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For the Love of Community

Every two years the City Commission works on, discusses, and adopts goals to help guide the city. One of the goals is to increase Community Engagement Opportunities.

In Oregon City, the heart of community connection starts with our neighborhood associations which include:

- Canemah
- Caulfield
- Elyville
- Gaffney Lane
- Hazel Grove-Westling Farm
- Hillendale/Tower Vista
- McLoughlin
- Rivercrest
- Park Place
- South End
- Two Rivers

These 11 neighborhood associations are resident-led groups that span the width and breadth of Oregon City. These Associations foster a sense of belonging by organizing and coordinating neighborhood initiatives and events, and helping residents and business owners come together to help resolve issues and create opportunities. Some wonderful examples of their efforts are neighborhood cleanups, ice cream socials, ivy pulls, fundraisers and informational meetings.

The neighborhood associations are one of the best ways to get involved on a micro level. You get to know your neighbors, you get to improve your neighborhood, have your opinions heard, and best of all, make a difference. Want all those things? Get involved - help keep our city livable and loveable! Thank you to all the neighbors who help keep the First City the special place it is.

—Mayor McGriff



Members of the Citizen Involvement Committee share information with residents during National Night Out.

★ 2025 VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS ★



Next Generation Volunteer

Jaxon Breed



Outstanding Volunteer of the Year

Josh Planton



Distinguished Volunteer of the Year

Barbara Binford



Volunteer Organization of the Year

Tateshina Sister City Committee

Oregon City came together on October 4 to express their appreciation for the many residents who devote their time, energy and expertise volunteering for the community. From the members of the boards, committees and commissions, to the people who help deliver meals to homebound seniors, the countless hours people devote to their community are what make Oregon City special.

A few volunteers were singled out for their exceptional service at the annual Volunteer Appreciation event. The winners of the 2025 Volunteer Awards were:

- ★ **Jaxon Breed Jr.** Camp Counselor
2025 Next Generation Volunteer
- ★ **Josh Planton** Arts Commission
2025 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year
- ★ **Tateshina Sister City Committee**
2025 Volunteer Organization of the Year
(Accepted by Committee chair Beth Werber)
- ★ **Barbara Binford** Pioneer Community Center
2025 Distinguished Volunteer of the Year

There are numerous ways residents can get involved with their community and volunteer. Explore the opportunities here: [oregoncity.gov/521/Get-Involved](https://www.oregoncity.gov/521/Get-Involved)

OREGON CITY

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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IT DIRECTOR

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LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Greg Williams

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Dayna Webb

The Mayor and City Commissioners are elected officials who are volunteers and do not keep regular office hours. Please call 503-657-0891 for contact information.

City Commission meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Libke Public Safety Building Chamber, 1234 Linn Avenue. The public is welcome to address the Commission on any subject at the beginning of each meeting or on a specific item on the agenda when that item is considered.

City Commission regular meetings are streamed live on our YouTube channel and are available on demand after the meeting. Willamette Falls Studios broadcasts meetings live at 7 p.m. on TV Channel 28 and rebroadcasts them throughout the month. For a broadcast schedule visit wfmstudios.org or call 503-650-0275.

ABOUT THE OREGON CITY TRAIL NEWS

The City of Oregon City produces and distributes the free Trail News publication quarterly to facilitate community awareness of City department projects, community services, and local tourism, recreation and education opportunities. All residential postal customers in the 97045 zip code receive a printed copy in their mailbox. A limited number of additional free copies are available at many City facilities as well as the Oregon City Public Library. Current and archival issues are available at orccity.org/community/trail-news.

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Mayor Denyse McGriff, Arts Commissioners Joyce La Master, Rebecca Sira, Amy Wilson, and Quire Hugon, artist Cathy Rowe and Ann Griffin.



**OREGON
CITY**

*Established
in 1844 at the
End of the
Oregon Trail*

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Want the latest news & information about your city every month? Sign up for the City's E-Trail Newsletter!

orccity.news/E-Trail-News

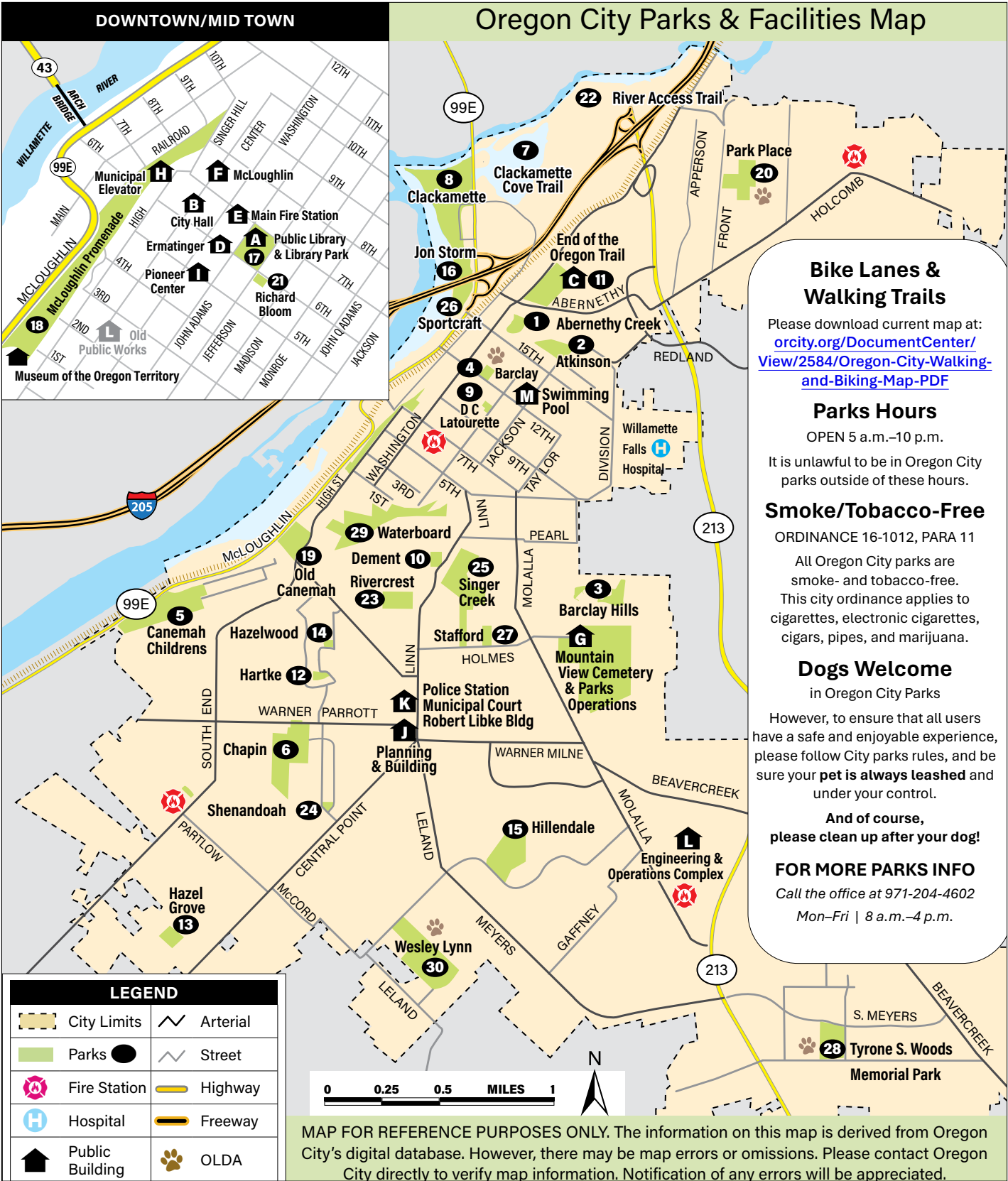


City of Oregon City

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MAJOR CITY PARKS

- 6 Chapin Park**
340 Warner Parrott Road
- 8 Clackamette Park**
1955 Clackamette Drive
- 15 Hillendale Park**
19260 Clairmont Way
- 16 Jon Storm Park**
1801 Clackamette Drive
- 20 Park Place Park**
16180 Front Avenue
- 23 Rivercrest Park**
131 Park Drive
- 28 Tyrone S Woods Memorial Park**
14520 S Meyers Road
- 30 Wesley Lynn Park**
12901 Frontier Parkway

CITY FACILITIES

- A Public Library**
606 John Adams Street
- B City Hall**
625 Center Street
- C End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive/Visitor Center**
1726 Washington Street
- D Ermatinger House**
619 Sixth Street
- E Main Fire Station**
624 Seventh Street
- F McLoughlin House**
713 Center Street
- G Mountain View Cemetery & Parks Operations**
500 Hilda Street
- H Municipal Elevator**
300 Seventh Street
- I Pioneer Community Center**
615 Fifth Street
- J Planning & Building**
695 Warner Parrott Road
- K Police Station, Municipal Court, Code Enforcement**
1234 Linn Avenue
- L Engineering & Operations Complex**
13895 Fir Street
- M Swimming Pool**
1211 Jackson Street

DOCKS & LAUNCHES

- 8 Clackamette Park**
1955 Clackamette Drive
2 Reservable picnic shelters.
- 16 Jon Storm (Transient Dock)**
1801 Clackamette Drive
72-Hour moorage, and a pump-out station.
- 26 Sportcraft**
1701 Clackamette Drive
2-Lane launch with floats.

Map Numbers	Oregon City Parks & Amenities	Basketball Courts	Barbecues	Benches	Boat Dock	Boat Launch	Children's Play Area	Dog Parks- OLDA	Dog Pots	Drinking Fountains	Electricity	Horseshoes Cornholes	Park Host	Parking Spaces	Pickle Ball Disc Golf	Picnic Tables	Restrooms-Seasonal	Skate Park Spray Park	Soccer Fields	Softball Diamonds	Tennis Courts	Trail/Walking Path	Volleyball Court	Bridge / View / Deck
1	Abernethy Creek Park													P										
2	Atkinson Park							dp						P										
3	Barclay Hills Park							dp																
4	Barclay Park								dp															
5	Canemah Childrens Park													P										
6	Chapin Park							dp						P										
7	Clackamette Cove Trail							dp																
8	Clackamette Park							dp						P										
9	D.C. Latourette Park																							
10	Dement Park																							
11	End of the Oregon Trail													P										
12	Hartke Park																							
13	Hazel Grove Park							dp																
14	Hazelwood Park																							
15	Hillendale Park							dp						P										
16	Jon Storm Park							dp																
17	Library Park																							
18	McLoughlin Promenade							dp																
19	Old Canemah Park																							
20	Park Place Park								dp					P										
21	Richard Bloom Tots Park																							
22	River Access Trail							dp						P										
23	Rivercrest Park							dp						P										
24	Shenandoah Park																							
25	Singer Creek Park																							
26	Sportcraft Park													P										
27	Stafford Park							dp																
28	Tyrone S Woods Mem. Park								dp					P										
29	Waterboard Park													P										
30	Wesley Lynn Park								dp					P										



OLDAs (Off-Leash Dog Areas)

BARCLAY PARK | PARK PLACE PARK | TYRONE S WOODS MEMORIAL PARK | WESLEY LYNN PARK

An off-leash dog area provides a safe and enjoyable recreational experience to dog owners and their dogs while not impacting other park visitors or the environment. Local dogs and their owners are invited to enjoy our four designated off-leash dog areas.

OLDA Rules

- Owners are always legally responsible for the behavior of their dog(s).
- Dog waste must be cleaned up by their owners IMMEDIATELY.
- Dogs must be leashed while entering and exiting the park.
- Owners/handlers must be within the OLDA and supervise their dog with leash readily available.
- Aggressive dogs must be removed IMMEDIATELY.
- Dogs should be under voice control.

Prohibited in OLDAs

- Human Food
- Dog Food & Dog Treats
- Aggressive Dogs
- Sick Dogs
- Puppies (under 4 months)
- Dogs in Heat

Parks Office Hours

Open	Monday – Friday	8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Closed	Thu & Fri, November 27 & 28	Thanksgiving
	Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Eve
	Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day
	Thursday, January 1	New Year's Day
	Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
	Monday, February 16	President's Day

Seasonal Park Updates

City parks are open to the public 5 a.m.–10 p.m. daily
It is unlawful to be in Oregon City parks outside of these hours.

All PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS can be completed online at:
amilia.com/store/en/city-of-oregon-city/shop/facilitybookings

DUMP STATION remains open year-round except for occasional maintenance or weather-related closures. Clackamette Dump Station has a new automated pay station. We will no longer be accepting cash payment.

CLACKAMETTE BOAT RAMP is closed.

JON STORM PARKING LOT is closed during the I-205 widening project.

SPRAYPARKS are open between June 1–October 1



Dog Etiquette IN OREGON CITY PARKS

Please take a moment to read this information as well as the OLDA Information on page 5. Everyone loves to enjoy their local parks, and dogs are welcome in Oregon City Parks. Following a few basic guidelines can ensure that all park users are being courteous and considerate of one another.

- Always leash your dog while walking in the parks.
- Clean up after your dog.
- Don't let your dog greet a stranger unless they ask to pet the dog.

OFF-LEASH DOG AREAS (OLDAs) The City offers 4 Off-Leash Dog Areas in parks. Dogs are required to be leashed while walking to and from the OLDAs. Visit one of the designated, signed areas in the following parks:

- BARCLAY PARK 711 12th St Entire Park is an off-leash area
- PARK PLACE PARK 16180 Front Ave East side in upper portion of park
- WESLEY LYNN PARK 12901 Frontier Pkwy East side fenced area only
- TYRONE S WOODS PARK 14520 S Meyers Rd At the back of the park



Clackamette RV Park

Has Switched to a New eCommerce Platform to Better Serve You.

Create a User Account to Reserve Your RV Site



amilia.com/store/en/oregon-city-rv/shop/facilitybookings

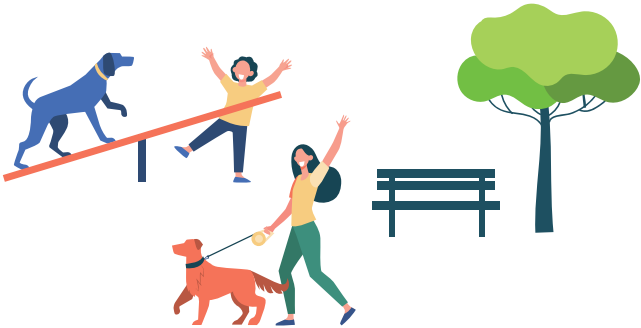
CLACKAMETTE RV PARK is a recreational park only and does not allow long-term stays. Overnight stays are limited to 14 consecutive nights in the RV Park. RV Guests may return after spending at least 7 nights out of the park. The maximum stay allowed at the RV Park is 14 nights within any 21-night period.

RATES AND FEES

RV PARK SITE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Non-Riverfront Sites (#1–27)	\$30	\$50
Riverfront Sites (#28–38)	\$40	\$60
Extra Vehicle per night	\$5	\$5

\$5 Dump Fee * (no charge for paying RV Guests)

* Clackamette RV Park Dump Station has added a new kiosk, and now accepts only credit or debit cards for the \$5 per use fee.





OC Parks and Rec Staffer Wins Award

Oregon City Parks and Recreation Events Coordinator Taylor Miller was recently honored by Oregon Parks and Recreation Association (ORPA) during their annual awards luncheon.

ORPA uses their annual conference to recognize standouts in the parks and recreation field throughout Oregon. Miller was named this year's Rising Professional for the positive impacts he has had on Oregon City and the many events he's put together.

"Taylor's state-wide recognition by his peers as a rising professional in parks and recreation is well deserved," said Parks and Recreation Director Scott Archer. "He has contributed significantly to our community and is proving to be a leader within the Oregon City Parks and Recreation team and our broader profession. Through his enthusiasm and dedication, Taylor exemplifies public service."

Many residents are likely familiar with this work though they may not know it. Among other duties, Miller is responsible for producing the Concerts in the Park series and the July 4th Celebration. He was also behind the inaugural OC Fall Fest that just occurred.

"We've seen a huge increase in the participation rates in our different events since Taylor took over," said Deputy Director for the department Thomas Kissinger.



Park Shelter/Facility Reservations

Hosting a gathering? Let us provide the space!

The Parks office accepts reservations for shelter use up to one year in advance. View shelters and parks at app.amilia.com/store/en/city-of-oregon-city/shop/facilitybookings. Our park shelters and facilities are available for special events such as showers, reunions, and birthday parties.

PLEASE NOTE:

Refunds are allowed for cancellations by contacting parksinfo@orc.org at least two weeks prior to the date of the reservation. A \$10 processing fee will be deducted from all refunds. No refunds are given for cancellations within 2 weeks of activity.

Oregon City Parks Foundation

The Oregon City Parks Foundation (OCPF) is a boots-on-the-ground nonprofit 501(c)(3) formed by a group of your OC neighbors, who believe that a vibrant parks system is a key component in the livability of Oregon City. Our Parks Foundation's mission is to partner with volunteers, donors, and community leaders to develop, enhance, promote and sustain a thriving, accessible, and connected system of parks in our city.

