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News You Can Use

Free Child Safety Seat Clinic
97% of all parents mistakenly believe they use child safety seats properly. Learn how to install your child’s seat correctly at our free clinic at the Main Fire Station. On May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., technicians will be available to install and inspect car seats and booster seats. No appointment is necessary.

At the February Clinic, Community Service and Traffic Officers installed and inspected 52 car seats/booster seats. Of the car seats that came into the clinic that were already installed, 85% were installed incorrectly. For more information, contact Sandy Holt at 503-643-5620 x. 106.

32nd Annual Lake Run & Family Fun Festival
Festivities officially begin on May 10, with a 12k run, 5k run/walk, and a 1/2 mile Kids Dash. The festival in Millennium Plaza Park will have food, entertainment, crafts exhibits, and fun for the whole family. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Parts of State St, Iron Mountain Blvd, North Shore Rd, and Evergreen Rd will be closed for the race. Information on road closures can be found at: www.ci.oswego.or.us, or call the Citizen Information Center at 503-635-5071.

Crush, Don’t Flush
Consumers were once advised to flush most items down the toilet. However, many pounds of a specific item are flushed away in our sewage system each day. Some Lake Oswego residents have recently called to report coyotes in City parks and undeveloped areas, and even in backyards and on the streets. Callers have a range of concerns when it comes to living with these normally shy animals: some are worried about spotting coyotes in daylight, others fear losing a pet to a coyote, and some believe the coyote must be trapped and removed. Coyotes are common suburban animals, and springtime is an active time for them; they have produced their litters and are likely looking for food or a new place to den. Small rodents, rabbits, and fruit in season are coyotes’ preferred food, but they are scavengers and will eat human garbage and pet food if the opportunity presents itself.

Coyotes normally pose no threat to people, but are wild animals and will threaten if cornered. For the safety of people and pets, and also the coyotes’ well-being, please help reduce human-coyote conflicts.

1. Do not feed pets outside
2. Do not feed wild animals
3. Keep your distance from coyotes
4. If coyotes are seen close to people, shout, wave arms, and make noises to scare them off
5. Keep pets inside at night
6. Remove fallen fruit from trees
7. Keep garbage lids closed

To keep coyotes out of your yard:
1. Build a fence at least 6-feet tall with openings no greater than 4 inches
2. Install a motion-detecting light

For further information, please call Jonna Papaefthimiou, Natural Resources Planner at 503-675-3990.

Interceptor Construction to Begin This Fall

Much progress has been made over the past few months toward constructing a new interceptor sewer pipeline through Lake Oswego. The existing interceptor is nearly 50 years old and structurally unsound. The new pipeline is being designed to meet the needs of residents for at least another 75 years. Its large size will reduce the risk of overflows, ensuring clean water in our lakes and streams.

The City of Lake Oswego and the Lake Corporation then set to work identifying ways to lessen the impact of project construction on lake residents and users while protecting water quality and controlling costs. An important milestone was reached this March. A cooperative agreement was signed by the City and the Lake Oswego Corporation. The major agreements include:

- Construction will begin this fall using barges.
- No summer drawdown of the lake.
- The granting by the Corporation of easements for the new pipeline alignment across the lake as well as for access points for maintenance and construction.
- Construction hours limited to 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., six days per week.
- Future lake draws allowed for maintenance and repair of the pipeline, as needed.

The agreement opened the way for finalizing project design and construction plans. The focus of the project team’s design work is to ensure the new system is reliable and economical. Currently, permits are being obtained and a detailed construction schedule is being defined. Barnard Construction from Bozeman, Montana, is working closely with Brown and Caldwell engineers and City engineering staff to develop complete design documents and cost estimates. A final construction schedule and cost estimate will also be completed and available to the public in June.

With cost and schedule information in hand, the City will be better able to engage the community in a discussion about financing options prior to making a final financing decision before the project begins.

Ask questions, share feedback and get important, up-to-the-date, project information at www.lakeinterceptor.com.

