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Why Is A City Newsletter So Important

The City of Orland must be kept informed of what City Staff is doing to improve and make Orland a better place to live, work and play. Many of the behind the scenes are not published in the local media. Some of the work involves the reconstruction of South Street, between 6th Street and the Interstate, recreation programs, the City's General Plan update, when are Commission meetings, where are they held, and who are on them, what's going on at the Library, as well as what new books were received, events for the Centennial Celebration, what can you do to help the police reduce crime and fire department to prevent fires. This list could go on and on.

This is the first newsletter and we will go through some growing pains to ensure you receive the right information in a timely manner. A better informed community is a more active community. The newsletter is a planning tool for activities that citizens may not be aware of but would like to participate.

Orland Express will also be posted to the internet for the convenience of those with internet capabilities. The current website for the internet is www.cityoforland.com and has additional information that is valuable to the citizens of Orland.

City of Orland's General Plan Update

What is a General Plan? According to California state law, each city and county in the state is required to adopt a General Plan "for the physical development of the county or city, and any land outside its boundaries which bears relation to its planning" (California Government Code Section 65300)

The General Plan is required by state law to contain seven mandatory elements: Land Use, Circulation and Traffic, Housing, Conservation, Open space, Noise, and Safety. A local jurisdiction may add optional elements specific to its Community that are not required under State law. For example, the City of Orland will be adding a "Downtown Element" to the General Plan as well as a "Mixed Use" (M-U) Land Use Designation applicable to the "Downtown Orland". This will allow for an increase variety of residential and commercial activities that will encourage and support a live/work environment and preserve the older architectural styles of the "Downtown Orland" area.

The first General Plan adopted for the City was completed in 1974. Certain elements, such as Land Use and Circulation, were updated in 1991, 1993, and 1994. In 2000, minor revisions of the General Plan were completed. In October 2002, the City updated its General Plan through a comprehensive review of all elements and the final document was adopted in March 2003 by the Orland City Council.

The Orland General Plan expresses the Community's development goals and represents public policy relative to the distribution of future land uses, both public and private. The General Plan may be amended up to four times per year, and should be updated as necessary to reflect changes in community conditions and goals. The City of Orland has held workshops to gather public input toward the General Plan Update in November 2007, February and August 2008. The workshops are advertised in the local Orland Press Register. Additional workshops as well as public hearings will continue to be held and the public is encouraged to attend and submit input throughout this very important process. All maps and documents regarding the City's General Plan Update can be found on the City's website at www.cityoforland.com, or by calling the Planning Division at 530-865-1608.



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New Recreation Center Being Built

Many citizens are asking how we can build a new Recreation Center when the city is strapped for cash. The funding for this facility comes from funds other than the General Fund. The cost of the center is \$880,000, with \$440,000 from the State Grants Department and \$440,000 for the City's Park Impact Fees. Impact Fees can only be used to expand capacity and may not be used to supplement the General Fund, which is strapped for money. Therefore, we are expanding the Parks & Recreation capacity to provide more recreational activities for the growing public.

The Recreation Center will provide for many more programs and tournaments. It will have a regulation sized high school basketball court, volleyball court, restrooms, storage room, recreation office and maintenance closet. Although the focus of this building was on athletics, it will provide aerobics classes, dance classes, shuffleboard, arts, and many other programs for the community. This facility is planned to be completed on or before March 1, 2009. We will provide more information on the opening of the facility later.

