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Photo Enforcement Program Moves Forward

First Camera System Operational in January

On September 7th, by a vote of 5 to 2, the Fairview City Council authorized the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. to begin a traffic camera safety improvement program at certain intersections within Fairview. This step is the culmination of a deliberation process that began back in September 2010 when the City Council first began discussing implementing such a program within Fairview.

Since signing the contract, Redflex has been developing plans to install the first camera system at the intersection of Fairview Parkway and Halsey Street. Since these two roads are county-owned, permits will need to be obtained from Multnomah County to install the equipment within the county right-of-way. The project goal is to complete installation of the equipment before the end of 2011.

Once the cameras are installed and operational, for the first thirty (30) day period, the Fairview Police Department will only issue warnings to those drivers who violated a red light. For more information about the new traffic camera safety program, check out the city website at www.fairvieworegon.gov or contact Police Chief Ken Johnson, Project Manager at 503.674.6213.



From the Desk of

Mayor Mike Weatherby

Greetings to all! I'm wishing all Fairview citizens the best as we approach Christmas and the New Year. I, along with the City Council, continue to work hard to make Fairview stand out and show itself rightfully as a leader among the cities in east Multnomah County. In addition to the proposed creation of a County Coordinating Committee, another project that also demonstrates Fairview stepping up, is our proposed 3-City consolidation study for Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village. I want to take this opportunity to strongly emphasize that this would NOT be a study to promote the consolidation of the three cities. This WOULD be a comprehensive study covering all of the issues and costs that would be involved in a physical consolidation of the cities. There are opinions held by all of us as to whether or not consolidation should take place. However, there is a need for more complete and viable information on which to make an informed opinion. My goal in proposing this is to produce information that is transparent and available for everyone to see, so that whatever opinion we hold, we would have information from a well-respected and independent source.

These are challenging times and I believe that it is more important than ever that our cities show they are willing to look for opportunities to save tax payer dollars in new and different ways rather than continue to do things the same old way. This, as with the USS Ranger project, is another way that Fairview can show that we will take the steps to make the future better and to make it ours.

Council Fills New Advisory Committees

Two of the key priority areas for the Fairview City Council are public safety and economic development. In order to solicit additional citizen input, the Council recently created two new advisory committees focused upon these priorities. These new committees will assist the City Council in reaching important decisions related to programs and activities in the future.

The first committee is the Public Safety Advisory Committee which recently held their first organizational meeting in late October. Members of this new committee include the following citizens:

- Carol Colleen, Chair (Fairview resident)
- Dr. Steven Prom, Vice Chair (Fairview business owner & resident)
- Norman Cooper (represents faith community & resident)
- Ted Kotsakis (Fairview resident)
- Susan McKinney (Principal at Fairview Elementary School)
- Betty Lightfoot (Fairview resident)
- Cerissa Farrington (represents multi-family community)

Police Chief Ken Johnson will work with this new committee as the City continues to focus on providing high-quality, cost-effective public safety services for our residents and businesses. Public safety programs currently account for sixty-nine (69%) percent of the city's general fund budget of \$4.3 million. The work of this new committee will be critical as the City strives to keep Fairview a safe community in these tough economic times.

The second committee is the Economic Development Advisory Committee. This new committee of businesspeople will assist the City in developing programs and activities to help strengthen the local business community in Fairview. City Council recently selected the following citizens to serve on this new committee:

- Dave Earnest, NACCO Materials Handling Group
- Dean Hurford, Bumpers Bar & Grill
- Jeff Townsend, Townsend Farms Business Park
- Brenda Ziegler, Execu-Gifts
- Rick Hall, General Pacific
- Ed Bejerana, Zenith Exhibits
- Dr. Steven Prom, Springwater Chiropractic

Erika Fitzgerald, Economic Development Program Manager, will work closely with this new committee as the City explores different ideas and initiatives to assist our business community. At press time, this new committee had not yet met but is planning their first organizational meeting in December. Agendas and other committee materials for these two new committees will be available on the city website and their meetings are open to the general public. For more information on these or other city boards and commissions, contact Joseph Gall, City Administrator at 503.674.6211 or by email at gallj@ci.fairview.or.us

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their valuable time to serve on these two new committees. We look forward to your ideas and input to help strengthen the Fairview community.



Chief's Corner

by Chief Ken Johnson

Project Blue Light: The national organization of Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) is encouraging law enforcement families, friends and supporters to decorate in blue lights for the coming holiday season. By placing one or more blue lights in a window or attached to your home or business, you'll be showing support for those officers who have made the supreme sacrifice and honoring those officers who continue to work the violent streets of our nation.

Project Blue Light is a simple gesture-during the holidays, decorate with blue lights. The color blue is symbolic of peace. By displaying blue lights, you will be sending a dual message: That you support America's peacekeepers and that you hope the coming year will be a year of peace and free of police officers murdered in the line of duty.

Hands Free Driving: It is against the law to drive while dialing a cell phone, texting, reading emails or texts or otherwise talking on a cell phone unless you have a hands free device. Push to talk devices such as the Nextel phones are also illegal because you are not completely hands free. Even if you have a bluetooth device, but have to dial the phone or hold the portable electronic device to look up numbers, it is illegal. The key is hands free driving. More and more studies are showing the dangers of using portable electronic devices while driving. The Fairview Police Department has a zero tolerance for these violations. If you are stopped for this violation you will likely receive an expensive citation. Invest in a completely hands free device or consider other options before using a portable electronic device while driving - it literally could save your life.

Police Deploy New Tool to Fight Crime:

This summer, the Fairview Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee graciously agreed to purchase a Yamaha Rhino All Terrain Vehicle for the Fairview Police Department. The Rhino improves our response and patrol capabilities, especially in our city parks. We have already seen tangible results. Prior to increasing our patrols at the Salish Ponds Trails, we were suffering frequent sex crimes such as lewd conduct and indecent exposures. Since we have been patrolling these trails with the Rhino, we have had ZERO sex crimes reported from this park. Yet, surrounding jurisdictions continue to have reports of exposures and lewd conduct. We believe that offenders no longer are willing to risk detection in Fairview and have moved to parks in other cities that do not have the increased police presence. We also deployed the Rhino during Halloween due to the very heavy traffic in the Fairview Village neighborhood. The maneuverability and increased visibility was a huge success.

Drug Turn In Program:

This past June, the Fairview Police Department started a new program that allows citizens to turn in unwanted prescription drugs anytime during our normal business hours. A secure drop box was placed in the Police Department lobby next to the main door to the PD. Individuals can simply stop by and drop their unwanted drugs in the receptacle without checking in with department personnel. To date we have collected over 300 pounds of unwanted drugs- keeping them out of the reach of children and adults, as well as out of the water ways. Take a few minutes and clean out your cabinets and bring unwanted and unused prescription drugs to our drop box.

