



CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Friday Letter

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Engineering

Proper Alley Names. What is the proper way to designate the name of an alley in First Addition? The rule is, “use the larger number of the two streets that bracket the alley.” For example, the alley between First Street and Second Street is the Second Street Alley. The US Postal Service doesn’t recognize the use of an alley address; however there are a few businesses that continue to receive mail addressed to an alley. For the most part, the proper designation is important for emergency response, maintenance requests, and record keeping.

First Street Sewer Replacement. The First Street sewer replacement began December 28 between D and E Avenues. K & R Plumbing removed approximately 570 feet of concrete sewer pipe and replaced it with PVC pipe. All homes on the west side of First Street received new laterals and cleanouts at the back side of the sidewalk. The contractor will begin work on the sewer between B and C Avenues by the end of this week.

Lakeview Boulevard Pathway and Street Improvement Project Update. An informational open house has been scheduled for Thursday, January 20, at 7 to 8:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber. Anyone interested in the project or with questions is encouraged to attend. Preliminary design of the pathway, storm drain improvements, and street improvements will be discussed. The project will run the length of Lakeview Boulevard from Pilkington Road to Bryant Road.

Tree Top Lane Speed Bumps. On December 23, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) project was completed on Tree Top Lane with the installation of three local design speed bumps. Benge Construction was awarded the contract to construct three speed bumps on Tree Top Lane between Overlook Drive and Fernwood Drive at a cost of \$11,475. Residents who apply for traffic calming are required to pay half of the cost of the project, contingent on their street meeting requirements for traffic calming.

Finance

Financial Audits are Complete. The financial audits of the City and the urban renewal agency are now complete for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. The independent accounting firm of Pauly Rogers and Co., completed this year’s audit, and once again, issued a “clean” opinion on the City’s financial results.

The City’s financial statements are presented in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and summarized in the Annual Report. Also available is the separate financial report for the urban renewal agency. All three of these annual financial

reports are available at the Finance Department, the Reference area at the Library, and online at <http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/finance/audit.htm>.

Did You Know? Although the City is on a two-year budget cycle, the City is required to prepare financial statements, close its books, compare actual results to budget, and get an independent CPA firm to audit the results annually?

Fire

“Protect and Save”

Battalion Chief Peggy Halley Receives National Certification. After an extensive two-hour testing process at the Fire Department Safety Officers Association annual conference in Florida, Battalion Chief Peggy Halley became a nationally certified Incident Safety Officer. Over 250 firefighters nationwide attended the week-long conference with only two from Oregon. The other attendee from Oregon was from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue.

During an emergency incident, the Incident Safety Officer reports directly under the leadership of the Incident Commander, and is responsible for overseeing and handling all safety duties. The Fire Department Safety Officers Association is the leadership forum and media source for health and safety information within the emergency services community.

FPO Chuck Chaffin Recognized for Juvenile Firesetter Intervention. At the Clackamas County Fire Defense Board meeting on January 6, Fire Prevention Officer Chuck Chaffin was recognized by the Clackamas County Juvenile Firesetter Advisory Board for his dedication and commitment to the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program. The Lake Oswego Fire Department was also recognized for its work in coordinating and producing the Resource Directory and Procedure Manual for juvenile firesetters in Clackamas County. The comprehensive manual provides policy, procedures and intervention for all agencies involved with juvenile firesetter behaviors.

Due to Chuck’s commitment to the juvenile firesetter program, many youth and families are receiving consistent assessments and interventions that are proving positive in reducing adolescent firesetter behavior.

LAKE OSWEGO FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICE REPORT

<u>January 1 – 5</u>		<u>Month to Date</u>	
Emergency Medical	33	Emergency Medical	33
Fire Related Calls	15	Fire Related Calls	15
Hazardous/Services	02	Hazardous/Services	02
Motor Vehicle Accident	05	Motor Vehicle Accident	05
Mutual Aid	02	Mutual Aid	02
<u>Dive Rescue</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>Dive Rescue</u>	<u>00</u>
TOTAL CALLS	57	TOTAL CALLS	57

Library

"Your Community Resource for Information and Enrichment"

Exciting Circulation Figures for December. Due to holiday activities, the month of December can often be a slow time of year for libraries. This past December, however, was an exception to the rule. The Library experienced an impressive jump in circulation, with 4.6% more materials checked out than in December 2003. A whopping 102,511 items flew out the door, which represents the largest monthly increase of 2004. Especially popular were fiction books for adults, audiobooks, and DVD's. The Youth Services Department's circulation rose 5.2%, with audiobooks, picture books, easy readers, chapter books, and DVD's in hot demand. Because the circulation figures rose, it is not surprising to note that there were 6.8% more visitors to the Library and 16.4% more patrons registered for new Library cards.

