

FAIRVIEW Point

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Fairview Police Receive State Accreditation

Only Second Agency in Multnomah County to Achieve Honor

Fairview's Police Department was recently awarded accreditation through the Oregon Accreditation Alliance (OAA), which is a joint effort of the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police, Oregon State Sheriffs Association, and the Oregon Association of Public Safety Communications Officials.

Law enforcement accreditation is a progressive way of helping agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance and provides formal recognition that an organization meets or exceeds general expectations of service and quality. Law enforcement agencies choosing to pursue accreditation under this program have examined all aspects of their operations, developed and implemented contemporary policies and procedures, and trained all employees on their use. Award of accreditation acknowledges that an agency's operations were carefully measured against a set of professional standards and that the agency met or exceeded requirements of those standards. It is a voluntary program and agencies must comply with over 100 standards that represent core issues relating to life, health, and safety.

The Fairview Police Department initially joined the OAA in September 2005. Once awarded accreditation agencies are monitored and must submit annual reports, and are assessed every three years in order to maintain accredited status. The Fairview Police Department was evaluated for initial accreditation in November, 2009, and the report was submitted to the OAA Board for review and determination at their meeting in February 2010. The Fairview Police Department was found to be in compliance with all applicable standards and approved for the award of accreditation on February 9, 2010. For more information, check out the OAA website at www.oracall.org

A proud Fairview Police Chief Ken Johnson states, "There are over 180 police and sheriff agencies in Oregon. Fairview is only the twenty-third agency to successfully complete all 330 standards and sub-standards to become a State Accredited Police Agency. This represents approximately 12% of the departments. Now there are two accredited agencies in Multnomah County: Fairview and Troutdale. This is a significant accomplishment that we can all be proud of, including members of the department and our community. I am proud of the dedication, patience and hard work of all department staff, which led to this achievement. I am most proud of the fact that we have established best practices that will increase our ability to serve our community, fight and solve crime and make our community a safer place to live and work." OAA Executive Director Joe Simon made a formal presentation to the Fairview City Council on March 3, 2010. A formal award presentation will also take place at the annual Awards Banquet of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police in April.

City Budget Process Begins in April

Tough Year Anticipated with Revenue Decline

With the approach of spring, it is once again budget preparation season for most public organizations in Oregon, including the City of Fairview. While the month of March is primarily internal when the City's management team prepares the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11, April through June is the key period of time for citizen engagement and involvement with the city's budget. On April 5th, the proposed budget will be released by the City Administrator and copies will be available at City Hall. The Fairview Budget Committee has scheduled three meetings to consider the City Administrator's proposed budget. The dates of these meetings will be April 12th, 19th, and 26th in the Fairview City Hall starting at 6:00 pm. 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, 2010. 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



From the Desk of

Mayor Mike Weatherby

Greetings as we make our way into Spring. In the coming months, one event stands out for Fairview and that is the grand reopening of the 223rd avenue railroad underpass. This major project has affected all of East County. This project has involved working with and gaining the support of multiple agencies: ODOT, Metro, Multnomah County, local contractors, and Union Pacific Railroad. Working towards accomplishing a timely completion of the project with those agencies has proven to require an unending effort. As I write this update, the County's current completion date for the project is the end of April. Upon successful completion, a reopening ceremony befitting the size and effort of the project will be held. All residents will be notified of the final completion date and invited to the ceremonies.

As we begin thinking about our events this summer, such as National Night Out and our signature city event, Fairview on the Green that features our chili tasting contest, one thing comes to mind that is essential for these events to be a success... *Volunteers*. I would like to take this opportunity to request everyone to volunteer and help with one of our events. Investing in Fairview as a volunteer is fun and helps make Fairview a better place to live through your efforts.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact my office if you would like me to meet with you and your neighbors. It is something that I truly enjoy as your Mayor and hearing directly about the issues that concern you.

Chief's Corner

by Chief Ken Johnson



The Fairview Police Department is pleased to announce that we will once again offer the popular training class, **Personal Protection Strategies for Women**. This class will be taught by Fairview Officers that are certified instructors in this subject.

Pre-registration is required by calling the Fairview Police Department at 503.674.6200. Class size will be limited to the first 25 people that register. The last class offered quickly filled up so interested people are encouraged to call early.

The class will be held at the Fairview City Hall Council Chambers located at 1300 NE Village Street in Fairview. There is no cost for this training. The class will be offered on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Class topics will include:

- Techniques and strategies for maximizing personal safety within the home, workplace, while traveling, and during social activities;
- The advantages and disadvantages of the personal defense options available to citizens;
- What to consider before offering physical resistance and implementing personal self-defense techniques to defend against a sexual assault;
- Guidelines and strategies for preventing "Date Rape";
- Statistical information on sexual assaults; and
- The profiles of sexual predators.

