 119) of the Niemeyer Center. Free, open to all. Mondays | Feb 4–Dec 29, 2008 | 7–10pm | Clackamas Cmnty College | Oregon City | 503-657-6958 x2434

**Sustainable Forestry Tours**—140 acre woodland open for self-guided exploration, scheduled tours, programs by arrangement. Feb 9–Dec 13, 2008 | Scheduled tours the 2nd Saturday each month. Forest is open daylight hours, 7 days a week | Hopkins Demonstration Forest | 16750 S Brockway Rd, Oregon City | 503-632-2150

**Happy Valley's First Wednesday**—Why let the Pearl have all the fun? The first Wednesday each month, businesses stay open late to host specials, discounts, events, food and activities. Event is fun for the entire family. Mar 5–Dec 31, 2008 | 5:00–8:00pm, sometimes later | Happy Valley Town Center | SE Sunnyside Rd (between 157th and 162nd) | 503-558-0156

**Veteran's 1st Friday Coffee**—A social gathering for Veterans and their families. Hosted in The Wings of Freedom Showcase. Come reunite with old friends and make new ones. All service personnel, veterans and public welcome. Great opportunity to have social time with veterans. Mar 7–Dec 5, 2008 | 1st Friday of each month 10:00am–Noon | Wings of Freedom Showcase/The Bomber Restaurant | 13515 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukie | 503-659-9306

**Pieces of History—A Comforting Look at the 20th Century**—Experience the art and technique of early 19th & 20th century textiles at two sites. These exquisite quilts and bed coverings represent the traditions of families traveling on the Oregon Trail and early settlers of the Oregon Territory. Oct 16–Dec 31 | Tue–Sat | 11am–4pm \$7 adults, \$5 youth, children under 5 free  
•Museum of the Oregon Territory | 211 Tumwater Dr, Oregon City | 503-655-5574  
•End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center | 1726 Washington | 503-657-9336 x124

**St. Nicholas Arts & Crafts Faire**—Come and enjoy the 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 | 10am–4pm both days. | St. Paul's Episcopal Church | 822 Washington St, Oregon City | 503-656-9842

**Christmas Fantasy Trail**—Walk a Christmas Fantasy Trail with thousands of lights. Walk through a 40' castle with scenes, tunnels, maze, suspension bridge and more. Great for all ages! Dec 5–29 | Mon–Sat | 6-9pm | \$4.00 adults, \$3.50 children 12 & under. Wenzel Farm | 19754 S. Ridge Rd, Oregon City | 503-631-2047

**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. Come early and enjoy the festivities. Music and refreshments will be available and don't forget your camera for the perfect holiday photo! Dec 6 | Santa arrives at 5pm, but other festivities earlier | Liberty Plaza in Historic Downtown Oregon City | 503-496-1571

**Heritage Holiday in Historic Oregon City**—Holiday celebrations in historic Oregon City at various locations include traditional tree lighting, theme open house at historic museum homes and other events highlight holiday activities. Dec 6–13 | Historic Oregon City | Admission at some locations | 503-655-0385





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# DADDY DAUGHTER DINNER DANCE

## Dinner~Dessert~Dancing~Photos

Please join us for our Fifth Annual Daddy Daughter extravaganza—held again 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 our staff. Register by January 9, 2008. Max capacity is 160, so register early as this event fills quickly! To register call 503-657-8273 or go to [www.oregoncityparks.org](http://www.oregoncityparks.org).

**Saturday ~ January 24, 2009**

**6:00—9:00pm**

**\$30 Per Person**

**The Abernethy Center  
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