Pile Bending Begins: The LOIS pipe bending operation is in full swing. The next phase in the project involves bending the fused lengths of pipe into an s-curve for the buoyant, tethered portions of the pipeline. This design allows for seasonal temperature changes in the lake.

Bending 1,200-foot pipe lengths into a curve every 400 feet demands a large area on the lake. The work must also take place away from the existing interceptor and away from the areas where piles and anchors have already been installed. An area east of the Lake Grove Swim Park was chosen for pipe bending with these criteria in mind. After bending and curving, the curved pipe will be towed to its final resting place and attached beneath the lake’s surface to anchors and tethers that were installed over the past few months.

Pile Installation Continues: About 4,000 feet of the LOIS will be supported on piles. Pile installation started in the west end of the lake this August. It is now moving to other near shore locations including near the Forest Hills Easement, Twin Points, and the northeast arm of the Lake, between the main lake and Half Moon Bay. Areas near Lost Dog Creek and Black Heron Bay will be the final areas to receive piles, most likely in December or January.

LOIS is the Lake Oswego Interceptor Sewer Project which replaces the existing wastewater interceptor which is undersized and vulnerable in an earthquake. To learn more about LOIS construction, visit www.loisnews.com. Check out the new web updates and videos!

New Cell Phone Law

As of January 1, 2010, Oregon drivers will be required to use hands-free devices with their cell phones when operating a motor vehicle. A police officer may stop a driver solely for using a cell phone without using a hands-free accessory. The maximum fine is $90. With the passage of HB 2377 in June, Oregon joined six states, numerous municipalities, and the District of Columbia, by prohibiting use of a hand-held cellular telephone while driving except under certain circumstances.

Board & Commission Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for the following:

- Natural Resources Advisory Board

For more details, go to www.ci.oswego.or.us/boards/Vacancies/currentvacancies.htm or contact Jane McFarlin at 503-615-0236.

2010 Calendar Available!

This calendar focuses on topics that help you prepare for the unexpected. Learn about how to:

- prepare for different disasters
- put together an emergency supply kit for your family and pet
- protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease
- care for someone with the flu

This calendar also includes an emergency contact section where you can keep track of all your emergency contacts.

For your free calendar, please contact Brad Stein, Emergency Manager, at bstein@ci.oswego.or.us or 503-697-7415. Supplies are limited.

Input Requested for Infill Development

The Planning Commission, who over the past year, has been reviewing and modifying a set of proposed code amendments regulating infill development, is seeking public comment on key issues including:

- A design review process for single family dwellings,
- A 5% reduction to the allowed floor area for dwellings,
- Up to a 10-foot increase to structure height on steeply sloped lots,
- Design standards that limit how close upper floors can be to neighboring properties, and
- Changes that limit the current variance and adjustment processes.

Learn more about the proposed code amendments and provide input at an open house on December 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. Presentation at 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall, 380 A Avenue. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on governing infill development on December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. For more information, call Denny Egner at 503-635-0290 or visit www.ci.oswego.or.us/plan.

Council Adopts Clean Streams Plan

City Council recently adopted a new surface water management plan. The Clean Streams Plan, an update to the 1992 Surface Water Management Master Plan, reflects the latest science and trends in surface water management. Reducing contaminants commonly found in stormwater – metals, nutrients, sediment, and bacteria – is now a major focus of surface water management throughout the country and in Lake Oswego.

The Plan focuses on capital projects – improvements that prevent flooding, increase conveyance capacity to handle more stormwater, and improves water quality - but also includes an educational program to help educate citizens on how they can do their part to improve water quality, a guide to the use of sustainable Best Management Practices, and a guide to the use of Low Impact Development Approaches.

To find out more or to download the plan, go to www.ci.oswego.or.us and click on the Clean Streams link.

Streetcar Update

The newly appointed Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project held their first meeting on October 22. The CAC, expected to meet monthly through November 2010, is made up of individuals who represent community residents, business owners and stakeholders in the corridor.

The CAC will provide input and guidance to project staff and the project steering committee on:

- Issues that should be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), a federally required detailed analysis of the benefits and impacts to the community and natural environments,
- Potential stop locations and other design refinements,
- The project’s locally preferred alternative (LPA) including transit mode and route - the selected LPA will be advanced into preliminary engineering and a Final Environmental Impact Statement, and
- Community-supported remedies to potential community impacts as a result of the LPA.

The Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project currently includes three alternatives, each of which will be evaluated by the CAC:

- No build. A federally-required alternative that serves as a basis of comparison between the transit options and the option of not making a major transit investment in the corridor.
- Enhanced bus. This alternative would include frequent bus service along Highway 43 with fewer stops with more amenities than standard bus routes.
- Streetcar. This alternative would connect Portland and Lake Oswego with a regional streetcar, extending from Bancroft Street in the South Waterfront district to downtown Lake Oswego.

To find out more about the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project, go to www.oregonmetro.gov/lakeswego.

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