Code Corner

Maintaining your Yard

With the warm and dry spring weather approaching, please keep in mind that it is your responsibility to maintain your yard. City regulations require that grass, weeds, and yard debris be kept below 14 inches in height. The purpose of this rule is to:

- Prevent the attraction of rats and other animals that may pose health and safety hazards.
- Reduce fire hazards.
- Maintain the attractiveness and livability of the city's neighborhoods.

Please also remember to always clean up after your pets on yours and other's properties. Pet waste is a serious public health nuisance to the community. All pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets, so please remember to bring along a bag on those daily walks!

Code Compliance Brochures Available

Stop by City Hall to pick up the free series of code compliance informational brochures available at the Community Development Department and Administration counters. Brochures offer valuable resources and information on the following topics:

- Solid Waste and Discarded Vehicles on Residential Property
- Prevention and Removal of Graffiti on City and Residential Property
- Residential Property Maintenance Guide
- Residential Vehicle Storage and Maintenance

If you have any questions or would like to make a complaint, please contact the Code Compliance Coordinator at 503.674.6242 or by email at rencee@ci.fairview.or.us. All code regulations are available online through the link to the Fairview Municipal Code at the city's website at www.ci.fairview.or.us.

Council Corner

by City Councilor Dan Kreamier



The sun is shining, flowers are blooming and spring is in the air! This is a great time of year to start thinking about yard clean up and getting a jump start on new and exciting projects around the house. Again this year the City is committed to helping residents clean up their yards by having the Community CleanUp Day, which will be on May 8, 2010. You can take one large item to the Public Works building located on the corner of First and Main with your coupon from the spring Public Works newsletter, as well as a second coupon that can be used for taking yard debris to All-Wood Recyclers located on Marine Drive just west of the Troutdale Airport. Talk to your neighbors and offer to lend a helping hand if they are unable to do what is necessary to clean up their yard. They will appreciate it and you will have a nicer view when you look out your window or drive up to your house. With neighbors working together we can improve the look of our community and continue to keep it a desirable location for people moving into the area.

On another note, there is a great deal of frustration for many Fairview residents (myself included) who have had to change their driving habits because of the railroad bridge construction that has been dragging on, on NE 223rd avenue. Remember that 223rd avenue is a County road and the City of Fairview has been in constant communication with the County to provide updates to our citizens about the progress that is taking place. With the good weather we have had, the county and construction crews have been able to consistently work to bring the project closer to completion. With its completion, Fairview residents will be much safer as they travel along 223rd. It is also going to open great opportunities for families to be able to safely bike along 223rd and go down the hill to Blue Lake Regional Park and Chinook Landing. In the past this has been a very treacherous section of road that was not conducive for families to ride on. I got involved with the City Council because I want to have a voice in how our community evolves into the future without losing the small town feel. If anyone has any comments or suggestions, please forward them to City Hall to my attention and I will be glad to listen to your concerns.

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.

New Executive Assistant Joins City Team

After an extensive selection process, the City has selected Christie Nunez as the new Executive Assistant in the Administration Department. This position became available back in November 2009 when Julia Bulfin left her position. This important position provides administrative support to Joseph Gall, City Administrator, as well as to Mayor Mike Weatherby and the City Council members.

Christie started working in her new role on February 8th and is quickly learning all of the little details that keep our small city government moving forward. Christie joins our organization after working with Oregon PERS for the past five years in a variety of executive support roles. "Both Mayor Weatherby and I have been very impressed with Christie in her short time with the city," stated Joseph Gall. "We had a very competitive pool of applicants and she rose to the top." She can be reached at 503.674.6224 or by email at nunezc@ci.fairview.or.us

Besides enjoying all of her new responsibilities in her position, Christie enjoys spending time with her kids, hiking and gardening. And she now has more time to enjoy these activities since she is not commuting to the westside any longer.

New Cell Phone Restrictions Begin in Oregon

Hopefully, everyone knows that a new law went into effect in January that prohibits (with limited exceptions) texting while driving and talking on a cell phone unless you are using a hands free device. Please note that dialing a cell phone while driving is also illegal. As the state legislature debated this issue, there were some clear reasons why this law became necessary:

- Every single time someone takes their eyes or focus off the road, even for a few seconds, it becomes unsafe and the consequences can be devastating.
- In one second, at highway speed, your vehicle will travel one hundred feet. At city street speed, your vehicle will travel almost 40 feet – the length of an intersection.
- Behind the wheel, you are responsible for yourself, passengers and others around you.
- Distractions can be caused by some event, activity, object or person within or outside the vehicle that shifts one's attention away from the driver task.
- Texting and cell phone conversations impact your ability to concentrate and focus more than other distracting activities.
- According to NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration), in 2008 nearly 6,000 people died in crashes involving a distracted or inattentive driver.
- According to ODOT, in 2008 there were 306 crashes where “using cell phone” was the main reason for the crash. Three of those crashes resulted in fatalities.

