

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, May 24, 6:30 p.m.



URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING

Monday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

- Selection of Bond-Funded Railroad Crossing Safety Improvement Projects
- Ordinance Bill No. 2-10 Amendments Relating to the Neighborhood Program and Neighborhood Plans
- Two Annexation Hearings

Monday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.

- Appeal of Planning Commission Decision - CPC/ZC 09-10 - 5782 and 5792 Liberty Rd S
- Consideration of Amendments to Solid Waste Management Franchise
- Consideration of Proposed Rate Increase for Solid Waste Services
- Two Annexation Hearings

Monday, May 24, 6:30 p.m.

- Ordinance Bill No. 10-10 Relating to Public Art, Amending SRC Chapter 15, Creating new Provisions (Public Murals)
- Two Annexation Hearings
- FY 2010-2011 Budget

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT PIONEER CEMETERY

Volunteering at Pioneer Cemetery is a good way to learn community history and spend some productive hours outdoors in pleasant company. Basic maintenance at the City-owned Pioneer Cemetery is accomplished by Parks tree crews, mowing contractors, and other Parks staff. The upkeep of neglected gravesites, however, is dependent on volunteers. The following Saturday work parties run 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or early afternoon.

- ♦ May 22 - Pre-Memorial Day plot grooming and headstone straightening.
- ♦ May 29, 30 & 31- Operation of information/help station for visitors over Memorial Day weekend.

After Memorial Day, further work parties are scheduled for the second Saturday of the month. To join the workforce on any of these dates, contact Tibby Larson, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-589-2197 or talanson@cityofsalem.net.

FY 2010-11 CITY BUDGET MEETINGS

On April 7, City Manager Linda Norris delivered her Budget Message and recommended City Budget and Urban Renewal Agency Budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2010. The Budget Committee held several public budget review sessions in April to examine the recommended budget and to receive citizen comments.

The City budget addressed all proposed revenues and expenditures for the City and the Urban Renewal Agency for the next fiscal year.

The Budget Committee will recommend a budget to the City Council and Urban Renewal Agency Board on Wednesday, May 5 and a Public Hearing will be held before the City Council on May 24, 6:30 p.m.

May is National Preservation Month

"Old is the New Green"

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SPRING ANNUAL MEETINGS

Faye Wright Neighborhood Association

Wednesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m., Wright Elementary
School, 4060 Lone Oak Road SE

Grant Neighborhood Association

Thursday, May 6, 7:00 p.m., Grant Community
School Cafeteria, 725 Market Street NE

Highland Neighborhood Association

Thursday, May 13, 7:00 p.m., Highland Elementary
School, 530 Highland Avenue NE

Morningside Neighborhood Association

Wednesday, May 19, 7:00 p.m., Leslie Middle
School Commons, 3850 Pringle Road SE

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

Thursday, May 20, 7:00 p.m., Schirle Elementary
School Media Room, 4875 Justice Way S

Croisan-Illahe Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 p.m., Schirle Elementary
School, 4875 Justice Way S

MEMORIAL DAY FACILITY CLOSURES

Monday, May 31

- ☼ Center 50+
- ☼ City Hall
- ☼ Main Library
- ☼ West Salem Library

GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS Nominations Due May 10

The Governor's Volunteer Awards are organized and presented by Oregon Volunteers, the Commission for Voluntary Action and Service, who promote AmeriCorps, volunteerism, and civic engagement to strengthen Oregon communities. Categories for awards include adult (19-54), senior (55+), youth (18 or under), volunteer program, youth volunteer program or group, employee volunteer program, statewide volunteer program, and outstanding lifetime award. Recipients will be honored by Governor Ted Kulongoski at an awards luncheon on Friday, October 2. Visit www.oregonvolunteers.org for nominating information and forms.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations!

20 Years

North Lancaster Neighborhood Association
(NOLA)

October 15, 1990

Chefs' Nite Out

The 12th annual Bonaventure Senior Living Chefs' Nite Out, benefitting Marion-Polk Food Share is set for Sunday, October 3rd, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Willamette Valley Vineyards.



Over 40 of the region's best restaurants, caterers, wineries and other beverage purveyors will offer tastes of their best dishes and drinks. Live music by the Severin Sisters and other talented musicians.

