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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **'Tis the Season for the City's Annual Gingerbread Competition!**

LAKE OSWEGO - For a delightfully fun Holiday Tradition, celebrate the season with Lake Oswego's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gingerbread Competition. Join the City of Lake Oswego for "Holiday Houses of Lake Oswego," a competition that invites local businesses to show their holiday spirit by creating a one-of-a-kind gingerbread creation to display in their store. Gingerbread creations will be on display December 13 through December 25.

This year, 16 businesses are slated to participate in the peppermint-filled fun! Competitors include: Accessories from the Heart, The Clothes Closet, Frog Pond Toys & Lily Pad Café, Gemini Bar and Grille, Graham's Book & Stationery, The Grand Papery, Gubanc's Pub, Lake Oswego Hunt Club, Maher's Pub, The Oilerie Lake Oswego, Play Boutique, Sixpence Antiques, Step it Up Studios, Terrace Kitchen Restaurant, Upper Crust Bakery and World Class Wines.

The public is invited to take a tour of all the gingerbread creations and vote for their favorite. Winners will be determined by a combination of patron votes and the votes from the Holiday Houses Review Committee. Creations will be ranked on a scale of 1 to 5 (with 5 being the best) using the following criteria: overall appearance, originality and creativity, difficulty and precision. The winning business will be visited by a team of spirited elves and will receive a brilliant trophy and bragging rights for the whole year!

This festive holiday contest is sure to bring many magnificent, imaginative, and unique creations. Last year, Gubanc's Pub was awarded the "Confectionary Championship" for their two-story Tree House created using over 30 lbs of home-made gingerbread! Gubanc's owners, Mike and Joe Buck, are reportedly boasting they will reclaim the title again this year. 'Tis the season for a fierce holiday competition!

Additional information, including tour maps, is available at participating businesses or online at [www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec/PDFS/main\\_2011Gingerbread.pdf](http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec/PDFS/main_2011Gingerbread.pdf). You can also call the Parks & Recreation Department at 503-675-3985 or stop by the West End Building, 4101 Kruse Way.

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