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Audit Reveals Stronger Financial Reserves

City Continues to Weather Economic Storm in Positive Manner

As a result of the recent external financial audit, the City of Fairview received positive news in terms of our financial position. The budget for the current fiscal year anticipated a "Beginning Fund Balance" for the general fund totaling \$3,460,324. These are funds considered "available" to meet the ongoing obligations to operate the City. Per the auditor's official report, the General Fund Beginning Fund Balance is actually \$3,728,732. This is an increase of \$268,408 over projections and \$40,292 over the prior year's beginning fund balance.

So what does this mean for Fairview taxpayers? Primarily it means that the City is continuing to manage its finances and expenses extremely well and within the guidelines set forth by the City Council. It also means that although the City budgeted to utilize reserves (savings) in fiscal year 2009-10 to finance daily operations - the savings actually stayed untouched and were not utilized as the City was able to meet its operating expenses (expenses incurred in the fiscal year) utilizing operating revenues (revenues collected during the fiscal year). Many citizens believe that government should live within its current constraints and the City of Fairview is certainly trying to live within this framework. Our financial reserves grew in a year when the general fund was reduced by approximately 11% over the previous year's budget approved by the Budget Committee and City Council.

The external financial audit is scheduled to be presented to the City Council at their meeting on March 2, 2011. For more detailed information on this audit or any other aspect of the city finances, please feel free to contact Samantha Nelson, Finance Director, at 503.674.6221 or by email at nelsons@ci.fairview.or.us

Council Considering Photo Red Light Program

Public Open House on February 23rd

Fairview City Council is considering joining the growing group of Oregon cities that have incorporated photo red light programs within their jurisdiction as part of their traffic safety efforts. The City has been working with a private company called Redflex Traffic Systems to analyze the feasibility and need for photo red light equipment at a number of major intersections within Fairview. The first intersection that the City has focused on is the busy intersection of Halsey Avenue and Fairview Parkway. Initial research has indicated that there is a problem with drivers running red lights at this intersection.

Before proceeding with such a program, the City plans on conducting a public outreach campaign to solicit citizen input on the idea of utilizing such technology. The first component of this process is a public open house on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Fairview City Hall. Representatives from the Fairview Police Department and Redflex Traffic Systems will be providing presentations and answering questions about the current technology being considered. If you are interested in learning more about this potential new City program, please feel free to contact Police Chief Ken Johnson at 503.674.6213 or by email at johnsonk@ci.fairview.or.us

After soliciting public input, the Fairview City Council is likely to make a decision whether or not to proceed with the program in April or May of this year. One important component of this proposed program is that the implementation costs are paid for by the vendor, Redflex Traffic Systems. Over time, drivers issued citations by the Fairview Police Department would be paying for the upfront equipment costs borne by the vendor. No city funds would be used to pay for the equipment.



From the Desk of

**Mayor
Mike Weatherby**

Greetings and I wish all of you a very Happy New Year. I am excited about 2011 and all the opportunities that it holds. Last year, we accomplished the completion of the 223rd Railroad underpass and began the process to bring the USS Ranger to Fairview. We initiated the Mayor's Business Roundtables, and pushed to create MC3, the Multnomah County Coordinating Committee.

As I have said 2011 is a year of opportunity, and MC3 is an example of this. So what is MC3? It stands for Multnomah County Coordinating Committee, and it is proposed to be similar to the coordinating committees that both Clackamas and Washington Counties already have. It would be set up with elected representatives of each City and Multnomah County as the voting members. Entities such as TriMet, Port of Portland, and ODOT would have a seat at the table as non-voting members.

The purpose is to work together as a County to plan and deal with issues of transportation and land use planning. Our goal is to present our needs to Metro in order to best serve our citizens by gaining the needed monies and services for each of us. As added importance it should play a part in economic development. It is difficult enough dealing with Metro, and there is a very real competition with the other counties for the scarce dollars that Metro has, so it is time to add a new tool in order to best serve our citizens. At the time of writing this column both Fairview and Maywood Park have ratified the MC3 Bylaws, and I am looking forward to each of the remaining cities and Multnomah County adding their voices in doing so also.

This is but one change that I hope to see come about this year that will show Fairview leading the way.