Please check www.marionpolkfoodshare.org/Events/ChefsNiteOut in the summer for more information.

City of Salem job listings are online at <http://www.cityofsalem.net/Departments/HumanResources/Pages/EmploymentOpportunities.aspx>

Status report on approved projects: <http://www.cityofsalem.net/CityCouncil/Pages/SignificantApprovedProjectsStatusReport.aspx>

Voices

Be encouraged. Be moved.



Experience our community making a difference one child at a time. Come and join us as we celebrate National Foster Care Month and raise awareness about the need for more quality foster families in our community. This event will be held on May 14th at 7:00 pm at Salem Alliance Church (555 Gaines St NE). FREE Admission.

For more information please email or call Billy Cordero, Foster Home Recruiter, 503-378-4722, billy.cordero@state.or.us <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/fosteradopt/index.shtml>

Free Group Helps with Journey Through Grief

Willamette Valley Hospice Helps Participants find Hope and Healing

Willamette Valley Hospice will offer a six-week grief support group on Tuesdays, May 11, 18, 25, and June 1, 8, & 15 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm at the offices located at 1015 3rd St NW. Professional counselors will facilitate the meetings. The public is invited and there is no charge, but pre-registration is necessary.

"Grief not only effects a single part of your life, it effects everything about you" says Lori Ensign, bereavement counselor for Willamette Valley Hospice. "We are committed to providing bereavement support to the caregivers and families of our patients and to the residents of our community."

For more information please call Bereavement Services at 503-588-3600 or toll free at 800-555-2431. A calendar of events and grief support groups can be found on Willamette Valley Hospice's website at www.wvh.org.



NO CHARGE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Once again, there will be a No Charge Summer Lunch Program sponsored by the Salem-Keizer School District and the U.S.D.A. (U.S. Department of Agriculture). Lunches are served to youth 18 years old and younger. For a list of sites, dates, and times of this year's program or to volunteer to help, please call the program coordinator, Terri Tjulander, at 503-399-3091, ext. 232.



Neighborhood Harvest of Salem

NEIGHBORHOOD HARVEST OF SALEM WELCOMES YOU!

You are invited to join a new community organization, Neighborhood Harvest. Our volunteers gather unused fruit from Salem's backyards, share the bounty with families who are hungry, and take home free produce, grown right here. We seek to create community and strengthen neighborhood friendships, alleviate hunger, create awareness of our abundant edible landscapes, and promote sustainable lifestyles. We are affiliated with Friends of Salem Saturday Market and linked to Marion-Polk Food Share through donations of produce.

We are seeking energetic, responsible volunteers. Sign up to be a harvest leader, neighborhood coordinator or site scout. We'll show you how to organize a fruit-picking adventure while meeting neighbors and new friends.

To volunteer, contact Katherine at kdaniels@salemharvest.org. Register your tree, vine or berry bush using our online form, or contact Dick at dyates@salemharvest.org. For information visit www.salemharvest.org or contact Lisa at lclark-burnell@salemharvest.org.

Major issues coming before City Council:

<http://www.cityofsalem.net/CityCouncil/Pages/CurrentMajorTopics.aspx>

2010 North Neighborhoods Health and Safety Fair

The 7th annual North Neighborhoods Health and Safety Fair was a big success thanks to the support of so many community partners.

An estimated 400 people attended the event on March 4, making great connections with a record high of 50 presenters. Valuable information and services were available including a healthy dinner, dental appointments, free haircuts, H1N1 vaccinations, tax preparation assistance, dental and health screenings, face painting and even some free books.

Nearly 400 volunteer hours were spent putting on the fair. A big thanks goes to North Salem High School Health Academy Students who organized the single largest volunteer group for the event.

\$2,206 was raised in cash donations. Thanks go to Salem Leadership Foundation, Salem Alliance Church, Salem Evangelical Church, Highland School Parent Club, Grant School Parent Club, Salem Hospital, Salem-Keizer School District and State Farm Insurance.

Approximately \$14,300 worth of goods and services were donated for the event. This included building space and two bicycles from Salem Alliance Church, reusable room signs and snacks from North Salem High School, coffee from Starbucks and supplies from Salem Leadership Foundation, Salem-Keizer Community Development Corporation, the Hoover School-Based Health Center and City of Salem. It also included raffle prizes from Highland and Grant Schools, Baskin Robbins, Home Fire Stove and the Riverfront Carousel.

