LAKE OSWEGO READS WILLIAM STAFFORD

KICK OFF SET FOR JANUARY 7

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the 8th annual Lake Oswego Reads on January 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. Pick up one of over 800 free copies of Ask Me, a collection of 100 of William Stafford’s essential poems in celebration of the poet’s centennial. His poetry reveals the consequences of violence, the daily necessity of moral decisions, the importance of art, and the bounty of nature. Selected and introduced by son Kim Stafford, Ask Me presents the best from a profound and original American voice. The opening celebration will include William Stafford's favorite carrot cake and music by fiddler Kathryn Claire. A Lake Oswego Public Library card is required to receive a free book generously provided by the Friends of the Lake Oswego Public Library. Also, step into Stafford’s beloved flora and fauna of Oregon as seen through the eyes of local quilters. Their shared love of the environment will be on exhibit in the Library in January and February.

The success of the past seven years’ programs demonstrates our community’s love of books, intellectual pursuits, art, and thoughtful discussion. During the month of February, the Library, local schools, businesses, and organizations will offer special programs connected with William Stafford. Almost all events are free.

The 2014 citywide reading program, Lake Oswego Reads, is sponsored by: Friends of the Lake Oswego Library, Lake Oswego Review, Lake Oswego Women’s Club and Lake Oswego Rotary Club. For more information and the schedule, visit www.lakeoswegoreads.org.

BLOCK 137 (WIZER)
PROJECT SCHEDULED FOR DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

At its Wednesday, January 22, 2014, meeting, the Development Review Commission (DRC) is scheduled to review and receive public testimony on the Development Review application submitted by the Evergreen Group LLC for the proposed mixed-use development for Block 137 in downtown Lake Oswego. Block 137 is the site of the former Wizer’s Oswego Foods store. The proposed development includes 27,000 square feet of quality retail space and approximately 220 high-end residential units. The DRC is responsible for ensuring that the application complies with applicable City Code requirements for new developments in the Downtown Redevelopment Design District. The DRC meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

For more information about the proposed development, please go to: www.ci.oswego.or.us/lora/block-137-

2014 UNSUNG HEROES
HELPING MAKE LAKE OSWEGO A COMMUNITY EVERYONE CAN ENJOY

One of the positive annual events associated with our community is the recognition of volunteerism through the “Unsung Hero” Awards. We all hear about the superstars—but there is another group of amazing folks who step forward and make things happen without motive other than helping their neighbors and their community. We are pleased to announce the recipients for 2013.

Betty Barber, Karen Mela and Roni Sidman and the Market trio has been arriving at Millennium Plaza Park every Saturday morning before dawn from May to October for more than ten years.

Boones Ferry Road Improvements

UPDATE ON PHASE 1

The Lake Oswego City Council recently gave the go-ahead for design work on the first phase of the Boones Ferry Road Improvement project. This initial phase, which is approximately one-half mile in length, goes from south of Madrona Street to just north of the Oakridge/Reese intersection. The Boones Ferry project is the cornerstone project of the 2008 Lake Grove Village Center Plan. The project has been years in the making; property...
REQUESTING CITY SERVICES IS EASY! APP AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PHONE, IPAD AND IPOD TOUCH

Would you like to report a pothole or check for a water leak? How about a missing street sign or a plugged catch basin? Reporting these types of issues just got easier.

Since August 2011, the City has accepted service requests through an iPhone app. The iPhone app is free and can be obtained by searching for the “Citizen Request Tracker” in the app store. When a concern is identified, the user can take a picture, add a description, and send it to the City. Using the iPhone’s GPS technology, the app automatically pinpoints the exact location of the concern. For more information about this program, contact Anthony Hooper at 503-607-7422 or Carrie Rocker at 503-534-5675.

Since the program started, there has been a total of 1,419 requests via the iPhone and 130 through the website. Of these requests, 430 were submitted by citizens. 100% of these requests have been completed. In the same timeframe, 1,119 requests were submitted by staff. As a result, this tool has increased the efficiency of tracking the work that has been done internally.