Operation ID Coming Soon:

We will soon offer a program to help residents better protect themselves from thefts and burglaries. The program will emphasize marking valuables in your home and recording serial numbers. The Fairview PD will loan engravers to help facilitate this program. Once people have properly marked valuable items, recorded serial numbers and returned the engravers, they will be given Operation ID stickers that can be placed on windows to deter criminals. The stickers make it known that items in the home are marked and traceable and the homeowner is working with police to keep their neighborhood safer.

Council Corner

by City Councilor Larry Cooper



We have had an interesting year with some challenges to deal with. With the state of the economy, we as a City have had to be much more aware of our income and expenses. So far revenue has not appreciably dropped and our Directors have been very conscious of expenses. We will start into the budget process shortly after the first of the year. If you have an interest in being on the budget committee, please call City Hall and they will send you the forms.

With the Holidays coming up our annual tree lighting will be Saturday, December 3rd. This is always a fun event. We have decided to have the Chili Festival on Saturday August 25th. It should be once again a premier event for our City. Another change you will see is the installation of red light cameras at Fairview Parkway and Halsey. These should be installed by the end of December. There will be a 30 day grace period to make citizens aware of the cameras and will adjust their driving habits accordingly.

2012 is an election year and there will be three Council positions open. If you have an interest, you can contact City Hall and get more information and the appropriate material.

Thank you for your interest and please enjoy and have a safe Holiday Season.

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.

Budget Committee Seeks New Members

There are several vacancies on the City of Fairview Budget Committee. Members of the Budget Committee serve three-year terms. Appointments are made by the City Council. Committee members must be residents of the City of Fairview and be eligible to vote according to Oregon State law.

Meeting dates for the committee in 2012 include April 16th, 23rd and 30th. Interested citizens may download the volunteer application on the City website at www.fairvieworegon.gov or pick up applications at City Hall. Applications are due by January 6, 2012.

Three City Council Seats on Fall 2012 Ballot

Although it is only the beginning of the new calendar year, candidates for local races are beginning to make plans to run for office in 2012. Three of the seven City Council seats will be on the ballot in Fairview in November 2012. Those seats include City Council Position #1 (currently held by Dan Kreamier), City Council Position #2 (currently held by Barbara Jones) and City Council Position #3 (currently held by Ken Quinby).

According to the Oregon Secretary of State's Election Division office, interested candidates can file for one of these three seats starting on May 30, 2012. The final deadline to file is August 28, 2012. Candidate information, filing paperwork and other local election information can be obtained from the City Administrator's Office at Fairview City Hall or online under the City Recorder page at www.fairvieworegon.gov

Winter Weather Preparation is Critical

Fairview Winters Always Full of Surprises

While the danger from winter weather varies across the country, nearly all Americans including Fairview residents, are likely to face some type of severe winter weather at some point in their lives. That could mean snow or subfreezing temperatures, as well as strong winds or even ice or heavy rain storms. One of the primary concerns is the winter weather's ability to knock out heat, power and communications services to your home or office, sometimes for days at a time.

The National Weather Service refers to winter storms as "Deceptive Killers" because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. Instead, people die in traffic accidents on icy roads and of hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold. It is important to be prepared for winter weather before it strikes.

Step 1: Get A Kit

- Get an Emergency Supply Kit which includes items like non-perishable food, water, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra flashlights and batteries.
- Thoroughly check and update your family's Emergency Supply Kit before winter approaches and add the following supplies in preparation for winter weather:
 - Rock salt to melt ice on walkways.
 - Sand to improve traction.
 - Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
 - Also include adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.

Step 2: Make A Plan - Prepare Your Family

- Make a Family Emergency Plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.
- Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood.
- It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.
- You may also want to inquire about emergency plans at places where your family spends time: work, daycare and school. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one.
- Take a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class from your local Citizen Corps chapter. Keep your training current.

Step 3: Be Informed - Prepare Your Home

- Make sure your home is well insulated and that you have weather stripping around your doors and windowsills to keep the warm air inside.
- Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing.
- Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts).
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure everyone knows how to use them. House fires pose an additional risk as more people turn to alternate heating sources without taking the necessary safety precautions.
- Know ahead of time what you should do to help elderly or disabled friends, neighbors or employees.
- Hire a contractor to check the structural stability of the roof to sustain unusually heavy weight from the accumulation of snow - or water, if drains on flat roofs do not work.
- If you have a car, fill the gas tank in case you have to leave. In addition, check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:
 - Antifreeze levels - ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing.
 - Battery and ignition system - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.
 - Brakes - check for wear and fluid levels.
 - Exhaust system - check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning.
 - Fuel and air filters - replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas.
 - Heater and defroster - ensure they work properly.
 - Lights and flashing hazard lights - check for serviceability.
 - Oil - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.
 - Thermostat - ensure it works properly.
 - Tires - make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require that to drive on their roads, vehicles must be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs.
 - Windshield wiper equipment - repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level.

Fill-A-Bag Food Drive Begins

Once again this holiday season, the Fill-A-Bag Campaign in East County is gearing up. The goal this year is to raise 300,000 pounds of food to help stop hunger in Fairview and East Multnomah County. All donations benefit Snowcap Community Charities. SnowCap is a philanthropic organization created to provide food, clothing, advocacy and other services to those in need in East County.

Food can be dropped off at bins at Fairview City Hall or at any of the participating sponsors: The Outlook newspaper, Classique Floors, Snowcap Community Charities, West Columbia Gorge Rotary, Silk, Gresham Ford and Riverview Community Bank. Thank you in advance for helping to stop hunger in our community!

Christmas Tree Recycling

With the holiday season right around the corner, it is time to begin decorating our homes. When it comes to Christmas Trees, you might consider using a live tree that can be planted later in your yard or donated to a local school, church or other organization.

If you plan on using a more traditional tree, please plan ahead to recycle it at the end of the holiday season in early January 2012. In Fairview, our local franchised hauler, Twelve Mile Disposal, will collect your Christmas trees after the holidays. However, please do not place the tree in the yard debris or garbage containers.

Business owners and apartment managers should contact Twelve Mile Disposal at 503.661.0255 directly to make arrangements to have Christmas trees picked up and recycled. If you are a tenant, please be sure to ask your manager to arrange for this service.

Code Corner

Summer is over and it may be time to put the motor home or boat away for the winter. There are some codes in the City of Fairview that relate to the storage of recreational vehicles and boats.

For instance, did you know:

- They can be parked on your property if they are currently licensed and completely operational. Storage of vehicles not owned and registered with the State of Oregon to a resident of the site is prohibited.