Our Foundation's current projects include; eradication of English Ivy and other invasive plants, maintaining and expanding our 138ft Xeriscape/Pollinator planting in Promenade Park, partnering with the Friends of Buena Vista Club House in restoring the circa 1890's, National Historic Designated Club House in Atkinson Park (**look for information on our November fundraiser for the Clubhouse so we can get it open again**), and our "Elyjah Dean Huaff Memorial Camp Fund." This is a fund for helping Oregon City families, who may not be in a financial position to afford their child's OC Camp fees.

On **October 25**, we had another presentation by Xerxes, during our **Pick or Treat on the Promenade Party** at the VFW Hall. Please look for our next event in the Spring to help wake up your yard. Our Xeriscape site always has volunteers and they encourage you to stop by and speak with them if you are walking the park. Please check out our website and Facebook page for more information on our upcoming events.

OCPF continues to raise funds for our Foundation's park projects through grants, donations, and our Bottle Drop program. There are also several other ways you can support your parks that don't involve monetary donations. For more information please go to our website at: oregoncityparksfoundation.org. All funds raised by OCPF will go above and beyond taxpayer dollars in an effort to help enhance our city's parks system. Thank you for your donations.

OCPF meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday, January thru November, at 7 p.m., unless otherwise posted.

We do not meet in the month of December. Note: We are currently meeting in person, when we can, as well as online via Jitsi. Please go to our [website](http://oregoncityparksfoundation.org) for the Meeting Agenda and the sign-in details.

We hope you'll join our cause.

Facebook: [OregonCityParksFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/OregonCityParksFoundation)
Email: OCPFNative@gmail.com
Website: oregoncityparksfoundation.org





Cemetery Office Hours

Open	Monday – Friday	8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
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Cemetery gates are open daily (Monday–Sunday) dawn to dusk

Mountain View Cemetery Services & Options

For rates, options, more information, or to make an appointment, please call 971-204-4603 or visit our office.

BURIALS

Our staff can help you with pre-planning your cemetery arrangements. We offer many options for full-body or cremation to include: Full-Body Burial Lots | Cremation Lots | Crypts & Niches | Scattering Canyon

MEMORIALS

We offer several choices to memorialize your loved ones, to include: Engraved Bricks | Natural Stones | Bronze Inscription | Vases Headstones | A Memorial Wall

Volunteers Are Awesome!

If you or your group is interested in volunteering at Mountain View Cemetery, do not hesitate to contact our office. We can be reached by email at cemetery-info@orc.org or by phone at 971-204-4603.

Help Keep Our Cemetery Beautiful

- Graveside artificial alowers ARE allowed through October 31–March 1. Fresh flowers are also allowed during this time.
- Glass is NOT allowed anywhere.
- When cleaning around a loved one's headstone, please avoid creating space between the grass & the stone. This ensures stability during mowing to not damage the stone.



Cemetery Visitor Safety Tips

While visiting the cemetery, one of the most important things to remember is to respect the dignity of the premises. To help ensure safety for all, please observe the following:

- Refrain from leaning against headstones and monuments; they can topple.
- Stone slabs covered in moss or lichen can be very slippery.
- Children must always be supervised; stay alert to their locations, especially around the headstones. Do not allow them to climb on headstones.
- Be aware of signage or other indicators in the area where repairs are taking place or where an interment is scheduled.
- Where a grave is excavated, stay outside the circle of safety to prevent falls.





HISTORIC ERMATINGER HOUSE

619 Sixth St, Oregon City | 971-219-4881

facebook.com/ermatingerhouse

Built circa 1843, the Ermatinger House is the oldest structure in Oregon City and Clackamas County, and one of the oldest in Oregon. Come learn about the importance of the Hudson's Bay Company in the Pacific Northwest, Chief Trader Francis Ermatinger, the famous coin toss between Asa Lovejoy and Francis Pettygrove that decided Portland's name, and the early founding of Oregon City. The museum also tells the fascinating story of the house itself!

GUIDED & SELF-GUIDED TOURS Fri & Sat | 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

- Children 12 and younger—Free
- Youth/Seniors—\$4 Resident | \$5 Non-Resident
- Adults—\$6 Resident | \$7 Non-Resident
- Family—\$9 Resident | \$11 Non-Resident (residing in one household)

FIELD TRIPS & GROUP TOURS — THROUGH THE AGES

at the Francis Ermatinger House, Stevens-Crawford House, and John McLoughlin House. What was it like to live in the mid-1800s or the early 1900s in Oregon? These tours will provide students interactive, hands-on experiences based on the Oregon Department of Education Content Standards. The tours between the 1843 Ermatinger House and the 1908 Stevens-Crawford Heritage House provide an in-depth view of two different time periods with a focus on local Oregon history and what was happening culturally. Add the McLoughlin House to your field trip experience to learn about the "Father of Oregon," Dr. John McLoughlin, and to visit the only National Park in Oregon City!

Price: between \$5–\$10 depending on grants received

Information: email ermatinger@orc.org or call 971-219-4881

FRIENDS OF THE ERMATINGER HOUSE (FEH) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to promote, educate and preserve the heritage and story of the Historic Frances Ermatinger House. This Winter we will be presenting several activities that support this mission. Visit our Facebook page for more information and "like" our page to get the most updated information about our future events. Contact us through our Facebook page: facebook.com/ermatingerhouse.

Find event details on our Facebook page—follow us for updates!

[Facebook.com/ocparksandrec](https://facebook.com/ocparksandrec)

Visit our Facebook page for more info or to get in touch.

facebook.com/ermatingerhouse

MONTHLY DISPLAYS

Come and see our changing monthly display. Topics vary from the history of material culture, music, holidays, Oregon history, local history, to honoring our veterans and their service. If you have some type of history collection or topic that you would like to share with the community, contact the FEH through our Facebook page, facebook.com/ermatingerhouse.

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. • Heritage Holidays

Celebrate Oregon City Heritage Holidays. Tour the Ermatinger House as it's all decorated for the Holidays, make and take home a Holiday craft and wreath, and enjoy light refreshments. Check out our Facebook page for more info at facebook.com/ermatingerhouse.

Saturday, December 13, 6 p.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m. • Lantern Tours

Come tour the oldest house in Clackamas County by candlelight! Hear about Francis Ermatinger, the Hudson's Bay Company, what life was like in Oregon City in the mid-1800s, and about Victorian Christmas traditions. Choose between three different tour times. Tickets and more info at bit.ly/ermatingerlanternstours.

JANUARY

Saturday, January 17, 1 p.m. • 8th Annual American Military Armaments: Celebrating 250 Years of the United States

(tentatively scheduled, date may change)

See and touch these armaments. On display will be original and reproduction weapons used by soldiers during service in the American Military.

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 14, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Celebrate Valentine's Day & Oregon's Birthday

Join the Friends and Soulflags for a day of crafts. Soulflags joins us again with "stuff" to make some great Valentines.

"Follow" us to receive notifications of events and information. Contact us through our Facebook page: facebook.com/ermatingerhouse



Saturday, December 6 • 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Recreation Classes Info

- **FITNESS CLASSES**—Unless otherwise noted, registration is not required for fitness classes. Pay a drop-in fee or purchase a membership at the front desk.
- **CITY RESIDENT DISCOUNT**—A resident is anyone who lives inside the city limits of Oregon City. Non-residents pay higher fees since they do not pay City property taxes, which help fund Parks and Recreation programs.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS**—For aquatic and select recreation programs, scholarships are available to qualifying Oregon City residents. For more information, visit orc.org/1002/Scholarships

Fitness Classes

Included with a Pool Membership; your card must be scanned at the front desk

MUSCLE TONING WITH LIGHT WEIGHTS with Sarah Colarchik
For all ages. Bring light and mid-weight dumbbells & wear tennis shoes.
Tuesdays | 7:30–8:30 a.m. | OC Pool's Community Room
\$7.50 Residents | \$8.50 Non-Residents | Over 62—\$1 off

YOGA FOR LIFE with Sarah Colarchik, RYT200
Open to all ages. This Hatha practice focuses on flexibility, strength, balance, and joy. We use special alignment techniques to help avoid injury and that guide our poses and attention towards a therapeutic and transformative experience. Bring a yoga mat and wear loose clothing.

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays | 7:30–8:45 a.m.
OC Pool's Community Room
\$7.50 Residents | \$8.50 Non-Residents | Over 62—\$1 off



WINTER CAMP REGISTRATION DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT NOON

Online: amilia.com/store/en/city-of-oregon-city/shop/programs

Phone: 503-657-8273

In-person: OC Swimming Pool, 1211 Jackson

NEW MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

Celebrate the new year with 25% off NEW Quarterly Family Memberships between January 2 & 9. Memberships provide fun for the whole family including access to all drop-in swimming pool activities, as well as fitness classes in our community room and our Indoor Playground. Only eligible for new memberships.

Indoor Playground FOR PARENTS & PRESCHOOLERS

- September 9 – December 23, 2025
Tuesdays & Thursdays ONLY | 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- January 6 – March 20, 2026
Tuesday – Friday | 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- March 31 – May 28, 2026
Tuesdays & Thursdays ONLY | 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

(No indoor playground: November 11, November 27, December 25, December 30, January 1, March 24 & March 26)

Join us for this popular parent-child drop-in activity at the Oregon City Swimming Pool! Children and their parents can play at our indoor playground in the Oregon City Community Room ... Crawl through tunnels, play on trikes, bounce balls, slide, run, jump and just have fun!

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

- Check in at the front desk before you start playing.
 - Ask front desk staff for an updated monthly calendar.
 - Playground equipment is disinfected regularly.
- x Drop-in Fee: \$4 per child 1 year & older
x FREE for Parents & Kids under 12 months old!
x INCLUDED with a pool membership;
your card must be scanned at the front desk.



Winter Break Day Camps FOR KIDS AGES 5-12

Scholarships available to Oregon City Residents

WINTER CAMP SESSION:

Monday, December 29 – Wednesday, December 31
9 a.m.–5 p.m. | \$123 Resident | \$143 Non-Resident

DAY CAMPS INCLUDE: Games, crafts, and fun winter activities. Bring a lunch, and wear clothes that can get messy. Campers will swim during the 2:30–4 p.m. Rec swim, so bring a swimsuit & towel! Camps are run by our First Aid- and CPR-certified counselors who provide a safe and fun environment.

➔ REGISTER ONLINE AT: amilia.com/store/en/city-of-oregon-city/shop/programs

SWIM SCHEDULE				DECEMBER 22–MARCH 28				CLOSURES & SCHEDULE CHANGES			
RECREATION SWIM <i>Lanes vary based on attendance.</i>		Mon, Wed, Fri		11 a.m.–noon		CLOSURE DATES: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday, November 11 (<i>Veteran's Day</i>)• Thursday & Friday, November 27–28 (<i>Thanksgiving</i>)• Wed & Thu, December 24–25 (<i>Christmas</i>)• 5 p.m. Closing Wednesday, December 31 (<i>New Year's Eve</i>)• Thursday, January 1 (<i>New Year's Day</i>)• Monday, January 19 (<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>)• Monday, February 16 (<i>President's Day</i>)• Saturday, March 7 (<i>Swim Meet</i>)					
		Friday		7:30–9 p.m.							
		Saturday		12:30–2 p.m.							
SCHOOL BREAK RECREATION SWIMS		Monday–Friday (<i>except holidays</i>) Dec 22–Jan 2 and Mar 23–27		2:30–4 p.m.							
* FAMILY SWIM		Tuesday		7:15–8:30 p.m.							
INDEPENDENT WORKOUT SPACE <i>Independent workout, space location may vary.</i>		Monday–Friday		9–10 a.m.		CHILDREN UNDER 9 MUST HAVE AN ADULT IN THE WATER. CHILDREN UNDER 10 MUST HAVE A SUPERVISOR IN THE BUILDING 15 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.					
		Monday–Friday		noon–2 p.m.							
		Saturday		11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.							
LAP SWIM <i>Number of available lanes may vary.</i>		Monday–Friday		6–8 a.m.		WE ARE HIRING... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lifeguards *• Fitness Instructors• Swim Lesson Instructors		Apply at: www.oregoncity.org * For lifeguard certification needs, email Melissa: msebastian@oregoncity.org			
		Mon, Wed, Fri		noon–2 p.m.							
		Tuesday & Thursday		11 a.m.–2 p.m.							
		Wednesday (+ <i>Mondays starting Feb 23</i>)		7:30–8:30 p.m.							
		Saturday		11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.							
WATER EXERCISE <i>Instructed classes, open to all levels.</i>	SHALLOW	Mon, Wed, Fri		8–9 a.m.		SHALLOW: Aerobic—Cardio-Respiratory/Body Toning					
		Tuesday & Thursday		6:15–7:15 p.m.							
	DEEP	Tuesday & Thursday		9–10 a.m.		DEEP: Aerobic—Cardio-Respiratory/Body Toning					
		Tuesday & Thursday		6:15–7:15 p.m.							
	SS&LC	Tuesday & Thursday		8–9 a.m.		SS&LC: Shallow Stretching & Light Cardio—Low-impact, stretching with a lower level of cardio					
	Flotation belts and equipment are available for use on site.										
ADMISSION PRICES											
DROP-IN FEES Per session for: Recreation Swim Family* Swim Aqua Jogging/Water Walking Lap Swim				Youth (2–18) Senior (62+)		Adult (19+)		Family*		* Family Swim (<i>Tuesday evening only</i>) and Family Memberships are for Youth and Parents/Guardians living in one home. R= Residents are those who live inside the city limits of Oregon City NR= Non-Residents pay a higher fee for classes and activities since they do not pay the Oregon City property taxes that help fund the Parks & Recreation programs. For more information, please ask our friendly front desk staff!	
				R	NR	R	NR	R	NR		
				\$4.50	\$6.50	\$5.50	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$12.00		
10-SESSION PUNCH CARD For the activities listed above				\$45.00	\$65.00	\$55.00	\$75.00	N/A			
DROP-IN FEES Water Exercise Class				\$6.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$8.50	N/A			
MEMBERSHIPS INCLUDE: Recreation Swim Family* Swim Lap Swim Water Exercise Classes Aqua Jogging/Water Walking Indoor Playground Fitness Classes				Youth (2–18) Senior (62+)		Adult (19+)		Family*			
				R	NR	R	NR	R	NR		
Membership Per Quarter				\$59.00	\$93.00	\$79.00	\$118.00	\$157.00	\$190.00		
Membership Per Year (Annually)				\$138.00	\$200.00	\$170.00	\$247.00	\$318.00	\$412.00		

You may qualify for a free membership!

The Oregon City Swimming Pool offers no cost memberships through Silver Sneakers, Silver&Fit, and Renew Active/One Pass. Contact your insurance provider to see if you qualify!

➔ REGISTER ONLINE AT: amilia.com/store/en/city-of-oregon-city/shop/programs

WINTER LESSON SCHEDULES JANUARY 5–MARCH 20 | REGISTRATION OPENS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Noon: Registration opens for Oregon City residents • 2 p.m.: Registration opens for non-Oregon City residents

PRIVATE & SEMI-PRIVATE LESSONS (PL) Register at orccity.org/swimmingpool

PL = PRIVATE & SEMI-PRIVATE LESSONS

Mondays Wednesdays Fridays	MORNINGS	11 a.m.–noon
Saturdays	MID-DAY	11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Mondays Wednesdays Fridays	EVENINGS	5–7 p.m.

PRESCHOOL LESSONS	LEARN-TO-SWIM LESSONS	
WB = Water Babies STA = Swim Tots A STB = Swim Tots B	1 = Level 1 2 = Level 2 3 = Level 3	4 = Level 4 5 = Level 5 6 = Level 6

MORNING GROUP LESSONS | MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

3 Weeks, 9 Lessons	9 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	10 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	11 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
S1 Feb 2–Feb 23** *no class Mon, Feb 16	STA	WB	STA	STB	PL	PL
S2 Mar 2 – Mar 20	STA	WB	STA	STB	PL	PL

Session dates, times, and levels may change depending on staffing.

EVENING GROUP LESSONS | MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

3 Weeks, 9 Lessons	5 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
S1 Jan 5–Jan 26* *no class Mon, Jan 19	1, 5	STA, 2, PL, PL	WB, STB, 1, PL	STA, 2, 4, PL	STA, 1, 3, PL
S2 Feb 2–Feb 23** *no class Mon, Feb 16	1, 3	STA, 2, PL, PL	WB, STB, 1, PL	STA, 2, 5, PL	STB, 1, 3, PL
S3 Mar 2 – Mar 20	1, 3, PL, PL	STA, 2, PL, PL	WB, STB, 1, PL	STA, 2, 4, PL	STB, 1, 5, PL

Session dates, times, and levels may change depending on staffing.

IF SWIM LESSON CLASSES ARE FULL: We highly recommend adding your name to a waiting list. We do our best to accommodate requests. This also helps us track how many people hope to be in the class. We do our best to add in classes as we have capacity.

PRIVATE & SEMI-PRIVATE LESSONS

last 27 minutes each

Private lessons = 1 student, 1 instructor.

Semi-Private lessons = 2 students, 1 instructor. Classes are taught at the students' level.

Many Private & Semi-Private Lessons are available during group lesson times—see schedules at left. Go online to register and see all available dates & times.

GROUP LESSONS

last 27 minutes each

Not sure what class to sign your child up for? Review descriptions of each lesson on the facing page.