Living With Urban Wildlife: Coyotes
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- Coyotes are common suburban animals, and springtime is an active time for them; they have produced their litters and are likely looking for food or a new place to den. Small rodents, rabbits, and fruit in season are coyotes’ preferred food, but they are scavengers and will eat human garbage and pet food if the opportunity presents itself.
- It can be thrilling to spot wildlife so close to home. However, it is important to discourage coyotes from becoming accustomed to the human environment. Coyotes normally pose no threat to people, but they are wild animals and will threaten if cornered. For the safety of people and pets, and also the coyotes’ well-being, please help reduce human-coyote conflicts.
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Stream Gages Help Water Quality Goals

The City recently installed two stream gaging stations which continually monitor stream flow, temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity. Located in the Springbrook Creek and Lost Dog Creek watersheds, these solar powered gaging stations allow City staff to collect near real time water quality data via a cellular-to-Internet connection. This information will enable the City to calculate how many pounds of a specific pollutant is coming from the City’s urban water-sheds, and will supplement the City’s water quality data and estimates.

There are 43 watersheds in the City. The Lost Dog Creek watershed is 0.7 square miles in area (8th largest watershed in the City), and ultimately drains into Lake Oswego, then into the Willamette River. The Springbrook Creek watershed is 1.96 square miles in area (second largest watershed in the City) and primarily contains residential uses.

The City worked with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to develop this project.

Inviting Vines

On May 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., enjoy a tour of seven private gardens in the Portland metropolitan area. All of the garden owners use the Friends of the Rogerson Clematis Collection, and you will see everything from gardens with just a few well-chosen clematis to gardens afflicated with “vine madness.” Tickets are $20.00, and garden descriptions and directions are included with each. Tickets can be purchased online or at various nurseries. For nursery locations or to purchase tickets, go to www.rogersonclematiscollection.org.
**People’s Choice**

You have a choice! Cast Your Ballot for the 2008 People’s Choice Award.

The “Gallery Without Walls” is a unique year-round public art exhibition throughout the City. Fifteen new sculptures are added to the streets and parks each year that remain for a two-year period.

Every year, the Lake Oswego Foundation for the Arts and the City of Lake Oswego ask voters city-wide to choose one piece of sculpture to purchase from a selected group of these works to add to the City’s permanent public art collection. This year’s choices are shown below. Ballots can be picked up at the Library, Adult Community Center, Parks and Recreation Department, and at City Hall. Drop your ballot off at City Hall, Foundation for the Arts, 380 A Avenue; or mail it to PO Box 369, Lake Oswego, OR 97034. You can also vote online at www.ola.org.

Deadline for all ballots to be received is Friday, May 16, at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Susan Bitzer with the Lake Oswego Foundation for the Arts at 503-675-3738 or sbitzer@ci.oswego.or.us.

**Village Baskets**

The private donations and volunteer efforts of local businesses and citizens have made our community known for its colorful hanging flower baskets.

Thanks to ongoing efforts by the Lake Oswego Chamber Foundation, the Village Basket Program has prompted many other beautification projects throughout our metropolitan area as well as gaining Lake Oswego national recognition.

The project is a coordinated partnership with the Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce, the City of Lake Oswego and the many volunteers who plan and execute the program each year.

This year, on May 17, volunteers will hang 280 beautiful flower baskets! The total cost of this endeavor, including maintenance of the baskets, is $84,000, or $300 per basket. The success of the Village Basket program is totally dependent on the support of generous contributions from local business and community members. They are counting on your dedication and financial support in 2008 as they have in the past.

Please accept this invitation to participate with your fully tax-deductible contribution. All donations will be acknowledged in the Lake Oswego Review and Chamber of Commerce newsletter.

If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, contact the Lake Oswego Chamber at 503-636-3634.

**City Welcome**

On April 21, the City welcomed a group of students participating in An Inconvenient Ride.

To promote environmental awareness, on March 31 six students from Sealtight High and Gatewood Elementary Schools in Seattle began a 5,400 mile bicycle ride in Washington DC. On their route, they visited cities that had signed on to Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels’ Climate Protection Agreement. In each city, the students met with city officials and school districts to discuss Project Earth Care and the importance of getting students involved in protecting the environment. Lake Oswego was one of 65 cities across the country which participated in An Inconvenient Ride.