- They cannot be parked on grass or dirt. Parking areas, other than driveways, must be surfaced with concrete, asphalt or comparable hard surface.

- One recreational vehicle pad driveway may be provided in addition to the standard driveway for lots greater than 10,000 square feet in area.

- They cannot be parked in the right-of-way or on-street in a residential zone for more than 72 hours.

- They are not required to be stored within a completely enclosed structure as long as they are fully parked on an approved parking surface on the property and they are not stored in a manner which obstructs the sidewalk or extends into the right of way.

- They may be connected to an electric source and utilities as long as the connection source does not extend over or across any public street, sidewalk, alley or other public right of way.

- Vacation trailers and motor homes may be occupied by visitors at the resident's property for no more than 14 days as long as the vehicle is parked in accordance with the above standards.

If you have any questions about RV's and boats, or any other questions about your property, don't hesitate to call Erika Fitzgerald, Code Compliance Coordinator, at 503.674.6242.

Salish Ponds Renovation Planned for Spring

Final Design Process Underway

In 2006, the City received money from a Metro Natural Areas Local Share Bond Measure. Some of this money was used to fund recent improvements to Fairview Woods Park located off of Bridge Street. The City plans to use the remaining funds to construct some much needed improvements to the 75 acre Salish Ponds Wetland Park.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee spent the past few months identifying needed improvements to existing features at Salish Ponds Wetland Park and worked with a consultant to design the identified improvements. This preliminary design was presented to Council at a work session and the City is working with adjacent property owners to develop a final design.

The final design for the improvements will be presented to the Fairview City Council early in 2012. The park remains open for use; however, in anticipation of the project, the west pond is not currently being stocked with trout by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Fish stocking will resume once the park improvements have been completed and the new vegetation has been established. Once construction begins, we hope to keep the park open, but temporary short term closures of the park may occur. Please contact Lindsey Nesbitt, Senior Planner, at 503.674.6230 or by email at nesbittl@ci.fairview.or.us with any questions or concerns.



This Fairview lady is a sports fan

Radio show names Fairview resident best female sports fan

A recent radio contest intended to find the "Best Female Sports Fan" in Oregon found a clear choice in Fairview resident Sherry Fox Hames. Fox Hames, who won the competition held by the John Canzano radio show on AM 750 The Game in October, has the resume of an avid sports fan: She is a season ticket holder to the Portland Trail Blazers and the Dallas Cowboys, as well as a supporter of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas Rebels and the Oregon Ducks, although she will support the Oregon State Beavers if they're not playing the Ducks. "I'm definitely an Oregon fan; as long as it's an Oregon team, I want them to win," she says.

Fox Hames often hosts Civil War parties and started a Dallas Cowboys group at Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant in Wood Village. She has scheduled her vacations around sporting events, noting that she and her husband, Mike, would like to see a Blazers game in every national arena. She also prides herself in getting others to take an interest in professional sports. Fox Hames, who listens to AM 750 "religiously," says she was listening to Canzano's show about six weeks ago as Canzano discussed what constitutes a female sports fan. Fox Hames, who is known as Blazer Fan Sherry, called in and offered her opinion. "A sports fan is passionate and loyal, although it doesn't mean you have to like every player," she says, noting she's not a fan of Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo. Sports fans should also be knowledgeable about the sport and their team, she says.

Canzano decided to hold a competition, and Fox Hames became one of 16 contestants for the "Best Female Sports Fan." Each week, the contestants would answer sports trivia and give their opinions about topics such as the World Series, Michael Vick and the NBA lockout. Listeners then sent text messages with their favorite contestant's name to the radio station. Those with the most votes advanced to the next round. Fox Hames eventually was one of the two finalists, competing on Oct. 27 against a mother of four daughters from Corvallis.

The competition was not without controversy. Fox Hames got Trail Blazers announcer Brian Wheeler and former Trail Blazers Jarrett Jack and Martell Webster to call the show and endorse her, which was criticized as unfairly influencing the final vote. "Isn't that what presidential candidates do? They get people to endorse them," she says. Despite the controversy, Fox Hames was named as the competition winner the next day. Although she wasn't told how many votes she received in total, she surmised that it was a walkaway. "Had I not been crowned Friday, (Oct. 28), I was still a winner," she says, adding that she was grateful for the support from her family, friends and from other radio listeners.

Before the final competition, Fox Hames wrote an email to her supporters: "I just would like to say, this has been an exciting ride over the past month and I am truly blessed with all the love and support you've given me. I'm a winner no matter what the outcome!"

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Avid Cowboy Fan in New Orleans!

Weed Problems Persist in Fairview Lake

Private Lake an Important Natural Resource

The weed problem in Fairview Lake was a source of concern and inconvenience for our residents this past summer. City officials have been meeting with the board of the Fairview Lake Property Owners Association (FLPOA) on a bi-weekly basis for the past few months to assist in developing a lake management plan that would deal with all the issues related to the preservation of the Fairview Lake as a recreational and natural resource. These issues are complex but we feel we are close to a solution that will meet the overall needs of our city.

Recent activities undertaken by FLPOA include a weed harvesting pilot test and a trip to Fish Hawk Lake in the Coast range, a lake that has experienced and overcome similar issues, and from where we thought a solution might be obtained. The experiences reported from Fish Hawk Lake showed that weed harvesting could be a successful solution if followed by routine chemical treatment of the lake to prevent further spreading of weeds. The weed harvesting pilot test undertaken by FLPOA was successful, but would prove to be very expensive and time consuming to take care of the whole lake. The FLPOA leadership have reviewed their options and have decided on a process of letting mother nature take care of the weeds over the winter, when the weeds tend to die and recede in the colder, cloudier months, and then to utilize chemical treatment to minimize the amount of the weed problem after the initial die-off.

The use of any herbicide needs to be completely evaluated and all potential side effects considered prior to its application. We are coordinating a review of the use of chemicals by DEQ and other interested agencies. FLPOA will solicit and obtain quotes to apply the chemicals once all approvals have been obtained. All parties recognize that this is a key recreational asset to the City and that its health and viability need to be maintained. Costs associated with the mitigation of the weeds are being borne by the FLPOA membership and will be equitably distributed among the various property owners.

There has been some confusion and a perception that this is a city lake under city control. This lake is unusual in that its stewardship is through a property owners association of which the city is a small part, and therefore the lake is not 'owned' by the city. The residents surrounding the lake have an active interest in the maintenance of the lake and make an annual contribution to the costs of those efforts. A new lake management plan will provide for a longer term, cost-effective solutions to the needs and concerns of FLPOA. For further information, please contact Allan Berry, Public Works Director at 503.674.6235 or through e-mail at berrya@ci.fairview.or.us.

