BOONES FERRY ROAD CLOSURE
CONSTRUCTION ON LOWER BOONES FERRY RAILROAD CROSSING SET FOR AUGUST

In August, the city of Lake Oswego, in cooperation with Portland & Western Railroad, will reconstruct the railroad crossing on Boones Ferry Road between Jean Way and 63rd Avenue. Boones Ferry Road will be fully closed at this location from August 14 to 20 (dates may fluctuate depending on field conditions). It is anticipated that the full project will take approximately six weeks to complete.

The project includes installation of new rails and crossing panels, asphalt roadway approaches, sidewalks on both sides of the road and new stormwater drainage. These improvements will provide a smoother ride for vehicles and improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Reduce project impact
• Commuters and residents can reduce the impact of the project by following detours and avoiding unnecessary travel through the area from Wednesday, August 14 to Tuesday, August 20.
• Business owners can reduce the impact of the project by rescheduling deliveries and informing employees of traffic disruptions.

Updates and detour routes will be posted to the City’s project webpage: www.ci.oswego.or.us/publicworks/ lower-boones-ferry-road-rail-crossing-chow-corner-regional-sidewalk.

For general information about this project, please call 503-635-0257. For additional information during construction, call the City’s Construction Hotline at 503-635-0261.

LAKE OSWEGO BUDGET
MAYOR STUDEBAKER TALKS ABOUT DEALING WITH REALITY

On June 4, communication and cooperation resulted in the City Council adopting the Budget Committee’s recommended Budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The process was completed in a short timeframe because City staff did a great job of organizing and presenting the budget via “decision packages,” and because the committee members spent a lot of time doing their homework and asking salient questions.

Committee Chairman David Berg was instrumental in shepherding the committee through the process in an efficient way that allowed for ample and meaningful input.

So, what did we get?
The budget is not one that has cut spending. It is a budget that redirects spending to maintain core services, addresses rising operational costs, and invests in public infrastructure. The goal of redirecting monies back to core services (infrastructure needs, primarily road repair and maintenance) will result in cuts to personnel – approximately 10 positions in areas such as planning, parks and recreation, public affairs, and economic development. Some of these cuts will be accomplished by leaving positions unfilled. Others, unfortunately, will result in layoffs. Collectively the Committee chose not to burden citizens with more taxes but to address the ever-rising costs of personnel in our service-oriented city organization. These were tough choices but we had the future in mind.

The Committee’s actions allowed an increase of $784,000 in funding for street maintenance for a total of $984,000. This is in addition to the upcoming $2.4 million project to reconstruct Kerr Parkway. The Budget Committee also allocated transportation expenditures such as Fire Trucks and essential public facilities replacements.

I would like to thank the Budget Committee and staff for their work, and all the members of the community who provided input into this process. It shows what can happen with good communication and cooperation between local government and its citizens.

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FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL CELEBRATES MUSIC AND LITERACY FOR ALL AGES

Join the day of fun on the front grassy lawn of the West End Building, 4101 Kruse Way in Lake Oswego. Admission is free, but families are asked to bring socks, shoes and books that will be distributed to kids in need in Portland, Kenya and Jamaica.

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VINTAGE TROLLEY GRAND OPENING POSTPONED

Because of unexpected mechanical and rail issues, the grand opening event has been postponed. The event, including the free rides, will be rescheduled. Look for updates in future HelloLO newsletters.

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The City’s key water supply facilities and infrastructure, which were built in the 1960s with the aid of federal funds, are now nearing their capacity and at the end of their useful life. On July 1, the City will implement new water rates to help pay for improvements to the water treatment and distribution system – improvements which will allow the City to continue to provide safe and clean drinking water.