Chief's Corner

by Chief Ken Johnson

This past year was an amazing year for the Fairview Police Department. This is just a brief look back at the past year in review:

- Dispatched calls for service were up 5.27% at 4,212 calls
- Self-initiated police activities were up 17.87% at 3,259 activities
- Total police activity was up 10.42% at 6,766 activities

Our Department was involved in a number of significant cases last year, including the Kyron Horman disappearance. In addition, Detective Robertson arrested a high profile sex offender that had been meeting and grooming victims at the Oregon Zoo. This arrest resulted in significant media attention. Detective Robertson also led an investigation into drug dealing at specific areas in Fairview, resulting in the arrest of a drug dealer who had previously been convicted of selling drugs. The current arrest included an enhancement that the sale of drugs took place within 1,000 feet of a school.

Patrol officers and sergeants made numerous arrests and worked with victims and businesses to prevent and solve crime. Good police work was the result of hard work and dedication by all members of our department. Other notable accomplishments this past year include:

- Fairview Police Department becomes only the 18th police agency in Oregon to receive State Accreditation.
- Creation of a third sergeant's position.
- Zero sustained use of force complaints filed against our officers.
- Fairview received the Best National Night Out Award coming in as 22nd best in the nation.
- First ever Shop with a Cop event at the Fairview Target store.
- Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) formed.
- Fairview Police receive first ever Special Olympics Honor Roll award.
- Officer O'Donnell elected to Board of Directors for Oregon Crime Prevention Officers Association.
- Chief Johnson elected as Chair of the Bureau of Emergency Communications User Board (our 9-1-1 and dispatch center for all agencies in Multnomah County).
- Chief Johnson elected as Second Vice-President of the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police.
- Chief Johnson appointed to the Board of Directors of the Oregon Accreditation Alliance.
- Department hosted several regional training sessions giving the department free training tuition for our officers.
- No major gang violence within the City of Fairview.
- Chief Johnson selected as one of eight Police Chief's in the nation to attend the International Association Chiefs of Police conference in Orlando, Florida with all-expenses paid training.

Use of Force Update

Not long ago, the Oregon State Legislature passed SB 111, which addressed several issues related to police use of force. Those mandates included:

- Creation of a County Use of Force Planning Authority. The Multnomah County Planning Authority has been formed and has met several times. The Police Chiefs selected Port of Portland Chief Phil Klahn to represent us.
- Required public outreach, education and training. The Planning Authority has been working hard to develop a curriculum for this outreach. The curriculum draft is complete and should be offered to the community soon. At least one session should take place in East County. As soon as a date, time and location have been established, we will notify the public.

Council Corner

by City Council President Barbara Jones



As we move into 2011, the City is already working on next year's budget. I want to remind everyone that the budget process includes a Public Hearing and the Budget Committee looks for public input. Just because you are not a voting member of the Budget Committee does not mean you cannot be involved in the City's budget. Please come to the meetings in April (11th, 18th & 25th) and become part of the solution as your City moves forward into the 2011-12 fiscal year.

On another note, the City Council is considering the use of the Redflex Red Light Photo Enforcement System for a few intersections in Fairview. Fairview Parkway and Halsey is an intersection where we all seem to be in a hurry and have the tendency to run the red light. There have been a few serious accidents at that intersection also and we don't have the manpower to monitor Fairview's more dangerous intersections on a 24/7 basis. From what we have heard from other cities in Oregon, the Redflex Photo Enforcement System has solved many traffic problems and is considered a success. Is Fairview going ahead with this program no matter what? NO! We have asked Redflex for a proposal and if the proposed agreement is agreeable to the Council, we plan on reaching a decision later this spring. In the meantime, we are beginning a public education effort and I encourage your input - pro or con - to the process. It is necessary and valuable to the Council.

Last but not least, the Fairview Community Arts Council has been formed. This is a new non-profit that will oversee community events in Fairview, most importantly, *Fairview on the Green* with our annual chili cook-off. The Board consists of five members; Carla Simon, Amber Walker, Steve Prom, Francis Doo and newly-elected Board President, Robb Pierson. We would like to thank these citizens for volunteering their time and providing their expertise to take *Fairview on the Green* to the next level. Watch your city newsletter for future updates on this exciting event and put August 27, 2011 on your calendar! See you at *Fairview on the Green* in August!

Council Corner articles reflect the views of the Councilor writing the article. The Mayor's or other Councilors' opinions may not be fully reflected in Council Corner articles.