For more session information and/or to register:

1. Call 503-657-8273
2. Visit orccity.org/1032/Swim-Lessons
3. Or stop by the swimming pool



WINTER REGISTRATION OPENS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 *

- * 12 p.m. registration opens for Oregon City residents.
- & 2 p.m. registration opens for non-Oregon City residents



REGISTER ONLINE AT: amilia.com/store/en/city-of-oregon-city/shop/programs

WINTER REGISTRATION OPENS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 *

* 12 p.m. registration opens for Oregon City residents. 2 p.m. registration opens for non-Oregon City residents

WAYS TO REGISTER ① Online at: app.amilia.com/store/en/city-of-oregon-city/shop/programs

② Call 503-657-8273 ③ In person at the Swimming Pool (1211 Jackson Street, Oregon City)

Winter Swim Lesson Fees

9 Group Lessons (Residents)	\$54
9 Group Lessons (Non-Residents)	\$74
1 Private Lesson—1 student : 1 instructor	\$31
1 Semi Private Lesson—2 students : 1 instructor	\$44

How to Register for Lessons

In which class should I enroll my child?

- Please read the lesson descriptions at right.
- Children should be placed in classes according to their age and previous swim experience. Know the last class your child was in and provide that information during registration.
- Swim lessons are different from other sports or activities, and classes are not necessarily designed to be taken in direct succession. Children often need to retake a level. Many, if not most students, of the “Learn-to-Swim” program must repeat a level multiple times to become proficient in their skills. Please consider this when registering your child, and don’t be disappointed if someone does not pass a level the first (or even the 9th!) time.
- All participants are tested during the first lesson to ensure they’re in the proper class. Swim instructors have the right to determine your child’s level of performance and place them accordingly.



Oregon City Swim Team (ocst)

The Oregon City Swim Team is a competitive swim club that promotes lifetime fitness, character growth and personal excellence through hard work and challenges, both in and out of the pool. OCST provides an environment in which swimmers of all abilities can develop to their fullest, whether they are beginners or world-class athletes.

If interested in joining, call 503-655-4169 or email: ocst.coach@gmail.com



OREGON CITY'S SWIMMING LESSONS

See full descriptions of all our lessons online at

orccity.org/swimmingpool/what-level-should-my-child-be-registered

PRESCHOOLERS *Oregon City's Swim Lesson Program*

Water Babies—6 months to 3 years. Parents or guardians and children all have something to learn in this introductory class. You and your child will learn to be comfortable in and around the water, and learn games and swimming skills in a safe and controlled environment suited to introduce your child to swimming lessons.

Swim Tots A/B—3 to 6 years. For beginners! Participants learn basic water safety and swimming skills through fun games and activities, including floating on their front and back, submerging face in water, combined arm and leg movement, and basic water safety.

AGES 5 & UP *Oregon City's Learn-to-Swim Program*

Level 1—An introductory class in 3 feet of water. In order for your child to graduate to Level 2 he/she must complete Level 1 skills unassisted. Skills to learn include: opening eyes underwater; blowing mouth and nose bubbles; front crawl and back crawl; floating and gliding skills; and basic water safety.

Level 2—Skills to learn include: holding breath and exploring underwater with eyes open; picking up a submerged object; gliding and floating on front and back; swimming unsupported at least 15 meters using beginning front crawl. More water safety and an introduction to basic water rescue skills will also be taught.

Level 3—Safely adapts students to deeper water and more advanced skills. Skills to learn include: effective use of multiple kicks; front crawl with rhythmic breathing; back crawl; jumping and diving into deep water; treading in deep water.

Level 4—Introduces a number of new skills. Skills to learn include: decent execution of front and back crawl, breaststroke, butterfly, and elementary backstroke; strong ability to tread water; swimming underwater.

Level 5—Seeks to refine every stroke in the swimmer's repertoire. Skills to learn include: very strong treading skills; flip turns for front and back crawl; excellent execution of butterfly, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, front and back crawl, and sidestroke; more water safety and an introduction to rescue breathing.

Level 6—Swimmers will perfect everything they've already learned, plus gain new knowledge about water safety and what it means to be a responsible lifeguard.

PL (1:1) Private Lesson—Kids and adults can improve on any skills needed through one-on-one instruction.

PL (2:1) Semi-Private Lesson—Same as private lessons, but with a 2:1 ratio.



RED CROSS CERTIFICATION COURSES

We offer many different Red Cross certification courses including Lifeguard Certifications, Babysitting, First Aid/CPR/AED, and more. For an updated class list and to register for any certification training course at:

amilia.com/store/en/city-of-oregon-city/shop/programs/80364

BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION

For ages 11 and older
\$72 Resident | \$92 Non-Resident

FIRST AID/CPR CERTIFICATION

For ages 11 and older
\$72 Resident | \$92 Non-Resident



LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION

Must complete 7 hours of online coursework prior to the class, pass a series of prerequisites, and be 15 years old by the last day of the class. In person time is 20-25 hours. Dates for classes are TBD and can be found on orc.org.

FEES

\$206 Resident | \$226 Non-Resident
Includes all class materials except the book, which can be downloaded at: redcross.org/take-a-class/lifeguarding/lifeguard-preparation/lifeguard-manual

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

2 weeks before the start of each session for adequate time to complete the required online coursework.



Party Reservations

Indoor Pool & Party Room!

Call 971-204-0417 or Reserve Online at app.amilia.com/store/en/city-of-oregon-city/shop/facilitybookings

INDOOR HEATED SWIMMING POOL 25 Meters	Available Saturdays, All Year 2–8 p.m.	Rental Fee Per Hour: \$92 Resident \$112 Non-Resident
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REMEMBER—Kids under 9 years old must be accompanied by an adult in the water, at a ratio of 1 adult : 3 children

COMMUNITY PARTY ROOM 2,000 Sq Ft	Available Saturdays, All Year 11 a.m.–8 p.m.	Rental Fee Per Hour: \$43 Resident \$63 Non-Resident
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Pioneer Community Center Hours

Open	Monday–Friday	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Closed	Thu & Fri, November 27 & 28	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
	Wednesday, December 24	<i>Christmas Eve Day</i>
	Thursday, December 25	<i>Christmas Day</i>
	Thursday, January 1	<i>New Year's Day</i>
	Monday, January 19	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>
	Monday, February 16	<i>President's Day</i>
	Mon–Fri, March 23–27	<i>Spring Break</i>

Drop-In Groups & Activities

AMERICAN MAHJONG	Mondays noon–3 p.m.
BINGO	Thursdays 12:30–2 p.m. 25 cents per card
CARD & DICE GAMES	Fridays 1–3 p.m.
CHESS	First 3 Sundays each month 12:30–4 p.m. In the Center's basement
COMPUTER LAB, INTERNET & FREE WI-FI	Free use of our computers & Internet access. Printers are not available. Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
CRAFTS & FRIENDS	Mondays 9:30–11:30 a.m. Bring your own craft, crochet project, sewing, or quilting project
EXERCISE ROOM Adults 50+	Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. \$20 = 24 visits Orientation Required Silver Sneakers, Silver & Fit, Active & Fit, Renew Active/One Pass accepted.
NEW FOLK DANCE	Wednesdays noon–1 p.m. Participate using Silver Program, Fitness Punch Card, or \$1 Drop-In. Starting January 7.
GRIEF RELEASE	2nd & 4th Thursdays 1:30–3 p.m. More information: 503-698-8911
LUNCH	Monday–Friday 11 a.m.–noon
LINE DANCING	Mondays & Tuesdays \$1.00 per class Beginning: noon–1 p.m. High Beginner/Improver: 1–2 p.m. Silver Program now accepted for this class!
PINOCHLE	Fridays 12:30–3 p.m.
PIONEER PANTRY	Fridays 10 a.m.
POKER	Mondays & Wednesdays noon–3 p.m.
RUMMIKUB	Fridays noon–3 p.m.
WALKING CLUB	Tuesdays & Fridays 9 a.m.

Senior Services & Programs

NUTRITION—DAILY LUNCH SERVICE

For more info call Angela Hartmann at 971-204-0430

Served in the Pioneer Community Center's Dining Room 11 a.m.–noon, Monday–Friday. Suggested donation is \$3 for ages 60+. Cost for under age 60 is \$4.50.

NEW! TO GO MEAL PROGRAM: In our efforts to solve food insecurity and help with sustainability and environmental consciousness, we've created our Food To Go Program! If you have questions, please call 503-657-8287.

MEALS ON WHEELS Social Services Programmer – Alex Kocher

For more info call or email Alex at 503-722-5979 or akocher@orccity.org

Meals on Wheels provides noon meals, delivered to homebound seniors ages 60+ and those under 60 Medicaid-qualified seniors who are referred by local SPD offices. Service areas include Oregon City, West Linn, Beavercreek, Redland and Carus. Hot meals are delivered Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 10 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Frozen meals are provided for closures, weekends, and holidays. The service also provides a menu and a newsletter with upcoming events and meal information.

SENIOR LAW PROJECT 503-722-3268 or sryan@orccity.org for an appointment or more info. By appointment only | 2nd Tuesday or Wednesday of each month | 10 a.m.–noon. Oregon City residents (ages 60+) may schedule a free half-hour consultation with a volunteer attorney to discuss estate planning.

MEDICARE INSURANCE ASSISTANCE For info call SHIBA 503-655-8269
Trained volunteers with Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) provide free counseling and assistance regarding your Medicare benefits.

FOOT CARE CLINIC Tuesdays and Fridays

By Appointment Only | \$45 – Pay to RN (cash/check)

Call 971-204-0428 and please leave your name and phone number; the nurse will return your call to set your appointment date.

Registered Nurse offers pedicures at the Center for seniors and those with disabilities. Ingrown nails, calluses and corns can be corrected. Please bring two towels to your appointment. Masks recommended.

GRIEF RELEASE GROUP

2nd & 4th Thursdays each month | 1:30–3 p.m. Info at 503-698-8911

This free support group, led by Chaplain Joanne Petrie (Bristol Hospice), provides a safe haven to share your thoughts, feelings and problems related to your loss. Learn how other group members cope with and are working through their grief.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP 2nd Tuesday each month | 1:30–3:30 p.m.

For more info call or email Shirley at 503-722-3268 or sryan@orccity.org

This group is for family members and caregivers.

TRANSPORTATION Vans are lift-equipped.

Oregon City Rides 971-221-9391 | West Linn Rides 971-347-7493

Make reservations up to 7 days in advance. Suggested donation: \$1 each way. For ages 60+ or adults with disabilities who live in Oregon City or West Linn.

UTILITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

For more info call or email Shirley at 503-722-3268 or sryan@orccity.org to see if you qualify.* Applications are only available by appointment.

This federal program assists low-income households with winter heating bills. The program is on a first-come, first-served basis, and you must be a Clackamas County resident.

* Applicants must meet federal low-income guidelines to apply and qualify.
Funds are available to assist those who heat with: Electricity (PGE) | Natural Gas (NW Natural) | Oil | Pellets | Propane | Wood

Pioneer Center Fundraisers

HOLIDAY GIVING TREE

Join us in helping to provide a little brightness and holiday cheer to our community's less fortunate this holiday season. Pioneer Community Center is sponsoring a holiday giving tree decorated with wishes for low-income elderly and disabled residents of Oregon City. The wishes will provide much needed items that they may not otherwise receive or be able to afford during the holidays.

HOW IT WORKS: Simply select an ornament from the giving tree at the Pioneer Center (gift ideas are printed on each ornament). Purchase the gift(s) listed and deliver back to the Pioneer Community Center in the provided holiday gift bag by December 19. Volunteers will prepare and deliver the gifts to Meals on Wheels recipients in time for Christmas.

MARCH FOR MEALS—Donate Today! March 1–31, 2026



The Pioneer Community Center will once again participate in the nationwide March for Meals awareness campaign! Please consider making a donation to our Meals on Wheels Program. Our program provides a nutritious noon meal with warm conversation and a security check for homebound seniors in Oregon City and West Linn. If you see

our March for Meals collection containers at community businesses, please consider making a donation.

If your business, church or social group is interested in sponsoring a collection container or having a fundraising drive, please call 503-657-8287. Every donation to Meals on Wheels stays right here in Oregon City and West Linn, as an investment in the health, well-being and dignity of a senior.

WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are a vital part of the services we provide at the center. Without you, we would not be able to meet the needs of vulnerable seniors in our community. Volunteers must be 21 and over and are required to complete a volunteer application and background check. Please note: background checks may take 4-6 weeks to process.



Available Volunteer Opportunities:

- Meals on Wheels Drivers & Substitute Drivers, as needed
- Activity Leaders (games, fitness, arts and crafts)

For more information, contact Shirley:
sryan@orc.org or 503-722-3268

Special Events at Pioneer Community Center

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Fridays: Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 13, Mar 20 | noon–5 p.m.



Call 800-733-2767 to make an appointment or register online at redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: *PioneerCommunity*.

Every two seconds someone in the USA needs blood—36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day. Blood is a living thing that we cannot make in a laboratory, so we must obtain it

the old-fashioned way...one arm at a time. The Pioneer Community Center is sponsoring a blood drive and invites you to donate blood to support the American Red Cross and ensure a healthy blood supply. Thanks for your support as we work together to save lives!

FREE MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP Tuesday, December 2 | 10–11:30 a.m. Start the new year with the powerful benefits of mindfulness. Reduce stress, promote better sleep, and boost overall wellbeing. RSVP at 503-657-8287. Space is limited.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR Saturday, December 6 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Enjoy holiday shopping at our holiday Craft Bazaar, featuring unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your list! Join us for a day of supporting local artists and crafters, our community, and the Pioneer Community Center.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

As 2025 draws to a close, please consider the Pioneer Community Center in your year-end giving. Your tax-deductible donation stays in our community and assists low-income senior citizens. Please stop by today to make your donation or call us at 503-657-8287 with any questions.

Checks may be addressed to:

Pioneer Community Center, 615 5th Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

Thank you for your continued support!

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON Friday, December 19

Join the Pioneer Community Center for a celebratory holiday luncheon! Don't miss a hearty meal, desserts, cheer, and a visit with the jolly man from the North Pole. Doors will open at 11 a.m. with entertainment and lunch provided. Max guests of 120 for a delightful 3-course meal. \$3 suggested donation for patrons 60 and older, \$4.50 required fee for anyone under 60 years old.

TICKETED EVENT | RSVP December 1–12 in person at the Pioneer Community Center or via phone 503-657-8287

AARP TAX AIDE Volunteer tax preparers are needed!

Tuesdays & Wednesdays | February 3–April 15 | 9 a.m.–2 p.m. (Closed: March 23–27). The Pioneer Community Center will again be an AARP Tax-Aide site providing free tax assistance for low- to middle-income Clackamas County taxpayers, with a focus on those 60 and older. IRS-trained volunteers annually help over 2 million nationwide file their taxes. Please visit our website in early January for more information at orc.org/pioneercenter.

ANNUAL SPRING CLOSURE Monday–Friday | March 23–27

The Pioneer Community Center will be closed for our 2026 annual spring cleaning and building maintenance. All classes and services are cancelled that week.

Please check out the Oregon City Library for other offerings during the closure at orc.org/library.

EXTENDED TOURS PROFESSIONAL GROUP TOURS

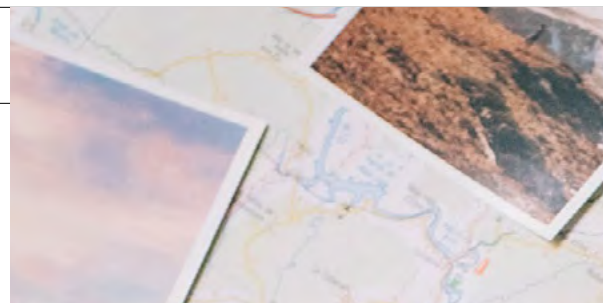
Featuring Domestic & International Destinations

ALL PREMIER WORLD DISCOVERY & COLLETTE TOURS INCLUDE:

- Round-trip Airfare from PDX • Baggage Handling • Hotel Transfers
- Motorcoach Transportation • Lodging • Professional Tour Director

TOUR PRICES: are Per Person, Double Occupancy (PPDO)

PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE: Cancellation Waiver or Post-Departure Plan

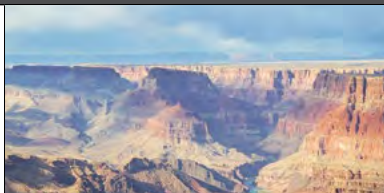


PREMIER WORLD DISCOVERY-2026 TOURS

GREAT TRAINS & GRAND CANYONS



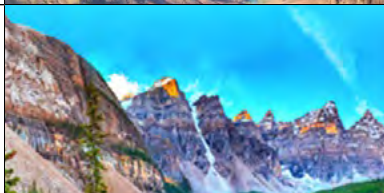
6 days:
April 12-17, 2026
\$3,575 PPDO



MAJESTIC CANADIAN ROCKIES



6 days:
July 26-31, 2026
\$3,975 PPDO



WEST VIRGINIA RAILS & WILLIAMSBURG



8 days:
October 1-8, 2026
\$4,199 PPDO



COLLETTE TOURS-2026 TOURS

For complete trip details please stop by the Pioneer Community Center or contact Christie at chorner@orccity.org

DISCOVER BRITISH LANDSCAPES

10 days:
May 10-19, 2026
\$4,399 PPDO



EXPLORE TUSCANY

9 days:
October 3-31, 2026
\$3,999 PPDO



SPOTLIGHT ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA

9 days:
October 22-30, 2026
\$3,999 PPDO



DAY TRIPS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

INFORMATION

- For complete trip details, pricing and to register, please call 503-657-8287.
- Trip Registration opens on the first Friday each month, in person.
- Participants must be 60 years of age or older or have a disability.
- In addition to yourself, you may register one additional guest.
- All trips include a lunch stop; you pay.
- If you are unable to self-ambulate, please bring a caregiver to assist you.
- Notify the Center at least one week in advance if you cannot participate; a voucher will be issued. No vouchers are given to "no-shows."
- Trips are subject to change or cancellation due to lack of participation, poor weather, etc.
- All trips depart from and return to the Pioneer Community Center. Participants must have their own transportation to and from the Center.

