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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

September-October 2008

SEPTEMBER GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Thursday, September 4, 7-9 pm
Fire Station Conference Room, 2nd Floor
(Enter on the parking lot side of the building.)

Guest Speakers

Karen Morey will speak on the Library District ballot measure and its potential effect on Orecon City and our neighborhood. Also Dan Fowler and Mark Foley of the Abernethy Center will present their proposed Wedding Chapel addition for neighborhood review.

From the Chairs...

Summertime, and the livin' is easy? By the time you receive this newsletter, summer will be nearly a memory for most of us. We hope you all will be returning to your fall schedules refreshed and ready to re-engage with your neighborhood association. Of course many of our neighbors have remained busily keeping our McLoughlin neighborhood such a wonderfully pleasant place to live.

Oregon City is booming and our historic neighborhood beats as the city's heart. Many of you have enjoyed the Concerts in the Part in "our" Carnegie Center park. You may have enjoyed a SnoCone or two. Did you know that all the profits from that venture go to help fund the maintenance of the beautiful flower baskets hanging on our streets?

Volunteers continue to meet occasionally to have a "weed party" at the Tot's Park on 6th and Jefferson so that the City doesn't need to spray herbicides to manage the weeds.

The decision has been made by City Commission per the charter to move City Hall to the McLoughlin Plaza Building (McLean Clinic) on 7th and High. The impact on our neighborhood may be substantial. As of August 4th, the Carnegie Center is vacant and the City has no definite plans for its use. The area between our neighborhood and the river will be experiencing a revitalization through the Oregon Main Street Program now in planning. The City is reviewing its entire municipal code. There are grant opportunities for improving historic homes. Oregon City will be a significant player in the State's sesquicentennial (150 year birthday) celebration: planning is now going on. Efforts are also underway to improve citizen communication with the City government and your neighborhood will play a big part in these efforts. We should have a new restaurant in the neighborhood come mid-September.

In short: this is a happenin' place regardless of the time of year. Get involved! It's fun. See you at our next general meeting!

Tim Powell & William Gifford, Co-Chairs

MNA Meeting Dates

MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF JULY.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS EVERY OTHER MONTH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND STEERING MEETINGS.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- September 4, 2008
- November 6, 2008
- January 8, 2009

TIME: 7 PM

LOCATION: FIRE STATION CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

STEERING COMMITTEE

- October 2, 2008
- December 4, 2008

TIME: 7 PM

LOCATION: NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OFFICE, FIRE STATION, LOWER LEVEL. ENTRANCE ON 7TH STREET.

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Historic Preservation Report Notice of Grant Funds Availability

If you own a designated historic landmark in the City of Oregon City, you are eligible to apply for a grant for the restoration of your house.

The City of Oregon City and the Historic Review Board and the Historic Review Board announce the new Historic Matching Grant Program.



The grant program is divided into two tracts:

- 1. Window repair/replacement and storm window installation** (applications are on a first come first served basis) and
- 2. A competitive grant for all other projects.**

The deadline for the competitive grant is April 13, 2009. The grants will be reviewed at the April 28, 2009 Historic Review Board meeting.

For more information, see your recent mailing or call Christina Robertson-Gardner at 503-496-1564.

MNA Adopts 7th Street

New signs have been installed on 7th street indicating MNA's participation in the Adopt-A-Street program. Our participation will make a difference in our neighborhood and community. Stay tuned for how you can help with the clean up.



Holiday Wreath Sale Nov & Dec 2008

Support your Pioneer Adult Community Center by purchasing your holiday wreath from the center and help raise money for their "Cover the Miles" Meals on Wheels – Mileage Reimbursement Program.

These wonderful holiday decorations are 22" diameter, FRESH and beautiful, and only \$17.00 each.

Call the center at (503) 496-1523 to purchase one today. Pick up at the center the first week of December.

Land Use Report

Meeting was held in late July was held with the staff from the Community Land Trust and neighbors from the Morton Road area. The Community Land Trust proposes to develop a 12 lot subdivision at 107 Morton Road.

The neighbors asked several questions about the impact of the development on the adjacent households regarding traffic, parking and storm drainage.

The Community Land Trust took all the comments into account. A proposed development plan will be submitted to city in the future.

Rose Farm Museum Open Through September 6

The 1847 Rose Farm, the William Holmes House, is open to the public. This house museum is open on Saturday from 12 noon to 4 pm July through September 6, 2008.

The property is located at the intersection of Rilance and Holmes Lanes in Oregon City. Admission is \$3 for adults; \$2 for Senior; \$2 for youth (ages 6-17) and children under 6 are free.

The Holmes House is the oldest American home in Oregon City, and was the scene of early government and many social events. The first territorial governor, Joseph Lane, gave his inaugural address from the balcony of the Rose Farm, with the celebrants gathered on the lawn below.

Come see it for yourself and walk in the footsteps of history.

Victorian Craft Demos at The Barclay House

Beadwork
Saturday, September 13
12 noon to 4 pm

Bobbin Lace & Lacemaking
Saturday, October 11
12 noon to 4 pm

Penny Rugs
Saturday, November 8
12 noon to 4 pm

The Barclay House is next door to the McLoughlin House, 713 Center St. For more info, call 503-656-5146.

Sno-Cone Sales

Here's the rundown on SnoCone sales, as of the first week of August:

July - Week 1: \$127.00
July - Week 2: \$144.35
July - Week 3: \$163.75
July - Week 4: \$175.00
Aug - Week 1: \$117.25

TOTAL to date = \$727.35

Thanks to all our volunteers!

And a Good Time Was Had by All!

Sunday evening, August 10th, after the neighborhood-wide yard sale, many of our neighbors gathered in Carnegie Park for our annual picnic. Food and fun for everyone seemed to be the theme. Favorite events included musical chairs, a water balloon toss and a watermelon seed spitting contest! Perhaps the kids liked popping the helium balloons the best. Prizes for everyone, of course. If you were there, you know what a fun time it was. If you weren't there - remember next year!