Mayor, City Councilors Sworn-In

All Four Incumbents Re-elected in November

At the first City Council meeting of the new year on January 5th, Multnomah County District Attorney Michael Schrunk swore-in Mayor Mike Weatherby and Councilors Lisa Barton Mullins, Larry Cooper and Steve Owen to new four-year terms. All four incumbents were recently re-elected in the general election this past November.

Mayor Weatherby begins his third term as Fairview's Mayor, which if he successfully completes his full term, will make him the second longest serving Mayor in the history of Fairview. Only Mayor E.E. Heslin will have served longer from 1924 to 1937.

The next election for Fairview citizens to vote on City Council seats is in November 2012, with three seats occupied currently by Councilors Dan Kreamier, Barbara Jones and Ken Quinby on the ballot.

This spring will feature elections for a number of seats on the Reynolds School Board. For more information, go to the Multnomah County Elections Division website at www.co.multnomah.or.us/dbcs/elections/ or call 503.988.3720

USS Ranger Foundation Makes Progress in 2010

City Officials Excited for Project

Submitted by Foundation: The USS Ranger Foundation is predicting a busy year ahead in Fairview. Our new office and store space in downtown Fairview, courtesy of the Everhart Company, gives us a base to coordinate work. We are moving in furniture and lining up volunteers to staff the office.

The warm store space helped while we operated the Christmas tree and wreath lot in partnership with the City of Fairview. Foundation volunteers sold trees and met many supportive Fairview citizens. We appreciate the encouragement from everyone who helped raise funds to bring the Ranger to Fairview.

Fundraising is the critical phase for the Foundation right now. One project out to bid is to complete the required Environmental Impact Statement questions for the Navy. The \$50,000 contract is being paid for with a grant from Travel Portland and is only one phase of the required environmental research work.

Foundation staff and volunteers want to send a big thank you to all City of Fairview staff, and especially the members of the Public Works Department and Fairview Police. The millions of important details it takes to make a project like this happen, whether it's a tree lighting or a tree lot, require many hours of behind the scenes work most people never see. We could not have made it this far without the City of Fairview and the community supporting us.

The Foundation is making big plans for 2011 and we need to build our team. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Ron Witherup at Ron.Witherup@ussranger.org. If you would like to be a business sponsor for Ranger, please contact Development Director Shannon Chisom at Shannon.Chisom@ussranger.org.

Please follow our progress at our main website, www.ussranger.org, and take a look at our Fairview event videos on our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/USSRangerFoundation. In the past six months, we have discovered why Fairview is truly a city of history and vision and the USS Ranger Foundation is proud to be welcomed aboard.



Are You in a HOA?

City Compiling List for Improved Communication

As a local government, the City of Fairview is always looking for alternative methods of communicating with our citizens. Similar to most cities in the metro area, there are numerous HOAs (Homeowner Associations) around our community. These HOAs are organized groups of residents that could provide an easier method to communicate with citizens on an ongoing basis. Unfortunately, the City does not have a current, up-to-date listing of all homeowner associations within Fairview.

We have compiled a partial list utilizing HOA registration information from the Oregon Secretary of State's office. Letters were recently sent to these HOAs asking for up-to-date contact information.

If you are a member of an active HOA and want to ensure that your HOA is contained on our current listing of HOAs, please contact Christie Nunez, Executive Assistant in the Administration Department at 503.674.6224 or by email at nunezc@ci.fairview.or.us

Community Garden Filling Up Fast

We will be running the Park Cleone Community Garden program again this year. There are only a few 15 foot by 15 foot garden plots available. Garden plots will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. A yearly fee of \$25.00 is charged per garden plot, and only one garden plot will be assigned per family.

If you are interested in reserving a plot at the Park Cleone Community Garden and would like to receive a garden application form or more information about the community garden program, please contact Devree Leymaster by calling 503.674.6202 or by e-mailing her at leymasterd@ci.fairview.or.us. When leaving a message please include your full name, address, and telephone number. Please also call or e-mail with any questions about the community garden program.

You may also stop in at City Hall to pick up a garden application and related information Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Community Development counter located on the second floor. Once a completed application form and garden fee is submitted, a garden plot will be assigned to you.

New Sidewalk Completed

City Partners with County, ODOT

A recent partnership between Multnomah County and the City of Fairview has led to a new sidewalk and pedestrian crossing that improves safety near the busy Reynolds Schools campus.

The new sidewalk runs along NE Halsey Street west and east of NE 205th Avenue, across the street from Reynolds Middle School. The project includes one of the county's first solar-powered pedestrian traffic signals at a redesigned Halsey Street crosswalk. Parts of the project area lacked sidewalks previously. A vegetated rain garden was constructed between the sidewalk and traffic lanes to detain and treat stormwater.