WED, DEC 3	PIR Holiday Lights
WED, DEC 10	Rivershore Bar & Grill
WED, DEC 17	Victorian Belle Tour
WED, DEC 31	OMSI
WED, JAN 7	Portland Art Museum
WED, JAN 14	McMenamins Kennedy School Movie
WED, JAN 21	Curiosities Vintage Mall
WED, JAN 28	Babica Hen Cafe
WED, FEB 4	Powell's City of Books
WED, FEB 11	Antique Alley
WED, FEB 18	Sweeedeedee (Dine Out)
WED, FEB 25	Clark County Historical Museum
WED, MAR 4	Oswego Grill
WED, MAR 11	Steiner Log Cabin Church Tour
WED, MAR 18	Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area



Facility Rentals at Pioneer Community Center

An Ideal Venue, Indoors or Out, As Low As \$75/Hour

- Weddings • Anniversaries • Baby Showers • Birthday Parties • Holiday Parties • Meetings
- Seminars • Fundraisers • Retirement Parties • Memorials

The Pioneer Community Center and Peace Garden are located in beautiful Historic Oregon City. The outdoor garden is available for weddings, receptions and photo shoots. Our beautiful ballroom is perfect for a sit-down dinner or a dance for up to 200 attendees.

Our staff will help to make your event a pleasant experience, whether it is outdoors in the Peace Garden or inside the Pioneer Community Center.



- 3,500 sq.ft. Ballroom, ideal for dancing and catered event
- Tables and chairs for 200 people, theater or reception style
- Elevated stage for live band, DJ or speaker
- Additional rooms are available to rent for dressing or storage
- Food service area
- Outside catering is allowed
- Alcohol is permitted
- Non-smoking venue

See our rental agreement and availability at orccity.org/pioneercenter click Rentals.

For more information or to make an appointment to tour the facilities, please call 971-204-0425 or email: tmiller@orccity.org.



Recreation Class Information & Registration

- **(OVER 62—\$) DISCOUNT:** Citizens over 62 qualify for the reduced class fees as listed.
- **CANCELLATIONS:** Classes, programs or events at the Pioneer Community Center may be cancelled due to lack of participation.
- **WINTER REGISTRATION:** Begins Wednesday, December 3 at noon.
- **WAYS TO REGISTER:** In person at the Pioneer Center, call the center at 503-657-8287 or visit SmartRec at: amilia.com/store/en/city-of-oregon-city/shop/programs



Creative Expression — Art Classes

WATERCOLOR PAINTING Instructor—Melissa Gannon

Explore the exciting, challenging medium of transparent watercolor! Learn to mix colors, the basics of composition, and the elements of perspective and drawing.

Thursdays | January 8–February 26 | 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | \$100 (Over 62—\$70)
8 weeks, classes

For Supply List send email request to chorner@orccity.org



MUSIC CLASSES—UKULELE Instructor—Brian Fergus | fergflow@comcast.net

ALL CLASSES: Please bring your own ukulele

Mondays | January 5–March 16 | \$18 drop-in | \$130 = 11 weeks, 9 classes

- **ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS UKULELE: 10:30–11:15 a.m.**
Students will learn the beginning basics of ukulele.
- **BEGINNING UKULELE: 11:15 a.m.–noon**
Students will learn basic chords, strum techniques, and simple songs.
- **BEYOND BEGINNING UKULELE: noon–1:30 p.m.**
Recommended for students who've completed the beginning class or have equivalent experience. Students learn more complicated chords, strum and picking techniques, and more songs.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Online: amilia.com/store/en/city-of-oregon-city/shop/programs

Call: Pioneer Community Center at 503-657-8287

Fitness & Relaxation

EXERCISE ROOM *Orientation is required before using*

Call 503-657-8287 to make an orientation appointment.

Adults 50+. The orientation session will introduce you to the Pioneer Community Center and the Exercise Room equipment. After your orientation, you can enjoy our cardio equipment and weights.

SilverSneakers® Silver&Fit® Active&Fit® and Renew Active®/One Pass® is a benefit for seniors that comes FREE with qualifying Medicare health plans, giving members unlimited access to fitness locations across the country. The Oregon City Pioneer Community Center is proud to offer this membership at no cost to our participants. After registration you will have access to the Pioneer Community Center for our weight room facility. Please allow two business days for us to confirm your eligibility.

Monday–Friday | 9 a.m.–4 p.m. | \$20 = 24 Weight Room visits

NEW! FOLK DANCING Starting January 7

Wednesdays | noon–1 p.m. | \$1.00 Drop-in, Fitness Punch Card or participate for free using Silver Program

LINE DANCING No partner needed

Mondays & Tuesdays | \$1.00 Drop-in OR participate for free using SilverSneakers® Silver&Fit® Active&Fit® and Renew Active®/One Pass®

- **Beginning:** noon–1 p.m.
Learn line dance basics and simple dances, even with two left feet!
- **High Beginner / Improver:** 1–2 p.m.
Learn the latest line dancing steps, as well as the traditional ones.

TAI CHI Instructor—Ulises Correa | graylife13@gmail.com

• **Beginning**—The ancient Chinese movements of Yang Style Tai Chi improve strength, flexibility, concentration, and balance by combining gentle physical exercise and mental discipline. The slow controlled movements also strengthen muscles and reduce stress.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | January 6–March 19 | 10:30–11:30 a.m.
\$110 (Over 62—\$77) = 11 weeks, 22 classes

• **Continuing**—Focus on the completion and refinement.

Mondays & Wednesdays | January 5–March 18 | 10–11 a.m.
\$100 (Over 62—\$70) = 11 weeks, 20 classes (No Class: Jan 19, Feb 16)

TAI CHI EXTRA STUDY Instructor—Ulises Correa | graylife13@gmail.com

Come with an open mind and playful heart! Take a little extra time to study Tai Chi. Using the Old Style form as the main practice, we will also utilize swords, Qi Gong, and other movements from Tai Chi forms.

Mondays & Wednesdays | January 5–March 18 | 11:15–11:45 a.m.
(No Class: Jan 19, Feb 16) \$5 Drop-in. Classes held in the Multipurpose Room.

HATHA YOGA Instructor—Becky Pyles

Feel better and reduce stress, no matter your age or fitness level. This class provides all the benefits of yoga: meditation, breathing, stretching, strengthening and balance. Wear clothing in which you can move easily and bring a mat. Meet in person at the Pioneer Community Center. Virtual option available by request.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | January 6–March 19 | 9:15–10:15 a.m.
\$110 (Over 62—\$77) = 11 weeks, 22 classes (No Class: Nov 11, Nov 25, Nov 27)

BE FIT Instructor—Rachael Petersen

Guided sequence of exercises incorporating muscle strength, balance work and gentle stretching. Modifications and challenges offered. Resistance bands, hand weights and exercise balls available for you to use or bring your own. Come and get active with this exciting and energetic group!

Tuesdays & Thursdays | September 30–December 11 | 10:15–11:15 a.m.
\$110 (Over 62—\$77) = 11 weeks, 22 classes. Classes are held in the daylight basement (No Class: Nov 11, Nov 27)

NEW! CHAIR FIT Instructor—Rachael Petersen

A low-impact exercise program performed primarily in a seated position, designed to improve overall fitness. Includes stretching, cardio, bands, weights, and some yoga. Fun strength building moves to music. All levels welcome. Equipment provided.

Mondays & Wednesdays | January 5–March 18 | 10:15–11:15 a.m.
\$90 (Over 62—\$63) = 11 weeks, 18 classes. Classes are held in the daylight basement (No Class: Jan 19, Jan 26, Jan 28, Feb 16)

NEW! MINDFULNESS MEDITATION Instructor—Diane Haase

This 10-week class will include presentation and discussion of specific mindfulness topics and techniques and a meditation session.

Wednesdays | January 7–March 11 | 10–11:30 a.m. \$75 (Over 62—\$53) = 10 weeks, 10 classes. Classes are held in the daylight basement.

BETTER BONES & BALANCE Instructor—Laura Luna-Brice

BBB classes are designed to gradually improve balance and strength to avoid falls and maintain independence. Developed at Oregon State University, the program incorporates lower body resistance training with weighted vests, impact, and balance exercises.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays | 9:15 a.m.
(No Class: Jan 19, Feb 16) Participate using Silver Program, Fitness Punch Card, or \$1 Drop-In | Classes are held in the daylight basement.

ZUMBA CLASS Instructor—Laura Luna-Brice

Easy-to-follow Latin dance workout. No experience required and you can be at any fitness level to participate.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | January 6–March 19 | 8–9 a.m.
(No Class: Nov 11, Nov 27). Participate using Silver Program, Fitness Punch Card, or \$1 Drop-In

Library Hours & Information

Open	Monday – Friday	10 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
	Saturday	10 a.m.–6 p.m.
	Sunday	10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Closed	Thu & Fri, November 27 & 28	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
	Wednesday, December 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
	Thursday, December 25	<i>Christmas Day</i>
	Wednesday, December 31	<i>Close 5 p.m.</i>
	Thursday, January 1	<i>New Year's Day</i>
	Monday, January 19	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>
	Monday, February 16	<i>President's Day</i>

Your Library

Get A Library Card



Residents within the service area of the Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC) consortium are eligible for a free library card. Complete and submit a library card application at Oregon City Public Library. Bring a Photo ID, such as a government-issued identification, and something that shows your current address (a piece of mail addressed to you, or a lease or sales agreement for your home, etc.).

Can't make it in, but need quick access to online resources or to place a hold? Scan the QR code to the right to sign up for an instant eCard today then stop by the library to upgrade to a full card at your convenience. Visit go.lincc.org/ecard.



Student Library Cards

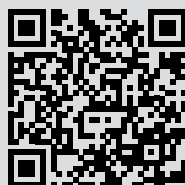
All Oregon City School District students can register for a Student Library Card as part of the school registration process. Students can check out up to 5 items at a time, place up to 5 holds at a time, and access all library digital resources. There will be no late fees charged on items checked out to Student Library Card accounts. For more information, including how to sign your student up for a Student Library Card, visit go.lincc.org/ocslc.

Library By Mail Homebound Service

This free service helps homebound patrons receive and return library materials through the mail. Applicants must be eligible for a LINCC library card and have a mailing address in the Oregon City Public Library service area. Interlibrary Loans, Book Bundles, and Library of Things items are not included in this mailing service. For more details and to apply online visit go.lincc.org/ocmail or call 503-496-1610.

Library By Mail

Ask us about free book delivery service for homebound patrons.



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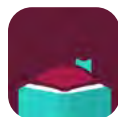
Print from any location, from any computer or mobile device. Submit documents to lincc.org/ocprint. Release prints in the Library's Carnegie wing. 10 cents black & white, 50 cents color, per side. Library card holders receive \$1 printing credit per day (does not apply to copying costs).

Cultural Pass Program—Your LINCC To Adventure!

This program offers family passes to local cultural venues — such as state parks, museums, and gardens — for free or discounted rates. Cultural Pass Express is your LINCC to adventure! To see which venues are accepting reservations visit go.lincc.org/culturalpass.

Bookflix ePictureBooks for Kids

With BookFlix by Scholastic, young learners in preschool thru 3rd grade can read digital picture books. An optional narration feature highlights the words as they are read. Both English- and Spanish-language titles are available free with your library card at lincc.org/bookflix.



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Kanopy

Kanopy is a streaming service that offers more than 30,000 films and TV series, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema. Visit go.lincc.org/ockanopy.



Ancestry.com Library Edition

The Oregon City Library subscribes to Ancestry.com for Libraries. This resource is free to use while at the library. It can be accessed on the library's computers or when using the library's public Wi-Fi. Your Library card and pin number are required for login.



Creativebug Arts & Crafts Classes

Card holders have free access to Creativebug, an online resource for DIY crafters and makers. Patrons whose home library is Oregon City have unlimited access to thousands of award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Visit go.lincc.org/occbug.



The New York Times Online

Oregon City Library card holders have access to The New York Times online ([nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com)) for 72 hours. Digital access is renewable after the 72-hour access expires. For more information, visit go.lincc.org/nyt.



Oregon Seed Library

Grow with us! Find it upstairs on the sunny wall between the non-fiction shelves and the Conference Room. Visit the Seed Library page at go.lincc.org/ocseedlibrary. Explore the vision and purpose of our seed collection, and find out how to check out seeds from your local library.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program helps give parents, caregivers, and kids the tools and support they need to create young readers. Participants receive a welcome kit including a tote bag and a free book to keep. Caregivers track the number of books they read with their child using Beanstack (orcity.beanstack.org). In addition to monthly prize drawings for active readers, every child earns an extra free book at the 500- and 1000-book milestones. Sponsored by the Oregon City Library Foundation and the Friends of the Oregon City Public Library.

For Programs & Events See our Event Calendar at go.lincc.org/ocevents

Adults and Seniors (Ages 18+)

National Puzzle Day Competition

Thursday, January 29 | 4–6 p.m.

Register a team of 2-4 puzzlers (all ages) and see how quickly you can complete a 300-piece puzzle! The top 3 teams will earn a prize. Limited capacity, pre-registration encouraged. 8 team spaces available.

First Fridays Arts and Culture

Friday, December 5 | 5–6:30 p.m.

Winter Lore and the Mythology of Rebirth Join Zack Lynch, local folklorist, for a journey into winter traditions. Each First Fridays Arts and Culture event showcases a unique cultural topic or art form, offering a fresh and engaging experience every month. For upcoming events, visit go.lincc.org/ocfriday.

Luminary Jars (All Ages)

Saturday, December 6 | 10:30–11:30 a.m.

As the nights grow longer, add a little light with a glass luminary jar! Decorated with tissue paper and Mod Podge, the designs can be customized for any theme or holiday.

Genealogy Interest Group

Every 1st Tuesday | 1:30–3 p.m.

Whether you're an accomplished researcher or just beginning to research your family history, you're welcome to join us! Our goal is to share ideas and help one another overcome challenges in tracing our heritage. Open to teens, adults, and seniors.



Yarn Enthusiasts Society

Every 3rd Sunday | 4:30–6:30 p.m.

YES! We love fiber arts! Please join us every third Wednesday for our Crochet & Fiber Arts meetup. This group is facilitated by a local crochet artist who will provide beginning crochet instruction as well as help with other fiber arts. Feel free to bring your own project. Open to adults and seniors of all abilities.

Art Gym

Every 3rd Saturday | 10 a.m.–noon

An open studio arts and crafts program, open to adults and seniors of all artistic abilities. We provide the supplies; you provide the creativity.

One-on-One with a Financial Advisor

1st and 3rd Thursdays, every month | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Speak with a financial advisor about Investments, Retirement, & Estate Planning. This includes 401(k), IRA, estate planning, planning for major purchases like buying home, college savings, risk management, and more. In-person appointments are held in Library's Conference Room (2nd floor). Online appointments meet via Zoom; link is included in confirmation email. Visit go.lincc.org/ocfin to schedule an appointment.

Elevated Readers Book Club

Thursdays, January 8 & March 5 | 5–6:30 p.m.

The Elevated Readers Book Club is open to new members, and we also welcome drop-ins! For more information and to see what we're reading, visit go.lincc.org/ocelevated.

New Classics Adult Book Discussion

Saturdays, December 13 & February 14 | 3–4 p.m.

Come join us to discuss popular books from the last decade that are already being considered "Classics". Pick up a copy at the staff desk in the old Carnegie room in the library. Discussions happen every other month.

Fireside Book Chat

4th Tuesday, every month | 10–11:30 a.m. | Pioneer Community Center Fireside Room

Hello Readers! Join us for our monthly "fireside" chats to share and discuss the books we're all reading. The Pioneer Community Center Fireside Room will provide warmth; grab some coffee or tea and enjoy the conversation. Adults and seniors of ALL abilities and reading levels are welcome. This group meets every 4th Tuesday of the month.

Oregon City Writers Group

2nd and 4th Fridays | 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Whether you're delving into a first draft or tinkering with the last draft, testing a new idea or just working on draft edits, come write with us. Let's create a space to share what works, what's frustrating, or what to do next ... and write some more, of course! Open to all adult and senior writers. Check our meeting schedule at go.lincc.org/ocwriters.

For Programs & Events See our Event Calendar at go.lincc.org/ocevents

Teens and Young Adults (Ages 14-25)

Events are added monthly, stay tuned to the Teen and Young Adult Event calendar go.lincc.org/octeenevents



Switch Lounge

Every Wednesday | 3–5 p.m.

Battle for a top spot against fellow teens during our Nintendo Switch game days!



Chess Club Drop-In

Last Sunday, every month | 12:30–4 p.m.