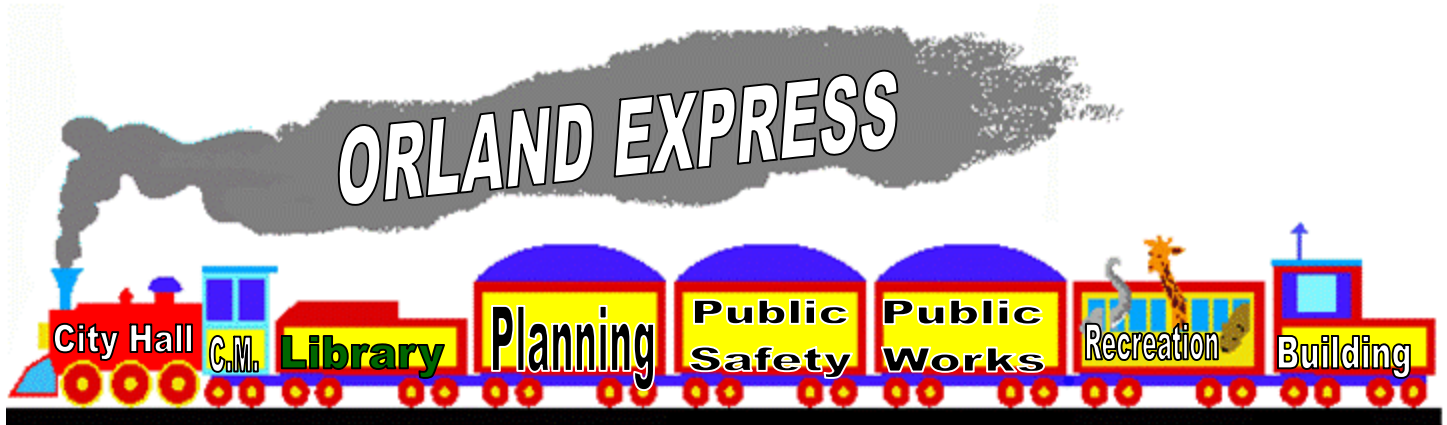
Another project for the Parks & Recreation Department is the renovation of the Orland City Pool. This project is expected to cost approximately \$200,000. Funding again is \$115,000 from the State Grants Department and \$85,000 from the City. This will provide ADA access to the Pool in the front and rear entrances, ADA compliant restrooms, and a circular pump system. By renovating the pool, it should cut the operating costs of the pool in half saving the city money. This project is expected to be completed by 2012.

The final project planned is for a new Roosevelt Field Sports Complex just north of the Orland High School. This project will consist of two soccer fields, one softball field, and one baseball field. This project cost \$475,000 and will include restrooms. The State Grants Department will provide \$272,000 in funding, while the Impact Fees will fund the other \$203,000. Date of completion will be identified later.

The Orland Recreation Department has several programs to offer the community year round. The goal of the Recreation Department is to provide family oriented recreation activities for all ages in the Orland community. Currently the Recreation Department has one full-time and a seasonal part-time employee. All coaches and volunteers are needed and always welcomed.

The Recreation Department is offering the Youth Basketball league and the Youth Flag Football League. Both leagues are coed and are meant to improve skills in a safe environment and promote teamwork, sportsmanship, and leadership. All coaches are volunteer and are needed.

For any information regarding any recreation activity or if you have any ideas for new programs, please feel free to call or email the Recreation Department. You can find all schedules, forms or information about the Recreation Department by visiting the city's website at www.cityoforland.com



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Library Survey Results

The results of the Library Survey are being finalized, three of the eight questions have been tabulated. Question one, Do you have an Orland Library Card, 282 respondents said yes, while 109 said they did not have an Orland Library Card. Question two, Have you visited the Library within the last six months, 242 indicated they did visit the library within the last six months, and 149 said they did not. Question six asked if the library should be open Monday-Friday or Tuesday-Saturday, 172 responded M-F, 177 indicated T-S, while 11 said either were fine with them. A comprehensive result will be published in the February Newsletter.

In other library news; Baby/Toddler Program will resume on Mondays starting January 5th at 11:00 am and continue throughout the month of January. Preschool Storytime starts again on Wednesdays beginning January 7th at 11:00 am and will continue throughout the month of January. Registration for these programs are not required.

“How I see it: My Place” a photographic display by Orland teens will be on display until January 12th.

The Friends of the Orland Library will meet on Thursday, January 8th at 10:00 am in the library. New members are always welcome.

The Orland Library Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 in Carnegie Center at 5:30 pm. The results of the recent library survey will be discussed and plans for future library programs considered. The public is invited to all City Commission meetings.