Although there are limited exceptions for using a cell phone as an “essential” part of your job, the Fairview Police will enforce that provision with a clear understanding that “essential” means that a driver could not have pulled over to the side of the road and conduct their business or obtained an address. Or, that a driver could have looked up an address prior to departing for a destination. Driving while texting or using a cell phone without a hands free device is dangerous and the Fairview Police Department will be enforcing this new law and will use a very narrow interpretation of the “essential” need to talk or text while driving.



Spring Blood Drive Returns to City Hall

Fairview will be hosting a spring blood drive at City Hall on **DATE** from **2:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Whether you have never given blood or have been a regular donor, the City encourages you to participate! Every 2 seconds someone in the United States needs blood. That's a lot of blood! But only 5% of the eligible US population donates blood in any given year. Healthy donors are the only source of blood. Currently, there is no substitute. Blood is needed for emergencies and for people who have cancer, blood disorders, sickle cell, anemia and other illnesses. Some people need regular blood transfusions to live. For nearly 5 million people who receive blood transfusions every year, your donation can make the difference between life and death. You will even get free juice and cookies!

It is easy to register. Just go to www.givelife.org and use our sponsor code: fairview. The site has lots of useful information regarding first time donors and the process of donating in general. You may also register by calling the City at 503.674.6224.

Mayor and Three City Council Seats Up in Fall Election

First Day to File is June 2nd

Residents that are interested in running for Mayor or City Council here in Fairview are advised that there are several positions that will be on the fall general election ballot in November. In addition to the Mayor's position, City Councilor positions 4, 5, and 6 will be on the ballot. Terms for these four positions begin on January 1, 2011 and last until December 31, 2014. The first date to file for these positions is June 2, 2010 and the deadline is 5:00 pm on August 24, 2010.

Candidates may file by declaration or by petition. Forms are available at Fairview City Hall or at the Oregon Secretary of State's Web site at www.sos.state.or.us/elections. Candidates for open positions may file by declaration by completing form SEL 120, Filing of Candidacy for Nonpartisan Nomination and paying the \$25 filing fee, or they may file by Petition by obtaining a minimum of 25 signatures of qualified city electors on SEL 121, Petition by Nonpartisan Nomination Signature Sheet. Forms and fees should be submitted to the City of Fairview City Hall located at 1300 NE Village Street in Fairview.

Council positions are elected at-large and are unpaid volunteers. To qualify for Fairview City Council, candidates must have resided in Fairview during the 12 months immediately preceding the election.

All successful candidates are required by law to file an Annual Verified Statement of Economic Interest (Oregon Revised Statute 244.050), which is distributed to elected officials by the State of Oregon in March each year in office. If you have questions about the election, please contact the City of Fairview at 503.674.6224.

Spring Primary Election in May

On May 18, 2010, a primary election will be held for the purpose of electing various local, state and federal positions. Some of the major local races that Fairview residents will have the opportunity to vote on include the Metro President, Metro Commissioner #1, Multnomah County Chair, Auditor and Sheriff positions.

There will also be various state and federal offices as part of this spring primary. Please note that there are no local city elections here in Fairview. For more information about this upcoming election, contact Multnomah County Elections at 503.988.3720 or online at www.co.multnomah.or.us/dbcs/elections/.

The deadline for voters to register for the May primary is Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

Blue Lake Improvements Delayed by Metro

After careful consideration, the Metro Council decided at their January 24, 2010 work session to put the Blue Lake Golf and Nature Learning center on hold now that the project's schematic design is complete. In 2009, Metro staff began the initial design and engineering for a 9-hole golf course, 6-hole pitch and putt, driving range, replacement of the existing Lake House Event Center, a restoration and integration plan for the existing wetland with high quality habitat and educational components, ground water protection and additional park improvements.

The Metro Council continues to support possible completion of the project in the future, but the current economic climate necessitates delaying the project until it is more financially sustainable. This decision does not change the Council's commitment to Blue Lake Regional Park and to maintain and improve the water quality of the lake in partnership with the local community and neighbors at the park.

"While we are disappointed that the planned construction that was going to begin this summer has been delayed, we remain hopeful that Metro will explore continued enhancements to the Blue Lake regional park facilities here in Fairview," stated Mayor Mike Weatherby. "It was a good business decision in these challenging economic times." For more information on the various features and events at Blue Lake regional park, check out www.metro-region.org

Blue Lake Annual Pass Offered

Are you a frequent visitor to Blue Lake Regional Park? You can save money by purchasing an annual pass for access to the Metro-owned facility. Annual passes are just \$40 and seniors receive a \$10 discount. Passes can be purchased at the park. We are also exploring selling the annual passes in the near future at Fairview City Hall.

3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt Returns

The Fairview/Troutdale Fraternal Order of Eagles, in partnership with the City of Fairview, will again be sponsoring their 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, 2010.