January is Bucks for Books Month. The exciting, new Library fundraising campaign began with a bang this week, when a check for \$5,000 was received. The generous donor wished the Library well with the fundraising effort. Another anonymous donor contributed \$1,700 this week. The project was initiated to enable the Library to continue to supply an excellent selection of titles on all topics, with a particular emphasis on the increasingly popular audiobook format. A large see-through container, placed in the Library's lobby, rewards donors with surprise flashing lights when money is dropped into the box. Smaller, attractive donation boxes are located on the second floor and lower level. In honor of *Bucks for Books* month, a wide range of events for all ages are planned throughout January.

Great Resources for Students Available at the Library. Youth Services Manager Jackie Rose is spreading the word that the Library offers so much more than a convenient place to study. The following information is being publicized to students, parents, and teachers in the community:

Students can utilize in-depth reference and research materials, Internet computers, wireless Internet access, word processing, scanning stations, and online databases. Career information, school directories, and scholarship guides are available as well. Library staff can provide assistance in navigating all of these resources and can even take questions online at “Ask a Librarian” on the Library’s website, www.lakeoswegolibrary.org/ref/question.htm.

The Library also offers access to useful online databases that provide invaluable information for school assignments. Students can visit the Library and get assistance with using these databases, or they can even access the databases from their home computers (with their Library card numbers) by going to www.lakeoswegolibrary.org. See the online databases under Library Quick Links.

The databases available to all Clackamas County Library cardholders include the following:

- *Biography Resource Center*: includes biographical information on over 185,000 people throughout history in all subject areas
- *EBSCOhost*: contains full-text magazine and newspaper articles
- *Infotrac*: offers full text newspaper articles from the *The New York Times* (current year), *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Seattle Times*, and *Financial Times* (1996-present), and the *Knight-Ridder Tribune News Service*
- *Novelist*: a readers’ advisory database containing over 100,000 titles
- *Oregonian*: provides full text articles from 1988

In addition, Lake Oswego Public Library cardholders can access the following databases from either Library or home computers:

- *RefUSA*: a directory of companies and individuals searchable by company name, type of business, geography and size
- *Lake Oswego Review Index*: includes articles from 1996 to the present
- *Oregon Career Information System*: a career exploration and planning database

First Tuesday Music Program. An enthusiastic audience attended January’s *First Tuesday* music program this week. The featured guest, jazz vocalist Sandy Dennison, was back by popular demand. In her childhood, Dennison was exposed to a wide range of music styles, from country to classical. Lenny Payton, a former New York television music coordinator, taught her voice. For many years, Dennison performed in Pennsylvania and New Jersey clubs, gradually building her expertise by appearing with noted jazz musicians. Dennison’s appearance at the Library was made possible by a generous grant from the Friends.

Holiday Craft for Kids. Fifty eager children participated in a drop-in craft program designed by children's librarians Katie Charles and Pat Weiland on Saturday, December 18. Festive holiday gift bags were created with colorful die-cut decals in the shapes of pine trees, snowmen, and gingerbread people.

Winter Children's Storytime Series Kicks Off. The children's library was abuzz with tiny tykes and their families for the first week of winter programs. There's a full range of offerings: preschool storytimes for three- to five-year-olds on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., a Pajama Time storytime on Thursdays at 7 p.m., and a Tiny Tots Time lap sit storytime for birth through three years old on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m.

Back by popular demand, Dawn Prochovnik is presenting "Sing, Sign, and Playtime" on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Prochovnik taught a well-received "Sign Language for Babies" series last fall. Her January programs are giving participants the opportunity to practice signing using music and play activities to reinforce learning. The series is made possible by a gift from the Friends.

Anime Collection in Teen Area. The Library has an ever-growing collection of Japanese animation, or anime. The increasing popularity of anime, and its new-found place in American pop culture, was the subject of a July 7, 2004 National Public Radio (NPR) broadcast entitled "Japanese Anime Finds a Growing U.S. Audience." An additional NPR broadcast on December 8 that featured anime gifts for the holidays, cited a study that found that 85% of the survey participants, who were ages 12 to 35, watched anime once a day. Both NPR reports were presented by *Day to Day* animation critic Charles Solomon and can be listened to at <http://www.npr.org/programs/day/>.