The City of Fairview secured a \$150,000 grant from ODOT for the project and contributed another \$25,000. Multnomah County secured a \$30,000 grant for the pedestrian signal and contributed design and construction engineering services. Funds from a local lighting district paid for historic-style streetlights. The project was constructed by Westech Construction. Since this is county-owned road, Multnomah County maintains this section of Halsey Street.

Go Green! Make Your Own Cleaning Agents

Looking to go "Green" in the new year? One way you can do this is by reducing the number of harmful products in your home. Choosing less-toxic products to clean your home can help protect your family and the environment. Creating your own cleaners with simple safe ingredients can save money and reduce the number of disposable packaging materials going into our landfills.

For a list of recipes and tips to help create a safer home, you can download *Green Cleaners* and *The Hazardless Home Handbook* at www.oregonmetro.gov/greencleaners. These publications are also available for pick-up at Fairview City Hall in the Community Development Department. For additional information or for any recycling questions, please contact Devree Leymaster, Recycling Coordinator for the City of Fairview, at 503.674.6202 or by email at leymasterd@ci.fairview.or.us.

Code Corner

It was a very successful year for code compliance at the City of Fairview. In addition to the work performed by Erika Fitzgerald in Community Development, City of Gresham staff continued to provide support with inspections and file management through the intergovernmental agreement signed in 2009.

Of the 121 total complaints received, the majority were vehicle related violations (22%), overgrown vegetation (21%), or violations related to solid waste/illegal dumping (21%). Graffiti violations and violations in the public right of way, including illegal placement of signs, also accounted for a significant percentage of total complaints received.

Of the 99 confirmed violations, 38 were corrected after the first notice was sent and 16 were corrected after the abatement letter was sent. These numbers show that the City had excellent success at achieving voluntary compliance from our residents. Residents took the necessary actions to correct violations preventing the City from having to seek enforcement action with the Municipal Court. Multiple complaints were referred to other departments. For example, all complaints regarding parking violations in the public right of way are referred to the Fairview Police Department.

If you would like more information, please visit the City of Fairview website at www.ci.fairview.or.us for a more detailed report on 2010 code compliance statistics.

If you have received a notice of violation for your property or have observed a violation, please contact Erika Fitzgerald, Code Compliance Coordinator, at 503.674.6242 or at fitzgeralde@ci.fairview.or.us. If you have a complaint about a vehicle parked on the street, please call the police non-emergency number at 503.823.3333.

The City would like to thank all property owners who worked with us to address code violations during the past year.

So What Does Metro Do?

Citizens Invited to Learn at Metro 101

Whether you are a newcomer to our region or a long-established resident, you may be confused about our unique regional government called Metro. The City of Fairview is proud to be hosting the *Metro 101* session on Thursday, February 17, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers at Fairview City Hall.

This orientation session will provide information about the roles and responsibilities of Metro and how the regional government works with cities and counties to plan for future growth and enhance the region's quality of life. This event will be led by Metro Chief Operating Official Michael Jordan and members of the Metro Council and will include a question-and-answer session.

Metro is the only regional government agency in the United States whose governing body is directly elected by the region's voters. The Metro Council consists of a president who is elected regionwide and six councilors who are elected by district every four years in nonpartisan races. The Metro Council provides leadership from a regional perspective, focusing on issues that cross local boundaries and require collaborative solutions. The Council oversees the operation of Metro's programs, develops long-range plans and fiscally responsible annual budgets, and establishes fees and other revenue measures.

The event is free and open to the public. Although the information presented at this session will be oriented primarily to local elected officials and planning commissioners, anyone that has an interest in learning more about their regional government is encouraged to attend.

RSVPs are requested by contacting Annierose Von Burg at Metro at 503.797.1801 or by email at annierose.vonburg@oregonmetro.gov. We hope to see a great turnout at the orientation session.

Council Approves No Increase in Utility Rates in 2011

Small Increase Approved for 2012

The Fairview City Council approved a resolution at their meeting on Wednesday, January 19th, that does not increase utility rates for any utility customers in Fairview for this current year. The three utilities affected by this action are water, sewer and stormwater utilities. Based on City Council directive, the City conducts a Utility Rate Analysis every two years to ensure the three utilities are on solid financial ground to face current requirements and future needs. The results of the study project rates for each of the separate utilities for the next five years.