Join the Oregon City Chess Club for our monthly chess drop-in at the library! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned chess player, join other chess enthusiasts and sharpen your skills! Open to all ages, abilities and skill levels.

Kids (Ages 0-14)

Storytimes at the Library

Storytimes take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. View the schedule at go.lincc.org/ocstorytime. Children ages 0–5 years and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs, and activities. Each 25-minute storytime is followed by a 20-minute playtime.

Art Labs for Kids

Children ages 2–11 and their caregivers are invited to join us for an open-ended art activity. We provide the supplies; kids and their adults create projects together! Visit go.lincc.org/ockidart for available dates and times. Each Art Lab has two sessions, 2:30 and 3:15 p.m. For registration assistance, call the library 503-496-1625.

- Winter Landscapes | Wednesday, December 3
- Northern Lights | Wednesday, January 7
- Loren Long Illustrations | Wednesday, January 21
- Kandinsky Hearts | Wednesday, February 4
- Pinkney Watercolors | Wednesday, February 18
- Leprechaun Traps | Wednesday, March 4

Percy Jackson Party (ages 10-14)

Wednesday, December 10 | 4-5:30 p.m.

Celebrate the new season of Percy Jackson & the Olympians with crafts, games, and snacks.

Winter Solstice Celebration

Celebrate the shortest day of the year with stories, songs and activities for the family. This program will be offered at 3 locations in Oregon City:

- **Beavercreek Grange Hall** (22041 S. Kamrath Rd)
– Tuesday, December 16 | 4-5:30 p.m.
- **Oregon City Library's Community Room** (606 John Adams St)
– Wednesday, December 17 | 4-5:30 p.m.
- **Redland Grange Hall** (18131 S. Fischers Mill Rd)
– Thursday, December 18 | 4-5:30 p.m.



Baby Dance Party

1st Mondays, every month | 10:15-11 a.m.

Join us to get the wiggles out before naptime with stories, songs, and lots of dancing. For babies 0-24 months.

Family Game Day

2nd Tuesdays, every month | 3-5 p.m.

Stop by in the afternoon to play games for all ages and interests with family and friends.

Baby Gym

3rd Mondays, every month | 10:15-11 a.m.

Join us for a fun free-play experience for babies and their caregivers. This is a great chance to connect with other grown-ups while little ones play and explore.

Library Olympics

Friday, January 30 | 2-4 p.m.

Get into the excitement of the Winter Olympics with fun, minute-to-win-it style challenges at the library. Sessions begin at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. For children ages 4-11.

School Break Movie Day | Hotel Transylvania

Friday, February 13 | 2-4 p.m.

While school is out Friday the 13th, visit the library to enjoy a frighteningly fun movie and popcorn.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Tuesday, February 17 | 5-6 p.m.

Celebrate the Year of the Horse with a storytime, snacks, and a book giveaway that honors the traditions of various Asian cultures.

Tell a Fairy Tale Day

Thursday, February 26 | 4-5:30 p.m.

Celebrate National Tell a Fairy Tale Day with stories and activities that involve forest creatures, daring do-gooders, and a little bit of magic!

Yoga Storytime

Friday, March 6 | 10:15-11 a.m.

Read, sing, and stretch with us in this yoga-inspired storytime that combines movement, mindfulness, and literacy.

Storywalk | Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

March 20-29

Read "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" by Judith Viorst while enjoying a short walk around the neighborhood!

**B.A.M. Academy**

4th Monday, every month | 2-3:30 p.m.
(NOTE: new time for 2026 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.)

If you love to learn, join us for our once a month 'Academy' classes. Each month we explore a different topic.

B.A.M. LEGO Lab

2nd Monday, every month | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Our once-a-month B.A.M. LEGO Lab provides a space where adults of all abilities can use their imaginations & building skills to create awesome LEGO structures!

**Because Accessibility Matters**

The Oregon City Public Library's B.A.M. program focuses on ways that we can better serve our community by addressing accessibility and equity issues, removing barriers, and promoting opportunities and programs for individuals with disabilities or other barriers to access. The Library offers a variety of events and even a collection of B.A.M. books and Library of Things designed especially for our disability community. Explore at go.lincc.org/ocbam.

B.A.M. Movability

4th Monday, every month | 1:30-2 p.m.
(NOTE: new time for 2026 • 2-2:30 p.m.)

Please join certified Yoga instructor and disability provider Dena Wilder as she leads movement experiences to get the brain ready for listening and learning. Simple stretching exercises, group movement and dance exploration will get us all connected with our body, breath, brain and others.

B.A.M. Movie Matinee

2nd Monday, every month | 12:30-2 p.m.

Join us each month for a B.A.M. Movie Matinee. Bring your own snack and enjoy a movie with friends.



First Fridays Arts & Culture at the library featured classical music performed by the Oregon Chamber Players.



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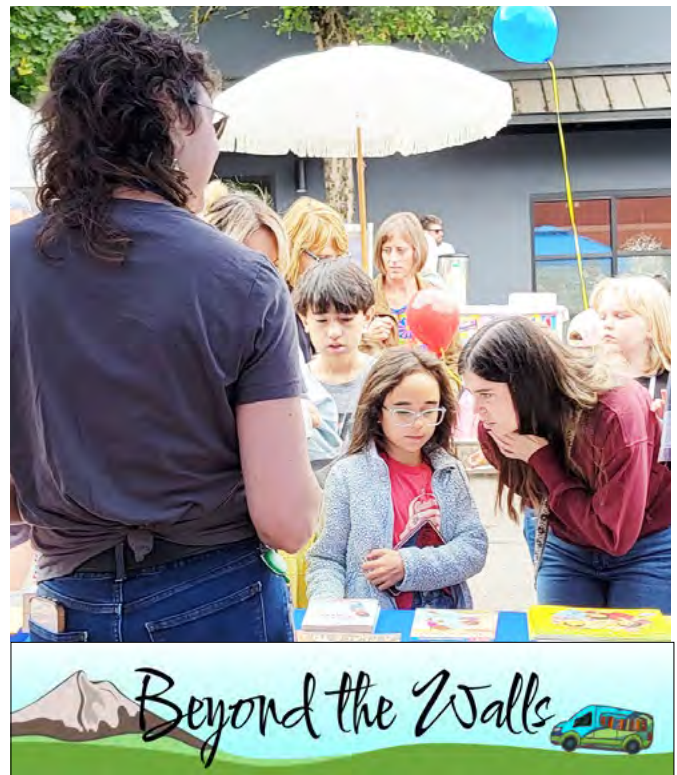


Taking the Library on the Road

In 2016, the Oregon City Library Foundation helped the Oregon City Public Library take a giant step forward, tripling the size of its footprint and improving its services. Now, the Foundation is helping fund innovative ways to take Library staff, services and collections beyond the walls and into the community. Elements of this effort include:

- acquisition of an outreach vehicle, designed to offer in-person programs, events and activities in the community, especially to residents of unincorporated and rural areas
- library book lockers
- book bike visits
- ebooks and audiobooks
- library by mail
- books on wheels
- assisted living book chats
- community read and conversations
- and more.

The Oregon City Library Foundation is connecting with the community to generate funds that build and enhance these outreach activities, as well as other critical needs that support the Library's mission. For more information, visit oclibraryfoundation.org.



Friends of the Library

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Love Books & Hate New Book Prices?

Do you love books but hate new book prices? The Friends of the Oregon City Public Library Bookstore is your solution! We sell gently used books, puzzles, games, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs and LPs at ridiculously low prices. Except for rare and collectible books, most of our prices range from \$1 to \$6.

As if those prices aren't low enough, selected book categories are 25% off each month. Here are our upcoming sales.

- **October:** Science; Current Events; Biographies & Memoirs
- **November:** Romance; Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Romantasy; Art
- **December:** Children's, Young Teen & Young Adult; Sports; History & Military
- **January:** Religion & Philosophy; Self-Help; Diet, Health & Exercise

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Don't miss our annual Black Friday sale on November 28! Everything except artwork and already discounted items will be 50% off.
- In early December, we will participate in the Fill-A-Stocking program. Everything you need to know about it is on their website at: fillastocking.org

Want to save even more? Become a Friends of the Library member and get 50% off most items every second Saturday. You can sign up online at oclibraryfriends.org/membership.html, or in person at the bookstore. Everything except artwork and already discounted items is 50% off!

Do you have items to donate? We accept most books, puzzles, games, CDs, LPs, DVDs and audiobooks. Items that we don't accept are listed on our website at oclibraryfriends.org/book-donations.html.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, as we have occasional flash sales that are only advertised there. Our Facebook address is facebook.com/ocfriends. Also, check out the items we have for sale on eBay. Our eBay store name is focpl97045.

We also have a monthly e-newsletter. If you want to receive it, just send us an email with your name and email address, or fill out a form at the store. Our email address is oclibraryfriends@gmail.com.

If you're interested in becoming a bookstore volunteer, everything you need to know is on our website at oclibraryfriends.org/volunteer. We'd love to have you join our team! You can print an application from our website or pick one up at the bookstore. Completed applications can be dropped off at the store or sent to us via postal mail.



Friends of the Oregon City Public Library - Home

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Rain or Shine - Meet Oregon's Stormwater Team

In our last edition, we introduced you to Oregon City's Public Works team (the behind-the-scenes heroes who keep the city running). This month, we're shining a light on the hardworking crew within that team: the Stormwater Division.

Unlike street paving or sweeping, where the results are often seen, and where work crews are often in plain sight, stormwater work happens quite often behind the scenes. This team works day (and night) - rain or shine - to prevent flooding, protect our local waterways, and to ensure that stormwater goes where it's supposed to and not into your home! Whether they are inspecting underground pipes or restoring a streambank, the team's work touches nearly every corner of the city.

What is Stormwater and Why Does it Matter?

Stormwater is rainwater that runs off hard surfaces like roofs, roads, and sidewalks instead of soaking into the ground, often referred to as stormwater runoff. If not managed it can cause flooding to our streets and homes, damage property, overwhelm drainage systems and wash pollutants into our local waterways including the Willamette River. That's where stormwater management comes in!

What they Do (It's More Than You'd Think!)

Each day, the Stormwater Division maintains and inspects:

- 121 miles of storm pipes; 2,689 manholes; 4,534 catch basins and 121 detention ponds – not just to keep the city running but to ensure homes and streets stay safe during storms.

They also:

- Manage 120 water quality facilities to treat storm runoff, protecting both the environment and the health of residents who depend on clean water and air.
- Restore local streams like Singer Creek and Newell Canyon by planting native vegetation and improving habitats. These efforts don't just help fish and wildlife - they also preserve natural beauty and reduce erosion that could otherwise impact nearby neighborhoods.
- Build and upgrade infrastructure (pipes and filtering facilities) to support our growing community. Projects like installing larger pipes and eco-friendly filtration systems are designed to meet future needs while protecting current homes and businesses from flooding and overflow.
- As First Responders, they respond to emergencies like floods, storm-related spills, and blocked drains. Whether it's helping a family whose basement is flooding or clearing storm debris that's blocking traffic, these workers are on the front lines protecting property and public health.

Real People, Real Emergencies

Stormwater work isn't just about concrete and pipes - it's about people helping people, often in moments of crisis.

During the 2021 ice storm, the entire Public Works team, including stormwater crews, opened a free debris drop-off site at the Cove. Greg, Sanitary/Stormwater Operations Lead, remembers the long lines of grateful residents bringing in trailer-loads of fallen limbs and storm debris.

"From management to lifeguards, everyone pitched in," Greg recalls. "We had long lines of residents bringing in storm debris. The appreciation from the community really made it all worth it."



The City's Stormwater team during a September 2025 cleanup at Singer Falls

How You Can Help

- Keep leaves and trash out of storm drains.
- Pick up after pets. Pet waste adds harmful bacteria to waterways.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash (not in your driveway).
- Never dump oil, paint, or chemicals down a storm drain.
- Consider Green Stormwater Systems that gather stormwater runoff and clean it naturally. These systems utilize plants and soil that work together to filter and clean the water before it goes back into the ground or streams. It's like giving the water a little bath to make sure it's nice and clean. Choose an option like:
 - Rain gardens, grassy areas, swales or ponds that use plants and soil as a natural filter to soak up water.
 - Permeable Pavement that helps recharge the ground water.

Together, we can reduce flooding and pollution and protect Oregon City's water, not just for today but for future generations.



Have A Stormwater Question?

Call the Stormwater Division at 971-204-4600 during regular business hours. Have an emergency? Call during non-business hours and you will be transferred to the appropriate on-call staff.

[orcity.org/1176/Stormwater-Division](https://www.orcity.org/1176/Stormwater-Division)

Molalla Ave Transformation: Water Upgrades First, Smoother Streets to Follow

Over the past year, major infrastructure upgrades have been progressing on Molalla Avenue, both behind the scenes and beneath the surface. While residents may currently experience bumpy roads, smoother travel and a more resilient utility system are on the horizon.

Three major projects are working together to bring lasting benefits to the Molalla corridor:

- **Molalla Transmission Main WIFIA 3-1 Project (CI 22-014)**
- **2026 Oregon City Roadway Reconstruction Project PMUF (CI 25-003)**
- **Molalla Avenue Sanitary Sewer I & I Rehab Project (CI 23-013)**
(Project Complete)

Each project plays a key role in improving the water and sewer infrastructure, as well as the roadway surface. By coordinating timelines, the city is avoiding unnecessary rework, reducing long-term traffic impacts and saving money for utility customers.

- The **WIFIA Project** upgrades what's under the street (pipes and water systems).
- The **PMUF Project** improves what's on top of the street (pavement and pedestrian infrastructure).
- The **Molalla I & I Project** improved what's under the street (pipes and sanitary systems).

Phase 1: Molalla Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) Project (Completed July 2025)

This sanitary sewer project upgraded public and private underground infrastructure along Molalla Avenue (from Division Street to Hilltop Avenue) to reduce excess groundwater and stormwater - known as Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) - from entering the city's sanitary sewer system. Additionally, private sewer laterals were inspected and repaired at no cost to property owners, through the city's Lateral Program.

In partnership with Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES), the city carried out a range of improvements to prevent overflows and backups, and to reduce long-term treatment costs for customers. This project included:

- Repairing approximately 9,300 linear feet (or 1.8 miles) of aging sewer mainline.
- Replacing about 600 linear feet of sewer pipe.
- Inspecting, repairing and/or replacing around 240 lateral pipes in poor condition.
- Installing six (6) new manholes.

By supporting long-term sewer system performance and reliability, this project helped ensure Molalla Avenue was ready for the next phase of improvements.

Phase 2: Molalla WIFIA Water Infrastructure Project – Keeping the Water Flowing (Now through Spring 2026)

Construction is ongoing for this large-scale water system upgrade along Molalla Avenue (from Holmes Lane to Beaver Creek Road). Funded in part by the Water Infrastructure Financial Improvement Act (WIFIA) federal loan program, this project includes:

- Installation of new water mains and service connections to homes, businesses, and fire hydrants - providing better flow and improved system resilience.
- Temporary paving patches over trench work until all underground work is complete.
- Final waterline testing, pressure testing and system inspections continuing through Spring 2026.



Existing pavement and waterline trench patch on Molalla Avenue

Why Not Pave Now?

Permanent paving is intentionally delayed, avoiding tearing up freshly paved areas in the event a pipe fails testing or needs adjustments, following project completion. This approach reduces wasted work, minimizes disruptions, and saves utility customers and the city money.

Throughout this project, temporary trench patching has been applied to the roadway as crews install new waterlines. This means that after a trench is dug and the pipe work is completed, the trench is quickly filled and patched to allow traffic to continue. These patches are only meant to be temporary, and the road may feel uneven or bumpy in places during construction.

Once all water lines are installed, tested and approved, the road will receive a permanent trench patch. This is a more durable and smoother repair that extends slightly beyond the original trench patching, with clean, straight sawcut edges for a better driving surface. This type of patching will help smooth and improve the roadway from Spring 2026 full until Fall 2026, when permanent roadway reconstruction begins.

Phase 3: 2026 Roadway Reconstruction Project (Summer 2026 – Fall 2026)

Once the WIFIA water project is complete, the 2026 Roadway Reconstruction Project will begin. This work was moved up from its original 2027 start date to minimize disruptions and deliver improvements sooner. Planned improvements include:

- Full roadway resurfacing on Molalla Avenue, from Division Street to Warner Milne for a smooth, lasting surface.
- ADA ramp upgrades for improved accessibility.
- Coordinated scheduling with the water project to reduce construction fatigue.

Tentative Timeline

- **July–August 2026:** ADA corner ramp installation.
- **Late September 2026:** Milling and resurfacing of Molalla Avenue. (Schedule dependent on weather - warm, dry conditions required.)

In the Meantime

While temporary bumps and disruptions are part of the journey for now, a safer, smoother Molalla Avenue is just around the corner in late 2026.

Stay Connected

- **PMUF Roadway Project Updates**
orc.org/3406/2026-Oregon-City-Roadway-Reconstruction-
- **Water Infrastructure (WIFIA) Program Updates**
orc.org/1874/WIFIA-PROJECTS
- **Molalla I & I Project Info**
orc.org/3357/Molalla-Avenue-Sanitary-Sewer-I-I-Rehab-

Together, these projects represent a major investment in Oregon City's future - improving how we live, move and connect for decades to come. The city thanks you for your patience and cooperation throughout this process.