The Library's young adult anime movie collection contains over 125 videos and DVDs. Many older series, such as *Escaflowne*, *Record of Lodoss War*, *Martian Successor Nadesico*, *Gundam Wing*, and *Neon Genesis Evangelion* are available on DVD. The following are some newer anime series:

- *Azumanga Daioh*
- *Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone complex*
- *Gundam Seed*
- *Last Exile*
- *R.O.D. the TV*
- *S-Cry-ed*
- *Witch Hunter Robin*
- *Wolf's Rain*

The following are some newer feature-length anime movies:

- *Inu-Yasha the Movie: Affections Touching Across Time*
- *Yu-Gi-Oh: the Movie*

The Library's anime collection is housed in the young adult area, but many adults enjoy them too. The movies may be checked out for one week.

Books Can Help with New Year's Resolutions. Enticing new books have arrived at the Library, offering readers the opportunity to learn about a variety of topics, find a new hobby, or further explore a favorite pastime. The following titles are now available for check out:

- *Chinese Watercolor Techniques: Painting Animals*
- *Complete Beading: Jewelry & Accessories*
- *The Complete Mosaic Handbook: Projects, Techniques, Designs*
- *Crazy Quilting: Heirloom Quilts, Traditional Motifs, and Decorative Stitches*
- *Hooked on Crochet: 20 Sassy Projects*
- *How Did You Paint That? 100 Ways to Paint Flowers and Gardens*
- *Land and Light: Capturing the Seasons in Oils*
- *No Experience Required: Watercolor*
- *Paint Watercolors that Dance with Light*
- *Painting Nature's Treasures: Includes 20 Easy Step-by-Step Projects*
- *Polymer Clay Inspirations: make 20 Stunning Polymer Clay Projects Inspired by Nature, Fabric, and Fine Arts*
- *The Simple Art of Chinese Calligraphy*

Maintenance Services

Parks Division. Large boulders have been placed along the curb line at Southwood Park in an effort to deter motorists from driving vehicles on the grass area. Boulders were also placed at Bryant and Waluga schools as well as at the adjacent Warrior Tennis Courts.

Automatic night locks have been installed on the restrooms at Millennium Park Plaza. These devices will allow the restroom doors to lock and unlock magnetically based on selected times.

Pathway lights at Roehr Park have been repaired. In addition, the entrance to the park and the shrub beds in the parking lot adjacent to Foothills Park have been cleaned and

pruned. This area was severely overgrown and the improvements make the park look more inviting. Crews did a great job!

The tree plantings along Bangy Road have been completed. Red Maples were planted to match existing landscaping along the same roadway.

The irrigation system at the Kincaid Curlicue Corridor has been finalized.

Anti-slip matting has been installed on the wooden bridge that is along the asphalt trail between George Rogers Park and Old River Road. The center bridge along the pathway had become slippery with the inclement weather so the matting was installed to prevent potential injury. This is the same type of matting that was installed last year on the bridges along the pathway at Roehr Park.

Street Division. Crews have been preparing trucks, plows, and sanders in the event of a winter storm in the near future.

The holiday lights have been removed from the East and West End commercial districts.

Water Division. A fire hydrant on Foothills Road that would not drain was repaired. A hydrant that does not drain could freeze during cold weather.

A one-inch water service was installed on Fairway Road for a new building at the Oswego Lake Country Club.

Approximately 25 backflow assemblies in city buildings and other permanent structures were tested.

Personnel responded to vandalism at the Waluga Reservoir. The vault was secured with steel plates and will be repaired as time allows.

Parks & Recreation

"Discover Active Living"

Thursday Hikes. The all-volunteer Thursday Hikes and Rambles group turned in its 2004 report, which included some amazing numbers. During 2004, there were 73 hikes and rambles, and 1,348 hikers walked 513.7 miles. The group welcomed 87 new hikers who joined this year.

The longest hike of 2004 was 17.2 miles up Yocum Ridge on September 30; the shortest ramble was 2 miles at Wahclella Falls and Bonneville Dam on July 15. The top three

hikers were Dolores Rhodig who walked 234.3 miles on 31 hikes; Kiyoko Ito, with 246.6 miles on 33 hikes; and the Hi-Miler of the year, Jeanne Thoene who put in the most miles at 265.7 miles over 35 hikes. Over 40 hikers volunteer many hours in researching hikes, making a schedule, leading individual hikes, and training other hike leaders to make this program a success. In 2003, the Hikes & Rambles Group won a Volunteer Group of the Year award from Oregon Recreation & Parks Association.