Audit Gears Up

It's fall...so it must be audit time! In accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) recommendation for all governments, the City of Fairview contracts with an independent auditor to review its yearly financial reports for accuracy, transparency, and reasonableness, review internal controls, and debt obligations. The auditor's main focus are to express an opinion on the City's financial reports based on the results of their audit and to present those comments to the City Council. Our audit company is Dickey and Tremper, LLP and the City auditor is Rob Tremper, CPA. The audit for FY2010-11, which ended June 30, 2011, will be the fourth audit Rob Tremper has conducted for the City of Fairview. The audit is required to be complete by December 31, 2011 and will be presented to the City Council in early 2012.

Annual auditing and issuance of a yearly Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) are essential tools for staff, council, and citizens to be aware of the financial issues and goals facing the City on a yearly basis.

New Dock Standards For Fairview Lake on the Horizon

Over the next few months, the Planning Commission and City Council will be considering modifications to standards for construction of new docks on Fairview Lake. The revisions to the code were initiated due to concerns raised about how dock construction could potentially impact the ability of boaters to use and navigate the lake because current regulations do not regulate dock length. The modifications will also make getting a dock permit easier by creating clear standards for number, width, length, and materials.

Docks on Fairview Lake are currently being reviewed for compliance with riparian buffer standards. The Fairview Lake riparian buffer is measured 35 feet from the top of the bank inland. Development within this buffer is restricted to protect the functions and characteristics of the natural resource area adjacent to the lake. Proposed changes to current dock regulations include:

- A new dock permit process that allows homeowners to avoid having to also apply for and obtain a riparian buffer permit for a dock if:
 - The shoreline attachment mechanism for the proposed dock is less than 32 square feet; and
 - There are no alterations within the 35 foot riparian buffer area proposed in combination with the dock construction (i.e. deck, boat-house, vegetation removal).
- A 35 foot limit on the length of docks.
- Graphics showing how to measure your proposed dock to ensure that it complies with standards for width and length.

The modifications to the dock regulations will only apply to new docks or to modifications to existing docks on Fairview Lake and will become effective 30 days after approval by City Council. For more information, please contact Erika Fitzgerald, Associate Planner, at 503.674.6242.

Comcast Cable Franchise Renewal Process Nears Completion

After nearly two years of negotiations, the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission (MHCRC) is recommending approval of a new ten-year franchise agreement with Comcast in Multnomah County. The MHCRC, which is responsible for regulating cable services for all of the different jurisdictions within Multnomah County, has now passed the decision-making responsibility onto each of the local jurisdictions, including the City of Fairview.

Fairview City Council will consider approval of the new franchise agreement at their regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Each jurisdiction needs to take final action before December 31, 2011, which is the end of an extended term of the current franchise agreement.

"We held the line on the major stuff, and we improved some things. And then we made some compromises," said David Olson, the cable commission's Director. "We're pleased that this negotiation is coming to a conclusion," said Theresa Davis, a Comcast spokeswoman. "The total package is a result of compromise on both sides, and we look forward to serving our customers across Multnomah County for many years to come."

For more information on the proposed franchise agreement, contact MHCRC directly at 503.823.5385 or check out their website at www.mhcr.org

City Partners with CEMEX for Pilot Paving Project

New Pavement Technology Used for Unpaved Street

Northwest Wistful Vista Drive was an unimproved gravel street in Fairview and over the years had been the subject of continual maintenance to repair and prevent excessive potholing of the surface. City staff had been evaluating how we might mitigate these maintenance costs when, during routine discussions with CEMEX, an idea surfaced that provided a viable, cost-effective solution. CEMEX is an international supplier and installer of concrete products and are currently expanding their market to include roller compacted concrete for use in local residential streets. As we explored our ideas further, CEMEX expressed interest in identifying a local street pilot project in our area and indicated that Wistful Vista Drive appeared to be a very good candidate. This is a totally new application for this product in our region, but offered a means to eliminate costly maintenance work and to provide the residents with a reliable surface upon which to drive and access their properties.

Roller compacted concrete (RCC), a durable paving material that carries heavy loads, is now developing as a fast, economical construction method for dams, off-highway pavement projects, heavy-duty parking and storage areas, and even as a base for conventional pavement. It is a stiff, zero-slump concrete mixture with the consistency of damp gravel comprised of local aggregates, Portland cement, and water. The mixture is placed and roller compacted with the same commonly available equipment used for asphalt pavement construction and typically has high strengths similar to, or even greater than, conventional concrete.

After a work session, City Council approved the concept and a \$35,000 contract to perform the work was drawn up with CEMEX. The local residents were included in the preconstruction process, were extremely supportive of the project, and worked closely with the City to minimize inconveniences during



Concrete being applied on NW Wistful Vista Drive

the construction process. The work commenced on October 31st with some light grading to obtain a consistent grade, and the surface was then rolled to provide a firm base for the concrete. Dump trucks transported the RCC and discharged it into an asphalt paver, which placed the material in one layer 5 1/2" thick and 14 feet wide. Compaction is the most important stage of RCC construction as it provides density, strength, smoothness, and surface texture. Compaction began immediately after placement and continued until the pavement met density requirements. Curing ensures a strong and durable pavement and makes moisture available for hydration—the chemical reaction that causes concrete to harden and gain strength. A spray-on membrane was used to seal moisture inside and make the curing process more efficient. This membrane has a white pigment so that it is easy to see that good coverage has been obtained. The white pigment will disappear over time and the finished product will be a gray color with an overall appearance similar to asphalt. Some cracking of concrete surfaces is normal. By



Mayor Weatherby Visits Paving Project

providing sawcuts, the concrete is encouraged to crack in specific locations, making the long-term appearance more aesthetically pleasing. CEMEX felt the final appearance of this street was important, and therefore joints were saw cut into the RCC every 14 feet to control crack location. The street is now back in normal service. The overall process and impact on local residents was less than one week in duration.

City Enhances Website Features

Facebook Page Will Be Added in December

As you may have noticed, the City of Fairview website has recently been revamped. Although the project continues as we add new content and features, we want to highlight some particular new features that will help residents, business owners and others stay in touch with the city.

The first is the “Notify Me” module. This feature allows us send out notifications on a variety of topics that our web users can subscribe to and receive email and/or text message updates. For example, if you would like to receive notification of the latest agenda for the City Council or Planning Commission meetings, you should check out this module. The Notify Me module also allows web users to subscribe to email and/or text message notifications from the Events Calendar, News Flash, Job Postings, Bid Postings, and Alert Center modules. The Notify Me link is on the left-hand side of the home page.

