

Voters Will Decide on Library Expansion Project; Telephone Poll Shows Support

The Albany City Council will ask voters in November to approve bonds to expand and renovate the Main Library at 1390 Waverly Drive SE.

Council asked in late April for a ballot title to be prepared after receiving results from a telephone survey of registered voters. The survey, a follow-up to a mail survey in December, focused solely on library use and possible support for the library improvement project.

The \$12 million General Obligation bond measure will appear on the November General Election slate. The measure will propose that the bonds be retired over 20 years. The additional

Recreational Vehicle Parking Restrictions

As summer approaches, the City of Albany wants to remind city residents of laws that apply to where recreational vehicles or travel trailers may be parked.

City ordinances allow motor homes, travel trailers, fifth-wheel trailers, and other recreational vehicles to be parked on public rights-of-way for up to 48 hours with the consent of the adjacent property owner. Without that permission, vehicles may not be stored on the street for more than 24 hours.

Any vehicle or combination of vehicles more than 23 feet long or eight feet wide cannot be parked on a street, alley, public parking lot, or parking strip between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. weekdays or all day Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. Vehicles must not block traffic signs or a driver's clear view at intersections.

Albany ordinances allow camping in recreational vehicles on a frontyard setback for up to 48 hours with the consent of the property owner. A residential property owner may allow someone to camp in a recreational vehicle on their property for up to seven days in a 90-day period.

Vehicles found parked illegally will be marked by Albany police, and must be moved within 72 hours. If the vehicle is not moved, police will contact the registered owner by mail. The penalty for the violation is \$100.

Vehicles that are not registered, have expired registrations, or are stored on a street may be tagged as abandoned and could be towed. The owners are charged for the towing bill and vehicle storage fee along with the civil penalty.

property taxes for the project are estimated at about 42 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, or \$63 per year on property valued at \$150,000.

The existing Main Library was built in 1974 with money from state and federal grants, the Fred Meyer Foundation, and from the late Fred Meyer personally. The Fred Meyer Foundation also donated land for the building.

The telephone poll was conducted by Western Advocates, Inc., of West Linn, during the first week of April. They placed calls to 1,500 names on a list of 4,000 registered voters who had participated in three of the last four elections. The survey was completed by 437 people. The other calls reached answering machines or busy signals.

Some 56 percent of the respondents said they favor renovating and expanding the Main Library.

The telephone poll was taken after a brochure containing information about the Albany Public Library was mailed in late March to about 27,000 addresses inside the city limits. Sixty-five percent of those polled said they had received the information about the City's proposal.

The pollsters explained that the expansion project would cost the average Albany homeowner about \$60 per year in additional property taxes. If the vote were today, participants were asked about their support level:

- 30 percent said they were very likely to vote for the expansion,
- 26 percent were somewhat likely,
- 24 percent were not likely,
- 10 percent did not know, and
- 9 percent were somewhat unlikely.

In the December survey, 30 percent said they were very likely to vote for an expanded library; 28 percent were somewhat likely; 37 percent were not likely, and 5 percent did not know.

The percentage of people willing to pay to expand and operate the facility under a possible library district was 57.

Of those polled by phone, 76 percent said they had a library card. Twenty-one percent said they or a family member visited the library weekly or monthly.

Last year, the City Council arranged for a "test-educate-retest" survey approach to determine voter attitudes about several potential capital projects that they were considering putting on the

The Council reviewed the results of the first survey in late January, learning that renovation and expansion of the Main Library had the highest level of support of any of the projects. (Street reconstruction and repair actually scored higher with survey respondents, but respondents also rejected all four proposed methods of paying for street work.)

The information-gathering effort cost about \$10,000.

Albany Wins State Award for Asphalt Paving

The City of Albany has received a first-place award from the Asphalt Paving Association of Oregon (APAO) for the preparatory work was finished. Geary Street/14th Avenue/Clay Street restoration project which was completed in the summer of 2003.

The project received first place in the Urban Street category at the 10th annual APAO paving awards conference in March 2004. The City and D&D Paving Co. of Salem, the contractor for the project, share the award.

The Geary/14th/Clay project is located in one of the busiest commercial districts in Albany where the streets border three regional shopping centers. The City and the contractor wanted to complete the restoration with high quality pavement and minimal impact to local traffic and businesses during construction. The award acknowledges that both of those goals were met.

