POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

Over the past three years, the Lake Oswego Police Department has been undergoing a quiet internal revolution, implementing great changes and meeting formidable challenges, while still providing high levels of service to the community. During that time, the Department adopted completely revised policies that reflect the needs of the community.

In May, the Oregon Accreditation Alliance (OAA) conducted an exhaustive examination of the Department's revised policies, as well as its practices, equipment and training, reports, investigations, and financial responsibilities. Everything done by the Department was closely scrutinized and found to be in compliance with all applicable standards of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and the Oregon Accreditation Alliance. As a result, on September 23, the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police formally granted Accreditation to the Lake Oswego Police Department.

The law enforcement accreditation system establishes a uniform set of “Best Practices” for police agencies. These standards of Best Practices, which are verified by an independent body, create accountability to the community, elected policymakers, and the officers who are performing the day to day work. Currently, 100 distinct law enforcement standards are recognized by the OAA, 90 of which apply to the Lake Oswego Police Department. These standards deal with life, health, safety, and high liability exposures and are intended to make an agency more professional while at the same time improving its services to the community.

With accreditation, the citizens of Lake Oswego can be confident that their police department, with its 43 sworn officers and 72 non-sworn personnel, continues to meet the highest standards of the industry.

HISTORIC FURNACE TO BE RESTORED

On October 7, City Council voted to increase Lake Oswego’s Transit Lodging Tax from 4 to 6 percent, effective January 1, 2009. The Transit Lodging Tax, also referred to as the Hotel Motel Tax, allows the City to collect revenues from visitors for short-term stays in hotels, motels and other lodging. The additional revenue, estimated at $336,000, will be used to restore the historic Lake Oswego Iron Furnace in George Rogers Park and for other activities designed to stimulate tourism including art, theater, history, and music programs.

The furnace, built by the Oregon Iron Company, began operations on August 24, 1867. By taking advantage of Oswego’s iron deposits, the Oregon Iron Company became the first to manufacture iron on the West Coast. The Oswego iron industry was Oregon’s biggest manufacturing enterprise in the nineteenth century. Of four iron furnaces built west of the Rocky Mountains, Oregon’s was the most successful, surviving 18 years longer and producing nearly four times as much iron as its closest competitor. Today the stone furnace is the only surviving iron furnace west of the Rocky Mountains.

If you would like to find out more about the furnace and the preservation project, visit the Oswego Heritage House on November 5. The Heritage Council’s First Wednesday lecture, will feature a talk and video presentation on the Oswego Iron Furnace Preservation Project. The program runs from 7 to 8 p.m. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. Programs are free to OHC members and are $5.00 for non-members. The Oswego Heritage House is located at 398 Tenth Street. For more information, call 503-635-6373.

LAKE OSWEGO MEAL NETWORK

The Lake Oswego Meal Network Advisory Board is recruiting people to become Board Members. Interested persons should have an understanding of non-profit boards, finance, accounting, fundraising, program feedback, and/or public relations and outreach. Board meetings are held on a Monday at the Lake Oswego Adult Community Center (ACC).

This volunteer board supports the Lake Oswego Meal Program, which includes Meals on Wheels and lunch service at the ACC, in the following ways:

- Fundraising
- Providing program management feedback to the City
- Promoting community involvement, awareness, and support through public relations and community outreach efforts

For more information, please call Andrew Williams or Gail Keck at 503-635-3758.

WHAT’S HAPPENING WITH THE WEB?

- Watch for information in your mailbox in November
- See the calendar on page 4 for open house information
- Visit the website at: www.ci.oswego.or.us/council/WEB_information.htm

WATER RATES

Conservation Water Rates Open House

Monday, November 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
West End Building, 4101 Kruse Way
Join the conversation about:
- Tying water conservation to water rates.
- What does the proposed rate structure look like?
- How will your rates be affected?

LIBRARY RANKED #1 IN OREGON... AGAIN!