At Foothills Park in Lake Oswego, Councilor John Turchi shared the City’s sustainability goals and participants shared some of what they had learned on their travels. Students helped plant an ash tree to commemorate their visit.

To read more about this event, go to www.inconvenientride.com.

**Hidden Signs**

As spring envelops the City, take some time to look around your yard and the street along your property and see if you need to trim any bushes, trees or hedges on your property that are blocking streets, sidewalks, or street signs. City Code requires homeowners to keep sidewalks and streets adjoining your property free from overhanging vegetation that obstruct the passage of vehicles or pedestrians.

If your property is at an intersection, the corner must be kept clear of vegetation over the height of 30 inches for the visibility of vehicles and pedestrians. Trees should be trimmed up to a height of 9 feet above the ground and any vegetation that blocks the visibility of street signs should be trimmed back or down.

For more information, please contact Nancy Flye at 503-697-7419 or send an e-mail to traffic@ci.oswego.or.us for problem locations.

**K9 Teams Celebrate Graduation**

A graduation ceremony was held on March 31 for the City’s K9 Teams. After completing a 10-week academy sponsored by the Hillsboro Police Department, K9s Ilay “Kai” vom Schmausenbuck and Charger vom Grosswartein and their handlers, Officer Bryan McMahon and Officer Dawn Walker, successfully passed all State standards.

Both K9 Teams hit the streets of Lake Oswego the first of April and are available for presentations to area community groups. Officer McMahon and Kai have already received a warm welcome from several groups. To schedule a K9 Team visit, please contact Sergeant John Brent at 503-635-0253.

If you would like to support the K9 Unit, donations are gladly accepted. Checks made out to the City of Lake Oswego c/o Donations for the K9 Program, can be mailed to the City of Lake Oswego - Finance Department, PO Box 369, Lake Oswego, OR 97034. Donations can also be dropped off at the City’s Finance Department at City Hall, 380 A Avenue.

**Put a Lid on it: Clean Streams Design Contest**

Calling Lake Oswego artists. Express yourself! Put your stamp on the City by designing a new lid for our stormwater manholes. Use your creativity to beautify our streets and represent the value our community places on clean water. Check the Clean Streams website – www.cleaneights.com – for information and entry forms.
Get your summer camp discount! Sign up before June 1 for Kinder-camp or Camp Summer Daze and save $10 off each week!

Battle of the Bands
Saturday, May 1
Join Java Jam for the final show of the year as talented young musicians rock the house and duke it out for great prizes. BOTB features five amazing bands that performed at the monthly "Battle of the Bands" shows of 2007-08. At the WEB, 8-11 p.m. For information, call 503-679-6589.

ASAP Rocks
May 23, Bullwinkles. ASAP spends an evening of mini-golf, arcades and laser tag, go-carts, slingshot, or other attractions. Ages 11-14, 4:45-8:45 p.m.; $32 includes dinner; buy memory for arcade tokens.

Men's Four-Ball Tournament
May 23-June 2, 6th Grade Open House. The McKenzie Lounge invites current 6th graders to bring out at the Lounge after school for video games, pool, ping pong, food, music, field trips, and more. See what's in store for summer and next school year. Parents are encouraged to check out the Lounge, meet the staff and learn about programs. Contact Cydney 503-679-6589 or asap@ci.oswego.or.us.

June 6, Malibu Raceway. Fulfill your need for speed where you can get your own Malibu Raceway license! Eat, drive, play video games and more. Ages 11-14, 5:45-8:45 p.m. $35 includes dinner and limited tokens; bring extra money for snacks/games etc.

Lake Oswego Golf Course
17523 Stafford Road
May 10, “Free Day.” No charge for green fees, practice range, and free lessons from 12:7 p.m. Required tee times are available as of May 5. Call or visit lakeoswegogolf.org.