The egg hunt will begin at 10:00 am. As in previous years, there will be a visit from the Easter Bunny, great prizes and fun for the whole family. As a friendly reminder, the actual Easter Egg Hunt will be for kids from 1 to 12 years old.

The location is the Community Park located next to Fairview City Hall at 1300 NE Village Street in downtown Fairview. This is a community event and everyone is invited.

The City of Fairview would like to thank our wonderful sponsors at the Fraternal Order of Eagles for bringing this event to our community.

Plan Now for Fairview Clean-Up Day on May 8th

The date for the spring tradition of Fairview Clean-Up Day has been set so mark your calendars for Saturday, May 8, 2010. This should give you plenty of time to finally clean out that garage that was part of your list of new years resolutions (remember that list?). More information and details will be coming in the annual Public Works newsletter that should be mailed later in April to all Fairview residents.

Adopt a Flower Basket Program Expands

One of the consistent positive comments we receive during the summer months is about the beautiful flower baskets that are located in the downtown Fairview area and various neighborhoods. This summer, we are again offering the opportunity for individuals, families and business owners to help defray the costs of this popular program by adopting a basket. For \$50 a basket, you can help beautify our community by adopting a basket.

We also want to remind neighborhoods and Homeowners Associations (HOAs) around Fairview that you can bring these baskets to your neighborhood through a small investment in the bracket technology and agreement for watering. A number of HOAs in the Fairview Village neighborhood have already taken advantage of this program. For more information, contact Christie Nunez, Executive Assistant at 503.674.6224 or by email at nunezc@ci.fairview.or.us



Changes Planned for Summer Festival

Chili Festival Expands in 2010

Fairview's increasingly popular summer festival, *Chili on the Green*, is planning a series of changes year. Although the chili competition will remain a major component of the festival, the event has been renamed *Fairview on the Green*. "Our planning committee recommended the name change after last year's festival since our event has really grown into more than the chili competition itself," stated Barbara Jones, chairperson of the event. "Our community receives many first-time visitors to Fairview at the event and it has developed into an opportunity to highlight our great little city."

The festival will still feature the International Chili Society sanctioned chili contest, but will also feature a larger arts and crafts festival area, an enhanced beer and wine garden operated by local restaurant favorite Bumpers, and a new silent auction tent featuring local products and materials from the business community. The biggest change will be the date of the event which has traditionally been held the third weekend in September. In 2010, the event will take place a month earlier on Saturday, August 28th. This will enable the festival to continue until 8:00 pm versus the historical 6:00 pm finish. "Many visitors to previous festivals stated they did not want to leave since they were really enjoying the music" stated Barb Jones. "We hope moving the festival a little earlier will ensure our visitors get to enjoy the beautiful late summer weather here in Fairview."

The last major change is that a new nonprofit, the Fairview Community and Arts Council, has been created to organize and operate the festival. This new nonprofit is dedicated to encouragement and enhancement of arts, cultural opportunities and family environment in Fairview. One advantage of developing this new organization is that it allows our sponsors and donors to claim a tax deduction in the future which was not the case when the City ran the festival. For more information on this signature summer event, please contact Devree Leymaster with the City of Fairview. She can be reached at 503.674.6202 or by email at leymasterd@ci.fairview.or.us

Fairview Lands Solar Company

Ferrotec, a Japan-based company that manufactures silicon and quartz crucibles for solar cells announced in early March that it will locate a plant in Fairview that will employ about 30 workers. Ferrotec will occupy a 40,000 square-foot green-certified building in the Birtcher Center at Townsend Business Park north of Sandy Boulevard. The company announced its plans at an exposition in Tokyo according to Joseph Gall, City Administrator. “We’re happy about the 30 jobs, but we’re even more excited to get a foothold in an industry that could take off,” he said of the renewable power source. “We hope this will lead to more jobs at the Townsend Business Park.” The Ferrotec facility, which will produce crystal silicon and quartz crucibles to supply Oregon’s growing solar manufacturing industry, is scheduled to open by summer 2010. The company is eligible for property tax abatement from the city since it would be located within the enterprise zone. Akira Yamamura, president of Ferrotec, noted the appeal of such incentives in choosing Oregon for a manufacturing center. “After investigating a number of potential locations for establishing a facility in the United States, we selected Oregon for its combination of business opportunities, support structure and incentives necessary to make our investment a success,” he said in a company news release.

Fairview Mayor Mike Weatherby called the announcement a positive sign that the renewable energy market is growing in the Portland area. “This is the start of bringing home some of the solar-related business over to the east side, instead of being predominately on the west side,” he said. “If we’re able to bring some of that over here, it opens up the market for everyone. Once we have something like Ferrotec out there,” he added, “it will really demonstrate the viability of what Fairview has to offer — and what East County has to offer.”