For the fifth year in a row, the Lake Oswego Public Library earned the highest HAPLR score of all the libraries in Oregon, placing it in the 99th percentile statewide. Scoring first in the state is impressive enough by itself, but considering that Oregon as a state ranked third in the nation, it is an even greater achievement.

The Library was also ranked seventh in the nation in the 25,000-49,999 population category, topping its previous score of eighth in the U.S. The HAPLR (Hennepin’s American Public Library Ratings) ranking system was established by the American Library Association. HAPLR evaluates libraries in 15 different ways, including staffing, reference services, collections, number of items checked out by the public, visits per hour, and visits per capita. HAPLR compares public libraries serving similar population sizes.

Lake Oswego Public Library serves a community of avid readers. The national average for circulation per capita (number of items each person in the community checks out each year) is 7.2, the state average is 14.9. Lake Oswego Public Library’s circulation per capita is an astounding 33.2, over four times the national average.

In addition, the Library receives an average of 1,057 visitors per day. The national average for library visits per capita is 4.75 per year. The state average is 6.16. Lake Oswego Public Library’s 07-08 visits per capita is a whopping 8.57, and increasing each year.
CAR 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, 300 B Avenue. On November 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lake Oswego Community Service and Traffic Officers will be available to install and inspect car seats and booster seats. No appointment is necessary.

HELP GUIDE THE CITY’S FUTURE

The City is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan, the guiding document for all land use planning and growth management actions. You are invited to an open house to learn more about the update and to provide input. Your input will help guide the future of the City. The open house is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. For additional information, please visit the City’s webpage, www.ci.oswego.or.us, or go to “Planning Department” or contact Sidaro Sin, Senior Planner, at 503-697-7421.

NEW MANHOLE COVER DESIGN UNVEILED

Winning designs for new manhole covers were unveiled at the City Council meeting on October 14. Contestants from all walks of life and ages contributed creative designs related to Clean Streams stormwater management. The designs were judged by a panel that looked for public art designs that were eye-catching and promoted community pride. The prize-winners were: Ben McMullen - youth; Samantha Day - teen; and Anne McKinney – overall winner. Their designs will be on display at City Hall during the upcoming Clean Streams Plan Open House on October 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. Anne’s design will be cast into manhole covers to be used on new stormwater manholes throughout the City. All winners were presented with a cash prize and certificate by Mayor Judie Hammerstad.

The art contest was created to celebrate the release of the new Clean Streams Plan. The purpose of the Clean Streams Plan is to manage flooding and improve stormwater quality in a way that will:
• Promote public safety and minimize property damage.
• Protect and enhance the quality of surface water.
• Preserve and enhance fish and wildlife habitats.

A copy of the draft plan is available on the City’s website at www.cleansreams.info. For more information, contact Elizabeth Papadopoulos, Maintenance Services Director, 503-635-0272.

YOUTH COUNCIL

While the election heats up for Lake Oswego’s next Mayor and City Council seats, seven local high school students recently accepted their appointments as Lake Oswego 2008-09 Youth Councilors. Jack Dod, Marshall Kosloff, Tori Hamachek, Weston Cooper, John Olsoni, Ben Silbert and Lauren Menashe will attend Council meetings to learn about local government. They have the opportunity to work closely with the Council and City staff to undertake special projects and seek input from teens in the community.

POLITICAL SIGNS

With only a few weeks remaining before the election, political signs are popping up all over our community. If you are one of the many citizens with a posted political sign, remember you will need to remove them no later than the fifth day following the election, November 9.

For more information, visit www.ci.oswego.or.us/plan/signs or call the Planning Department at 503-635-0290.

BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The City is seeking applicants for the following:
• Historic Resources Advisory Board
• Library Advisory Board
• Planning Commission

For more details, go to www.ci.oswego.or.us/boards/Vacancies/currentvacancies.htm or contact Jane McGarvin at 503-635-0236.