Overall, the fair was well attended and great connections were made between kids and families, local organizations and community members.



FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, May 8 and Saturday, May 15

Marion-Polk Food Share is seeking volunteers to assist with the upcoming Letter Carrier's Food Drive on May 8 and 15. Various time slots and volunteer activities are available. Volunteer drivers will assist letter carriers with transporting over 100,000 pounds of donated food to area post offices for collection on May 8. On May 15 crews will work at Marion-Polk Food Share sorting donations for emergency food boxes. Contact Kat Daniel or Janet Spingath for more information at 503-581-3855.

What's Happening at the YWCA in May?



The Celebrity Waiter Dinner on May 8th at 6:00 p.m. is a fun and unique way to raise money for the YWCA Salem Outreach Shelter. Tickets are \$25 per person or two for \$40, or, you or your company can pre-purchase a table of 8 for \$160. Very reasonable for the delicious dinner and the great fun! All profits generated by this event go directly to supporting the homeless children and their families of the YWCA Salem Outreach Shelter. **Contact** Teresa Maurmann at 503-949-7064 or arianasmom@hotmail.com.

Three easy ways to Participate:

Be a Waiter: Contact Lisa Franceschi-Campbell at 503-551-7596 or luigi.rose@hotmail.com or Bry Taylor at 503-779-5664 or bry@hotrodhair.com to sign up to be a waiter. Only 25 spots available and they fill up fast!

Be a Sponsor: Contact Wendy Laudette at 503-581-YWCA x314 or wlaudette@ywcasalem.org for sponsorship info.

Be a Supporter: Cannot attend? Your donation to support SOS would still be appreciated. Thank You!

21st Annual YWCA Salem Cultural Diversity Conference
 Thursday, May 27, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Willamette University Campus
 Embracing diversity in the 21st century
reflecting back...moving forward
 For more information call 503-581-9922 or visit ywcasalem.org

NEIGHBORHOOD GARDENS



GROWING GOOD FOOD AND GOOD NEIGHBORS

A growing number of neighborhood gardens are cropping up around town. They are bringing neighbors together and bursting with fresh produce. The City has a partnership with Sun Gardens, Inc., Marion-Polk Food Share, OSU/Extension Master Gardeners, and other talented folks to help provide neighborhood gardens at the following locations:

Community Sun Garden 5665 Sunnyside Rd S Coordinator - Dina DeVoe 503 378-1847	Hammond Park 4900 Bayne St NE Coordinator - Jordan Blake, Marion-Polk Food Share 503 -581-3855	Orchard Heights Park 1165 Glen Creek Rd NW Coordinator - Heather Burns 503-508-2067
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For more information on specific garden activities and volunteer needs, contact Jordan Blake, Marion-Polk Food Share, at 503-581-3855.

The City is also a partner in the South East Salem Neighborhood Garden, an organic community garden located on Capital Park Wesleyan Church property on 19th Street SE, one block south of the South East Neighborhood Community Center at 410 Mill Street SE. For information on the SESNA garden, call the Southeast Salem Community Center at 503-362-6626.



MAY EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AT DEEPWOOD

Deepwood Mother's Day Tea, Sunday May 9th, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Deepwood's Annual Mother's Day event features a 3 course High Tea in a gorgeous historic setting. Scones, luscious savories, dessert and champagne will be served in the dining room. Neighboring Bush House will provide free carriage rides before or after tea. Limited seating, reservations required. \$30.00 per person, 503-363-1825, www.deepwoodestate.org.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Deepwood Red Hat Tea: Tuesday, May 18th, 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy Deepwood's lovely historic setting and meet other Red Hatters during a gracious three course tea featuring scones, savory delights and a luscious dessert. Limited seating, reservations required. \$20.00 per person, 503-363-1825, www.historicdeepwoodestate.org.

WOMEN ENDING HUNGER

Here in Marion and Polk counties, and across the country, vulnerable families and individuals with limited resources become even more so during difficult economic times. It is the very young and the very old, the children and senior citizens among us, who suffer most from a nutritionally inadequate diet.

