



Our Mission: To foster an environment of economic growth and opportunity through effective partnerships with our citizens, businesses, and visitors while maintaining a high standard for quality of life in a progressive community which embraces its heritage.

CITY OF OREGON

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To: Mayor Ken Williams & Oregon City Council

From: Darin J. DeHaan, City Manager

Re: Bi-monthly Report

DATE: Jul 23, 2024

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – **Jul 6, 2024 – Jul 19, 2024**

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

I want to start this report with a huge shoutout to all of our staff, and recognize the hard work and hours they put in during the recent round of storms. Our Public Works Department and Police Department worked harmoniously to respond to fallen trees and road hazards during the storm. Great communication and collaboration lead to a swift response. I also want to recognize City Hall staff. They fielded multiple phone calls and citizen inquiries about clean up questions and helped coordinate the follow up efforts for our city departments. Thank you Cheryl, Lynn and Lisa. Great Job Team Oregon!



- We have been advised by Ogle County IEMA Director that they have applied for a disaster designation for the recent round of storm damage. We will collect cost data for our clean up and will submit it for potential state reimbursement.
- We completed our membership requirements and are now a member of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network. This will allow us to call for equipment or personnel for emergency response to anything that is beyond our current capacity.



- After several citizen complaints I have been working with the City Council and Planning Committee to strengthen our City Ordinance on Solicitation. We are looking at several issues.
 - Time they can solicit
 - Background checks
 - Adding protections on their harassment behavior.
 - Baring a company from soliciting if they violate our rules.
 - Creating a visual badge so citizens know they have a permit to solicit.
- I am working with Fire Chief Knoup to create an ordinance to allow the City to Issue a permit for fireworks displays. By statute the Fire Protection District can't issue a permit. I'm thankful that the Fire Dept has always done a fantastic job checking the public safety aspects surrounding a fireworks display, but it's time to put the process to ordinance for future requests.
- We continue to work on various projects for the City at Sarah Phelps, Coliseum, Recreation Paths, Headworks Project, Sustainability Plan, Ogle County Economic Development Corporation, Housing, and Retail Business attraction. I'm also working with Don Griffin, the Chair of our City Economic Development Committee, to create a new vision and action plan for that group to start looking towards the future for Oregon.
- The mural has been started at the Village Bakery. Funds were provided by the City of Oregon through our Public Art Grant Program.
- Myself and Department Heads attended a great Management webinar. Lots of great ideas come out of the training.



Photo Cred: Terry Schuster

We are excited to see the progress of the Washington Streetscape project. What a difference!



After Photo Cred: Bill Covell



Before

City Hall - Cheryl Hilton - City Clerk:

- Brush pick-up is scheduled for July 29th.
- Utility bills were mailed on July 18th. Bills will be due on August 9th.

MEETING INFORMATION

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting: **No July Meeting:**

- July 16th City Sponsored Concert in the Park - Three Good Men
- September 4th we are planning a public presentation.

Economic and Community Development Committee:

Next meeting Aug 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Oregon City Hall Conference Room

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Aug 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Aug 20, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

- Public Hearing for a Short-Term Rental Request - 114 River Road.

Public Art Commission:

Next Meeting TBD

Tree Board:

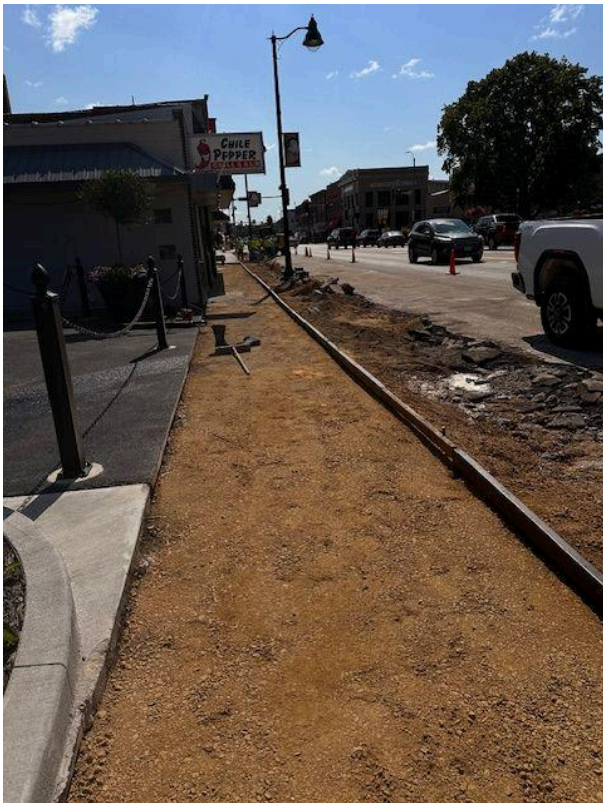
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PUBLIC WORKS:

Director of Public Works Submitted by Bill Covell:

- Monthly Fuel Reports
- Approve driveway, ROW and tree permits.
- Help with storm damage
- Review water main work for Trestle Ridge.
- Help with daily scheduling
- Meeting with Fehr Graham for headworks project
- Observation on Streetscape project
- Worked on lead inventory
- Review project pay estimates
- Continued training new employees
- Review submittals information for MFT projects and check on schedule.
- Resolved personnel issues
- Prepared bills for payment

- Helped with SCADA upgrade and blower issues
- Start preliminary work on South 9th Street
- Review budget Items
- Help resolve homeowner issues
- Contacted Frontier for low wire issues
- Worked on lead line inventory
- Checked on Geo reports for headworks



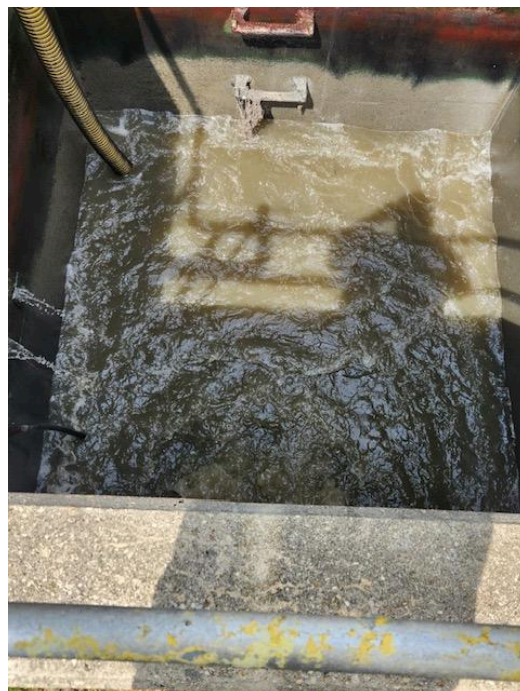
Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock:

- Crew completed city-wide brush cleanup.
- The crew continued mowing for the 2024 season
- Crew continued street sweeping in heavy areas.
- Storm damage clean-up
- Street Department Foreman continued with his continuing education classes
- Crew is continuing with stump removal and restoration of the terrace.
- Crew is in the process of spraying weeds on the curb lines throughout the city.
- Crew patched the intersection of 5th and Madison as well as on 3rd St by City Hall.
- The crew dug trenches and installed rip rap in a problem area on Mix St.
- Crew poured cement to restore the drive of the street garage after the installation of the conduit.
- Crew assisted ComEd with removing a tree branch that fell on power lines.
- Street Foreman met with the AOP committee and city leaders about the upcoming festival.
- Crew members assisted O'Brien Civil Works with testing of the new sewer lines for the Trestle Ridge subdivision.
- Crew assisted with barricades for the Farmer's Market.
- The crew attended City Night at the Farmers Market. It was a great night to showcase our wonderful department to the community.