New Sign Code Moves Forward

The City of Fairview is undergoing a process to make improvements to city-wide sign regulations. Signs are an essential way of communicating messages in residential, commercial and industrial areas. The project goal is to meet the needs of business owners and residents while preserving the aesthetic character and safety of the community.

The proposed changes make regulations more uniform across the city and allow businesses and residents more flexibility in the types and characteristics of signs that they are permitted to display. Throughout the project residents and business owners were encouraged to provide comments. The city has received valuable feedback from the Fairview Village Business Association, the Fairview Business Association and the East Metro Association of Realtors. The new regulations are expected to become effective in the summer of 2010 at which time city staff will be working with residents and business owners to understand how to utilize the new regulations.

Signs are so commonplace that it is easy to overlook the important role they play in our city. The value of sign regulations is very high for a community because signs are used to communicate a wide spectrum of messages spanning from the advertisement of goods to the expression of a political message to providing direction to drivers and pedestrians. “Fairview is proud to be business friendly and I am especially proud of the cooperation and hard work that the business community put into the development of these new regulations” said Mayor Mike Weatherby.

The new regulations have been adopted by the Planning Commission and the City Council is now considering the changes. Please contact Erika Rence, Assistant Planner at 503.674.6242 with any questions or for more information.

Get Informed at Spring Voters Forum



With the upcoming primary election on May 18, 2010, the City is again sponsoring a Spring Voters Forum. Fairview residents and business owners are encouraged to come to the forum on Thursday, May 6, 2010 from 6:30 pm until 9:00 pm and hear from candidates directly as they respond to questions. The forum will take place within the City Council chambers and will be moderated by Michael Convery, Fairview resident and traffic reporter for various radio and television stations in the Portland market. With the built-in camera system in the city council chambers, MetroEast Community Media will also televise the event live on their local public access channels.

Candidates for the following races have been invited to participate in the forum: Multnomah County Chair, Multnomah County Sheriff, Metro Councilor – District 1 and Metro President. At press time, the majority of candidates for these races has confirmed their attendance in our event.

Come and participate in local democracy by meeting and hearing from candidates for these important local races. For more information about the forum, contact Christina Nunez, Executive Assistant at 503.674.6224 or by email at nunezc@ci.fairview.or.us

Crestwood Shop Project Completed Under Budget

Fairview Public Works has just completed a remodel and expansion of the Crestwood Shop. The shop is located in the Bridge Street neighborhood. This remodel updated and expanded an existing building that was constructed in 1977. The original structure was aging and was not large enough to allow storage of some trucks, trailers, and equipment. As a result, some of this equipment had to be stored outside susceptible to the elements of the weather.

The contractor selected for the remodel was Payne Construction from Oregon. Construction began in August 2009, and was completed in February 2010. The actual cost of the project was \$360,000, which was \$??????? below the budget for the project.

In the building design, we incorporated as much of the existing structure as we could. We used and added to the original concrete pad and utilized the existing steel frame structure. By doing this we helped hold project costs down and kept unnecessary materials from being destroyed. Since this building is located in a residential area, it was important to lessen any large impacts to our neighbors. This was accomplished by designing a structure that fits into the existing area, keeping the building single story, and paving the entire lot to help control dust in the dryer months. We are very pleased with the outcome of the project and glad to have the much needed space it provides us for our equipment and materials.



Before Reconstruction of Shop



After Reconstruction of Shop

Monthly Lunch & Learn Series for Seniors

Fairview seniors are invited to the monthly Lunch & Learn event that is held on the first Wednesday of each month. On April 7th, Lynn Page from the local office of Edward Jones will present a timely presentation on tax issues including themes such as Social Security and taxes in retirement, choosing the right IRA and how you can pay less in taxes with municipal bonds.

The lunch series is always held at the Fairview Community Center from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and lunch is always served for our senior community. If you are a senior that needs assistance with transportation to the lunch, please contact Ride Connection at 503.226.0700 to arrange a ride to the event. This monthly series is provided through the generous assistance of Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church located in Fairview.

City Council Disagrees with County on Transportation Priorities

Citing concerns about safety and economic development, Mayor Mike Weatherby has asked Multnomah County to reconsider its draft 5-year road spending plan. The Fairview City Council agrees with Mayor Weatherby and authorized a letter to be sent to Multnomah County Commissioner Diane McKeel detailing the City's concerns.

On March 3, 2010, the City Council heard a presentation on the county's staff's proposed FY2010-2014 transportation priorities. At that same meeting Fairview staff called the Council's attention to serious road safety and economic development needs that were being ignored by county staff.

There is solid agreement within Fairview on future road needs like rebuilding Sandy Boulevard between 223rd Avenue and 238th Avenue or building sidewalks along the heavily traveled 223rd Avenue south of Sandy Boulevard. This was evidenced at a recent meeting of Fairview business leaders convened by Mayor Weatherby. Likewise, on February 23rd the Fairview Planning Commission adopted a resolution identifying Fairview's priorities.