The library’s online catalog is now available at www.orlandfreelibrary.net. Library patrons can ask at the circulation desk and a pin number will be assigned, giving access to their own account. Patrons will be able to search the Library catalog, renew items and place reserves on books and other materials.

NEW BOOKS

Adult Fiction:

The Carrier By Scott Holden
 A Cedar Cove Christmas By Debbie Macomber
 Extreme Measures By Vince Flynn
 The Heir By Paul Robertson
 The Pagan Stone By Nora Roberts
 Testimony By Anita Shreve
 What Was Lost By Catherine O’Flynn

Adult Non-Fiction

American Farmer: The Heart of Our Country
 By Paul Mobley
 Ansel Adams’ California By Ansel Adams
 Bake Until Bubbly: The Ultimate Casserole Cookbook
 By Clifford Wright
 Beginner’s Guide to Nature Photography By Cub Kahn
 Big Russ & Me By Tim Russert

Juvenile Fiction:

Bubba & Beau, Best Friends By Kathi Appelt
 Olive, the Other Reindeer By Vivian Walsh
 The Racecar Alphabet By Brian Floca
 The Surprise Family By Lynn Reiser
 Christmas at the Little Zoo By Beth Vardon

These titles and many others were added to the Orland Library collection in December, 2008.

A complete listing of new materials is available on the library internet website: www.orlandfreelibrary.net.



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Business License Renewals Due January 31, 2009

It is that time of year again; the City Clerk's Department mailed out 375 Business License Renewals for 2009. Please remit your payment by January 31, 2009 to avoid any late penalty. Call City Hall anytime (865-1600) for questions you may have concerning your existing business license or applying for a new business license.

On December 15, 2008 City Council made appointments and/or reappointments* to the following City Commissions. There is currently one vacancy on the Library Commission and two vacancies on the Public Works Commission. If you are interested in serving on these commissions, please pick up an application at City Hall or go to the City website at www.cityoforland.com. The deadline to apply is January 12, 2009.

Arts Commission

Meets 3rd Wed. 7:00 pm
 Monthly at Art Gallery
 *George Turnbull
 *Rae Turnbull
 *Ulises Meza
 *Jane King
 *Mary Rose Kennedy
 Patricia Mullanix
 Margarita Perez
 Council Advisory Member
 Mayor Bruce Roundy
 Wade Elliott alt.

Library Commission

Meets 2nd Tuesday 5:30 pm
 Monthly at Carnegie Center
 *Gene H. Russell
 Marilyn Rehse
 Lorryayne Foltz
 Julie Van Tol
 One Vacancy—expires 2010
 Council Advisory Member
 Mayor Bruce Roundy
 Wade Elliott alt.

Public Works Commission

Meets Quarterly or as needed
 Carnegie Center
 *Byron Denton
 *Emil Cavagnolo
 William Tasto
 Two Vacancies expires 12/09 & 10
 Council Advisory Member
 Vice Mayor Paul Barr
 Jim Paschall alt.

Economic Development Commission

Meets 1st Monday 6:00 pm
 Carnegie Center
 *Gary Campbell
 *Mike Yalow
 Jim Arano
 Jake Dahl
 Larry Carmona
 Council Advisory Member
 Wade Elliott
 Vice Mayor Paul Barr alt

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meets as needed
 Carnegie Center
 *Jim Millert
 *Candice Pierce
 *Mike Yalow
 Joe Quail
 Medina Branzelle
 Council Advisory
 Reggie Olney
 Mayor Bruce Roundy alt

Public Safety Commission

Status has not yet been determined



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Public Works has plenty to keep them busy

The Public Works Department will soon begin work on the landscaping for the State Route 32 entrance into the City of Orland. Bids have been obtained for the concrete work and plants have been ordered from a local nursery. The City received \$120,000 from Cal-Trans to complete this project. In order to ensure the project is completed, Orland Public Works Department will be doing some of the work. The Orland Friendly Garden Club will also be participating in the project. Weather permitting, by late Spring 2009 trees should be lining the route, along with a clock and landscaped area east of Eighth Street will be completed with the help of the Orland Arts Commission. For an artist rendering of what is planned for the landscaping, come into City Hall or view the drawing on the City's website.