One method of analysis provided in the study indicates that the monthly combined utility rate for the average single family residential customer for all three utilities is \$73.57. In 2011, this average rate would stay the same. In 2012, the rate would slightly increase to \$75.07 as a result of the City Council action.

"In this continuing tough economic climate for our citizens, it is a positive step that our rates did not need to increase this current year," stated Mayor Mike Weatherby. "And the increase for next year is very minimal."

Garbage/Recycling Service Rates Increase

First Rate Increase since 2008

As a result of a request for a rate review from the City's franchised solid waste/recycling hauler Twelve Mile Disposal, the City conducted a rate study in December 2010. The franchise agreement with Twelve Mile stipulates that these rates be reviewed every two years to ensure that the private company is achieving the agreed rate of return.

The terms of the agreement stipulate a rate of return in the 8% to 12% range which is standard within the Metro region. After reviewing the financial records for Twelve Mile Disposal, it was clear that the company was unable to achieve the required rate of return under the current rate structure. Two primary reasons are:

- Disposal costs have increased from \$77.25 per ton to \$88.55 per ton, an increase of 14.6% since 2008. These costs were increased by Metro and have impacted all solid waste and recycling companies in the region.
- The value of the residential recyclable material decreased from \$40 per ton in August 2008 to \$0 per ton in the last quarter of 2010. Simply put, the value of the recycled materials placed at the curb was zero and the company actually had to pay to get rid of the recycled material that they picked up.

After reviewing the financial records and projecting inflation costs for 2011 and 2012, the City determined a new rate structure for the next two years. For the most common residential rates, the increase was \$3.50 per month. When compared with neighboring cities, our residential rates are lower than Gresham, but higher than Troutdale and Portland rates. On the commercial side of the rate schedule, the new rates stayed the same except that the disposal costs imposed by Metro are being passed onto customers.

The rate study that was performed prior to the recent rate increase is available on the City website or you can contact the Administration Office at 503.674.6221 for further details. Customers with questions can also contact Twelve Mile Disposal directly at 503.661-0255.

Fairview Resident Plans to Ride Bicycle across USA

Big Brothers/Big Sisters to Benefit from Ride



On May 8th, Jeff Anderson begins a once-in-a-lifetime adventure as he begins a 3,415 mile journey from Los Angeles to Boston on a bicycle. The Fairview resident and local businessman turned 50 years old this year and part of his celebration will be riding across our nation while raising awareness and money for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. Jeff has the goal of raising \$34,150 for both the local and national nonprofit organization.

For more than 100 years, Big Brothers/Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. As the nation's largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country, including here in Fairview.

A veteran of seven Cycle Oregon week long rides, Jeff has been training for a year in preparation for the nearly two month journey across our great country. Averaging nearly 80 miles each day, he will bike a total of 43 days. The route will take Jeff from the beautiful Pacific Ocean through the Mojave Desert up and over the mountains of Sedona Arizona, over the continental divide in New Mexico and along historic Route 66. The route will then turn Northeast through Kansas and the Lewis and Clark Trail in Missouri, across the Mississippi River through the back roads of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania finally dropping down through New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and the long awaited state line of Massachusetts. If all goes as planned, Jeff and 19 other people will dip their tires in the Atlantic Ocean on June 24, 2011.

Jeff is the owner of Proforma Prosource Marketing Group located in Fairview which is a part of the Proforma family of owners that make up the largest print, promotional products and multimedia service providers in North America. Besides pedaling his bike for 7 to 9 hours every day Jeff will be working during this adventure. With a small laptop and a Blackberry, Jeff will be working with his assistants, Kelly, Betty & Justin to keep clients projects on track.

Jeff will be blogging every day during the ride with "Tales from the Road" which promises to be a fun mix of information and humor of the sights, sounds and flavor of his encounters from the seat of a bike and the many roadside stops along his journey. For more information on this unique adventure for this Fairview resident, check out his website at www.rideforkidssake.com The City of Fairview wishes Jeff a safe and exciting journey later this spring!

Police Department Begins Strategic Planning Process

Department Leads Way for Overall City Strategic Plan

Chief Johnson recently returned from an all-expense paid trip to the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference in Orlando, Florida. Chief Johnson attended numerous training sessions and collaborated with police chiefs from around the world. The Chief returned with renewed energy and a concept to create a new vision for the Fairview Police Department and to develop further collaboration with the community to build a plan for the future.