Flood Insurance in Oregon City: What you Need to Know

Approximately every 30 years, the city experiences a major flood, with the most recent one occurring in 1996.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - to provide flood insurance to communities that participate in the program. Currently, over 47 insurance companies provide this type of coverage to more than 22,600 participating communities across the United States.

If your property has a government-backed mortgage (e.g. FHA, VA, or USDA loans or mortgages backed by government sponsored enterprises (GSES) like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) and is located in high-risk flood area, you are required to have flood insurance on that property.

Oregon City's Role in the NFP

Oregon City is an active participant in the NFIP, which means Oregon City residents are eligible to purchase flood insurance through the program. In addition, the City voluntarily takes part in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS). This program rewards communities that go above and beyond in reducing floods. By participating in the CRS, the city agrees to take extra steps to reduce flood risks such as:

- Managing stormwater more effectively
- Protecting open space in flood-prone areas
- Educating the public about flood risks

Because of these efforts, Oregon City has earned a CRS rating of six (6). CRS ratings establish the discount rates in which communities receive. CRS ratings range from one (best discount rates) to ten (no discount). Oregon City's rating of six qualifies residents for:

- A 20% discount on NFIP flood insurance for properties located in a floodplain.
- A 10% discount for properties outside a floodplain.

Even if your property is not located in a high-risk floodplain area, you can still purchase flood insurance at a discounted rate due to the City's participation.

Flood Risk in Oregon City

Approximately every 30 years, the city experiences a major flood, with the most recent one occurring in 1996. That means - statistically, the city is due for another significant flood event.



Now is the time to review your flood risk and consider purchasing flood insurance before the next event occurs!

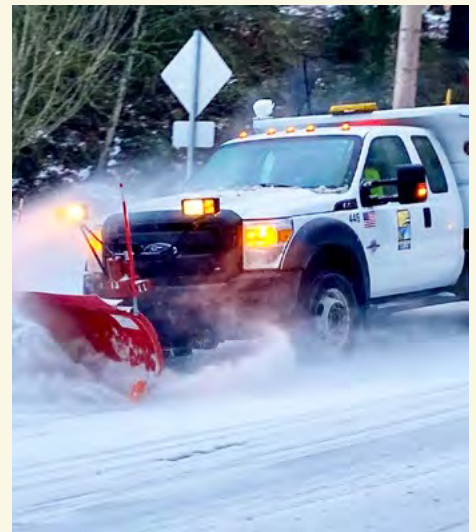


To learn more about flood risks, preparation, and flood insurance, visit:

fema.gov/flood-maps/know-your-risk

fema.gov/flood-insurance

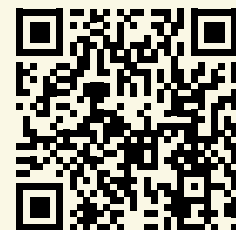
floodsmart.gov



Public Works is Winter Ready!

That means the snowplows, sanders, and de-icers are ready to roll! Traveling within Oregon City? Check our Winter Response Maps:

orc.org/432/Winter-Weather-Response-Map



Why is the City Contacting You About Your Sewer Lateral? Should You Be Concerned?

We at Oregon City Public Works, in partnership with Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES), are working together to reduce the amount of excess groundwater and stormwater from entering the sanitary sewer system. This issue, known as Inflow and Infiltration (I & I), overwhelms our sewer system and the wastewater treatment plant which were not designed to handle the extra volume. When I & I exceeds capacity, our system can no longer efficiently carry and treat wastewater. This leads to backups, overflows and higher treatment costs that ultimately get passed on to utility customers. Reducing I & I helps keep the sewer system operating within its intended limits, protecting infrastructure, the environment and your wallet.

What Are We Doing to Help?

Expanding our sewer system or treatment plant would be costly for utility customers. That's why we're taking a more cost-effective approach and fixing the problem at its source. While fixing these problems isn't free, focusing on reducing I & I rather than accommodating it helps keep overall costs down, saving money for everyone, including ratepayers. That's why we launched the Lateral Program - a focused effort to address the largest source of I & I in Oregon City: aging private sewer laterals.

What is the Lateral Program and How Does it Help You?

The Lateral Program is part of a broader I & I reduction strategy that includes both lateral repairs and public infrastructure repairs. While we can repair and maintain the public infrastructure without contacting you, we can't inspect or repair your private laterals without your permission. Additionally, replacing sewer laterals is expensive and most property owners do not want to replace a lateral unless it's absolutely necessary.

That's why we offer repairs or replacements for eligible laterals at no cost to you! By participating in the Lateral Program, you'll have access to several free services, all paid for by the city.

Free Services We Provide Through the Lateral Program

• Lateral Inspection

We'll inspect your sewer lateral and mark its location – at no cost to you. Even if no issues are found, you can still request a copy of the inspection report for your records.

• Lateral Repair or Replacement

If the inspection reveals cracks, deterioration, or other problems, we'll cover the cost to repair or replace your lateral to prevent groundwater from entering the sewer system through cracked or deteriorated pipes.

• Separation of Nonconforming "Party Line" Laterals

If your property shares a sewer line with a neighboring property (known as a "party line"), we'll separate them, so that each property has its own connection to the main sewer line – again, at no cost to you.

How Does the Lateral Program Work and How Can I Sign Up?

If your property is eligible, you should have received a Right of Entry and Access Form in the mail. All you need to do to participate is sign and return the form. This gives us permission to inspect, and if needed, repair your sewer lateral. Forms will be accepted until construction begins and there will be additional opportunities to sign up while work is underway in your area. If you haven't returned your form yet, there's still time! The sooner you submit it, the more likely we'll be able to accommodate any special request or preferences you include.

Why is my Neighbor's Line Being Worked On and Not Mine

We prioritized areas in the city, called "basins," based on past investigations and data collected from previous work. This informed us on where repairs are most urgently needed. Once a basin is selected, we group properties into projects that focus on repairing both public sewer mains and the private sewer laterals that connect homes to them. This means, we typically work on laterals when we are already working on a nearby sewer main. This method is the most efficient and cost-effective way to do the work.

Not every home or business in the basin will be part of the same project phase. For example, your neighbor's home might be included in the current phase, while your property may be scheduled for a future one. Right now, we're focused on two areas:

- Linn Basin, where projects have already been identified and prioritized.
- McLoughlin Basin, where we are still collecting information (see map below).



WHAT IS A SEWER LATERAL PIPE?

A sewer lateral is an underground pipe that connects your home or building's plumbing to the public sewer system. It typically runs from your building/home to a nearby sewer main located beneath the street. Older sewer laterals often have issues like cracks, root intrusions, or separated joints due to age and outdated materials. Even when these pipes still function and allow wastewater to drain, they often leak. These leaks allow groundwater to enter the sewer system. Because these laterals are on private property, you (as a property owner) are responsible for maintaining them. However, most property owners don't realize there's a problem until it becomes serious. That's why our Lateral Program exists – to help fix these issues before they lead to bigger and more expensive problems.

How You Can Help

If you live, work, or own property in the McLoughlin Basin and have any information about your sewer lateral, we'd love your input! **Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey by January 30, 2026.** Your feedback will help us better understand existing lateral conditions in your area. Scan the QR code below or visit: bit.ly/mcloughlin-survey.



By working together, we can reduce I & I and keep our sewer system running efficiently, for everyone.



Additional Information

Learn more about the I & I Program and current projects at:

bit.ly/OC-inflow-infiltration

Get more details about the Lateral Program and download a Right of Entry Form here:

bit.ly/OCLateralProgram

It's a Dirty Little Secret - Wipes Clog Pipes!

Sewer backups stink! Overflowing toilets, clogged sinks, smelly basements and street messes - it's a dirty job but somebody's got to talk about it!

Recently the city has experienced an increase in clogged sewers, creating concern for public health and safety. The culprits? Items being flushed down toilets or rinsed down drains that don't belong there. This results in clogged pipes that can (and eventually do) cause sewer backups that can find their way into local businesses, and even your home. The cost of increased cleanup, repair and maintenance to the city's system not only affects your wallet, it also threatens the health of our community and environment.

The Dirty Truth: Most Sewer Backups Are Preventable!

Fats, Rags, Oils and Grease (FROG) wreak havoc on sewage pipes. Fats, oils and grease seem harmless (when hot), but as they cool, they begin to harden and clog pipes, which lead to sewer backups.

Rags and Wipes are often marketed as "flushable" and "disposable." But we'll let you in on a dirty little secret - **wipes are NOT flushable, nor are they disposable!** "Flushable" only means an item can go down the toilet - not that it's safe for pipes or the sewer system. Because wipes don't break down (like toilet paper) they cling on to other flushed debris, blocking pipes and causing blockages. The result is anything but clean!



What Does This Mean for You?

You pay more. Clogs mean costly repairs and maintenance. Here are a few examples:

- Insurance may not cover the damage.
- Businesses lose money while doors are closed for repairs and cleanup.
- Residents may be temporarily displaced while cleanup and repairs are made.
- Pumps work harder, leading to energy waste and breakdowns which ultimately get passed on to utility customers by way of higher utility bills.
- Sewer breaks are expensive to fix and difficult to maintain.

You Can Make a Difference

Whether you're a homeowner, business owner or just someone trying to keep pipes happy, it all starts with responsible flushing and draining.

- Only flush toilet paper and human waste (urine and feces) down the toilet.
- Cool hot cooking grease and oil by pouring hot oil or grease into a container (like a glass jar or recycled can), let it harden, and toss it in the trash.
- Don't Flush it! Trash It! Throw all types of wipes and other items in the trash where they belong.
- Utilize the community's Take Back Programs and Drop off Sites for medications and chemicals.
- Skip the garbage disposal. Food scraps, grease and seeds don't break down well in water. Be sure to toss these in the garbage.

Help the community and your wallet keep this system running smoothly.

Prescription Drug Drop Off Center Oregon City drop off locations:

orcity.org/1122/Prescription-Drug-Collection-Unit

Clackamas County drop off locations:

clackamas.us/healthcenters/takeback.html



WHAT NOT TO FLUSH

The below list is compiled from actual items that have been discovered in sanitary systems. Not all items can be listed.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquarium Gravel • Cat Litter • Candy/Food Wrappers • Rubber gloves • Cotton Balls, Cotton Swabs • Hazardous Wastes: Items such as paint, solvents, pesticides, and motor oils • Baby/Facial/Cleaning Wipes • Clothing Labels • Dental Floss • Fruit Stickers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fats, Rags, Oils, and Grease (FROG) • Personal Hygiene Products: This includes feminine hygiene products, diapers, and condoms. • Bandages • Rags & Towels • Disposable Toilet Brush, disposable toothbrush • Plastic Items • Paper towels and Tissues • Miscellaneous items: Hair, cigarette butts, candy wrappers, rubber/plastic items, fruit stickers, syringes, medications |
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Ecology, Conservation, Sustainability



September 20, 2025, ivy pull at Waterboard Park



Oregon City Ivy League

It's amazing how quickly 25 people can fill a large dumpster with invasive plants. That was the lesson learned recently when the Oregon City Ivy League once again took on Water Board Park.

The Ivy League is a volunteer group lead by the City's Community Engagement Specialist, with the goal of inspiring new volunteers to join efforts alongside others who have taken part in similar activities for years, while

also helping to rid parks of damaging invasive species.

While the group focuses on the most prolific and problematic of plants, English ivy, it also tackles other invasive species it encounters, namely Himalayan blackberry, holly and tree of heaven.

The Oregon City Ivy League started in 2023 and first did a number of events at Old Canemah Park, before moving on to Water Board park. Several trailers full of invasive species have been removed from both of these parks.

"Everyone has been incredibly dedicated and passionate volunteers who bring tremendous energy to each work party," said Community Engagement Specialist Hannah Schmidt, who manages the league.

"It has been a true joy collaborating with people from all walks of life, whether they are driven by a desire to give back to their community, a deep love for our local parks, or simply a strong distaste for invasive plants."

The results of the work are already visible. "We're already seeing healthier tree lines and the return of native plants like stinging nettle and trailing blackberry," she said.

While the group pauses activity for the winter, staff will use input from the Parks and Recreation Department and the community to determine which park to focus on next year.



Want to be part of the progress? Scan the QR Code to sign up for email updates about work parties and events or visit orcity.news/oc-ivy-league

Our Shared Role in Safe and Resilient Communities

by Wyatt Parno, Chief Executive Officer, South Fork Water

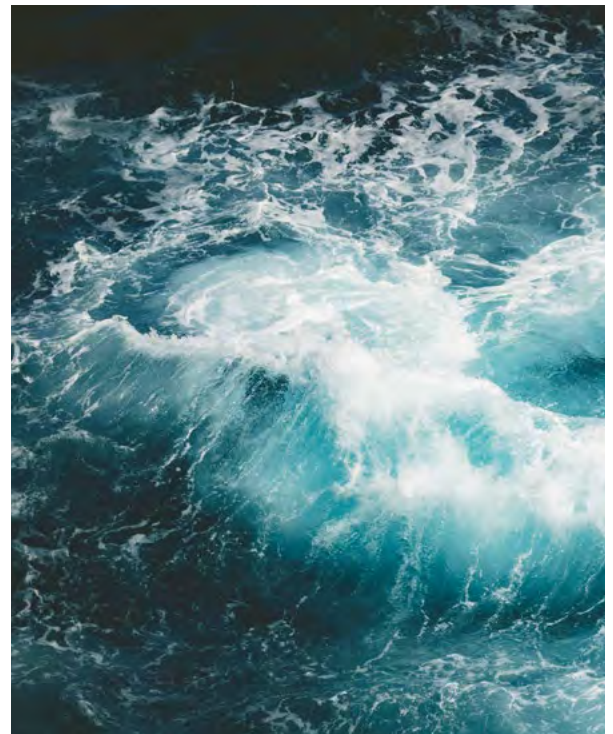


Last month, Oregonians participated in The Great Oregon ShakeOut, a statewide earthquake drill. Just as families prepare at home, South Fork Water is strengthening our system for emergencies.

Our Long-Term Water Reliability Program is designed to keep water flowing not only after the Cascadia earthquake, but also during more frequent challenges like wildfires, droughts, floods, and severe weather. The same upgrades that strengthen our system for a major quake will also help ensure reliable service during the events we may face more often.

While South Fork invests in reliability, there are simple steps you can take at home. Keeping two weeks of drinking water on hand is one of the easiest ways to protect your household in an emergency. You can find more preparedness tips from our partners at clackamasproviders.org/emergency-preparedness.

South Fork Water is proud to serve Oregon City and West Linn by keeping our community water safe, resilient, and ready for the future. To learn more about your water supply, visit us at: sfbwr.gov.



Ecology, Conservation, Sustainability

Winter Indoor Water Conservation

You might think of water conservation as a concern most relevant during the summer when we are watering lawns, filling swimming pools, washing cars and irrigating gardens. But while it's true our water usage spikes during the warmer months, everyday activities like flushing toilets, shaving, and washing clothes, dishes and even your hands account for a lot of the water an average household uses throughout the year.

Here are some ways you can use water indoors more efficiently during the colder winter months.

KITCHEN

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run.
- Run your dishwasher only when it's full.
- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap for cold drinks.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Instead throw fruit and vegetable scraps into your compost.

BATHROOM

- Keep a bucket in the shower to catch cold water before it warms up. Use this water to flush toilets or water plants.
- Turn off the water while you shave or brush your teeth.
- Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes.
- Test your toilet for leaks.
- Contact the CRWP for Toilet rebate information.

LAUNDRY ROOM

- When shopping for a new clothes washing machine consider Energy Star certified appliances and receive a CRWP rebate of \$75.
- When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.
- Insulate hot water pipes so you don't have to run as much water to get hot water to the faucet.

WATER AUDITS

Performing an audit on your water use will help you understand where you can save the most water. This process is simple and may take an hour to complete. It will help you locate leaks, prioritize fixing them, and help you start saving money and water.

For your FREE Water Audit Kit, contact christine@clackamasproviders.org.

Visit our website at clackamasproviders.org for more water saving tips and information on water rebates of up to \$510.



Keep F.O.G. Out of Your Pipes!

Many of us are cooking at home more than ever. However, it's important to be mindful of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) found in foods such as meat, fish, butter, cooking oil, mayonnaise, milk, sauces, and food scraps. Pouring these substances down the sink or into your garbage disposal can lead to costly problems.



The consequences of grease-blocked sewer pipes can include:

- Sewage overflows in your home or your neighbors' homes, resulting in expensive and unpleasant cleanup that the property owner often has to cover.
- Sewage overflows onto streets or landscaping, which can contaminate streams and rivers with harmful organisms.
- Increased operation and maintenance costs for the public sewer system and treatment facilities, potentially leading to higher sewer rates for all customers.

To help prevent sewer backups, you can follow these simple steps:

- Pour cooled fats, oils, and grease into a covered, disposable container and throw it in the trash instead of down the sink.
- Use paper towels to soak up any remaining FOG and place them in the trash.
- Scrape food scraps into your compost or trash before washing dishes.
- Use sink strainers to catch any leftover food waste while washing dishes.