If you don’t have an iPhone, a request can be submitted the following four ways:

• Online at www.ci.oswego.or.us/publicworks/citizen-request-tracker.
• On your own Facebook page by typing in the search bar “Citizen Request Tracker” and downloading the app to your page.
• By calling Public Works at 503-635-0280 during business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
• In person at the Public Works Operations Facility, 5765 Jean Road, during regular business hours.

WATER PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Construction on a new water pipeline has begun in Lake Oswego. More than five miles of new pipeline will reliably deliver higher-quality drinking water to homes throughout the City.

You will soon see workers in roadways north of Oswego Lake where the new pipeline is planned. Crews are digging small holes to locate underground utilities to make sure the new pipeline will not conflict with existing utilities. This work will occur on these public streets: Boones Ferry Road (between Dongas Way/Lanewood St.), Lanewood St., Douglas Circle (southerly leg), Twin Fir Road (between Upper/Douglas Circle), Upper Drive (between Iron Mtn./Twin Fir), Iron Mtn. Blvd., and Chandler Road (between 10th/Iron Mtn.). Workers will use a vacuum truck and small excavator. Detours may be required on some narrow streets, but local access will be maintained. This work will continue into March. Holes will be temporarily re-patched and crews will fully restore the pavement after the pipeline is installed.

Crews are also installing new pipeline in and around East Waluga Park. This section of pipeline extends from Parkhill Drive through Waluga Park and east to Quarry Road. That East Waluga Park parking lot will be closed for the duration of construction. Work will be completed by March before the Park’s spring activities begin.

A pipeline routing change is currently being explored as an alternative to tunneling the pipeline under Oswego Lake, as was previously planned. The Partnership is reviewing alignment options around the Lake to keep costs controlled since proposals received for tunneling significantly exceeded cost estimates.

Contact us at location@ci.oswego.or.us or call 503-607-6502.

UNSUNG HEROES

Each week these three incredible women arrive at the Lake Oswego Farmers’ Market to set up for the day. They put up canopies, event signage, manage the Merchant Services and Market Information Booths, setup hydration stations, sound equipment and the Doggy Daycare making sure our pets and ourselves are ready to enjoy another wonderful Saturday at the market.

Judy Brokaw, Suzie Lee, Cathrine Lu, Sally Hambly, Denise Miller, Jody Nosler, Ellen Rabow and Mark Sheppard

Under the guidance of Respite Specialists, this group of dedicated volunteers provides a warm, friendly, safe, and loving environment for folks suffering from Alzheimer’s. Every Tuesday and Thursday, caregivers can feel comfortable leaving their loved ones with this amazing group of volunteers. For a few hours each week participants experience enriching group activities, music, games and social interaction. Some of the participants enjoy their time so much that they think they are volunteers too! Lake Oswego is fortunate to have such a wonderful team that provides so much of their time and caring.

John Fowlds

Since 2007, John has volunteered in the Meals-on-Wheels kitchen at the Lake Oswego Adult Community Center. John has rarely missed a day to assist with meal production, for as many as 140 meals, every Monday and Wednesday. John is a delightful person with a positive attitude, and working with him is a pleasure, even under the pressure of food service preparation and delivery. He still maintains his friendly, kind attitude with a touch of humor.

FREE E-WASTE RECYCLING

Electronics, such as TVs and computers, contain hazardous materials. To reduce the amount of toxic materials heading to the landfill, Oregonians can no longer throw away these items in the garbage. To safely dispose of electronic waste (e-waste), anyone can bring seven or fewer computers (desktops and laptops), monitors and TVs at a time to a participating Oregon E-Cycles collection site for free recycling.

Oregon E-Cycles collection sites in Lake Oswego include Far West Fibers on Foothills Road and Goodwill (S. State Street and Lower Boones Ferry Road). For details, such as hours of operation or to find additional locations, visit the Oregon E-Cycles website at www.oregonrecycles.org.

Participating collection sites may also take other electronics that are not covered under Oregon E-Cycles, and may charge a fee to recycle them. Please contact the collection site for more information.