CITY COUNCIL REBROADCAST SCHEDULE

Regular City Council meetings are shown live on Channel 28 at 2 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 checkout at the Library. DVDs are usually available a week after the meeting. Meetings can also be viewed at: www.tvctv.org/content/media/LakeOswegoStreams.asp

WHAT’S GOING INTO THE STORM DRAIN?

What people do within the City’s watershed has a direct impact on our lakes, streams, and wetlands. Depending on where you live, City storm drains eventually drain into the Willamette River, Tualatin River, Oswego Lake or Tryon Creek.

The City is making a significant effort to restore local streams and protect remaining aquatic habitat. You can do your part in keeping our waters healthy by keeping an eye out for illegal activity which can damage water quality and calling the City’s Spills Hotline to report a spill or illicit discharge. Calls can be anonymous; however, please provide as much detail as possible.
• 503-675-3582 (During normal business hours)
• 503-635-0268 (After Hours, Weekends and Holidays)

An illegal activity, or illicit discharge, may include an individual or business dumping motor oil, antifreeze, paint or other pollutant, in or around a storm drain.

To learn more about protecting our watershed, please contact David Gilbey, Water Quality Program Coordinator, at 503-675-3999.

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER TRAVEL

Oregon’s beautiful scenery is a year-round source of enjoyment. Driving in Oregon’s winters, however, can be challenging. Follow these recommendations so you arrive safely at your destination.

• Before you go, visit www.TripCheck.com or call the following numbers for the latest in road conditions, weather forecast, chain requirements, and incident information:
  5-1-1 (if available from your cell phone service provider), 1-800-977-6368, or 1-503-588-2941.
• Choose main routes and be rested and alert.
• Make someone aware of your routes, and if plans change, let someone know. Check in when you’ve reached your destination.
• Remember, cell phone coverage is not available in many remote areas.
• Keep your gas tank at least half full.
• Clear any snow, ice or frost from windows, wipers, mirrors, lights, hood, heater and air inlet vents.
• Do not drive with heater in recirculation mode; it can increase humidity.
• Fleets of drivers on and reduce your speed.
• Make sure your antifreeze is good to ~25°F; check and fill washer and other fluids and make sure hoses aren’t loose or brittle.
• Keep wipers clean and in good condition.

Make sure your heater and defroster are working.
• Make certain your battery is fully charged (also check battery age and make sure cables are not loose or corroded).
• Carry an Emergency Travel Kit, which includes:
  • Tools; jack, lug wrench, shovel
  • Chains or traction tires
  • Flares
  • Road maps
  • Extra warm clothes, boots, hat and gloves
  • Ice scraper and snow brush
  • Cell phone and car adapter
  • Rechargeable flashlight
  • First aid kit
  • Matches or lighter
  • Battery jumper cables
  • Extra water
  • Blanket/sleeping bag(s)
  • Paper towels
  • Pocket knife
  • Extra washer fluid

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For more information call 503-675-2549
www.lakeoswegoparks.org

For the Holidays
Holiday Gift Workshop. Keep the kids entertained while you shop at the Holiday Market, which runs concurrently. They create four handmade gifts, wrapped and ready to give, enjoy holiday refreshments and even see a magic show! Ages 6 to 12, Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the WEE. $22 includes everything (#4276100).

Gingerbread House Building. Build a family tradition by constructing a gorgeous gingerbread house together. Price is per family/per gingerbread house; at least one adult required. Saturday, December 12, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the WEE. $47 (#4327260).

City Library
Official Ballot Drop Site
November 4, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
The Library is an official ballot drop site and will have volunteers outside collecting ballots on election day. Volun
ers will be wearing “Election Official” name badges.

Programs for Adults
Intermediate and Advanced Internet Classes
November 6, 13, and 20, 8:35 p.m.
Learn about advanced internet searching techniques, setting up an email account and bookmarking in the intermediate class. The advanced class will focus on the Deep Web, the Invisible Web, and Web 2.0. To register, call 503-675-2540.