Chief Johnson held a "kick off" retreat with the Police Department command staff in November and recently attended all roll call meetings, briefing department members on the concept and outline of the process. The process will include:

- Chief will ride with each officer, at least once, during next 12 months to solicit input.
- Chief will meet with each civilian staff member, at least once, to solicit input.
- Chief will meet with each City Councilor, at least once, to solicit input.
- Sergeant will conduct staffing and call load study.
- Chief will meet with key stakeholders from USS Ranger to discuss potential impacts to department.
- Chief will work with Mayor to make presentation at the Mayor's Business Roundtable and to engage this group on the vision and planning process.
- Chief will meet with all principals from schools within City limits.

Once information is gathered, a public meeting will be held with key stakeholders, which will probably be an all day Saturday event. At this event, we will review the department as it exists today along with future challenges and roadblocks. The final step will be to review all data gathered, what it means, and put it all together for plan development. A final draft will then be presented to the Fairview City Council.

Once the final document is approved by Council, the Chief will hold a public forum to help facilitate public education and implementation

Emergency Plan Adopted By City Council

One of the major expectations that citizens depend on from their different levels of government is their coordinated ability to effectively respond to major emergencies and natural disasters. The City of Fairview took a major step forward in our emergency planning and preparedness when the new Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was adopted by City Council in September 2010.

Through the leadership and coordination of Multnomah County Emergency Management and a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, the City of Fairview has a totally revamped and updated EOP. The new EOP is an all-hazard plan that describes how the City of Fairview will organize and respond to emergencies and disasters in our community. It is based on, and is compatible with, Federal, State of Oregon, and other applicable laws, regulations, plans and policies, including the National Response Framework, the State of Oregon Emergency Management Plan, and the Multnomah County Emergency Operations Plan.

Now that the Plan has been updated, the real work for City officials continues since City leaders view emergency management planning as a continuous process that is linked closely with training and exercises to establish a culture of preparedness within the organization. Led by Police Chief Ken Johnson, the City's Emergency Manager, City staff will be utilizing the new EOP as a basis for increased training exercises over the coming year. For example, initial preparations are being made to practice for a train derailment along the busy Union Pacific railroad tracks that cut through our community, including a hazardous material spill scenario. This scenario will provide a good test of our new EOP and feedback regarding how we can continue to improve our ability to respond to such emergencies.

Spring Events in Fairview

SOLV Earth Day Event

The City of Fairview has once again partnered with SOLV for the 2011 SOLV IT Earth Day Event. This year's project will be at Fairview Woods Park and the task at hand will be invasive plant removal. As many residents know Fairview Woods Park received extensive improvement and enhancements in 2009, but on-going invasive plant removal is critical to the vegetation maintenance and overall health of the park. The event will be Saturday, April 16, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you want to show your Earth Day spirit and are interested in volunteering please contact Devree Leymaster, Event Coordinator, City of Fairview at 503.674.6202 or by email at lemasterd@ci.fairview.or.us.

Easter Egg Hunt

The 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Fairview Community Park will return on Saturday, April 23, 2011. Organized by the Fairview/Troutdale Eagles Club, this is a popular event for kids of all ages. Look for more details as the event gets closer on the City website.

Big Truck Day

Mark your calendars for this popular childrens event! It will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2011. Preparations continue to make this the best Big Truck Day ever.

Opt In Online Panel Reaches Milestone

Metro Seeks Ongoing Citizen Input

Metro's new Opt In online panel has signed up more than 1,000 members, an encouraging participation milestone for the new research panel. Metro and three community partners launched Opt In last month to gather public opinion among residents of the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area.

Metro's goal is to attain a panel participant base of 10,000 by October 2011. The goal of the new panel is to provide a timely, cost-effective way for the region's residents to provide input into decisions affecting them and their communities.

Building a large, diverse Metro research panel will allow the agency to conduct more in-depth polling for a lower cost, since a large part of a survey's expense lies in gathering and maintaining an appropriate respondent pool. An innovative public-sector use of a research tool that has been highly effective in the private sector, the panel is hosted by Davis, Hibbitts & Midghall, a Portland-based consulting firm with extensive experience in public opinion research related to public policy.

Metro's Opt In partners are playing a key role in broadening the panel's enrollment outreach to include traditionally underrepresented communities and other residents who have been hard for Metro to reach. Respected organizations that are deeply connected to the community, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, Northwest Health Foundation, and Portland State University's College of Urban and Public Affairs are helping Metro develop a panel that is more representative of the diverse communities and individuals in the Metro region.