Another popular feature is the News Flash feature on the homepage. With our new content management system, it is much easier to keep the news section of our website up-to-date and informative for the public. Users can subscribe to this feature through the Notify Me module as well.

One of the modules still early in its development is the “Report A Concern” feature. This is used as a reporting and tracking tool to report problems in our community. Once a problem is submitted, it gets routed and emailed to the correct department. The department can reply to the citizen about the problem they submitted through the module and will keep a date and time history of the communication. The module also can also keep stats on departments, problems (e.g. street light out, stray animal, etc.) and individuals to see how many problems were submitted, how many problems are still opened, how many are closed and the average time it takes to close/fix a problem. We are currently working on developing this feature to fully take advantage of the module.

Finally, the City is preparing to launch its own Facebook page that will be linked to the city website. With the increasing use of social media sites like Facebook, the City is interested in utilizing our Facebook page to communicate with interested people. If everything goes smoothly, our Facebook page will be launched in December 2011. If you have not visited our website lately, go to www.fairvieworegon.gov and check it out.

Opt In Panel Seeks Input

Now there’s an easier way to tell regional leaders what’s important to you. Join *Opt In*, Metro’s new online opinion panel. *Opt In* is an online opinion panel created by Metro to get feedback from the community about the direction the Portland metropolitan area is headed.

Metro needs to hear from people like you to effectively make this a great place, with important decisions like housing, sustainability, parks, clean drinking water, urban growth and development, garbage, and more. After joining you can participate in one or two short surveys each month about issues affecting you and your community. You can always opt out at any time.

For more information on joining, check out the Metro website at www.oregonmetro.gov

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Fairview-Columbia Library, 1520 NE Village St. 503.988.5655

December 2011

FOR FAMILIES

Toddler Storytime

Storytime for children 24-36 months with adult

Thursdays through December 15th,
10:15 to 10:45 am

Preschool Storytime

Storytime for children 3-6 years with adult

Thursdays through December 15th,
11:15 to 11:45 am

Tiny Tots

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

Fridays through December 16th,
10:15 to 11:00 am

Family Storytime

Storytime for children 0-6 years with adult

Saturdays through December 17th,
11:00 to 11:30 am

Festive Candle Making

Artist Kathy Karbo will show you how to create sculptural candles from colorful sheets of beeswax and embellish them with found objects. These rolled candles are colorful, aromatic, and make the perfect holiday gift! Wrap your gift in tissue and ribbon before taking it home. Great for children and adults ages 5 and up

Saturday, December 3rd, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Puppet-Making Workshop

Join members of the Fairview-Columbia Library Teen Council in making scary monsters and other puppets out of felt and fabrics. All materials will be supplied. Preschoolers should be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday, December 21st, 2:00 to 3:30 pm

New Year's Eve Sock Hop

Grab your dancing buddies, dress to impress, and head over to the library! We'll have great music, games, refreshments and lots of dancing, plus a New Year's Eve countdown at noon! Fun outfits and party dress encouraged. For children 6 years and younger with adult

Saturday, December 31st, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Mr. Moose's Winter Walk

The snow is falling and Mr. Moose decides to go for a winter walk. Along the way he meets all kinds of new friends and gets caught in a snowstorm. Come walk, sing and dance along with Mr. Moose in this playful puppet show performed by Penny's Puppet Productions. For preschool and Grades K-5

Saturday, January 7th, 11:00 to 11:45 am

FOR KIDS & TEENS

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.

Sundays, December 4th and 18th,
2:00 to 4:45 pm

Homeschool Book Party

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

Read *Chicken Feathers* by Joy Cowley

Tuesday, December 20th,
1:00 to 2:00 pm

Homeschool Book Group for Teens

Calling all homeschoolers age 14-18! Meet other teens and talk about great books.

Read *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

Tuesday, December 20th,
2:00 to 3:00 pm

Teen Anime Club

View, review, snack and yak about all things anime.

Friday, January 27th
4:00 to 5:00 pm

FOR ADULTS

Pageturners

Engage in stimulating conversation about books and get to know your neighbors. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Read *Parrot and Olivier in America* by Peter Carey. Olivier is the traumatized child of aristocratic survivors of the French Revolution. Parrot is the motherless son of an itinerant English printer. They are born on different sides of history, but their lives will be connected in the United States by an enigmatic one-armed marquis.

Tuesday, December 27th,
6:30 to 7:45 pm

Read *Dune* by Frank Herbert. This Hugo and Nebula Award winner tells the sweeping tale of a desert planet called Arrakis, the focus of an intricate power struggle in a byzantine interstellar empire.

Tuesday, January 24th
6:30 to 7:45 pm

Brazilian Paper Coiling

In this workshop, artist Addie Boswell will teach two different ways to fold and curl magazine paper to turn into beautiful bowls, coasters and jewelry.

Wednesday, January 25th
6:30 to 7:30 pm



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





Ranger Foundation News

Here is an opportunity to be a member of the Founding Partners Club

Minimum Donation of \$2,500 (Exclusive Club – First 100 Organizations/Individuals)

- Special Recognition Throughout Campaign as "Founding Partners Club Member"
- Recognition Wall in Order of Contribution Size
- Website Recognition
- Facebook/Twitter Recognition
- Press Release as "Founding Partners Club Member"
- PR Campaign Material Recognition
- Inclusion in Thank You Ad in Regional Media at End of Campaign
- Signage Recognition at Special Events
- 2 Tickets to a Special Event for Every \$2,500 Donation
- Post Founding Partners Club Event Tribute on Website with Listing
- Special Ranger Foundation Recognition Piece

\$10,000 - \$24,999

In Addition to Above

- Special Reception with Foundation Board and Special Guests
- Life-time General Museum Admission for 2
- Logo Recognition on Website, Newsletter, Promotional Materials, etc.

\$25,000 and Over

In Addition to Above

- Tickets to Exclusive Pre-Opening Party
- Tickets to USS Ranger Special Move Events

For information on becoming a sponsor, please contact Shannon Chisom, Director of Development at 503.750.3785 or shannon.chisom@USSRanger.org

Chinook Landing Celebrates 20 years

Former Oregon Governor Returns to Facility

Two decades ago, then-Governor Barbara Roberts celebrated the opening of Multnomah County's newest boat launch here in Fairview. Both Chinook Landing Marine Park and Roberts are tied to Metro now, and the former

governor – now a Metro councilor – was on hand October 20th to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the opening of the facility.

"As the governor of the State of Oregon, I led the grand opening dedication here at Chinook Landing Marine Park on Oct. 4, 1991," Roberts said. "I am proud to be back here 20 years later. To be honest, this is my



first time back since the dedication 20 years ago and I'm proud to see the facility looking so great."