Mayor Weatherby recently stated "I hope the County Board of Commissioners pushes aside the culture of bureaucracy in the county transportation planning department and look at the road plan as a policy issue and the needs of the community with a focus on safety and economic development."

The Mayor will present City priorities, which include the following before the County Board of Commissioners at the upcoming public hearing on the 5-year road plan. The hearing has not yet been scheduled.

- Rebuild Sandy Boulevard to promote economic development in Townsend Farms Business park;
- Extend the new sidewalks and bike lanes being built on 223rd all the way to Halsey Street;
- Develop a plan to replace the narrow and dangerous railroad underpass on 223rd Avenue north of Townsend Way.
- Improve the County's ranking process by including economic development and city priorities.

Fairview Parks & Recreation Update

Heslin House Museum Gets Needed ADA Improvements

Recently, a new ADA access door and concrete sidewalk and patio were installed at the Heslin House. The new sidewalk connection from the street to the entrance will allow all visitors to enjoy this historic house and museum. The Heslin House is located at 60 Main Street and the museum is open the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.



New patio at Heslin House

The operators of the museum, Fairview Rockwood Wilkes Historical Society, and the City of Fairview entered into a partnership in 1991 with the goal of restoring the historical, but time worn house. The access improvements are one of many accomplishments the partnership has achieved. Funding for the access im-

provements was generously approved by the City Council and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Fairview Woods Park Grand Re-Opening

After two years of planning and two months of construction, Fairview Woods Park celebrated its grand re-opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony and park tour on November 21, 2009. The celebration brought together local officials, project participants and neighbors. Park improvements include: new 6-foot wide compacted gravel trails; 50-foot wide clearance buffers along trails; public trailhead with ADA parking (east end of Bridge St.); planting of over 1500 native plants; and other amenities.

Visitors to the park will be treated to over 1800 feet of meandering walking paths through natural upland forest and along forested wetland habits. This natural area hosts and provides access to diverse plant life, a wide variety of trees, birds and other wild life. Approximately 1500 feet of the trail system is handicap accessible.



Improved trails at Fairview Woods Park

Park hours are dawn to dusk. Pets are welcome, but must remain on a leash. Doggie bag stations and garbage cans have been provided at the trailhead.

Funding for park improvements was made possible through Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods Local Share Grant Program.

Coming Soon! SOLV IT

This will be the City's 3rd year of partnering with SOLV for the annual SOLV IT event. This annual event is one of the largest Earth Day events in the nation. The event will be held on Saturday, April 17, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and the project location will be Fairview Woods Park. If you are interested in volunteering visit www.solv.org for information and to register, or contact Devree Leymaster, Project Coordinator, City of Fairview at 503.674.6202. The SOLV IT event is proudly presented by Portland General Electric.



Long-term Public Works Director Leaves for Academia *Interim Director Named for 6 Months*

The City of Fairview lost its longest tenured department director in March when Bob Cochran, Public Works Director began a new career challenge at Clackamas Community College. Bob was selected as the new Dean of Campus Services for the college where he will manage forty-five employees and oversee the maintenance, operation and capital projects for the college's forty buildings and three campuses. Bob started with the City of Fairview as the City's first City Engineer in February 1997. In 2001 he was promoted to Public Works Director. "While we will miss Bob immensely, we are very happy for him as he faces new challenges and responsibilities at the community college," stated Mayor Mike Weatherby. "In many ways, Bob has been a rock within our organization by providing consistent and solid leadership in the Public Works Department and we will miss that."

Fairview has changed in many ways during the 13 year tenure that Bob worked for the City. For example, the City Hall building where his office was located was just an open, undeveloped field when he started with the city. Bob's first desk was a discarded teacher's desk with the drawers and runners removed to store his computer. Ironically, Bob noticed this desk in a dumpster the same day he gave the City Administrator his letter of resignation. Bob stated "Comparing my first office of working in a remodeled garage with old furniture to working in our beautiful City Hall mirrors the growth this City has seen in the 13 years I have been here. It is very rewarding to drive through Fairview and see the products that this city has built. Every employee has worked hard to make this place great. To lead the Public Works Department during this time has been a pleasure. The list of things we have accomplished in my thirteen years is very, very large; and to be most proud of just one or two things just isn't possible."

With Bob's recent departure, Stephen Richards was named the interim Public Works Director on March 1st and will serve in that capacity for approximately six months. Stephen began his employment with the City twenty years ago working primarily in the park maintenance program and has risen up to the second-in-command position within the Public Works Department.

Oregon Health Plan Standard List Opens

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) provides health care coverage for low-income Oregonians through programs administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS). Currently, more than 450,000 people receive health care coverage through the Oregon Health Plan each month. OHP clients are assigned to a benefit package based on several eligibility factors. OHP Standard is one of the benefit packages for low-income adults. OHP Standard provides coverage for medical services similar to private insurance. Some clients with OHP Standard receive coverage at no cost while those with higher incomes must pay small monthly premiums.