Another project under the Public Works Department will be the South Street Infrastructure, paid for with Proposition B and gas tax funds. The work to be completed consists of construction of asphalt pavement, widening and overlay of South Street, from 6th Street westward to Interstate 5. This project includes installation of concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk where it is currently missing, lowering and replacement of an existing irrigation pipeline, installation of water services and sewer laterals, striping and signage from the freeway to Sixth Street. Stimpel-Wiebelhaus Associates of Redding was the low bidder at \$555,040.00. Construction will begin in January 2009.

In addition to these two projects the department will continue taking water samples of city wells, putting up banners over Walker Street, street sweeping, cleaning the parks, responding to service calls concerning the sewer collection system and house service laterals from the main to the street or alley line. Additionally, collection system facilities (pumps, motors, mains, lift stations and manholes) are serviced on a routine basis or as necessary.

Standby emergency services are provided free of charge to residences within the City of Orland around the clock for problems located in the public right of way. Typical emergency calls are: waterline breaks, sewer stoppages, storm events like street flooding or fallen trees in roadways. For any problems or concerns, please call: (530) 865-1610.



City Hall Closure

Orland City Hall Will Be Closed On
January 19, 2009 In Observance Of
Martin Luther King's Birthday
Council Meeting Will Be Held On
Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 7:30 pm



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ORLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

As this is the first corner of the Orland Express Newsletter for the Orland Volunteer Fire Department, I would like to take this first edition to acquaint many of you with the Department. As many of you know, we are an all Volunteer Department serving the City of Orland, and the surrounding Rural District.

The Volunteers consist of forty dedicated people from all walks of life. They spend an enormous amount of time training and responding to calls. We have Volunteers who have been in less than a year, ranging up to over thirty years.

Even though it is housed in one Fire Station, we are actually two separate Departments. Orland City Fire, has it's own trucks, which if you visit the station, are parked in the center row. The Orland Rural Fire District covers roughly from Road 25 on the South, to the County line on the North, and from Stony Creek on the East to the West side of Black Butte Lake. The Rescue Truck (Rescue 29) is shared between the City and Rural. The two entities share expenses for fire gear, radios, etc. This is a solid relationship that saves money for both entities and has worked smoothly for many years.

Got a Bus?

Do you have an old bus? Do you know of someone that has one they are trying to get rid of? We need a few. On March 27 and 28 Glenn County Fire Departments will be holding a County wide vehicle extrication training. One day will be held in Willows, the other in Orland. For this training we are trying to find some old buses that we can cut up. If you have access to a bus, please contact us. This training is part of an Office of Traffic Safety Grant that was procured by Willows Fire. The Grant allowed our Department to purchase new extrication equipment, will pay for this regional training, and also include a Mass Casualty Drill to be held later this year.

Orland Fire Centennial

As Orland holds it's Centennial this year, we are working towards our Orland Fire Centennial to be held in 2011. Committees are working on planning the activities. Restoration work has begun on the 1940's Maxim Fire Engine. The Centennial Committee is looking for old photos, newspaper articles, or memorabilia that people may have. We understand that many old badges and hats that people may have are family heirlooms. If you do not want to part with them, we would still appreciate getting your name and what you have. During the Centennial celebration, we would like to display the items, and then return them to you.

Spaghetti Feed

Our annual Spaghetti Feed will be held Saturday, February 7 at the Fire House from 11 to 8. Cost is by donation, and the proceeds from this fundraiser go to equipment purchases. In addition to purchases of larger rescue equipment, this money is used for the supplies that outfit the Rescue Truck. All those little items add up. Next time you see the Firefighters on a rescue call wearing latex gloves, giving oxygen, or using equipment from the rescue bag, you will know that your donations paid for those items.

Fire Education Classes

We receive many requests from classes and groups. Fire education is very important to us, and we try to accommodate everyone, but keep in mind that our personnel are all volunteer and are frequently taking time off from work to do these classes. Bear in mind that we cannot fill every request, and please be flexible with your scheduling times. If you have a request for a class, please fax your name, phone number, and request information to 865-1648.