The City has a tiered water billing structure - which means that as the amount of water consumed gets higher, the water gets more expensive. For those that keep their water use in the 1st tier, water bills will increase somewhere around $10 to $15 per billing cycle (the City bills for two months at a time). But, those that hit the 2nd tier (water use is between 17-32 ccf* per billing cycle) or 3rd tier (water use is over 33 ccf per billing cycle) will experience a much larger increase. To estimate your water rate increase, check out the Water Consumption Cost Calculator at: www.ci.oswego.or.us/finance/water-consumption-cost-calculator.

Rate increases are difficult, and the City Council and project managers are working hard to keep the project costs as low as possible. To help residents manage water use and lower water bills, the City’s Water Conservation program offers information and assistance, including water audits and workshops. To schedule a free water audit or talk to the City’s Conservation Specialist, Kevin McCaleb, call 503-675-3747.

In addition, you are invited to a complimentary Water Management Class. This class, offered on July 11 and July 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, will provide strategies to help you lower your water bill. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.ci.oswego.or.us/publicworks/water-conservation-workshops.

More information on reducing water use can be found at www.ci.oswego.or.us/publicworks/water-conservation-program.

Specific utility rate information can be found at www.ci.oswego.or.us/finance/rate-changes-impacting-bimonthly-utility-bills. For billing questions, call the Finance Department at 503-635-0265.

THINGS THAT GO BOOM!

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM FIREWORKS-RELATED FIRES AND INJURIES

From June 23 and through July 6, State-legal fireworks can be purchased from licensed retailers in Lake Oswego. You can also enjoy watching the large professional fireworks displays around the area.

Every year fireworks serve as the ignition source of hundreds of fires in Oregon. Fires on roofs, in shrubs and bark dust, and on decks are common and can cause damage to your home and injury to your family.

Stay Safe
- Use only legal fireworks
- Use fireworks only in legal places (prohibited on beaches, City and State parks and federal forest land)
- Keep pets indoors
- Have a garden hose or a bucket of water on hand
- Never re-light a "dud" firework; wait 10-15 minutes, then soak in a bucket of water
- Discard firework debris in a non-combustible container

The Lake Oswego Fire Department encourages you and your family to have a fun and enjoyable Independence Day celebration by ensuring safe practices and legal use of consumer fireworks.

NATURAL CLEANING ALTERNATIVES

To help keep our waterways clean, the City is providing residents with a “natural cleaning products shopping list” refrigerator magnet – a simple way to try alternatives to traditional household cleaning products. “The shopping list” refrigerator magnet has recipes for turning inexpensive and common household products into natural cleaning products. The shopping lists are FREE to residents. Call 503-635-0257, to request yours today!

For more information, visit the City’s “Healthy Water Begins at Home” webpage at www.ci.oswego.or.us/publicworks/pesticides-and-fertilizers.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ESSAY CONTEST

The $500 first place prize was awarded to Ilia Savin for his essay entitled "Inside the Walls: Preserving the Charlie S. Brown Boathouse." Ilia thanked the Society for "instilling in me a newly-found respect for our community's history." Sina Holwerda was the recipient of the $250 second place prize for "My Gingerbread House." Sina wrote about living in her family's 1927 Wade Pipes-designed house. Rebekah Jamison won the $125 third place prize for her essay on the Lake Oswego Center for the Arts entitled "A Legacy of Education."

Gift certificates were awarded to the three runners up: Madison Cho-Richmond, Leah Shearer, Ryan Stadnik, Rebekah Jamison, and Sina Holwerda. Ilia Savin was unable to attend. During May, National Historic Preservation Month, the Lake Oswego Preservation Society launched its first annual historic preservation high school essay contest.

Left to right: Madison Cho-Richmond, Leah Shearer, Ryan Stadnik, Rebekah Jamison, and Sina Holwerda. Ilia Savin was unable to attend.

The Bank of Oswego generously funded the scholarship awards.

BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The City is seeking applicants for the Budget Committee and Youth Advisory Board. For more details, go to www.ci.oswego.or.us/bc/bor/boards-commisions-vacancies or contact the City Manager's Office at 503-635-0215. Applications can be filled out online.