Sewer Department Submitted by Scott Wallace:

- Daily chores
- Full testing (process control/EPA Monitoring)
- Half testing (process control)
- Pumped Sludge
- Cleaned Rotomat daily- Multiple times a day due to rain
- Daily netting of headworks due to rain
- Daily reporting of National Weather Service recordings
- Lift Station usage recording
- Assisted the Water department when needed
- Cleaned clarifiers (weirs, and channels)
- Made repairs to clarifier weirs
- Meeting with American flow control
- OSHA compliance – completed some potential issues
- Continued Work with Scada Contractor on stone gate lift station, generators, and blowers.
- Generator/ Well checks
- Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues(leaks, sewer backups)
- Worked with Kaeser to fully integrate blowers into scada system
- Monthly reports to EPA
- Chemical Delivery
- Meeting with Fehr Graham on head works project status
- Annual cleaning of grit chamber
- Multiple meetings on policy changes
- Billing and submittal of invoices for hauling to treatment plant
- Attended miss-rock meeting with fellow operators to discuss current issues and changes in industry standards
- Training of new employee
- Worked on Management classes



Water Department Submitted by Jeff Pennington:

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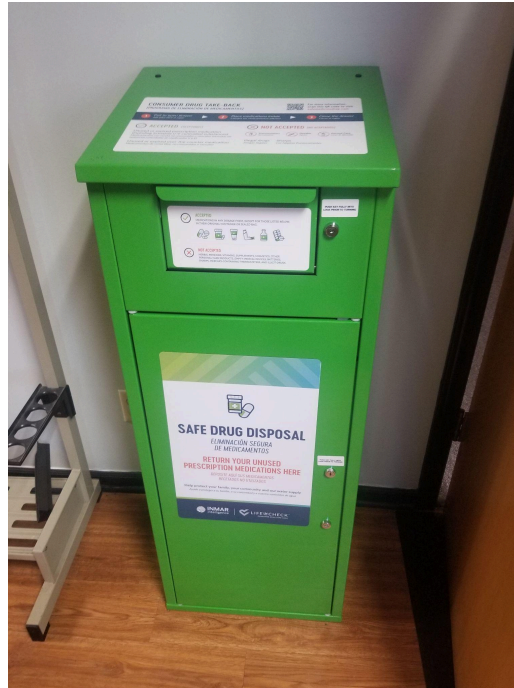


Submitted by Interim Chief Matthew Kalnins: Police Department:

- While patrolling near Park East, Officer Greg Spencer was challenged to a competitive game of kickball. He had a great time getting to know some of the kids and parents participating in the Oregon Park District Operation Move program. He may have even started a friendly challenge with the fire department.



- The Oregon Police Department has a **NEW** Safe Drug Disposal drop box in the front lobby of the Oregon City Hall. Please keep in mind a few things when dropping off your old medication. You can drop off medication in any dosage form, in their original containers or sealed bag. **Please DO NOT put cosmetic, other personal care products, empty medical devices, batteries, sharps, mercury containing thermometers and illicit drugs in the box.** If there are any questions please speak to Interim Chief Kalnins or Detective Crawford.



- We would like to thank the **Oregon Public Works Department** for all of their hard work during the recent storms. Because of their quick response and help on scene, it allows our officers to get back out on the road, checking for any further emergencies.



- **REMINDER: National Night Out** is just a few short weeks away. The Oregon Park District, The Oregon Police Department and the City of Oregon are all partnering up and putting on a great family fun filled night.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
★ 2024 ★

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 5:30 - 8:30 PM
AT RIVERS EDGE EXPERIENCE

TOUCH A TRUCK **LIVE MUSIC** **INFLATABLES**

FOOD OPTIONS **BIKE RODEO** **AXE THROWING**

TOGETHER WITH OREGON PARK DISTRICT'S FAMILY FUN NIGHT

SINNISSIPPI CENTERS
Together we inspire wellness

Shining Star
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

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