Trio Elected to City Council

The November 7 General Election determined that Roger Hennagin, Kristin Johnson, and Donna Jordan will take the place of outgoing Councilors Gay Graham, Jack Hoffman, and Lynn Peterson.

Councilors Graham and Hoffman were term limited and Councilor Peterson was elected to the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners.

The City Council has seven members, including the Mayor. Councilors are elected citywide, on a nonpartisan ballot, for four-year terms. The positions do not pay a salary.

Councilors set City goals, enact legislation, adopt policies and plans, and determine services to provide. The Council also adopts the City budget and appoints citizens to City boards and commissions.

Council meetings take place at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Hennagin, Johnson, and Jordan will be sworn into office on January 2, at the first meeting of 2007.

Charitable Community Causes

Help make the season a little brighter for those in need this year by giving to these local causes. The City partners with Oregon Food Bank each year to collect food for those in need. Watch for collection bins at the front and back of City Hall and at local events. Nutritious, nonperishable foods are needed, including: canned meats, peanut butter, canned beans and peas, pasta, rice, cereal, canned fruits, and 100 percent fruit juice. Donations are needed by December 20.

The Lake Oswego Fire Department and Lake Oswego Library will be accepting new, unwrapped toys for the annual Toy Drive until December 15. Toys can be delivered to the Lake Oswego Fire Department Main Station at 300 B Avenue, or the Library at 706 Fourth Street.

Another returning local program involves the “Giving Trees,” benefitting the Clackamas County Women’s Shelter. Basic household items are requested, and trees are displayed at Albertsons on State Street, Wizer’s downtown, Lamb’s Palisades Market, Rite Aid on B Avenue, and New Seasons Market on Boones Ferry Road.

Call the Citizen Information Center at 503-635-0257 for more information.

Experience the Lake Oswego Holiday Market

December 2 and 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Millennium Plaza Park

A traditional European holiday market awaits you at Millennium Plaza Park. Rain or shine, the plaza will be bustling with activity and open for business. Even bigger and better than last year, this event plays host to holiday treats and sweets, crafts, entertainment, gifts and decor for all to enjoy. Browse under our heated canopy, warm your hands by the fire, and enjoy a ride in a horse drawn carriage.
**City Hall Access**

City Hall is not currently accessible to vehicle traffic coming from A Avenue via Fourth Street. Construction on the Pollich Commercial Building (formerly Marvco Bakery) requires the use of one lane of traffic on Fourth Street, which will remain closed for the duration of the project (12-18 months). The lane is closed between A Avenue and the turnaround at the upper parking lot behind City Hall. Access will be maintained in the middle of the northbound lane, leaving City Hall. Parking lots can be accessed using Third Street, Fifth Street, or the alleyway on the east side of City Hall off of A Avenue. Entrances to the lots and the City Hall book drop will not be affected.

**Special Trolley Excursions**

The Willamette Shore Trolley has a limited number of spaces available this holiday season for its popular evening egress to watch the Lighted Boat Parades on the Willamette River. Enjoy cocoa, cider, and cookies before the ride. Rates vary between $20 and $35 based on the date of the excursion. Special excursions begin on December 8 and end on December 20. Some will sell out and the trolley does not run every day. Call 503-697-7466 for reservations, or visit the trolley station at 311 N. State Street.

**Boards and Commissions**

Make a New Year’s resolution to serve your community. There are currently open recruitment s to fill volunteer positions on a number of City boards and commissions. If you’d like to get involved, there’s likely a good match for you.

Some positions require specific qualifications; others are open to anyone residing within the City’s Urban Services Boundary. Additional information is available at the Mayor’s Office in City Hall, 380 A Avenue. You can also learn more at www.ci.oswego.or.us/boards/Vacancies/currentvacancies.htm, or call 503-635-0236.