More than 3.4 million people have used Chinook Landing, an average of 171,400 visitors each year, mainly during the busy fishing season and warm summer months. Many of the ramp's users come from around Oregon and Washington, making it truly a regional facility. It took a unique private-public partnership to build this 67-acre marine park, which has six launching lanes and parking for more than 300 vehicles. Chinook Landing is the largest public boating facility on the Columbia River in Oregon.

"Today we celebrate 20 years of history with this wonderful facility. Taking care of community investments demonstrates Metro's values and priorities. What we may not have in money to maintain our facilities, we make up for in sweat equity," said Paul Slyman, Metro's director of parks and environmental services.

Target Store Adds Groceries in Fairview

Mayor Helps Celebrate Renovation

On Sunday, October 9th, Mayor Mike Weatherby helped with the ribbon-cutting for the recently renovated Target store in Fairview. The mayor joined company officials to celebrate the reinvestment by Target into their popular location on Halsey Street.

"Since their arrival here in Fairview, Target has been a wonderful business partner with our community and we are happy to see such reinvestment in their store," stated Mayor Weatherby. "Obviously, these types of reinvestment by our businesses are critical during these difficult economic times."

Some of the new features in the remodel include:

- An expanded food layout created in response to research and feedback from guests who requested more fresh food in the convenience of their Fairview Target store.
- Target's expanded food layout provides their guests with new food additions that are on their shopping lists every week.
- Guests will experience an open-market layout, which highlights Target's fresh food offerings.
- The curated assortment of product offers guests about 40 percent more food offerings than a general merchandise Target store.
- Products include fresh produce (e.g., bananas, seasonal fruit, baby carrots, and bagged lettuce), a limited assortment of fresh packaged meat (e.g., ground beef, chicken and pork) and pre-packaged baked goods (e.g., dinner rolls and pies).
- Guests will also find a selection of national food brands, Target owned brands and an expanded dry, dairy and frozen assortment.
- Expanding the food selection and updating other areas of the store such as the Beauty, Home and Shoe departments allows Target to truly deliver a one-stop shopping destination.

The Fairview Target store partners with the City of Fairview in a variety of different ways through the year, with their major support of the annual National Night Out event which occurs in August. Target is the national sponsor for this important public safety event.

New Natural Playground Opens at Blue Lake Park

Blue Lake Regional Park has several play structures for kids to swing and slide on. But the big draw here is the Natural Play Area, completed this summer. "The whole entire thing is real!" a girl exclaimed to her playmate one Saturday. Indeed, the play area has a magical feel to it. The giant nest towering high over the area looks like it could belong to a pterodactyl—but one child thought it could be a bald eagle's nest. That's the beautiful thing about nature - It's open to interpretation.

And it also invites improvisation. Huge round river rocks provide climbing surfaces and a long curved tunnel of saplings beckons kids to explore. Industrious pretenders can work together to build a fort with branches, while the wanderers can hop from log to log on a creek-like path, look for animal tracks, see a beaver log and play in the sand.

The play area was created from all-natural materials that include only downed logs and not one freshly cut tree. "You can buy plastic rocks and plastic logs for play areas," says Metro park ranger Jim Caudell. "But to actually have the real stuff is a pretty rare thing."

For more information on the many features of Blue Lake Regional Park, check out the Metro website at www.oregonmetro.org

Fairview Library Celebrates Ten Years

History of Library Services Goes Back to 1903

Library service in Fairview began in late fall 1903 when, at the request of the Civics Improvement Club of Fairview, Mr. H. M. Mathewson received a case of 50 books from the main library in downtown Portland for display in his store. This “deposit station” was one of the first collections housed outside the main library building. The other two stations were in Bridal Veil and Gresham. Bridal Veil had a 50-book collection; Gresham, 100. New selections of books were regularly sent from the downtown library to refresh these two book collections.

In 1905, the name of the Fairview Deposit Station was changed to Cleone, but Mr. Mathewson continued to provide a conspicuous place in his store for this service. The books were “drawn for home use” 125 times that year, according to the librarian’s report, which notes that “...this is no index to the number of times they were read, as the store is practically the reading room for the district.” The collection included general interest titles, farming handbooks, cooking and craft books, classic novels and the best of new fiction.

By 1910, the deposit station was one of 16 throughout Multnomah County, each boasting an average of 481 books read each month. In 1912, it moved into City Call, using the name Fairview Deposit Station. The Library Association of Portland agreed to pay \$2.50 per month for use of the room. Rural east Multnomah County continued to grow. On March 1, 1913, the Gresham Reading Room moved into a new 3,032-square-foot, Tudor-style building with librarian Clarisse H. Haille in charge. The grand opening drew people from as far away as Pleasant Home, Rockwood and Fairview. The Fairview Deposit Station was closed in the summer of 1915 and arrangements made for the Gresham Reading Room librarian to serve the area. Miss Haille visited Fairview Village every Wednesday to hold a children’s storytime and to give out books from 5-7 p.m. Each week, 10 to 15 children attended the storytime, and community members checked out 20 to 30 books.

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, the construction of new housing and commercial developments brought increased population and industry to east Multnomah County. By the mid-1980s, the old Carnegie Gresham Library building, which served the entire area, bulged at its seams. It was replaced by the Gresham Regional Library in 1990.

In the late 1990s, Multnomah County Library began planning to open a new East County branch library of approximately 3,000 square feet of space in the Wood Village/Fairview/Troutdale area. In fall 2000, construction began on the north end of Fairview Village’s Market Square. Fairview-Columbia Library, named by the community library committee, opened on November 13, 2001. It was Multnomah County’s first mixed-use library building, housing the library on the ground floor and four market-rate apartments above.

Celebration of the ten year anniversary of the opening of this wonderful community asset took place on Monday, November 14, 2011. Here’s to another wonderful ten years in our community!

Tree Lighting Event Returns in December

Popular Carriage Rides Return

With the holiday season quickly approaching, the City of Fairview ‘elves’ are busy getting ready for the 5th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event. This year’s festivities will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Fairview City Hall and Community Park.

In addition to the fun tradition of the countdown and tree lighting at 5:00 pm, we are pleased to announce the return of the very popular horse drawn carriage rides. There will be holiday musical performances throughout the evening, Santa will be there to visit with children and listen to their wish lists, and fun holiday crafts will be ready for the making.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for local businesses that would like to help make the holiday event a big success. If interested, please contact Devree Leymaster at 503.674.6202 or by email at leymasterd@ci.fairview.or.us.

This event is free and all are welcome. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful Fairview holiday tradition!