Second Wednesday Performing Arts Series
Gideon Freundmann and Douglas Jenkins
November 12, 12 p.m.
Enjoy cellists Gideon Freundmann and Douglas Jenkins, members of the eclectic “indie cello orchestra”, the Port
cell Cello Project. Gideon Freundmann has created his own style of music called Celldrop - a fusion of blues, jazz, folk and much more. Douglas Jenkins studied cellos with 1-Beil Lin, Steve Pologe and Sylvie Spengler.

Third Tuesday Author Series
Greg Nucka
November 16, 7 p.m.
First generation of a family of professional writers, Greg Nucka is the author of more than 20 novels. His novel, "The Secret Life of the Other Girl," was named a Best Book by the New York Times and won a Connecticut Book Award. To register, call 503-675-6581.

Programs for Children
Children’s Storytimes
Storytimes are special reading adventures tailored for a range of ages. Baby Storytime (birth through 18 months) is on Tuesday, December 16, 3:15 p.m. Toddler Storytime (19 months to three years old) takes place on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m.

Super Shopping Day.
Drop off your kids at Play Boutique (321 1st St.) for a fun-filled afternoon while you get ready for the holidays. Ages 2 to 7, Friday, November 28, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. $60 (#418850)

Fused Glass Plate. Design and create your own beautiful 7-inch plate in this short class. Age 16-, Saturday, December

Thanksgiving Side Dishes. Part of the Culinary 101 Series with Chef Beth Ruckell, just in time for Turkey Day! Unique stuffing, relish, vegetable and dessert recipes. Ages 12+, adults may bring children age 7 to 11. Sunday, November 16, 1 to 3 p.m. $47 includes all materials and hands-on demonstrations (#4276102).

Manners with Yolanda. Make sure your teens are perfect angels at holiday meals! Yolanda instills manners, etiquette and conduct for social occasions, and includes a practice dinner at a local restaurant. Age 18 to 16, Tuesdays, December 2 to 9, 6 to 8 p.m. at the WEE. $40 (#4226001).

ASAP Friday Field Trip/Dipinto A Mano Pottery Studio. A session of pure creative genius resulting in a pottery masterpiece - by you. Ages 12 to 14, Friday, November 21, 5:45 to 8:45 p.m. (meet at the WEE) $28 (#4285533).

City League Men’s Basketball

No School Day with Mad Science Crazy Colossal Chemistry. The kitchen becomes a virtual lab where nutrition and bio-chemistry combine to create ooze and slime! Ages 9 to 12, Friday, December 5, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the WEE. $28 (#4157045).

Hikers Celebrate 25 Year Run
Lake Oswego’s Julia Ferreira formed the original Thursday Hikers group with eight hikers in the fall of 1984. This fall a group that has grown to about 150 celebrated its Silver Anniversary by replicating the 1984 hiking schedule, revisiting the Gorge, the coast, Mt. Hood and Silver Falls. In a given year, hikers now cover a combined 9,000 miles and volunteer over 10,000 hours. In 2003, the Oregon Recreation & Park Association awarded the LO Thursday Hikes & Rambles Group its Volunteer Service Award for its incredible commitment to this community. The group welcomes new hikers; see www.lakeoswegoparks.org, keyword “hikes.”

Adult Community Center
505 G Avenue, 503-635-3758
Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)
Clackamas County residents who have a gross income of less than $1,685 per month for a single individual or $2,204 for a couple are eligible to receive assistance to help offset heating and utility bills.

If you feel that you qualify, please contact LIEAP directly at 503-650-5640 beginning December 1. For more information, please call Diana Tassa, Client Services Coordinator at the ACC 503-635-3758.