**Lake Oswego Relay for Life**

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Lake Oswego Relay for Life is a nighttime event that celebrates cancer survivors and raises money for the American Cancer Society. Last year’s event raised $30,000. The 2007 Relay for Life of Lake Oswego will take place on Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16 in the District Stadium at Lake Oswego High School. Teams of 8-15 people are welcomed (from schools, work, religious groups, neighbors, families, friends, etc.). There are also a number of spaces available this holiday season for its popular evening egress to watch the Lighted Boat Parades on the Willamette River. Enjoy cocoa, cider, and cookies before the ride. Rates vary between $20 and $35 based on the date of the excursion. Special excursions begin on December 8 and end on December 20. Some will sell out and the trolley does not run every day. Call 503-697-7466 for reservations, or visit the trolley station at 311 N. State Street.

**City Hall Blood Drive**

You can help save lives by giving blood on January 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Council Chambers at Lake Oswego City Hall (380 A Avenue). Walk-ins are welcome, but scheduling a time helps avoid long waits. Schedule a time at www.givelife.org by using the code “LCityHall” or call Beata Derman at 503-635-3758.

**Playwriting Competition Reminder**

If you are presenting a script for the 2007 Playwriting Competition, the deadline for submission is Friday, January 19, 2007, at 4 p.m.

Additional information, including submission guidelines, is available at www.lqsa.org.

**Lake Interceptor Information and Updates**

Information is forthcoming regarding progress on the development of in-lake and out-of-lake options for solving interceptor gravity pipeline construction project. Phase 1 of the study found that in-lake replacement of the 45-year-old interceptor gravity pipeline was more expensive and complex than originally thought. Since then, a Phase 2 study is examining pumping alternatives that could address both short-term (capacity relief) and long-term (structural integrity) needs. The preliminary findings will allow the Council to give the project team guidance on how to proceed.

A draft report will be presented to the Council in the coming year, with an opportunity for public input following. The report and resultant feedback will help guide decisions for a long-term solution.

**New Youth Councilors Learning the Ropes**

The Youth Council began in 1999 as a way of involving and educating students from area high schools about issues that affect the City. The selection process is competitive and open to residents who are juniors and seniors in public or private high schools.

Watch the Youth Council in action during City Council meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at City Hall or live on Tulatin Valley Community Television.

**Sustainability Corner: Bright Ideas and Notable Numbers**

The City recognizes that local government plays a vital role in fostering sustainability and is committed to adopting, implementing, and maintaining sustainable practices. Here are a few of the ways that the City and its partners are making a difference:

**Seeing the Light**

The City became involved with the Energy Star “Change a Light, Change the World” Campaign this year to help prevent greenhouse gas emissions. You can do your part by simply using light bulbs that have earned the Energy Star certification. If every person in Lake Oswego changed one light bulb, we’d save 9,948,396 kWh of energy, and 15,718,466 pounds of greenhouse gases emissions. That’s the environmental equivalent of removing 250 cars from the road and enough energy to light 4,737 homes for a year.

**Hybrid Fleet Pays Off**

The City’s fleet of hybrids, including five Toyota Prius and 2 Honda Civics, is proving to be a smart move. Mileage reports show that the cars are saving fuel and money while doing the same job as the gas guzzlers they replaced. The Toyotas are averaging 35.5 MPG and the Hondas are averaging 43.2 MPG. Compare these numbers to the 13.5 MPG of the Ford Ranger pickup that the hybrids replaced. At about 30,000 miles per year, this kind of efficiency adds up.

**Vegetable Oil and Biodiesel at Work**

Allied Waste of Lake Oswego, the garbage and recycling hauler for the community, is also working toward a more sustainable community. One way Allied is making a difference is by introducing environmentally friendly hydraulic oils and B20 (20%) biodiesel into its fleet.

The new “clarity” hydraulic oils are biodegradable and minimize long-term environmental concerns that may occur due to leakage. B20 biodiesel is a cleaner-burning vegetable oil-based fuel blended with petroleum diesel that reduces carbon dioxide exhaust emissions by 12%, unburned hydrocarbons by 20%, and particulate matter by 12%.
City Leaf Collection Efforts

If you have trees in or near your yard, you know what an ongoing battle it can be to keep up with the falling leaves. Here’s what it takes the City’s Maintenance Services Department to keep the community’s streets clean.

Three street sweepers have been running full time, citywide to pick up leaves and debris. Special attention is given to streets with curbs and gutters to make sure storm drains stay clear. The sweeper trucks can clean approximately 20 miles per day, per truck. Two full-time employees and one part-time employee are assigned to this duty.