Code Improvement Project Moves Forward

City staff have been working with the Fairview Planning Commission to improve the City’s natural resource regulations. The City has a variety of great natural resources such as Fairview and Blue Lakes, Fairview Creek, Salish Ponds Wetland Park, the Columbia River, and other vegetated areas. Preservation and protection of our natural resources is important because our resources:

- Protect natural functions of watersheds;
- Prevent property damage from floods;
- Protect and enhance wildlife and fisheries habitat;
- Maintain water quality;
- Recharge, store, and discharge ground water;
- Provide animal habitat, food sources, and protection.

One of the key challenges with the code improvement project is balancing development potential of properties with resource conservation and protection. The goal of the code improvements is to allow the maximum development of properties while preserving the natural resources.

City staff has worked with the Planning Commission to develop the proposed code changes and will begin the public outreach portion of this project in January 2012. City staff will be working with Fairview citizens to gather feedback, comments, observations, and concerns regarding the proposed changes to the natural resource regulations.

Adoption of these new regulations will assist the City in complying with Metro and State regulations.

Please contact Lindsey Nesbitt, Senior Planner with any questions, comments, or concerns at 503.674.6230 or by email nesbittl@ci.fairview.or.us

Radar Unit Stolen

The Fairview Police Department is asking for assistance in locating our traffic radar trailer that has been reported stolen as of Monday, October 24, 2011. The trailer was taken from the area of NE Hancock and NE 213th Avenue. The trailer was last seen on Friday, October 21st at around 1:00 pm. It was not discovered missing until Monday at about 4:00 pm.

The trailer is a Decatur Electronics Radar Trailer, Model 9050 and is white in color. The most identifiable piece to the trailer is the Fairview Police badge emblem on the side of the unit. The location of this trailer is unknown. If anyone has information about where this trailer can be found, please notify the Fairview Police Department. The direct number to the police department is 503.674.6200. If you are unable to reach anyone directly at that number, please call the police non-emergency number at 503.823.3333.

Property Taxes Rise as Market Value Fall

Frustration Builds Among Property Owners

With Fairview residents receiving their property tax bills recently, we have heard frustration from taxpayers about their taxes rising even though their home values have decreased in the past year. Instead of trying to explain a complicated system ourselves, we are reprinting a recent story from the Statesman Journal newspaper that might help Fairview property owners understand our state property tax system a little better.

Although this article focuses upon the Salem area, it is a statewide issue. The City of Fairview appreciates the cooperation of the Statesman Journal in reprinting this article.



Over the past few years the majority of property owners in Marion and Polk counties have seen property tax bills increase despite the collapse of the real estate market. For some, that time is over. A rising percentage of owners have seen the market value of their property drop so much in recent years that it now matches the artificial, assessed value set by county governments. For owners, that could mean smaller tax increase — or even some decreases if the market continues to decline. For local governments, it means tax collections that are lower than expected. In Oregon, properties aren't taxed simply on their market value, but according to a formula which determines the maximum taxable value.

For years that has meant property values can drop while the tax bills still go up. “I would say that’s the No. 1 question we get from folks,” said Marion County Assessor Shawn Beaton. “It’s really difficult for folks to understand, and I don’t blame them. We’ve heard so much about the decline in the real estate market,” Beaton said. “You can still have that situation where the real market value can go down and your assessed value increases by 3 percent and your taxes go up.” Real property value in Marion County dropped 4.48 percent to \$33.4 billion from Jan. 1, 2010

to 2011. Despite that, property tax totals increased 3 percent to around \$318.6 million. Polk County saw the real market value decrease 5.42 percent to \$6.98 billion while property tax totals increased 3.7 percent to \$73.7 million. The reason for differences is tied to Measure 50. Passed in 1997, the measure limited the amount that assessed values could increase to 3 percent per year.

So while the real market value of a property can fluctuate greatly, the assessed value - the amount actually taxed - can't go up more than 3 percent without exceptions such as a sale or major improvement. That means that during the housing boom property owners paid taxes based on an assessed value that was much less than the market value. In 2007 the average residential property in Marion and Polk was taxed at about 63 percent of its real market value. As housing values have dropped over the past four years, that gap has narrowed or even closed in some cases. At that point a property is taxed at the lower value, meaning a decrease in property taxes for the owner.

The property value ratio - the assessed value as a percentage of the real market value - reached a Measure 50-era record high for Marion and Polk counties this year. The average residential property was taxed at about 84 percent of its real market value in Polk County and at about 87 percent in Marion. “We have some areas in Polk County, primarily in the West Salem area, where those values have already met,” said Polk County Assessor Douglas Schmidt. In Polk County, 10 percent of residential properties are being taxed at their real market value, up from 4 percent last year. In Marion County it's 16 percent, up from 8 percent last year.

That still means the majority of property owners saw a tax increase this year, although if current trends continue that gap will continue to close. “That gap, as long as that’s still there and will allow that 3 percent increase, people can anticipate that their taxes can still go up even though their market value is dropping,” Beaton said. On the other side, taxing districts are starting to see yearly increases lower than the 3 percent expected under Measure 50 and budgeted for at the start of the year. The day tax rolls are released in October is always a big day for city of Salem Budget Officer Debra Neville. She takes the amounts and starts to project whether the city will have more or less money than it budgeted for.

“I wait for that day so I can assess where the city will be in its current year and where it might go in the future,” Neville said. The city of Salem has seen its revenue lost to compression — properties taxed at the real market value — jump from around \$200,000 two years ago to \$600,000 this year. “Compression is so hard to predict because it’s on an individual property, so we can only make a best guess what it’s going to be based on conversations with the assessor’s office,” Neville said. “If the housing market continues to falter, as those prices decline more and more it’s going to hit that assessed valuation.” Neville said city officials are just starting to analyze the data and figure out whether the city needs to adjust the budget for the remainder of the year. Still, the results are another sign that local governments and other taxing districts can't expect increases going forward.

“What we’re anticipating in the future is that the AV (assessed value) will not increase by the allowable 3 percent and that compression will become a bigger factor in reducing our growth or holding steady in terms of our property tax projections,” she said. Despite the shifts over the past few years, Marion County’s Beaton said that overall, Measure 50 has been good for taxpayers and helped steady the fluctuation in tax collections. “Under the old system, even before (measures) 5 and 50, you’d have these tremendous swings in market value that had a direct impact on how much taxes folks would pay,” Beaton said. “With the advent of Measure 50, it said, ‘OK, you can have that 3 percent increase.’ With all things being equal, with a stable market and no money measures on a ballot, a property owner could expect to pay that 3 percent every year, and that put a lot of stability in the system.”