Previously closed to new enrollment due to budget restrictions, the Oregon legislature approved the expansion of OHP Standard to cover more people through a tax paid by Oregon hospitals and matching federal dollars. Unfortunately, there is still not enough money to cover all the people who need health care coverage and qualify for OHP Standard. Therefore, DHS is using a reservation list for people who are interested in applying for OHP Standard. People interested in applying for OHP Standard benefits must place their names on the OHP Standard reservation list, which opened November 1, 2009.

DHS will randomly select names from the list on a regular basis and mail OHP Standard applications to those people. The number of names selected will depend on the amount of funding available for OHP Standard.

People who qualify for OHP Standard are Oregon residents with limited income who are:

- Ages 19 through 64;
- Not pregnant; and
- Not receiving Medicare

Individuals can put their own names on the list or have someone do it for them, using one of the following methods:

- Sign up online at www.oregon.gov/DHS/open/
- Mail or fax a request to DHS. Forms are available at all DHS/AAA offices, county health departments and most hospitals and clinics
- Call 1.800.699.9075, or 711(TTY) Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Computer Upgrade Project Kicks-Off

DOS-based Legacy System Being Replaced

A major step forward took place recently when the City entered into a contract with Tyler Technologies to provide a full range of municipal software applications. Currently, the City's finance department utilizes a DOS-based software system that has been in place for approximately twenty years. Due to the current system's age and lack of technical support for the software, City staff determined a new system should be implemented. Funds have been set aside for several years in order to pay for the purchase of the software.

After an extensive selection process, we determined the Incode system by Tyler Technologies would provide citizens with the most comprehensive yet economical product. Tyler Technologies provides software and support services to over 7,000 local government offices in the United States, U.S. Virgin Islands, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the United Kingdom. The company also maintains an industry leading client retention rate of 99.4%.

City staff and Tyler Technologies consultants are already busy converting information from the legacy system, creating forms and reports, and preparing for implementation. Converting to the new system will be an extremely time consuming and lengthy project. The entire process is expected to take approximately 18 months.

Most citizens will notice the software change with the implementation of the Tyler utility billing module. Utility bills will no longer be mailed on postcards. Instead, the City will print full-page bills. The ability to print full-page bills was critical, as we receive many citizen comments regarding the current postcard bills. The new format will enable customers to view consumption history, as well as detailed payment and billing information. A full-page bill will also enable the City to provide citizens with information about City news and upcoming events. Current estimates place the first mailing of the full-page bills sometime near January 2011.

If you would like more information on this important project, please contact Lesa Folger, Management Analyst at 503.655.7329.



Multnomah County Library Receives Five Star Rating, Again

In its second annual assessment, the national library publication Library Journal has again awarded Multnomah County Library a five star rating — the highest ranking possible.

The LJ Index of Public Library Services ranks libraries based on four per capita output measures: visits, circulation, program attendance and public Internet computer use. When compared with other large urban library systems in the U.S., Multnomah County Library was ranked #1 in circulation per capita once again, based on data compiled by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

“Multnomah County Library’s five star rating shows that the library is well-used by the community and continues to be an important and much needed resource, especially in this challenging economy,” says Vailey Oehlke, library director.

Volunteer Mediator Classes Offered to Fairview Residents

Our local mediation service, East Metro Mediation, will train mediators in its 35-hour course in May and applications are due by April 13, 2010. Fairview residents are encouraged to apply.

The course is offered to people who want to volunteer with East Metro Mediation for one year, and at a higher cost to people who want the training without the commitment to volunteer. Participants will learn how to help others resolve conflict, and will gain valuable skills that can be applied in all facets of life, from the workplace to the home to the community. The instructors offer theory and techniques in an interactive learning environment.

“This class has changed how I deal with my friends. Listening and resolving conflicts make for such better friendships,” said a participant in last year’s Basic Mediation Training.

The training will be held at Gresham City Hall over two weekends and a Wednesday evening in May:

Saturday, May 15, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 16, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 22, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 23, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

More information may be found on the website at www.GreshamOregon.gov/Mediation, and click on Training to take you to the Application form. You can also e-mail mediate@GreshamOregon.gov or call Anndy Wiselogle at 503.618.3247.

Teen Lounge Opens At Fairview Library

In late January, the Fairview-Columbia Library began offering Teen Lounge, a weekly computer lab just for teens in grades 6 to 12. Teens use the six internet-connected laptop computers to do homework, chat with friends, listen to music or just have fun. Teens can get help with homework from a trained librarian, volunteer, or free online tutor. Teen Lounge occurs every Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

East Metro Corridor to Undergo Transportation Study, Improvements

In late February, the Metro Council prioritized the corridor connecting Fairview, Troutdale, Wood Village, and Gresham for analysis for multimodal transportation improvements. The corridor includes the main streets that provide access between Interstate 84 and U.S. Route 26/Powell Boulevard as well as the transit service and bicycle and pedestrian routes that support movement in and through the corridor. The study will determine how to improve connectivity between I-84 and Highway 26 for freight and local trips with improved access within and between existing neighborhoods.