It is a fact that hunger affects women disproportionately. Mothers most often "eat last and eat least" as they struggle to feed their families. Elderly women who have outlived their spouses may not have the resources they need to put food on their tables. Women as the nurturers of our society have the highest stake in seeing that hungry bellies are filled; that children are healthy enough to be educated; and that the cycle of poverty claims no more of our potentially most brilliant, most creative, and most productive thinkers.

Two years ago, a group of women came together to begin a conversation about what they could do to end hunger's onslaught on the human family; specifically on the families of Marion and Polk counties. Some ground has been gained:

- We have trained a cadre of women to go out into our neighborhoods, our churches, and our community centers to share knowledge of where to find resources to feed, clothe, and house our families.
- We have trainers in our food pantries demonstrating nutritious and economical cooking.
- We have planted and are tending a community garden.
- We have sent harvester teams out to pick fruit in neighbors' orchards to share with our pantries.
- We have founded a children's book group to prepare educational activity books for children and promote literacy.
- We have a crew working once a month to sort food in the Marion-Polk Food Share warehouse.
- We have prepared a group of women in our Speakers Bureau to convey the message to our community that the food insecurity that threatens one in six Oregonians is not acceptable; that we must each do our part to end hunger now.

The conversation continues as we connect, communicate, and hone the force that a group of women, united, can bring to bear on problems we face as a community. **JOIN US!**

Members of Women Ending Hunger are becoming involved at whatever level, and in whatever way, they determine best for their own personal circumstances and situations. See the most recent Women Ending Hunger Newsletter for specific volunteer opportunities. You may also call Kat Daniel at 503-581-3855 ext. 322, or contact her at yumakeadifference@WomenEndingHunger.org.

CITY NEWS

This section brings you information about City services, accomplishments, and upcoming projects and events.



Center 50+ - Thursday, June 3, 7:00 pm. Friends of the Salem Senior Center will host an Evening with Renaissance Woman, Dr. Maya Angelou at the Historic Elsinore Theatre benefitting Center 50+, City of Salem Senior Center. It is an incredible honor that Dr. Angelou made time in her schedule to speak at this event. The event will be a life-changing experience listening to the wit and wisdom of Dr. Angelou. Tickets are available through the Elsinore Theatre or TicketsWest. The income from every ticket sold goes directly to fund the programs and services of Center 50+.

Fire Department - Mike Niblock appointed Salem Fire Chief. Salem City Manager Linda Norris announced the appointment of Michael Niblock as the Fire Chief for the City of Salem, effective April 5, 2010. Niblock has served in the position of Interim Chief since June 2009.

Urban Development - Union Street Railroad Bridge Scheduled to Re-Open May 15th. Last spring, the Oregon Department of Transportation awarded the City of Salem \$3.5 million in stimulus funds from the Transportation Enhancement Program, for painting of the Union Street Railroad Bridge. Construction began November 9, 2009 and is scheduled for completion May 15, 2010. While the bridge has been closed, S & K Painting has been removing loose lead paint and rust, making any needed steel repairs, installing security cameras and painting the entire steel structure with long lasting durable paint. To date, all five bridge spans and one lift tower have been cleaned and painted, leaving only one lift tower to finish.

The Friends of Two Bridges, a local nonprofit, is organizing an event to celebrate the completion of the project and the reopening of the bridge. This fun family event will allow attendees to enjoy the Union Street Railroad Bridge while exploring the adjacent Riverfront and Wallace Marine Parks. Community residents are also invited to participate in Bridge to Work Day on Tuesday, May 18, following the Bridge opening. For more information, please visit www.cityofsalem.net/unionbridge.

City Projects: The City's sustainability webpage about City-led environmental programs and projects, as well as community-led programs and resources has been launched. Visitors to the page will learn about projects funded by the US Department of Energy, including Salem's Community Energy Strategy, as well as environmental education programs and the Salem Renewable Energy and Technology Center. The site also features a web calendar with a listing of local sustainability related events and the ability for users to add events. The site is intended to serve as a clearinghouse of information for residents and businesses to learn about energy saving programs, projects, and incentives and will be expanded in the coming months. The new site can be accessed by going to the City of Salem homepage www.cityofsalem.net. Select "City Council" and then "City projects." For more information about the City's Energy Strategy please contact Annie Gorski at 503-588-6178. For more information about the City's Environmental Action Plan and environmental education programs please contact Deborah Topp at 503-588-6211.