May 11, It’s All About Mom. On Moth-er’s Day, treat Mom to a Sunday Chal-lege Brunch, 18 holes of golf, and free golf balls, all for $30. ($25 for a nine-hole package). Pre-registration by May 6 is online only at lakeoswegogolf.org. The Pro Shop has new golf apparel, shoes and clubs, so you can also take her shopping!

June 2-7, Third Annual Women’s Golf Week means several inexpensive options for women to try golf out and see if they like it. More information available online at lakeoswegogolf.org.

June 26-Aug 18, Junior Golf Club. For girls ages 8-17 who have been 2-3 years experiencing playing golf. Every Thursday, club members get a half-hour lesson and practice, followed by a nine-hole competition. Pre-registration by the last day of the last month. Only 30 spaces available; sign up by calling Tom Mueller at 503-534-5689. $160 includes entry in the Jr. Tournament & Skills Challenge.

Wanted: Teen Volunteers
Youth Action Council (YAC). Make a difference for teens in your commu-nity! YAC encourages incoming 9th grade students and current high school students to apply for the 2008-09 Youth Action Council. Applications due May 19.

Junior Counselors. If you are 13-18, you can help out at Kindercamp this summer. Applications due May 23. Download applications at ci.oswego.org/parksrec/jobs.html. For information, call Terri Fackrell at 503-677-5254.

Junior Farmhands. Come to a meeting on June 7, 6:30 p.m. at Luscher Farm to see how you can get great work experience in the Children’s Garden and around the Farm. Bring a parent. Call Hillary at 503-635-0376 for information.

Lakefest Bands Wanted
Celebrate the beginning of summer with Lakefest at Millenium Plaza Park on Friday, June 13, from 6-10 p.m. Lakes- fest is a free, outdoor musical showcase featuring local teen bands on two dif-ferent stages. If your band is interested in playing at Lakefest, please down-load and fill out an application at www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec/teenscene.htm and return it along with a CD demo of your music by May 23 to the Parks and Recreation Department in the West End Building. Age is limited to 21 and un-der. Final band selections will be made and all apprentices will be contacted by May 30. Any questions can be directed to Abby at 503-675-3985.

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Manga Zenbu Monthly Discussion Group
May 19, 4 p.m.
Manga and anime fans in grades 9-12 are invited to join the Manga Zenbu discussion group. Participants can share favorite manga and anime titles and enjoy snacks. Additional perks include finding out about the Library’s graphic novel and anime collections and receiving e-mail notification of new Library titles.

Come On, Come All to the First Annual Bear Fair
May 10, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Let’s all join in celebrating the wonderful gift of the three bears outside the Lake Oswego Library donated by artist, Steve Tyree. Enjoy refreshments, music, balloons and have your photo taken with the bears. Other events include:

“Teddy Bears’ Picnic” Puppet Show, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Penny’s Puppet Performers will perform “Teddy Bears’ Picnic” in the children’s room. This story features Ted E. Bear, who has always dreamed of going to the teddy bear picnic. His friends say, “It’s just a song, it doesn’t really exist.” Ted embarks on a journey to find the picnic and meets an assortment of colorful char-acters along the way.

Face Painting, 12 – 2 p.m.
Children of all ages are invited to get their faces painted by face painting artist Jenifer Deranis from Fun Faces. Fun Faces specializes in creating fun faces that kids love and utilizes only non-toxic, water-based paint that washes off easily.

Have Your Photo Taken with the Bears, 12 – 2 p.m.
Children can have a family photo taken with the bears outside the Library. Climb on them, pat them, sit under them, make faces at them and if a Library volunteer will snap a photo for a keepsake for you to take home.

Jory’s Teddy Bear Concert, 12:30 – 1:15 p.m.
Children are invited to bring their favorite teddy bears to “Jory’s Teddy Bear Concert” on the Library’s main floor. Jory Aronson will present a wonderfully interactive concert for families (and their bears). The fun includes a musical teddy bear cake, the teddy bear dance and freeze, a visit with “Goldiloaks and the Three Bears,” and lots more.