Thanksgiving Starts Early at ACC
Join your friends or meet new ones for a bountiful Turkey Feast, at the Center’s annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Wednesday, November 26, at 11:30 a.m. in the Oak Dining Room. Enjoy dining with entertainment by Wyman Jones on the piano. Reservations are strongly encouraged; please call 503-635-3758, to make a reservation.

Whimsical Flowers Unveiled!
Join in the celebration as the Whimsical Flower Garden is unveiled at the Library on November 1. The open house will take place from 1 to 3 p.m., with a presentation at 1:30 pm. Lake Oswego artist Julie Brown created the 24 flowers and additional garden animals out of recycled materials donated by community members. In addition, community members helped design the mosaic patterns on many of the pieces of artwork.

The project is a partnership between the Arts Council and the Lake Oswego Public Library, and funded in part by Unnspace Bank. The unveiling ceremony is hosted by the Friends of the Lake Oswego Library.

For more information call: Main Number, 503-636-7628
Reference Desk Number, 503-675-2540 or visit www.lakeoswegolibrary.org

www.lakeoswegoparks.org
**Sewer Pipe in Kelok Road Part of LOIS**

Striving to minimize impacts, reduce costs and increase sewer capacity, Lake Oswego Interceptor Sewer staff developed a plan to build a new underground pipeline outside of Oswego Lake in Kelok Road. This new pipeline will provide additional capacity for hundreds of homes now relying on a much smaller pipe in the Main Canal.

Along with the pipeline, a new pump station on Bryant Road near the Main Canal will be built. The new sewer line will run from the pump station up Kelok Road to Maple Circle where it will join the interceptor sewer in the lake. A short length of new sewer will also be installed in Bryant Road near the Bridge.

LOIS project staff initiated discussions with the Lake Corporation and with residents living along the Canal at a meeting in May. The result was broad support for the Kelok Pump-Around option. Discussions have also begun with property owners, neighbors and City Planning staff to design and acquire needed permits for the pump station.

A general work schedule appears below. When contractors are hired, a more detailed schedule will be made available. Meetings with residents will be organized and traffic detour plans established.

In contrast to the previous plan to rebuild the pipeline inside the Main Canal, the new strategy provides a solution to a small, focused area and saves about $4 million in construction costs. It will also avoid a year-long draw down of the Main Canal.

The existing pipeline in the Main Canal will remain and continue to provide service to properties along the Canal, although the volumes it carries will be reduced significantly by the new Kelok pipeline. The Main Canal line and the laterals which connect it to nearby properties will be inspected as part of this project.

*Have thoughts or concerns about LOIS? Visit our website www.loisnews.com or call us at 503-699-7466.*

**Special Holiday Events**

**Tree Lighting:** November 28, 5 p.m.

Since 1964, hundreds of people gather to kick off the start of the holiday season with the lighting of the giant sequoia tree at Fifth Street and A Avenue. Count down the lighting of the tree while enjoying hot cocoa and coffee and listening to choir members from local high schools bring the season alive with spirited caroling. Then walk to Millennium Plaza Park to enjoy another tree lighting, free refreshments, live music, and several characters to entertain the kids.

Donations of non-perishable, canned food for the Oregon Food Bank and/or unwrapped toys are encouraged as we kick off the annual collection drive. Look for collection bins at Millennium Plaza Park.

**Holiday Market:** December 6 and 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

West End Building, 4101 Kruse Way

This festive market spotlights holiday crafts, entertainment, winter greenery, ornaments, the winter harvest from local farmers, and gifts galore! Browse while sipping on hot spiced cider, have fun with friends, and shop to your heart’s delight. For more information, visit www.ci.oswego.or.us or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 503-697-6590.

**NatureScaping Workshop**

Learn how to naturescrape your yard on November 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Tryon Creek State Park. Workshop participants will get to view before and after naturescaping examples, take a field trip to a nearby project, get advice on landscape design and native gardening, receive a workbook and free native plant, network with neighbors, and identify native plants. Register by November 15 at www.emswcd.org/workshops-events.