Java Jam is back in 2005! This Saturday at Owen's Place, teens will be jamming to the sounds of *Not Far to Verona*, *You Must Be Canby*, and *Tina Emmitt* from 8 to 11 p.m. A huge thanks to Flying Pie Pizzeria for sponsoring the second month of the season, for the second year in a row! Flying Pie is located next to the DMV at 3 Monroe Parkway (in Oswego Towne Square), and serves absolutely *delicious* pizza.

The Java Jam Planning Team is always on the lookout for new bands to play at the monthly Jams, which will run through May on the second Saturday of each month. If you have a teen band or know one that deserves to be heard, please call 503-675-3985 or email lakeoswegojavajam@yahoo.com. After this Saturday, the next Java Jam is February 12.

Indoor Tennis Center. A few seasonal reservations are still available for tennis players who have some spare time to play on Friday afternoons between 2 and 6 p.m. A seasonal reservation guarantees your weekly court time from January 21 to May 27. At \$13 per court hour, the cost for one hour of tennis per week (a total of 19 hours) would be \$247. Please call the Indoor Tennis Center for further information or to sign up, 503-635-5550.

Adult Community Center. On December 21, ACC members took a "Short 'N Sweet" trip to The Grotto in NE Portland. Lights, music and caroling were magical, and followed by a wonderful German meal at the festive Rheinlander Restaurant.

Thursday, January 6, marked the first trip of the new year as nine eager members boarded the bus for a tour of Intel at Jones Farm. They enjoyed a visit to Oregon's own cyber giant museum and lunch at the Sweet Oregon Grill.

The ACC's wonderful respite program demonstrates dedication to older adults with memory loss or confusion due to Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, stroke and other related dementia disorders. These adults spent Thursday afternoon singing, playing, and truly being engaged while their caretakers were able to enjoy a much-deserved break.

The Social Services division continues to be a vital part of the ACC, kicking off another year of health. Those needing a Blood Pressure check were able to do so through the free walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic on Friday, January 7, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

It's Back to School! The ACC continues to offer exciting and educational classes. Registration is underway and preliminary reports are good. The 55 Alive Drivers Education is proving to be the most popular program, as it was filled to capacity in a very short time. Reading to Share, Watercolor, Line Dancing, Sit and Be Fit, and Bee Bop Aerobics round out the list of top classes for winter quarter. These programs provide the opportunity to have a rewarding time and make new friends.

The Computer Learning Center is quiet this week, in preparation for winter term classes beginning next week. PC and IMAC classes for beginners and advanced courses are offered, along with specialty classes on Scanning, E-mail, Labels & Stationery, Digital Cameras, the WEB, Money Management, and Financial Records Management. Come learn about that frustrating machine, and become the computer whiz you were meant to be!

Please join a special Social Services activity next Tuesday for *Solutions for Better Hearing: A Resource Fair*. This free two-hour event featuring David Viers, President of SHHH People of Oregon, is designed to assist participants in learning about the hearing issues that concern them. Multiple hearing aid and assistive listening device representatives, service, and self-help organizations will be available to demonstrate their products and describe services. There will also be refreshments and door prizes, so don't forget the date: January 11, 1 to 3 p.m.

Sincere thanks to the many people that help to make the ACC's services and activities possible every day.

Park Ranger Weekly Service Report for 12/15/04-01/04/05

Field Closure Violations/Warnings	11
Other Park Rule Violations/Warnings	19
Event/Program Assistance	1
Maintenance Issues	8
Citizen Assistance	10

REMINDER: What better way to start the New Year than by giving the "Gift of Life?" Our next Red Cross blood drive is at City Hall on Friday, January 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. City employees (as well as the general public) continue to work in partnership with the Red Cross to meet the community's blood needs and help save lives.

If you have not yet scheduled an appointment, please call Melissa at the Red Cross, 503-528-5608. We look forward to another successful drive! Thank you.