Metro is beginning work with Multnomah County, ODOT and the four cities to further define the needs of and goals for the corridor. Conversations with local, state and federal partners will focus on creating a work plan and confirming funding for the investment analysis. The analysis will address the comprehensive multimodal needs of the corridor in relation to land use goals and employment and housing density, including auto and freight movement, transit, bicycle and pedestrian access and facilities. The investment analysis will build on previous analysis of the corridor and regional and local land use goals. The most promising solutions will advance to an alternatives analysis where environmental, transportation, community and cost benefits and trade-offs are evaluated and shared for public review and comment. Only after the project partners identify the alternatives, study their benefits and trade-offs, and gather input from residents in the corridor will decision-makers determine the final project or projects for the corridor. Based on these decisions, improvements could begin, at earliest, in 2013.

Throughout the entire process, project partners will share information with the public, send notifications to property owners and interested persons and announce project milestones and opportunities to provide input. This corridor was identified as part of a long-range vision for high capacity transit - light rail, commuter rail, bus rapid transit or rapid streetcar. This analysis will recognize the long-term potential for a high capacity transit improvement, but not focus on a high capacity transit solution with this study.

EVENTS @ your library

Fairview-Columbia Library, 1520 NE Village St. 503.988.5655

November/December— 2009

FOR FAMILIES

Tiny Tots

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

Mondays, 10:15-11 a.m.

Toddler Storytime

Storytime for children 24-36 months with adult.

Thursdays, 10:15-11 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Storytime for children 3-6 years with adult.

Thursdays, 11:15 a.m. -noon

Desayunando con libros: Alimenta tu Mente!

Venga con familia y disfrute de un ligero desayuno mientras compartimos y escuchamos historias y canciones. Para familias con niños de 0-5 años de edad. En orden de llegada.

Sabado, 10 de abril, 11-11:45 a.m.

Knitting Club

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced knitter, come join the fun as we learn together. All experience levels and ages welcome. Please bring your own supplies.

Sunday, April 11, 2-4 p.m.

Sunday April 25, 2-4 p.m.

Pajama Time

Put on your pajamas, grab a bedtime buddy, and join us for stories, songs and fun. For Children 6 years and younger with adult.

Tuesday, April 6, 7-7:30 p.m.

Thomas the Tank Engine party

Join us on a Thomas the Tank Engine storytime adventure. Create your own Island of Sodor or take one of the engines on a longrun with some of Thomas' friends. With a special Thomas storytime and imaginative activities for all train lovers, this day will be loads of fun. For children 3-6 years with adult. Celebrate the Month of the Young Child at your library!

Tuesday, April 20, 6:30-7:30 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.

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.

Game On!

Okay, so your friends have never heard of "Settlers of Catan" or "Apples to Apples." Bring your favorite games to the library to share and we'll provide the snacks.

Sunday April 4, 2-4 p.m.

Sunday, April 18, 2-4 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 *Masterpiece* by Elise Broach.

Ages 14-18 read *Thomspell* by Helen Lowe.

Tuesday, April 20, 2-3 p.m.

FOR ADULTS

Edible Landscaping

Learn how to transform your yard into a beautiful, yet edible oasis! This class will provide information on choosing plants for the home landscape that are not only edible, but aesthetically pleasing.

Saturday April 10, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Page Turners

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.

Read *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill: A Love Story...With Wings* by Mark Bittner

Tuesday April 27, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

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
Stephen Richards, Interim 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

April

- 3 **Easter Egg Hunt at Fairview Community Park**
- 7 City Council Meeting
- 7 **Seniors Lunch & Learn at Community Center**
- 8 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
- 8 Reynolds School Board Meeting
- 12 Budget Committee Meeting
- 13 Planning Commission Meeting
- 17 **SOLV-IT Event at Fairview Woods Park**
- 19 Budget Committee Meeting
- 21 City Council Meeting
- 26 Budget Committee Meeting
- 27 Planning Commission Meeting

May

- 5 City Council Meeting
- 5 **Seniors Lunch & Learn at Community Center**
- 6 **Voters Forum Event at City Hall**
- 8 **Fairview Clean-Up Day**
- 11 Planning Commission Meeting
- 13 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
- 13 Reynolds School Board Meeting
- 19 City Council Meeting
- 25 Planning Commission Meeting
- 31 Memorial Day Holiday (City Offices Closed)

June

- 2 City Council Meeting
- 2 **Seniors Lunch & Learn at Community Center**
- 8 Planning Commission Meeting
- 10 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
- 16 City Council Meeting
- 22 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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