To gather input on budget, services and the proposed items on the 2013 Action Plan, the City Council held a Town Hall on February 12, received direct emails and also had two questions on the online forum Open City Hall. The Mayor and City Councilors are very appreciative that so many residents took the time to share their thoughts. Meeting materials and input received can be viewed at www.ci.oswego.or.us/citycouncil/city-council-town-hall-meeting.

The City Council is scheduled to adopt a 2013 Action Plan at their March 5 meeting. On March 14, they will meet with the seven citizen members as the Budget Committee to review citizen input and identify issues of importance in the upcoming budget process.

NAME THE SWEeper
ENTER BY MARCH 10 TO WIN

Is your suggestion the winning name? Over 70 names have been submitted for the Name the Street Sweeper contest. Lake Oswegans are proving to be very creative and have submitted names created from an acronym, with mottos and tons of character. Our street sweepers certainly deserve the creativity. In a year, our sweepers drive enough miles to get to Portland, Maine and back, going there! That is a lot of work to keep our streets and water clean.

The Name the Street Sweeper and Coloring Contests are open until March 10. Winning names will be put on our three sweepers (plus other fun prizes for the winners). For contest details, to submit a name, or print out the coloring contest sheet, go to www.ci.oswego.or.us/publicworks/name-sweeper. Or, pick up a coloring sheet at City Hall, the WEB, Operations, or the Library. Check back in next month’s HelloLO to vote on the top five names.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT & PIPELINE UPDATE
WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL APPROVES LO’S TREATMENT PLANT AND PIPELINE UPGRADES

The West Linn City Council upheld Lake Oswego’s appeal of its Conditional Use application on February 11. The land use application is needed to improve the plant and pipelines to modern safety standards and capacity to serve both Lake Oswego and Tigard into the future. Lake Oswego’s facilities also provide West Linn’s emergency and backup water supply. The Council’s action reverses the West Linn Planning Commission denial in November 2012. West Linn’s decision is a major step toward addressing the long-term water needs of Lake Oswego, Tigard and West Linn.

Lake Oswego’s treatment plant and pipelines have been located in West Linn for 45 years. Shortly after construction, West Linn annexed the plant site and roads in which pipelines are located. The Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership, created in 2008 so that both communities can share water resources and costs, determined that the best, most cost efficient way to provide water was to upgrade Lake Oswego’s existing facilities. Construction begins this summer on the river intake pump station in Gladstone on the Clackamas River, Lake Oswego’s high quality source of water. All facility upgrades are anticipated to create at least 2,400 jobs.

MEDITATION SERVICES
Barking dogs? Overgrown bushes? Parking issues?

Did you know that the City of Lake Oswego provides free conflict resolution and mediation services to Lake Oswegans residents? The mediation process helps resolve disputes effectively and efficiently; it empowers individuals to develop their own solutions to conflict and achieve a more peaceful community by building stronger relationships. All meetings are confidential. If you have a conflict and want to explore this free confidential service, contact the Citizen Information Center at 503-635-0257 or contact Clackamas County Resolution Services at 503-655-8415.

KINCAID INTERNSHIP
AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT

Applications are due on April 8. This is the sixth year of this highly successful internship opportunity. Robert A. Kincaid graduated from the University of Oregon School of Community Service and Public Affairs (CSPA) with a degree in Public Administration in 1973. He began working for the City of Lake Oswego after graduation and rose through the ranks to become Assistant City Manager in 1985 and later Chief of Staff in 2001. He retired in 2003 only to be hired back to manage projects. In 2006, he passed away after a long bout with cancer. This internship is funded by his family, friends and the City to honor his life and his 30 plus years of service to Lake Oswego.

LIVING ON SHAKY GROUND

In addition to having a disaster preparedness kit and an emergency plan identifying and mitigating hazards may make all the difference to you and your family during a disaster.

Start by going from room to room imagining what would happen if the earth and house started shaking. Anything that can move, break, or fall when your house starts to shake is a potential hazard.

• Look at tall bookcases and shelves. How much would fall off the shelves? Store heavy items and breakables on lower shelves.
• Would the whole bookcase topple, or is it anchored to the wall? Anchor all tall, top-heavy furniture to wall studs using flexible fasteners (e.g., nylon straps) and lag screws.
• Prevent refrigerators, washers, and other heavy appliances from moving by blocking the rollers.
• What kind of latches are on your kitchen cabinets? Consider replacing magnetic “touch” latches with ones that will hold the cabinet doors shut during an earthquake, for example, latches designed for child-proofing or boat safety.
• Where do you sit or sleep? Anchor heavy mirrors and event refrigerators, washers, and other heavy appliances from moving by blocking the rollers.
• Is your water heater secured? Metal straps can be used to fasten your water heater to the wood studs of the nearest wall.

For more information on preparing for an earthquake, check out Living On Shaky Ground - a handbook that explains how you can prepare for, survive, and recover from earthquakes and tsunamis in Oregon. Living On Shaky Ground also gives you “Seven Steps That May Save Your Life.”

For a copy of this free booklet, contact Bonnie Hinsberger at 503-675-3992 or bhinsberger@ci.oswego.or.us. To download a copy of Living On Shaky Ground and for more emergency preparedness information, visit www.ci.oswego.or.us/citymanager/emergency-management.

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