Participating in the Opt In panel is quick, easy and confidential. Panelists are invited to participate in one or two short online surveys each month about topics in which they have indicated interest. All personal and demographic information panel participants submit will remain confidential; Metro and its partners will receive only anonymous, aggregate reports of participants' survey responses. That means private information stays private, while Metro derives important data and guidance from the opinions Opt In panelists provide.

The Opt In research panel is just one of Metro's new online tools aimed at creating and sustaining online engagement with more of the region's residents. For more information, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/connect.

New Public Works Director Joins City Team

Position Vacated by Bob Cochran



The City of Fairview recently announced the selection of Allan Berry as the City's new Public Works Director. After an extensive recruitment process with a strong pool of candidates, Fairview City Administrator Joseph Gall offered the position to Mr. Berry in November.

With over thirty years of engineering and construction management experience, Allan brings a wealth of talent and skills to our organization. "I am very excited to have the opportunity to bring such a talented professional to our management team here in Fairview," stated Gall. "Allan will build on the strong foundation that was built under Bob Cochran, our former Public Works Director."

Mr. Berry is a registered professional engineer in Oregon, Washington and New Mexico. In addition to his strong professional skills, Allan has always been committed to various community activities including being a 4-H Wildlife Steward, project coordinator for the recently constructed Heroes Memorial in Gresham, and is coach for the boys varsity soccer team at Reynolds High School. Allan's first date of employment was on December 1, 2010 and he is quickly adjusting to his new position. He can be reached by phone at 503.674.6235 or by email at berrya@ci.fairview.or.us

The City would also like to acknowledge the great job that Stephen Richards did serving as the Interim Public Works Director for most of 2010. He has returned to his regular position within the Public Works Department.

Budget Preparation Begins for City Departments

City Continues to Deal with Flat Revenues

With the approach of spring, it is once again budget preparation season for most public organizations in Oregon, including the City of Fairview. The month of March is primarily when the City's management team internally prepares the proposed budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2011-12. April through June is the key period of time for citizen engagement and involvement with the City's budget. On April 4th, the proposed budget will be released by Joseph Gall, Fairview's City Administrator. Copies of the draft budget will be available at City Hall.

The next step in the process is review and approval by the 14 members of the Fairview Budget Committee. This important committee consists of the City Council and seven additional Fairview citizens. The Fairview Budget Committee has scheduled three meetings to consider the City Administrator's proposed budget. The dates of these meetings will be April 11th, 18th, and 25th at Fairview City Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. Public testimony and input is always encouraged during this process.

After the Budget Committee approves next year's budget, a public hearing will be held in front of the Fairview City Council in early June. Oregon Budget Law requires that the City adopt its budget for next fiscal year by June 30, 2011. For more information on the budget process, please feel free to contact Samantha Nelson, Finance Director, at 503.674.6221 or by email at nelsons@ci.fairview.or.us.

EVENTS @ your library

Fairview-Columbia Library, 1520 NE Village St. 503.988.5655

February 2011

FOR FAMILIES

Tiny Tots

For children 12-24 months with adult. Babies 0-12 months welcome too.

Fridays, 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Toddler Storytime

Storytime for children 24-36 months with adult.

Thursdays, 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Storytime for children 3-6 years with adult.

Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.-noon

Family Storytime

Storytime for children 0-6 years with adult.

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Bug Builders/*Inventamos Insectos*

Pipe cleaners + scissors + imagination = BUGS! You bring the imagination and we will provide the pipe cleaners, scissors and library books about insects. Together we will create bugs of all kinds. For ages 5 and up.

Limpiapipas + tijeras + imaginación = ¡insectos! Traen su buena imaginación, y nosotros proveemos limpiapipas, tijeras y libros de la biblioteca sobre insectos. Juntos creamos insectos de todo tipo. Para niños mayores de 5 años, jóvenes, adultos y familias.

Sunday, February 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Domingo, 13 de febrero, 2-3 p.m.

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Teen Lounge & Homework Center

Use library computers to access the internet and do word processing; get homework help from trained staff and online tutors; or just do your homework and listen to music while hanging out in the bean bag chairs. For teens in grades 6-12.

Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Homeschool Book Group for Kids & Teens

Calling all homeschoolers age 6-10 and age 14-18! Make new friends, talk about great books, and make book-related crafts.