BOARDS & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The City is seeking applicants for the following:

• Natural Resources Advisory Board
• Transportation Advisory Board

For more details, go to www.ci.oswego.or.us/boc/boards-commissions-vacancies or contact the City Manager’s Office at 503-635-0215. Applications can be filled out online.
For program calendar and registration details, visit www.lakeoswegoparks.org.

GIRLS YOUTH LACROSSE FOR GRADES 1-4

Girls Youth Lacrosse Association (Grades 3-4 program plays games as part of Oregon Girls Youth Lacrosse Association)

Program runs April through early June.

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

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Walking History Tour at Luscher Farm

Join Lo’s Park Ranger for a rain-on-shine tour and history chat. Parents may back pack or carry children, but there is no stroller/wheelchair access. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. All Ages, 3 to 5 p.m., Saturday, February 1. $5.

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Learn about the history of Luscher Farm from settlement days to the present. Topics include the daily life of long ago, discovery of nearby Willamette Meteorite, stagecoach days, old timers’ stories and current farm operations. Age 18+, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 14. $10.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Second Wednesday Performing Arts Series – Adam Miller

Wednesday, January 8, 1 p.m.

One of the premier autoharpists in the world, Miller is a renowned American folk singer and natural born storyteller. He will perform an entertaining and interactive sing-along program of American folk songs and folklore.

Third Tuesday Author Series – Karen Karbo

Tuesday, January 21, 7 p.m.

Karen Karbo is the author of 14 award-winning novels, memoirs and works of non-fiction including the best-selling “Kick As Women” series. Her memoir “The Stuff of Life was a winner of the Oregon Book Award for Creative Non-Fiction.

Digital Device Days

Did you get a new digital device during the holidays? Let us show you how to access all the fantastic Library resources. Workshops offered:

- Saturday, January 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Thursday, January 16, from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Friday, January 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Or call for a one-on-one appointment with a librarian to get your digital device set up.

Presentation by Dr. William Seidman

Tuesday, January 28, 7 p.m.

Seidman has spent the last 10 years working with top performers in diverse organizations and will present “Finding Your Greatness: What Research on Top Performers in Organizations Tells Us About Personal Success.”

SIGN UP FOR FREE CLASSES FOR ADULTS HELD AT THE LIBRARY:

- Beginning Drawing
- Adult Craft: Decorate a Wooden Picture Frame
- Beginning Keyboarding & Internet Searching Class
- 24/7 Library: Searching Online Resources Call 503-675-2540 for dates and times.

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Children’s Storytimes, Winter Series

Begins Tuesday, January 7, are special reading adventures tailored for a range of ages. Baby Storytime (birth - 18 months) Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m.; Toddler Storytime (19 months - 3 years old) Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m.; Preschool Storytime (3-5 year olds) Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Special Series: Musical Laptime with Colette Fallon

Families with babies from birth through 18 months are invited to a series of musical laptimes presented by early childhood music specialist Colette Fallon.

“Puss in Boots: Master Cat” with Penny’s Puppet Productions

Saturday, January 11, 11 a.m.

A clever cat, in pursuit of his fortune, is the star in this classic tale with a twist which includes singing, dancing, and fun. Penny Walter has been bringing kids puppet fun for ten years, and she teaches puppetry classes for teachers, professionals, and families.

“Dancing With No Shoes On” with Chuck Cheeseman

Saturday, January 18, 11 a.m.

Preschoolers and their families are invited to this music and movement program. Participants can expect silliness, surprises, and a fun time. A former elementary school teacher, Cheeseman has released four albums of original music.

LEGO Club for Grades 3-6

Monday, January 13, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Kids are invited to work on projects and learn more about LEGO’s with Blair Annos, local LEGO maven. Materials are provided for this free program but registration is required, call 503-675-6580 to sign up.

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For more information, visit www.lomoms.com or contact Candice Coleman at preschool@lomoms.com.

BE SAFE IN THE DARK HOURS

According to the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety, approximately 122,000 runnners, walkers and cyclists are hit by cars each year.