Written by Christopher Hagen, Statesman Journal

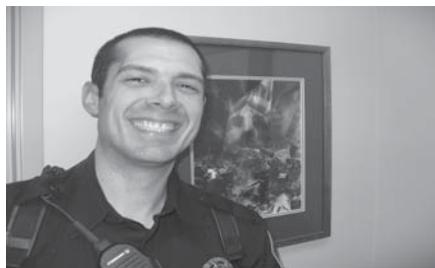


If you have questions or need more information about your property tax bill, please contact the Multnomah County Department of Assessment & Taxation by calling 503.988.3326 or checking out their department website at <http://web.multco.us/assessment-taxation>

New Police Officer Joins Department

Vacant Position Filled

The Fairview Police Department is happy to announce the selection of their newest police officer, Josh Delatorre. Officer Delatorre is eager



and excited to help serve the community as a sworn Police Officer. He served 6 years (September 1999-2005) in the US Navy as an Information Technician in a mobile nuclear capable platform. After serving, he decided to earn a college degree. Josh loves traveling, and since leaving the Navy, he has backpacked in Canada, El Salvador, Guatemala, Peru, and Costa Rica. Also while earning his degree; he worked for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office as a Facility Security Officer.

Once he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Portland State University, he began working for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office as a recruit patrol deputy. In September 2010, he graduated from Oregon's Police Academy. Officer Delatorre now has a home, a great dog (who loves to dig and escape), and a wonderful fiancé.

During his free time, he enjoys being with family and friends, playing sports or working out, and exploring the world. Whenever he has any free time, he will undoubtedly be glued to a book, anything from politics or self help to fantasy. Officer Delatorre is excited to meet the Fairview community while out on patrol. With the addition of this new officer, the Fairview Police Department is back to full-staffing after being down an officer since July 2011.

New Emergency Management Analyst Begins

Shared Position with Neighboring Cities

The City of Fairview is pleased to welcome our newest member, Scott McPherson. Scott will be working as our new Emergency Management Analyst, a shared position with Gresham, Wood Village, and Troutdale.

Scott has 11 years experience as a Network Engineer with Earthlink communications. He also has spent the last 15 years in the Oregon Air National Guard, the last nine years as an Emergency Manager and CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, enhanced explosives) first responder. In addition, Scott is a certified HAZMAT technician.

During his 15 years in the Air Force, Scott has achieved the rank of Technical Sergeant (E6). He has also deployed numerous times to Southwest Asia, including Bagram, and Kandahar Afghanistan.

Scott will be working with the City's management team and staff to enhance our emergency plans and response capabilities should Fairview encounter a manmade or natural disaster. This additional support from Scott continues the emphasis that the City has placed on improving our abilities to respond to various types of emergencies in the future.

Scott McPherson is also married and has two wonderful daughters.



Cedar Street Sewer Improvements

City Continues Old Town Upgrades

The City is currently undertaking a sewer rehabilitation project in Cedar Street as part of our overall Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) reduction program. Inflow is storm water that enters into sanitary sewer systems at points of direct connection to the systems. These sources are typically improperly or illegally connected roof drains and downspouts to sanitary sewer systems and can let water from sources other than sanitary fixtures and drains enter the sanitary sewer system. That water should be entering the storm water sewer system or allowed to soak into the ground without entering the sanitary sewer system. The City has in the past performed smoke testing of the existing system and it appears that inflow is not a major contributor to the capacity of the city's sanitary system.

Infiltration is groundwater that enters sanitary sewer systems through cracks and/or leaks in the sanitary sewer pipes. Cracks or leaks in sanitary sewer pipes or manholes may be caused by age related deterioration, loose joints, installation or maintenance errors, damage or root infiltration. Groundwater can enter these cracks or leaks wherever sanitary sewer systems lie beneath water tables or the soil above the sewer systems becomes saturated. Cracked and damaged pipes have been shown to be the critical issues within the City sanitary sewer system and is the current focus of the I&I program and the reason for the work in Cedar Street.

The options to remedy infiltration problems vary from total line replacement to in-place repairs. To limit the impact to residents, a trenchless solution to the problem has been implemented in Cedar Street which involves bursting the existing pipes and pulling a new polyethylene line through the created space. This, in effect, provides a new line in the same place as the old one, but without leaks or defects that promote I&I issues to occur. The process is called pipe bursting.

Pipe bursting is a well-established method for trenchless replacement of worn out and undersized sewer pipes. An existing pipe can be replaced size-for-size or up-sized with a new pipe in the same location. Typical pipe bursting involves the insertion of a conically shaped tool (bursting head) into the old pipe. The head fractures the old pipe and forces its fragments into the surrounding soil. At the same time, a new pipe is pulled or pushed in behind the bursting head. If you have any questions or comments or require more information on the I&I program, please contact Allan Berry, Public Works Director at 503.674.6235.

SnowCare for Troops Seeks Volunteers

The City is proud to joins ranks with Project EverGreen's *SnowCare for Troops* program, a new community-based program to provide free snow removal services for military families with a spouse or family member currently deployed in the Armed Forces. The City encourages local volunteers to join with snowplow and landscape professionals from across the country that donate their services and time to ease the burden on military families seeking help on the home front. *SnowCare for Troops* is a national program underwritten by THE BOSS Snowplow.

Before the first snow flies, Fairview is urging interested military families and volunteers within Fairview to register for participation in the *SnowCare for Troops* program by visiting the Project EverGreen website at www.projectevergreen.com/scft, or contact Joy Westenberg toll free at 1.888.611.2956 or by email at joywestenberg@projectevergreen.com.



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
Allan Berry, Public Works Director
Samantha Nelson, Finance Director

City Calendar

December

- 1 Public Safety Advisory Committee
- 3 **Christmas Tree Lighting Event**
- 7 City Council Meeting
- 8 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
- 13 Planning Commission Meeting
- 14 Reynolds School Board Meeting
- 21 City Council Meeting
- 23 **Christmas Eve Holiday Observed (City Hall Closed)**
- 26 **Christmas Holiday Observed (City Hall Closed)**

January

- 2 **New Years Holiday Observed (City Hall Closed)**
- 4 City Council Meeting
- 10 Planning Commission Meeting
- 11 Reynolds School Board Meeting
- 12 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
- 16 **Martin Luther King Day Holiday (City Hall Closed)**
- 18 City Council Meeting
- 24 Planning Commission Meeting

For more information on these events, please see our website at www.fairvieworegon.gov.

Important Phone Numbers

*Mayor - 674.6212
City Council - 665.7929
City Administrator - 674.6211
County Animal Control - 988.7387
Building Permits - 674.6202
City Clerk - 674.6211
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*

All numbers are 503 area code



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Fairview, Oregon 97024



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300 Harrison Street
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Fairview Public Works Facility
48 First Street
Fairview, Oregon 97024

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