Drop-In Craft: Teddy Bear Masks, 1 – 3 p.m.
Children ages three and up are invited to create teddy bear masks in the children’s room.
GOT PLASTIC?
Are you ready to do some spring cleaning? You’re in luck! Portland Master Recyclers are holding a Spring Plastic Recycling Round-Up where you can recycle a multitude of different plastic items. Over 400 people participated in our last event bringing everything from plastic wading pools to nursery containers to bubble wrap.

Plastics from this event will go to Agri-Plas, a recycler located in Brooks, Oregon. Agri-Plas will process the plastic into chips or pellets and then sell them to other manufacturers who make a multitude of items such as plastic pots, lumber, railroad ties, and roofing material.

What you can bring: plastic bags, bubble wrap, Mylar, six-pack rings, plant pots and trays, DVDs, CDs, CD cases, lawn/patio furniture, kids toys, pet igloos, laundry baskets, kiddie pools, kitty litter buckets, and more.

Do not bring: Styrofoam block, Styrofoam peanuts, Styrofoam food trays or Styrofoam egg cartons, “biodegradable” plastic or plastic that says PLA on the bottom, milk jugs or other plastics container with a neck (these can be recycled through your curbside recycling program), PVC pipe, food-contaminated or dirty plastic, foam or rubber, plastic with metal or electronics inside.

There are many places to recycle plastics year round. To find a location near you, contact Metro’s Recycling Information at 503-234-3000.

CELEBRATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH
The City is celebrating National Historic Preservation Month throughout May. In addition to a special display at City Hall, the City’s Historic Resources Advisory Board (HRAB) will observe the month by honoring four designated city landmark buildings with custom cast bronze plaques. Mayor Judy Hammerstad will issue a Historic Preservation Proclamation and present the awards on May 6, 6 p.m., at the City Council meeting.

Selected buildings are:
- Noel Dew House (circa 1929)
- Norman K. Patton House (circa 1936)
- James K. Worthington House (circa 1884)
- Rogers Building II (circa 1929)

Along with recognition of historic properties, Marylou Colver is the 2008 recipient of the Preservation Merit Award. Ms. Colver has been instrumental in establishing the Lake Oswego Historic Home Tour, in its second year, scheduled May 17, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. She is a member of the Oswego Heritage Council Board of Directors and serves as the Chair of the Home Tour Committee.

Tickets to the Historic Home Tour are limited in number and can be purchased at Oswego Heritage House, 398 Tenth Street, or by calling 503-635-6737.

To learn more about HRAB, go to www.ci.oswego.or.us/boards, or contact Paige Gogian, Associate Planner, at 503-675-3737 or pgogian@ci.oswego.or.us.

Watch local artists at work, learn about local non-profits, and enjoy the tunes of a different musician each week as you sit back and relax with a meal from one of our refreshment vendors.

We are happy to have New Seasons Market as the Sustainability Sponsor in helping to provide a greener Market for the community. Shannrock Medical is providing the Market with two wheelchairs for the season, ensuring our Market is easily accessible for all of our shoppers.

See you at the Market!

CLASSES AND SPEAKER SERIES
Rain Sensor Installation Classes
The City’s Conservation Specialist, Kevin McCaleb, is offering workshops for Rain Sensor installation on May 15 at 10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The one-hour workshops will cover how the sensors work, how to properly install and maintain them, and how this device will help you save water. These workshops are offered by the City Free of charge to all residents and businesses in Lake Oswego. Sensors may be purchased at the workshop for $5, one per customer.

Great Parks, Great Cities Series
You are invited to a series of discussions on the integral role parks will play in making cities viable in the 21st century and beyond. Professor Galen Granzi who teaches courses in the social and cultural bases of architectural and urban design at the University of California, Berkeley, is scheduled for May 13. For more information, go to the Portland Parks & Recreation website at www.portlandonline.com/parks.

Meeting dates are subject to change. For more information, call 503-635-0236. The Community Calendar is online at: www.ci.oswego.or.us/cal/calendar.htm.