Whether you are a runner, walker or cyclist, the likelihood of you getting injured when exercising outside at night increases. You are less visible to others and your own vision is restricted. The biggest tip: Be Reflective!

To help maximize your safety and minimize your risk of injury:

- Wear a reflective vest. Plus, wear reflective bands on arms and legs if your workout gear does not have reflective strips. The reason: the motion of the reflection when running, walking or cycling makes you more noticeable to drivers at night.
- Wear a headlamp so you can see the path.
- Wear blinking red lights, both on the front and back.

D I S C O V E R  A C T I V E L I V I N G

9TH ANNUAL PRESCHOOL FORUM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 6 TO 8 P.M. AT THE WEST END BUILDING, 4101 KRUSE WAY

Do you have a little one approaching preschool? Is your family new to the area? Or are you just trying to find the right preschool? Attend the 9th Annual Preschool Forum to find out what teaching philosophy, curriculum, and school is best for you and your child. Representatives from over 40 local schools will be on site to provide a brief overview of teaching styles, programs, and to answer questions. Limited childcare and light refreshments will be available. This free event is co-sponsored by Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation and Lake Oswego Mothers Club.

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USING A CELL PHONE WHILE DRIVING
IT COULD COST YOU!

In 2013, the Oregon State Legislature passed Senate Bill 9 – changing the cell phone offense of operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile device from a Class D traffic violation to a Class C traffic violation. Effective January 1, 2014, Class C traffic violations carry a minimum fine of $160 and a maximum fine of $500.

BACKYARD HABITAT PROGRAM
LEARN ABOUT THE BENEFITS TODAY!

Tryon Creek State Natural Area encompasses 670 acres and Lake Oswego has over 300 acres in natural areas. While that’s a lot of natural space, that space is surrounded by neighborhoods - creating habitat islands. The Backyard Habitat Program can help connect those habitat islands and give native insects, birds and wildlife more food and space to thrive.

The Backyard Habitat Program helps homeowners learn more about their yard, what invasive plants they have and where they may be able to add a few native plants into their new or existing garden space. In Lake Oswego, the Backyard Habitat Certification Program is managed by the Friends of Tryon Creek. So far they have visited over 153 homeowners. Fifty-seven homeowners are already certified at the Silver, Gold or Platinum level and the remaining homeowners are working towards their certification.

Heidi Schrimsher, a landscape architect, is one of the homeowners working towards certification. She is currently aiming for Gold certification which means 25% of her yard will be planted in natives. Since adding natives to her yard, she has seen a sudden increase in the variety of birds - native plants provide food for native insects that are a primary food source for young birds. Some of the other benefits she sees include eliminating chemicals and fertilizers and reducing her water use as the native plants get established.

The Backyard Habitat program can help you get there. By participating in this program, you will get a site report and plant list specifically designed for your yard. In addition, you can buy plants through the Backyard Habitat program at wholesale prices. Learn more about the program and sign up for a site visit today: www.tryonfriends.org/protect/backyard-habitat.

Through a partnership with the City of Lake Oswego, the Columbia Land Trust and the Audubon Society of Portland, the Friends are able to offer site visits for a one-time fee of $25.

BOONE'S FERRY ROAD

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This free calendar focuses on topics that help you prepare for the unexpected: severe weather, floods or landslides, earthquakes and tsunamis, and more. This calendar also includes a comprehensive list of public safety organizations you may need and an emergency contact section where you can keep track of all your emergency contacts.

Visit www.ci.oswego.or.us/EmergencyManagement, to order your free calendar online or to preview the calendar. You can also contact Bonnie Hirshberger at bhirschberger@ci.oswego.or.us or 503-675-3992 for a copy.

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GET YOUR FREE 2014 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CALENDAR WHILE THEY LAST!

BOONE'S FERRY ROAD

Community Calendar

Event dates are subject to change. More details are available online at: www.ci.oswego.or.us/calendar.
For more information, call 503-675-3992.

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