SALEM COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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May 2010

Meetings of Note

4 Planning Commission, 5:30 pm, Council Chambers, 555 Liberty St SE, 503-588-6173

Senior Center Advisory Commission, 9:00 am, Center 50+, 2615 Portland Rd NE, 503-588-6303

5 Claggett Creek Watershed Council, 6:00 pm, Keizer City Hall, 930 Chemawa Rd NE, Leslie Grimes, 541-954-0435

West Salem Redevelopment Advisory Board, 7:30 am, West Salem Library, 395 Glen Creek Rd NW, 503-588-6178

10 City Council/Urban Renewal Agency/Salem Housing Authority, 6:30 pm, Council Chambers, 555 Liberty St SE, 503-588-6255

Social Service Advisory Board, 4:30 pm, Salem Housing Authority, 360 Church St NE, 503-588-6178

11 Cultural and Tourism Advisory Board, 5:30 pm, City Hall, 555 Liberty St SE, Room 325, 503-588-040

Human Rights and Relations Adv Commission, 6:00 pm (Business Meeting and Inservice Topic), Salem City Hall, 555 Liberty St SE, 503-540-2371

Pringle Creek Watershed Council, 6:00 pm, Painters Hall, Pringle Creek Community, 1831 Village Center Dr. SE, 541-954-0435

SKATS Technical Advisory Committee, 1:30 pm, Council of Governments, 109 High St, 503-588-6177

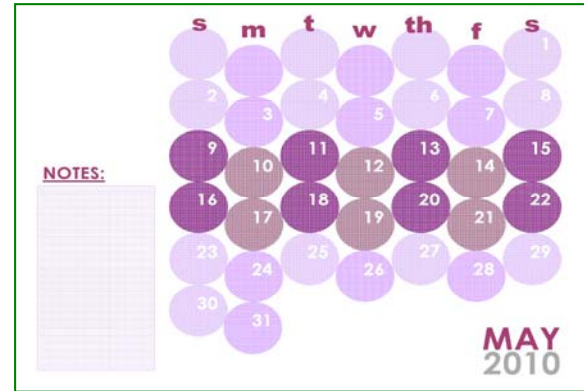
12 Hearings Officer, 5:30 pm, Council Chambers, 555 Liberty St SE, 503-588-6173

Housing and Urban Development Committee, 5:00 pm, Salem Public Library, Anderson B, 585 Liberty St SE, 503-588-6178

13 Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 5:30 pm, City Hall, 555 Liberty Street SE, Room 325, 503-588-6304

18 Mid Willamette Watershed Alliance, 6:00 pm, Marion Soil and Water Conservation District, 650 Hawthorne Ave SE, Leslie Grimes, 541-954-0435

Planning Commission, 5:30 pm, Council Chambers, 555 Liberty St SE, 503-588-6173



19 Airport Advisory Commission, 6:00 pm, Fire Station 6, 2742 25th St SE, 503-588-6314

The Mid Willamette Alliance, 6:00 pm, Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A Street NE

20 Glenn-Gibson Watershed Council, 7:00 pm, West Salem Library, 395 Glen Creek Rd NW, 503-623-9680 x112

Mill Creek Watershed Council, 6:00 pm, Turner Community Center, 7250 3rd St SE, Turner, Leslie Grimes, 541-954-0435

24 City Council, 6:30 pm, Council Chambers, 555 Liberty St SE, 503-588-6255

25 SKATS Policy Committee, noon, Council of Governments, 109 High St, 503-588-6177

26 Claggett Creek Watershed Council, 7:00 pm, Keizer City Hall Old Library, 930 Chemawa Rd NE, 503-566-4034

Hearings Officer, 5:30 pm, Council Chambers, 555 Liberty St SE, 503-588-6173

Land Use Network, 6:00 pm, City Hall, 555 Liberty St SE, Room 305, 503-588-6173

27 Downtown Advisory Board, 2:00 pm, Urban Development, 350 Commercial St NE, 503-588-6178

Historic Landmarks Commission, 5:30 pm, Council Chambers, 555 Liberty St SE, 503-588-6173

31 City Holiday

The City of Salem values all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, domestic partnership, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity and source of income.



More meetings: www.cityofsalem.net.

Verify meeting details with the sponsoring organization.