Ages 6-10 read *Dragon Keeper* by Carole Wilkinson.

Ages 14-18 read *A Wizard of Earthsea* by Ursula K. Le Guin.

Tuesday, February 15, 1:00-2:00 p.m. for ages 6-10, 2:00-3:00 p.m. for ages 14-18

FOR ADULTS

Kanzashi: The Art of Japanese Fabric Flowers

Learn the beautiful Japanese art of kanzashi, folded fabric petal flowers, with author and artist Diane Gilleland. Fold squares of fabric into petals and then assemble the petals into beautiful flowers. Registration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503.988.5234.

Saturday, February 19, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Pageturners

Engage in stimulating conversation about books, exchange perspectives about characters and plot, and get to know your neighbors. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Join us for *Everybody Reads*, Multnomah County Library's annual community-wide book discussion. Read *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* by Wes Moore.

Tuesday, February 22, 6:30-7:45 p.m

COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer Lab/Laboratorio de computadoras

Lab assistants are available to help beginners practice their computer skills. Ayuda en español disponible.

Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Martes, 3:30-5:30 p.m

MEETING ROOM

Fairview-Columbia Library's meeting room is available at no charge for community meetings and events on a first-come, first-served basis. It has a 20-person capacity.

This listing is only a sampling of the activities at the Fairview-Columbia library. For full information, check out www.multcolib.org/events or call the library at 503.988.5655. Space at programs is limited. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis, except as noted.

Library Hours

Monday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday: Noon - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.

~ Lady Bird Johnson



Fairview Leadership Team

Elected Officials

City Council

Mike Weatherby, Mayor
Barb Jones, Council President
Larry Cooper, Councilor
Ken Quinby, Councilor
Steve Owen, Councilor
Lisa Barton Mullins, Councilor
Dan Kreamier, Councilor

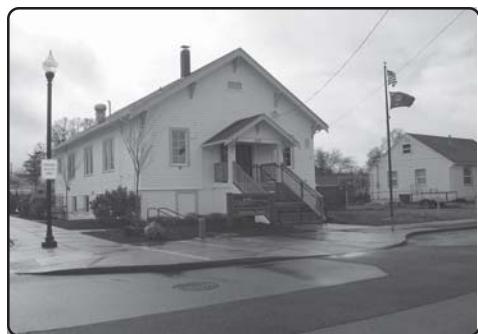
Appointed Officials

Joseph Gall, City Administrator
Ken Johnson, Police Chief
John Gessner, Community
Development Director
Allan Berry, Public Works Director
Samantha Nelson, Finance Director



Fairview City Hall

1300 NE Village Street
Fairview, Oregon 97024



Fairview Community Center

300 Harrison Street
Fairview, Oregon 97024

Fairview Public Works Facility

48 First Street
Fairview, Oregon 97024

City Calendar

February

- 16 City Council Meeting
- 17 **Metro 101 Session**
- 21 **Presidents Day (City Hall Closed)**
- 22 Planning Commission Meeting
- 23 **Red Light Camera Program - Public Open House**

March

- 2 City Council Meeting
- 8 Planning Commission Meeting
- 9 Reynolds School Board Meeting
- 10 Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting
- 16 City Council Meeting
- 22 Planning Commission Meeting

April

- 6 City Council Meeting
- 11 **Budget Committee Meeting**
- 12 Planning Commission Meeting
- 13 Reynolds School Board Meeting
- 16 **SOLV Earth Day Event**
- 18 **Budget Committee Meeting (if necessary)**
- 20 City Council Meeting
- 23 **Easter Egg Hunt - Fairview Community Park**
- 25 **Budget Committee Meeting (if necessary)**
- 26 Planning Commission Meeting

For more information on these events, please see our website at www.ci.fairview.or.us.

Important Phone Numbers

Mayor - 674.6212
City Council - 674.6224
City Administrator - 674.6211
County Animal Control - 988.7387
Building Permits - 674.6202
City Clerk - 674.6224
Code Violations - 674.6242
East Metro Mediation - 618.3247
Fire (non-emergency) - 823.3333
General Information - 665.7929
Municipal Court - 674.6210
Park Reservations - 674.6202
Police (business) - 674.6200
Police Records - 674.6200
Police (non-emergency) - 823.3333
Public Room Reservations - 674.6202
Public Works - 665.9320
Utility Billing - 674.6215
Zoning Information - 674.6202

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