Planning

The Development Review Commission (DRC) met on January 3, and made the following decisions:

LU 04-0035 [the Headlee Walkway] - The DRC tentatively approved a request by the Lake Oswego Redevelopment Agency of the following:

1. A modification of the original development permit for the Millennium Park (DR 13-98) and the walkway along the lake to implement the pedestrian walkway portion of the approved park plan along the railroad right of way, between the park and 3rd Street.
2. Removal of a Resource Protection (RP) overlay district that was incorrectly designated on the site. According to the Habitat Assessment Score (HAS), the site did not meet the minimum threshold score to qualify for the RP designation (Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map Amendments).
3. A Development Review Permit to construct the following improvements:
 - a. A crushed rock pedestrian walkway and walkway lighting
 - b. A viewpoint with benches and two water features in the lake
 - c. Associated landscape and irrigation systems
4. A request to remove three (3) trees.

The project was tentatively approved with a few adjustments to the staff recommended conditions of approval. The Commission will make the final decision on this request (adoption of Findings, Conclusions and Order) on January 19.

Public Affairs

State of the City Address. On January 19, Mayor Judie Hammerstad will once again present her State of the City address at the Lake Oswego Women's Coalition. As Lake Oswego grows into the 21st Century, hear about plans for the next stages of development. A dynamic leader and speaker, Mayor Hammerstad always provides us with plenty of "food for thought."

The Lake Oswego Women's Coalition lunch begins at 11:45 a.m., at the Oswego Lake Country Club. Call the Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce office at 503-636-3634 by January 17 to make your reservation for this well-attended luncheon.

What is the City Council Up To? The following is a recap of the meetings that the City Council held this week.

City Council Special Meeting – January 3, 2005

- Reviewed Regular Meeting Agenda and Future Schedule
- Discussed Community Survey Draft Questionnaire

City Council Special Meeting – January 4, 2005

- The Council presented a Distinguished Service Award to Karl Rohde
- Mayor Hammerstad, and Councilors McPeak, Turchi, and Groznik took the Oath of Office
- Selected Councilor Peterson to serve as Council President
- Extended the timeline for sale of the Trueblood House to September 2005

City Council Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Date	Start Time	Location
City Council Special Meeting	01/11/05	6:00 PM	Council Chambers
City Council Special Meeting	01/17/05	4:00 PM	Council Chambers
City Council Special Meeting	01/18/05	7:30 AM	Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting	01/18/05	6:00 PM	Council Chambers
City Council Special Meeting	01/31/05	4:00 PM	Main Fire Station
City Council Regular Meeting	02/01/05	6:00 PM	Council Chambers
City Council Special Meeting	02/08/05	6:00 pm	Council Chambers
City Council Special Meeting	02/15/05	7:30 AM	Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting	02/15/05	6:00 PM	Council Chambers

As Winter Weather Worsens

At this time last year, a thick layer of snow and ice blanketed the community, closing schools, public facilities, and roads. While we may not experience the kind of weather we had last January, City staff is prepared to respond if conditions worsen.

As temperatures dip, and the possibility of snow and ice increase, here are some important reminders:

Closures

For the latest information about local road and facility closures, visit the City website or call the Citizen Information Line at 503-635-0257. All City closure information is also reported to regional media through www.flashnews.net.

Schools

School closures are decided and announced by the Lake Oswego School District. Information is available online at www.loswego.k12.or.us/parent_info/closures.htm.

Emergencies

Please call 9-1-1 for emergencies only. Dispatchers can become inundated with calls that do not constitute an emergency. This delays response time to help those in dire need of assistance. Call the Citizen Information Center at 503-635-0257 with inquiries or non-emergency issues.

Plows

City snowplows and sanding and gravel operations canvas the community as efficiently as possible, focusing on problem areas first. There is a limited supply of vehicles that can perform this work, and there may be some areas that will not be plowed. It is a property owner's responsibility to keep sidewalks and private driveways clear.

Assistance

Some elderly or disabled residents may require assistance if stranded at home during inclement weather. If you or a neighbor needs help, call the Project Alert program at the Adult Community Center, 503-635-3758. You are encouraged to sign up for this assistance program anytime. In case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Safety

Stay off ice. Some bodies of water in the area may be covered in a thin sheet of ice. Remind your children that it is very dangerous to walk on.

Essential emergency response crews, including Police, Fire, Dispatch and Maintenance personnel, are always on duty. All other City offices will remain open for business,

unless extreme conditions warrant a closure of facilities. If necessary, the City will activate the Emergency Operations Center at the Main Fire Station to coordinate resources and respond to urgent needs of the community.

Extended weather forecasts for Lake Oswego are available at:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/total_forecast/index.php?minlon=-125&maxlon=-120.8&minlat=43.39&maxlat=46.91&mapwidth=354&map.x=215&map.y=177