Leaves are removed from pathways but not from sidewalks except in the downtown area. Downtown sidewalks are cleared on Thursday evenings and swept on Fridays year-round.

The City’s leaves are taken to a private mulching facility. The cost is $50 per load (5 yards) and there are approximately 12 loads per day. The cost of this collection effort is approximately $2448 per day, which includes the trucks, labor, and disposal costs. Once the trees are bare, only one sweeper is kept in service for year-round use.

Local Holiday Gift Ideas

Limited edition ornaments, throw blankets, and many other gifts with local flair are available through the online City Store. Most items are available for purchase at City Hall, 380 A Avenue.

Stop by the display case at City Hall or visit us at www.ci.oswego.or.us/CITYSTORE to take a look at some of the items we offer. With items ranging from coffee mugs to manhole covers, you’ll find a unique selection.

What People Are Saying About Clean Streams ...

The rainy season is upon us and we are reminded daily about stormwater runoff. What happens after it flows into a street drain? How do we keep soil, leaves, vehicle oil and other pollutants from washing off into our lakes and streams? Capturing and transporting stormwater while protecting its quality can be a challenge. The Clean Streams Plan is looking at ways to continue to improve our surface water management system.

Since July, over 100 people have shared ideas and concerns about surface water through a citizen sounding board meeting, survey, and Community Forum. Participants have identified problem sites with issues such as stream bank erosion, overflowing stormwater pipes and catch basins, flooding, and stream water quality concerns. While the Clean Streams Plan may not be able to solve every problem, it can provide the framework on how to best address our stormwater concerns.

This summer, respondents to the Clean Streams survey expressed strong values relating to protecting water quality. Results indicated that 77% of respondents believe pollution in creeks, lakes and rivers is the most serious problem related to urban watersheds, and 95% believe that clean water in our streams, lakes, and rivers is an important urban watershed function that contributes to our quality of life in Lake Oswego.

Residents have shared ideas about how the City and individuals can improve water quality and better manage runoff. Some suggestions include better monitoring of water quality, managing runoff at the property or block level, coordinating stream restoration efforts, installing permeable driveways and parking lots, adding more bioswales and absorption areas, and offering incentives to encourage good practices. These ideas will be examined as the Clean Streams Plan moves forward for implementation in late 2007.

For more information, visit www.ci.oswego.or.us/engneer/clean_streams/.

Questions? ASK US!

Call the Citizen Information Center at 503-635-0257

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2nd Annual Preschool Forum
One-stop shopping for preschools in our area, with representatives on site. Find out teaching philosophies, various programs, and more. Adults only. Fri., Jan. 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Hosted by Moms Club of Lake Oswego and LO Parks & Recreation. For details, visit www.lomoms.org/events. Interested preschools, contact Karen at president@lomoms.org.

Friday ASAP
Holiday Madness Night! Create holiday crafts, get into an exciting floor hockey tournament, and bake yummy treats. Cost is $10 and includes a snack, dinner, video games and more. Friday, Dec. 15 at Lake Oswego Junior High in Room 36, from 3-9 p.m. (Free shuttle from Waluga Junior High). #428508

ASAP Field Trip. Want even more Holiday Fun? Join the Rock & Skate group at Lloyd Center Ice Arena from 6:30-9 p.m. on Dec. 15. Cost is an additional $9 (includes admission, ice skate rental and transportation). Meet at LOJH in Room 36. #287006

No Friday ASAP December 22 & 29 for Winter Break.
Myth Busters. Start the new year with a night of science testing and exploring, plus video games, snack, and dinner. Friday, Jan. 5 at LOJH, Room 36. $10.
## Calendar of Events

**December 2006/January 2007**

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**MEETING DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 503-635-0270.**

**THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR IS ONLINE AT:** [http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/cal/calendar.htm](http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/cal/calendar.htm)

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### City Council Rebroadcast Schedule

Regular City Council meetings are shown live on Channel 28, at 6 p.m. Both regular meetings and study sessions are recorded and rebroadcast at the following times:

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Taped meetings are available for check out at the Library.
Videos are usually available a week after the meeting.