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**WATER
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SERVICES**

**Water is valuable.
We treat it that way.**



Restored Mural Celebrates Community and History at D.C. Latourette Park



Oregon City artist and muralist Cathy Rowe has revitalized the mural at D.C. Latourette Park, restoring its vibrant colors and community spirit. The restoration, completed in June 2025, was celebrated with a neighborhood event on September 27 and funded by a Public Arts Renovation Grant from the Oregon City Arts Commission (OCAC).

Rowe's work enhances the park's cultural heritage, reminding visitors of its history and strengthening local pride. The mural, painted on the former municipal pool wall, depicts joyful children swimming in bright blue water, surrounded by playful bubbles, stars, and whimsical creatures.

Cathy explained to a child at the neighborhood event that the creatures, both real and imaginary, symbolize the imaginative world kids explore while swimming.

Originally created by Oregon City resident Michelle Hanson and community volunteers, the artwork honors the park's past and its role as a gathering place. OCAC commissioner Amanda Dexter remembers helping paint the original mural, highlighting the park's deep connection to local residents.

The park, built in 1936, was once home to Oregon City's first outdoor municipal pool. Though the pool closed in the late '60s, the park remains a beloved hub, recently revitalized with nature play spaces and accessible pathways. The mural's restoration preserves a piece of public art and reflects the enduring history of the neighborhood. As Shagun Singh eloquently states: Art isn't just decoration. It's civic infrastructure, shaping how we connect, imagine, and belong. When we treat art as a public good, not a private luxury, we invest in collective well-being.

Brought to you by the Oregon City Arts Commission – *Art for Every Heart!*

Oregon City Renews Enterprise Zone

Oregon City's Economic Development Department has received approval from the State to expand an existing tool in its toolbox to help further enhance economic development efforts within the community, the Oregon City Enterprise Zone.

The newly configured Enterprise Zone is larger than the previous, growing by 17%. It also includes multiple blocks along the Willamette River, encompassing much of downtown Oregon City. Additionally, there is an overall increase in the number of lots that allow commercial or industrial development.

Enterprise Zones are used by communities to incentivize development in underutilized parts of that city. Eligible businesses looking to relocate into Oregon City's Enterprise Zone can apply for full property tax exemption for up to 3 years. Eligible businesses already within the enterprise zone

that will be expanding their operations and hiring new employees can also apply for the full property tax exemption.

Not just any business can qualify for the exemptions. The goal of the zone is to attract businesses that pay high wages or employ larger numbers of people. In most cases, manufacturing, processors, shipping etc. The zone can also assist with the City's goal of increasing tourism within the community, by incentivizing hotels to locate on appropriate parcels within the district.

Now that the City has received approval from the state, the district's new boundaries go into effect retroactively to July 1 of this year.



How Do I Know if I Need a Permit to Remove a Tree on My Property?

Though the City does not encourage removal of trees, we recognize that that it is occasionally necessary under certain circumstances.

If you are considering having a tree removed on your property, please log on to the City Webpage (orccity.org/1137/Know-if-I-Need-a-Tree-Removal-Permit) on tree permits to see if your circumstances require a permit prior to tree removal.

You can also listen to our recent Inside City Hall podcast episode on the topic (orccity.org/208/Episode-3-Oregon-City-Tree-Codes).

Normal pruning and maintenance of trees don't usually require a permit. Tree removals on private residentially zoned property outside overlay districts don't usually require a permit, either.

However, the following scenarios require a tree removal permit, and often require you to replace any trees you remove:

- Street trees and trees planted in unimproved rights of way (orccity.org/1141/Remove-Replace-a-Street-Tree)
- Trees on non-residentially zoned property (orccity.org/788/Site-Plan-Design-Review-Type-I-Applicati)
- Trees located in the Natural Resource Overlay District (NROD) (orccity.org/1201/Natural-Resource-Overlay-District-NROD)
- Trees identified in an approved Landscaping Plan or Protective Easement or Covenant
- Some trees in the Geologic Hazard Overlay (orccity.org/1139/Learn-About-the-Geologic-Hazards-Overlay)
- Heritage Trees require City Commission approval prior to removal (orccity.org/1130/Nominate-Heritage-Trees-Stands)



Tree removals on properties undergoing land use and development review also require city approval.



Still not sure if you need a permit for that tree removal project?

Contact Planning at 503-722-3789 or ocplanning@orccity.org — we'll be happy to answer your questions. You can also scan the QR code for more information.



2024-2025 Oregon Legislative Housing Bills

Recent housing legislation passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2024 and 2025 will affect the development review process for residential development in Oregon City. The many changes include allowing additional units when accessible units are proposed on-site, streamlining the timeline for engineering review of public improvements, revising the public process for Middle Housing Land Divisions and Zoning of residentially zoned parcels, and waivers for architectural standards for eligible housing projects. If there is a conflict between the adopted city code and the provisions of the bills, the language of the bills will be directly applied until the city can update its development code. Visit the city's housing legislation page below to learn about the recent changes. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Division at 503-722-3789 or ocplanning@orc.org.

Learn more here:

orc.news/housing-bills



Tateshina Sister City



What a wonderful honor for the Tateshina Sister City Committee to have received the award for the 2025 Oregon City Volunteer Organization of the Year!

The goal of the national Sister City program is to encourage peace among nations through friendships between individuals of those nations. Our committee is a small but determined group of volunteers who have maintained communication and cultural ties with our Sister City, Tateshina, Japan for over 50 years. We could not have done that without the help of community members who have hosted hundreds of adults and junior high school students over those years. Families who have hosted our Japanese guests find that introducing them to our community is a very rewarding experience and many have kept in touch for years. In return, anyone who has visited Tateshina has been impressed

with the warmth and kindness of their hosts. 2026 will continue our quest to encourage friendships with the people of Tateshina, with a group of students arriving in August. We are also planning a trip to Japan, including a stop in Tateshina, in October.

2026 will continue our quest to encourage friendships with the people of Tateshina

The award, as well as items from Tateshina, is on display in a showcase at the Oregon City Public Library. While at the library you could check out the display of framed artwork by students from Tateshina Jr. High in the children's area.



If you would like more information about the Sister City program, the student visit or the proposed trip to Japan, please contact us at tateshina.sistercity@gmail.com. Our monthly meetings last about an hour. They are held on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the Oregon City Planning Building at 695 Warner Parrott Rd. (located across the street from Plaid Pantry and next to the new Police Station).

Community Information

625 Center Street * Ph: 503-657-0891

CITY MEETINGS are held at several locations

Check online for links, details, agendas for Committees, Boards, Commission Meetings at: [oregoncity.org/1709/Agendas-Videos-and-Minutes](https://www.oregoncity.org/1709/Agendas-Videos-and-Minutes)

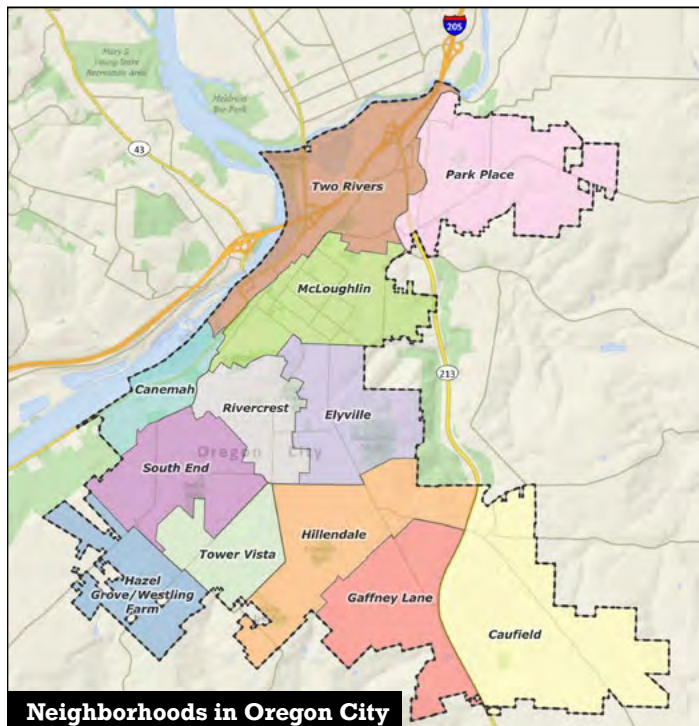
Meetings at OCPD Chamber, 1234 Linn Avenue

Chief's Advisory Committee (Police & Fire Department)	3rd Tuesdays 6 p.m. Jan, Mar, May, Sep, Nov
City Commission (regular meetings)	1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7 p.m.
City Commission (work sessions)	Work sessions occur the 1st Tuesday after the first regular meeting of the month.
Historic Review Board	4th Tuesdays 7 p.m.
Currently meets virtually. Contact ocplanning@oregoncity.org for the meeting link or watch on the City's YouTube Channel (youtube.com/@CityofOregonCity)	
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Mondays 7 p.m.
Urban Renewal Agency	As Announced

Meetings at City Hall Mt. Hood Room, 625 Center Street

Arts Commission	3rd Thursdays 7 p.m.
Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC)	1st Mondays 7 p.m.
Enhancement Grant Committee	As Announced 5:30 p.m.
Library Board	4th Wednesdays 5 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board	4th Thursdays 7 p.m.
Transportation Advisory Committee	2nd Thursdays 6 p.m.
Budget Committee	As Announced Location TBA
Natural Resources Committee	2nd Wednesdays 5 p.m.

For details, email ocplanning@org



Neighborhoods in Oregon City

[oregoncity.org/899/Neighborhood-Associations](https://www.oregoncity.org/899/Neighborhood-Associations)

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS 2026 General Meetings

The neighborhood associations meeting dates, times, and locations published below are subject to change. Please check [oregoncity.org/899/Neighborhood-Associations](https://www.oregoncity.org/899/Neighborhood-Associations) for updated information on neighborhood associations. Please sign up for emails from your specific neighborhood association or contact your neighborhood association directly to inquire about meeting information, including the option to join meetings virtually!

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE [CIC]

[oregoncity.org/765/Citizen-Involvement-Committee-CIC](https://www.oregoncity.org/765/Citizen-Involvement-Committee-CIC)
7 p.m. | 1st Monday of each month
City Hall-Mt. Hood Room, 625 Center St
Linda Baysinger, Chair | team.baysinger@comcast.net

CANEMAH [CNA] [oregoncity.org/canemah](https://www.oregoncity.org/canemah)

7 p.m. | 3rd Thursday | Feb, Apr, Sep, Nov
Community Room at Oregon City Library, 606 John Adams St
Ron Bistline, Chair | ronbistline@hotmail.com

CAUFIELD [CFNA] [oregoncity.org/caufield](https://www.oregoncity.org/caufield)

6:30 p.m. | 4th Tuesday | Jan, May, Sep | 3rd Wednesday in Mar, Nov
Community Development Community Room, 695 Warner Parrott Rd
Donna Renee, Chair | donna@advantageivr.com

ELYVILLE [ENA] [oregoncity.org/elyville](https://www.oregoncity.org/elyville)

7 p.m. | 2nd Tuesday | Mar, May, Sep, Nov
St John the Apostle Cemetery, 451 Warner St
Judy Schaffer, Chair | cantewastewi@gmail.com

GAFFNEY LANE [GLNA] [oregoncity.org/gaffney-lane](https://www.oregoncity.org/gaffney-lane)

6:30 p.m. | 3rd Tuesday | Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov
Community Development Community Room, 695 Warner Parrott Rd
Dave Hunt, Chair | dave@namicc.org

HAZEL GROVE WESTLING FARM [HG-WFNA]

[oregoncity.org/hazel-grove-westling-farm](https://www.oregoncity.org/hazel-grove-westling-farm)
6:30 p.m. | 2nd Thursday | Jan, Mar, May, Sep, Nov
Community Development Community Room, 695 Warner Parrott Rd
Chris Nolte, Chair | hazelgrovestlingfarmna@gmail.com

HILLEDALE [HNA] Meetings combined with Tower Vista NA

[oregoncity.org/hillendale](https://www.oregoncity.org/hillendale)
6:30 p.m. | 1st Tuesday | Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
Community Development Community Room, 695 Warner Parrott Rd
Josh Kayser, Chiefs Liaison | ncecowboy1@gmail.com

MCLOUGHLIN [MNA] [oregoncity.org/mcloughlin](https://www.oregoncity.org/mcloughlin)

7 p.m. | 1st Thursday | Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov
Community Room at Oregon City Library, 606 John Adams St
Tim Powell, Chair | mnaoregoncity@gmail.com

PARK PLACE [PPNA] [oregoncity.org/park-place](https://www.oregoncity.org/park-place)

7 p.m. | 3rd Monday | Feb 23, May 18, Oct 19
Park Place Church, 13933 Gain St
Ryan Richards, Chair | parkplaceocna@gmail.com

RIVERCREST [RNA] [oregoncity.org/rivercrest](https://www.oregoncity.org/rivercrest) Currently inactive

To get involved – contact Community Engagement Specialist
Hannah Schmidt | hschmidt@oregoncity.org

SOUTH END [SENA] [oregoncity.org/south-end](https://www.oregoncity.org/south-end)

6:30 p.m. | Thursday | Jan 22, Apr 23, Jun 25, Oct 15
Community Development Community Room, 695 Warner Parrott Rd
Bill Carton, Chair | chair@ocsena.com

TWO RIVERS [TRNA] [oregoncity.org/two-rivers](https://www.oregoncity.org/two-rivers)

7 p.m. | 4th Wednesday | Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
Abernethy Chapel, 1326 John Adams St
Margie Hughes, Secretary | margiehughes1@aol.com



Hillendale/Tower Vista NA
orcity.news/hillendale-tower-vista-email

Sign Up For Neighborhood Emails

Subscribe to emails from your neighborhood associations. Oregon City is a tight-knit community. That's plainly evident with its network of neighborhood associations throughout. These groups of residents regularly come together to share information and questions; and hear from City, County, and State leaders on issues that affect the community. If you would like to receive emails notifying you when your neighborhood association meets, sign up at the appropriate link on this page. This email list will be used only for information coming from the association you signed up for.



Canemah NA
orcity.news/canemah-email



McLoughlin NA
orcity.news/mcloughlin-email



Caufield NA
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Park Place NA
orcity.news/park-place-email



A Message from Elyville Neighborhood Association

The Elyville Neighborhood Association (ENA) has seen some changes this year. Sadly, our ice cream social was canceled due to extreme heat, but we plan to try again next year. It's always a fun and tasty way to connect.

In other news, our longtime chair, Karla Laws, has stepped down from ENA duties but will continue serving on the Planning Commission. At the September meeting, Judy Schaffer was elected chair, joining Aaron Wolf (vice chair), Joy Allen (secretary), and Didi Dahlsrud (treasurer). Karla leaves big shoes to fill, and we're thankful for all who continue to build on it.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 10, 2026. Please attend and invite neighbors! It's a chance to hear from Police and Fire representatives, learn about new developments, share concerns, and connect with others. Elyville is a unique mix of historic and new, residential and business — be part of the change and make your voice heard! Your voice really does make a difference.



Elyville NA
orcity.news/elyville-email



Rivercrest NA
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Gaffney Lane NA
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South End NA
orcity.news/south-end-email

Attention Hazel Grove–Westling Farm Residents

The Hazel Grove – Westling Farm Neighborhood Association (HGWfNA) is on the move to BUILD COMMUNITY! We are asking all residents to check out our website and register your email for quicker and more frequent communication. Please let us know about the most important issues our neighborhood is facing or information you would like to know. To find out more information about our HGWfNA, please visit: orcity.org/Hazel-Grove-Westling-Farm. Thanks so much!



Hazel Grove–Westling Farm NA
orcity.news/hazel-grove-westling-farm-email



Two Rivers NA
orcity.news/two-rivers-email

Safe Exchange Zones

The Oregon City Police Department has dedicated spaces in the public parking lot and inside the lobby of the Robert Libke Public Safety Building, as "Safe Exchange Zones." The zones are provided to residents as safe locations for private party transactions, including online purchases, and for child custody transfers. The zones provide a safe alternative to meeting a stranger at a private residence, or unfamiliar location, and are under 24/7 video surveillance.

Please consider the following when using a safe exchange zone:

- All exchanges must be person-to-person, and do not require an appointment.
- The zone, located in the building lobby, is available Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., excluding holidays.
- In the case of child custody transfers, the zone is not a drop-off where parents can leave children for a later pick-up time.
- Property is not permitted to be left unattended. Sellers are required to take their property with them if the buyer does not show up.
- OCPD personnel will not assist with any transactions.

Safe Exchange Zone Tips:

- Only conduct transactions with local buyers/sellers.
- Do not go to a transaction alone.
- Make sure a friend or family member is aware of the details.
- Complete the transaction during daylight hours.
- Be extra cautious in buying/selling valuable items.
- Only use cash or money orders.
- Trust your instincts; if it sounds like a scam it probably is a scam.
- If someone is not willing to come to the Oregon City Police Department to complete a sale, it is probably not a legitimate transaction.
- To learn more about Safe Exchange Zones, or to find other locations scan the QR code below or visit:

safetradestations.com/safetrade-station-list.html



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EVENTS

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OREGON CITY POLICE

@OCPOLICE

[ORCITY.ORG/908/POLICE](https://orc.city.oregon.gov/908/POLICE)

2026 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

OCPD is excited to offer the 2026 Citizens Police Academy. This academy is a FREE 10 week course with a mission to familiarize citizens with the operations of the police department and the professionals behind the badge. Citizens Academies may cover topics on patrol procedures, criminal law, narcotics, search and seizure, tactical operations, investigations, firearms demonstration, use of force issues, and police canine demonstrations. Visit: orc.city.oregon.gov/1938/Citizens-Academy to learn more, and join the waitlist to begin the process today!



PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKEBACK

Each year in April and October, OCPD in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), hosts free Prescription Drug Take-Back events. These events provide a safe, anonymous, and convenient way for community members to dispose of unwanted or expired prescription medications. In addition to DEA Takeback Days, a free prescription drug drop box is available to the community during regular business office hours.



TEEN GIRL & WOMEN SELF DEFENSE

OCPD offers free self-defense classes specifically designed for women and teen girls. Through hands on training and expert instruction, attendees learn how to recognize and respond to potential threats, build confidence, and develop essential skills for protecting themselves in various situations. The classes are part of the department's ongoing commitment to community safety and education, providing valuable resources to help women and teen girls feel more secure and self-assured in their daily lives.



YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

This summer camp offers 3rd to 5th grade students from the Oregon City School District the chance to engage in exciting summer activities alongside police officers and community partners. Through a variety of fun and educational activities, participants gain valuable life skills, teamwork experience, and a sense of community. The camp is made possible with help from generous community donations and serves as a platform for building trust and creating lasting memories, all while promoting a safe and supportive environment for the youth of Oregon City.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is an annual event held on the first Tuesday of August, dedicated to promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. OCPD hosts this free event, inviting residents to come together for an enjoyable evening filled with live music, free food and engaging activities. The event aims to strengthen relationships between police and the community, enhance public safety awareness, and foster a sense of unity.



Scan the QR code for event listings or visit:
orc.city.oregon.gov/1924/Community-Outreach-Events

Agency Accreditation Awarded to Oregon City Police

The Oregon City Police Department is proud to announce it has earned its 7th accreditation from the Northwest Accreditation Alliance, reaffirming its commitment to professional excellence, transparency, and community trust.

This milestone reflects the department's adherence to rigorous standards in policy, training, operations, and ethics — evaluated by an independent body dedicated to elevating public safety agencies across Oregon and Alaska. With this latest accreditation, Oregon City Police Department continues to demonstrate that it meets — or exceeds — best practices in modern policing and accountability.

To learn more about agency accreditation by the Northwest Accreditation Alliance visit Northwest Accreditation Alliance at: oracall.org.



Neighborhood Watch Program

The Oregon City Police Department is proud to partner with our community members to provide Neighborhood Watch trainings to Oregon City Neighborhood Associations.

Neighborhood Watch programs are designed to bring neighbors together to resolve problems in their community by forming relationships with one another and working closely with their Neighborhood's Officer Liaison. We know our neighborhoods are strengthened and made safer when residents relate to one another and partner with the police. Begin a Watch Group today to help reduce or eliminate opportunities for crime to occur in your neighborhood.

OCPD has designed a 3-Step program to help guide Neighborhood Associations in establishing a Watch Group:

1. ORGANIZE

Attend Neighborhood Association meetings to share ideas, create interest and learn from others. Not sure which Neighborhood Association you live within? Search your address here: orccity.org/899/Neighborhood-Associations.

2. TRAIN

Once a Watch group is established contact OCPD's Watch Coordinator to schedule an introductory training. This training will be offered by Neighborhood Association Officer Liaisons. Contact via email: pstewart@orccity.org or call: 503-905-3514.

3. ASSIGN

Plan regular meetings, group engagement activities and create a group communication plan. The success of Watch Groups aligns with member commitment.

Visit orccity.org/1035/Neighborhood-Watch and nnwi.org for more information from OCPD and the National Neighborhood Watch Institute.



Prepare for the Unexpected

No place is free from the dangers of disasters — and Oregon is no exception. In recent years, floods, drought, wildfires, ice storms, excessive heat, and even a pandemic have shown how vital it is to be prepared.

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) urges everyone to “Be 2 Weeks Ready” — a program adopted by Clackamas County and many local communities to help families prepare for prolonged emergencies. Once disaster strikes, the time to prepare has passed. Being 2 Weeks Ready means having a plan and enough supplies for each person in your household to last at least two weeks.



The **Be 2 Weeks Ready Toolkit** breaks preparedness into eight easy-to-follow units:

- Preparing to Prepare
- Your Emergency Plan
- Food Plan
- Water Plan
- Waste and Hygiene Plan
- Shelter Plan
- First-Aid Plan
- Emergency Management

Each unit offers practical guidance and simple activities that build confidence and readiness one step at a time. With 30 engaging exercises that can be done alone or in groups, the toolkit helps families and neighbors strengthen their resilience together.

Even small actions can make a big difference — like creating a communication plan, storing extra water, or checking expiration dates on emergency supplies. The program is designed to help you start from where you are and make preparedness manageable for everyone.

Get started today!

Download the Be 2 Weeks Ready toolkit at oregon.gov/oem/hazardsprep/Pages/2-Weeks-Ready.aspx or scan the QR code.



Announcements & Special Events



End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive & Visitor Information Center

1726 Washington St, Oregon City | 503-657-9336 | historicoregoncity.org



HAVE YOU HEARD THE BUZZ? WE HAVE NEW TICKETS!

Admission to the museum now comes with your very own passport guide to the End of The Oregon Trail and Oregon City. Bonus: for every 1000 passports given out, a tree will be planted! Come learn with us and explore history with a commemorative edition 2026 Passport!

Clackamas Heritage Partners are excited to continue to collaborate with our community to refine our vision, prepare our renovations, and explore the history that brings us to this place. We thank you and ask you to continue to participate on social channels, onsite, and around town. We invite you to volunteer, visit, and share your voice in our growth.



FREE QUARTERLY ADMISSION DAY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10!

Join us as we slip back in time with our favorite Santa and his sleigh. In the afternoon there will be a special performance from the Fireside Carolers and a visit from Mrs. Claus! Grab a warm drink in the visitors center, see a movie, and explore.

NEW YEAR, NEW PROGRAMS!

Watch our website closely for your chance to register for:

- **Spring Break Camp: Oregon Trail Time Travelers, March 23-27**
Ages 5-12. Themed days include fun activities, games, crafts, & workshops. Registration opens January 19.
historicoregoncity.org/camps
- **The Wagon Crawl - NSFW Tales from the Trail**
Join our resident historian, John Jarvie for a couple drinks and a deeper look into the wild past of this pioneer town. Space is limited and online reservations are required.
historicoregoncity.org/lecture-series

What a year! As we enter the quieter side of the seasons and prepare for the new growth of spring, we want you to know how grateful we are to be in community with you. From all of us at Historic Oregon City, we wish you a warm and peaceful winter season.

HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY

Seats on the board are open for the public! Help guide the next phase of our Journey. Learn more at historicoregoncity.org/opportunities.

SUPPORT OUR MISSION

Supporters like YOU help us expand programming and work to bring back the Bonnets. Nothing impacts our work more than your generosity and as an Oregon Trust Qualified Nonprofit, we help double your impact.

Donate today at historicoregoncity.org/donate



HOURS OF OPERATION:

Mon-Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The End of The Oregon Trail is Closed on Major Holidays.
Please see website for exact dates and for inclement weather notices.

Announcements & Special Events

MUSEUM OF THE OREGON TERRITORY

MUSEUM OF THE OREGON TERRITORY
(MOOT)

211 Tumwater Dr, Oregon City | clackamashistory.org | 503-655-5574

Wednesday–Saturday | 10:30 a.m.–4 p.m. | \$8 Adults (18+ years) | \$7 Seniors (ages 65+) | \$5 Children (ages 5–17) | \$20 Family (2 Children + 2 Adults) | Free for Children under 5; Veterans and their families; CCHS members | All tickets purchased at MOOT can be used to gain entry to the Stevens-Crawford Heritage House within 30 days and vice versa.

NEW EXHIBIT



Land & People of the Willamette Valley: a History Shaped by the River

In our newest permanent exhibit, visitors can learn the stories of the many individuals, communities, and cultures that shaped our region.

ON EXHIBIT NOW



JENNINGS LODGE CAMP

A GATHERING PLACE FOR FAITH, COMMUNITY, & REVIVAL

Jennings Lodge: A Gathering Place for Faith, Community, and Revival

The Museum of the Oregon Territory has received funding to support a new exhibit and education programs on the history of the Jennings Lodge Camp in Clackamas County. The Jennings Lodge Camp

was part of a national movement that started in the late 1700s with people gathering in natural settings for fellowship and worship. Rev. Noah Shupp purchased the Jennings Lodge Assembly Grounds in 1904. He and his congregation held annual camp meetings at the site during the summer when the camp was accessible by river travel or the interurban railway. Over the years, the church built an auditorium, a chapel, a dining hall, dormitories, and residences. In 1922, the Oregon City Enterprise newspaper estimated that 400 people attended the summer camp meeting. The site not only held religious value for those who attended camp meetings, but also social and environmental value as it was in a natural setting with a “Cathedral of Trees” towering over the camp.

The exhibit “Jennings Lodge: A Gathering Place for Faith, Community, and Revival” looks at the history of the Jennings Lodge Camp. How did the camp experience change over time? How is it different from today? This history is woven together through the overarching theme of a gathering place for a religious experience and sense of community.

ONLINE PROGRAMMING



Did you know that there are local history lectures available to watch right now that are free and online? It's true! The Look Back lecture series, organized by the Clackamas County Historical Society, brings in speakers from across the state and beyond to speak on topics ranging from Indigenous art to Edwardian undergarments. Thanks to our partnership with Willamette Falls Studios, we're thrilled to bring our Look Back lecture

series to the public via our YouTube channel and through local public broadcasting. To watch our latest videos right now, visit clackamashistory.org/lookbackvideos.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Mertie's Time Machine An Interactive Historical Experience for Grades 4 & 5

Teachers! Are you looking for something new for your next field trip? Consider signing up for *Mertie's Time Machine*, a unique school group experience operated jointly out of the Stevens-Crawford Heritage House and the Ermatinger House. In a time-travel mishap, Mertie has been sent to the future, and needs your students to help her get back to the past! Will you solve the mystery in time for everyone to get back to their own year- and make it to lunch? This hands-on adventure is centered around the ways technology has changed over time and impacted life in our state over the last 150 years.

For more information and to sign your class up for the *Mertie's Time Machine* program, visit our website.



CLACKAMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (CCHS)

CCHS was established in 1952 and shortly thereafter began to accept historic objects, photos, and other donated materials from the local community. The CCHS collection increased considerably when founding member Mertie Stevens left her childhood home, now a museum, and over 1,000 objects to CCHS in 1968.

CCHS Membership Benefits

10% Discount on Gift Shop purchases, including a growing selection of historic books & novels, prints, toys and jewelry. Reduced or free admission to nearly 400 museums across the nation through the Time Travelers program. Reduced or free admission to CCHS events and entry to Members only events.

Reduced Admission to all CCHS Museums for those Receiving Food Assistance. As part of the *Museums For All* initiative, CCHS offers a reduced admission rate of \$3 to the Museum of the Oregon Territory and Stevens-Crawford Heritage House for individuals receiving food assistance (also known as SNAP benefits). For more information on this program, visit our website at clackamashistory.org.



STEVENS-CRAWFORD HERITAGE HOUSE (SCHH)

603 Sixth St, Oregon City | clackamashistory.org | 503-655-2866

Thursday–Saturday | 10:30 a.m.–4 p.m. | \$8 Adults (18+ years) | \$7 Seniors (ages 65+) | \$5 Children (ages 5–17) | \$20 Family (2 Children + 2 Adults) | Free for Children under 5; Veterans and their families; CCHS members | All tickets purchased at SCHH can be used to gain entry to the Museum of the Oregon Territory within 30 days and vice versa.



The Stevens-Crawford Heritage House (SCHH) is an American Foursquare home built in 1908 by prominent real estate investors Harley Stevens and his wife, Mary Elizabeth. It remained in the family until 1968 when Mertie Stevens passed away, leaving her family home to the Clackamas County Historical Society. The house was restored to much of its original Edwardian splendor through donations of furnishings and textiles.



HISTORIC ERMATINGER HOUSE

619 Sixth St, Oregon City | 971-219-4881
orccity.org/1405/ermatinger-house

TOURS–GUIDED & SELF-GUIDED:

Fridays & Saturdays | 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

EVENTS AT THE ERMATINGER HOUSE:

See page 9 and visit our website for more information.

Announcements & Special Events



Celebrating 25 Years of Holiday Giving

Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart is working with the community to fill Christmas stockings for those less fortunate in Clackamas County. We work directly with Clackamas agencies to ensure we are reaching their clients who have little or nothing during the holiday season. Last year we gifted almost 2,400 stockings.

Filled stockings include socks, hats, gloves and hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, small lotion, lip balm, small tissue packs, and other useful items. A few gifts are also included. When you pick up an empty stocking, a list is included with items that can be added to the stockings for ages newborn to seniors.

Empty stockings can be picked up at several businesses; after filling them, return to the business by December 5. Filled stockings received in November are needed and appreciated. FASFAH volunteers will pick up the stockings, and the agencies will collect the stockings for their clients at our workshop in time for Christmas. For a list of participating businesses, check our Facebook page at facebook.com/fillastocking.



Individual items can also be donated at businesses in lieu of a filled stocking or bring them to our workshop (address below). Monetary donations help tremendously to purchase needed items; checks can be mailed to Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart (FASFAH), PO Box 1255, Oregon City, OR 97045. You can also donate through PayPal.me/FASFAH, or through Pledge at pledge.to/organizations/93-1296743/fill-a-stocking-fill-a-heart or use the QR code to the left.

BottleDrop's Holiday Give campaign runs from November 15–December 2. They will match up to 20% of funds we receive from our Blue Bag deposits during that time. Blue Bags with the FASFAH donation markings can be picked up at our workshop.

We want to thank the community for continuing to help FASFAH bring joy and a smile to those less fortunate in 2025. Don't forget to watch the after-Christmas sales on needed items for next year—we accept donations all year-long. Our workshop will be closed the month of January but we can still be reached by phone and email.

Questions?

Email us at info@fillastocking.org, or leave a message at 503-632-0577 or find us at facebook.com/fillastocking.

We are located at:

358 Warner Milne Rd
Oregon City, OR 97045



The Oregon City Year-Round Farmers Market

We've added more market dates to our winter schedule!

Oregon City's Year-Round Farmers Market begins its winter season on November 1, 2025, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Our market is held at Clackamas Community College in Green Lot 1 here in Oregon City. Our location

is easily accessible at the corner of S Beavercreek Road and Clairmont Drive with parking available in Green Lot 2, Douglas Loop Rd and Blue Lots 1 & 2. Tri Met Bus Line 32 stops at the corner of the market. Our winter season will run every Saturday until December 20, but we will be closed on Thanksgiving weekend. Markets will resume every other Saturday schedule on January 10, 2026, through April 18, 2026.

Make sure to stop by one of our bookmarks for our market dates! During these months you will find a robust number of vendors offering locally grown produce, grass-fed and finished meats, rustic breads, pies and other baked goods, farm-fresh eggs, dairy, plenty of plant-based options, wild and cultivated mushrooms, local honey, artisan foods, roasted nuts, coffee beans, wines, hard cider, distilled spirits, skin care, artisan wares, hot food, and beverages.

At every market the kid's P.O.P. (Power of Produce) Club gives children \$3 to buy fresh produce or plants to grow their own food every time they come to the market. This club is free for ages 5-12 years.



We welcome SNAP customers! SNAP recipients may have up to \$20 matched per market day which includes coupons good for fresh market produce, herbs, mushrooms, dried beans, and veggie plant starts.

For an update on what's in season, winter updates, which vendors will be in attendance and market details please sign up for our newsletter at orcifyfarmersmarket.com.

Follow us on our social media pages for all the latest!

- Instagram [@oregoncityfarmersmarket](https://www.instagram.com/oregoncityfarmersmarket)
- Facebook [Oregon City Year-Round Farmers Market](https://www.facebook.com/OregonCityYear-RoundFarmersMarket)

Questions?

Please email us at: info@orcifyfarmersmarket.com



Announcements & Special Events



PIONEER COMMUNITY CENTER

Holiday Bazaar

DECEMBER 6, 2025
9:00AM - 3:00PM

615 5TH STREET
OREGON CITY, OR 97045

OVER 50 ART, CRAFT, FOOD & VINTAGE VENDORS



SAVE THE DATE

Teddy Bear Parade

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MAY 2ND
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OCTeddyBearParade@gmail.com



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Oregon City Pool 60th Birthday Celebration

Door Prizes | Games | Birthday Cake | and Memories from 60 years

Jan 24, 2026

12:30pm-2:00pm Rec Swim

2:00pm-4:00pm Community Celebration

Details at www.orcity.org

Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance

21ST ANNUAL DADDY-DAUGHTER EXTRAVAGANZA!

Friday, February 20 | 6:00pm-9:00pm | \$53/Person OC Residents | \$62/Person Non-Residents

This annual event is a great opportunity for dads and all their daughters in 6th grade and under to spend some very memorable quality time together. The event includes dinner, dessert, activities, dancing, and keepsake items.

Registration Opens Wednesday, December 3

This event sells out every year so register early at:

<https://app.amilia.com/store/en/city-of-oregon-city/shop/programs/79328>