The project included minor repairs to sanitary sewers and storm drains, localized pavement repairs, construction of median islands and barrier curbs, and travel lane reconstruction on Geary

Street. All three streets received a two-inch overlay of asphalt when the

The budget for the project was \$1,003,000. The final cost was \$908,000. About \$213,000 was funded by the Oregon Department of Transportation Surface Transportation Program Fund Exchange, and \$695,000 was money left over from the City's 1998 Street Bond Fund.

APAO presents awards to the top three paving jobs in eight categories each year. The Albany project was one of 30 nominees in the Urban Street category. Urban street projects criteria include uniform surface texture, quality of longitudinal and transverse joints, and complexity points which include intersections, curbs, manholes, median islands, traffic volume, traffic control, and driveways, among

The City of Albany received a second place award in the same category in 1996 for the Hickory Street reconstruction project and a first place in 1997 for the Grand Prairie Road street rehabilitation.

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Construction Begins on the New Albany Millersburg Joint Water **Treatment Facility**

Ground was broken in February, and construction for the Albany-Millersburg Joint Water Project is underway. The new water treatment plant is expected to be fully operational by early 2006.

Construction began with excavation at two sites: the intake on the Santiam River and the water treatment facility in the former Cox Quarry. The treatment plant and a new storage reservoir will be built at the quarry about 3.5 miles northeast of Albany on Berry Drive. Excavation work has begun to define the site for both the reservoir and the treatment plant.

Crews have also begun excavating for a new raw water pump station. This building will house pumps that will deliver water from the Santiam River to the treatment plant. The pump station will be located on the west bank of the river east of Scravel Hill Road.

The new water treatment plant is designed to provide the highest quality drinking water to Albany and Millersburg. The initial capacity of the facility will be about 10 million gallons per day, with expansion available to 20 million gallons per day.

The treatment process will be submerged in the floor of the river, preventing the need to build a dam to collect water. This limits the environmental impact on the river, native fish, and recreational activities. The treatment plant will use US Filter membrane filtration technology. This is a proven filtration technique that uses a membrane with very small pores that allow water to flow through while filtering out bacteria and some viruses.

To follow the progress of the Joint Water Project in pictures, go to http://www.cityofalbany.net/jwp. The City will be updating this site with new pictures of the project every two to three weeks.

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River Rhythms, Mondays @ Monteith Concerts Announced

Albany Parks & Recreation presents the 21st season of the River Rhythms concert series this summer at Monteith Riverpark.

The 2004 schedule breaks with tradition twice: the first concert will come before the Fourth of July, and only six concerts are scheduled instead of the usual seven to allow concert-goers to take in The Charlie Daniels Band at The Linn County Fair on July 22.

Here is the Thursday night lineup:

July 1 Rosie Ledet. This Zydeco musician from Church Point, Louisiana, sings in Creole French and English. Her exuberant style will be a great way to start the concert series.

July 8 The Trail Band. This eight-piece ensemble features Quarterflash's Rindy Ross on vocals. Hundreds of private appearances across America and Japan, plus seven albums including their historic Oregon Trail folk tunes, marches, and hoedowns make this group a must-see.

July 15 The Iguanas. This is the second time this band has been at River Rhythms. In 1998, they brought their unique style of New Orleans R&B, Latin and Caribbean rhythms.

July 22 The Charlie Daniels Band at the Linn County Fair.

July 29 Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown. This seven-time Grammy nominee plays some soulful blues and received a Grammy for Best Traditional Blues Recording for his debut album, "Alright Again!" Gatemouth has been performing for over 50 years and has hosted a syndicated TV show, The Beat!

August 5 Kekele. This classic Congo sound has the rhythmic intensity that River Rhythms concert goers love. The group dances and sings some traditional African music and adds their own flare with personal stories in song.



August 12 Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. This big band/swing band has been at the top of the charts in their field for several years. They have performed on the Tonight Show and the Today Show. Their hit single "Big Time Operator" is featured in the trailer for the new Jack Black-Ben Stiller movie.

All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. at Monteith Riverpark in downtown Albany. Food booths open at 5:00 p.m., and blanket area opens at 4:00 p.m.

There will be Children's Art Activities beginning at 5:30 p.m. behind the Albany Senior Center. For more information, call the Albany Parks & Recreation office at 917-7777 or visit www.riverrhythms.org

The 10th annual Mondays @ Monteith concert lineup is:

July 5 The Linn-Benton Concert Band. Under the direction of Dr. Richard Sorenson, this 50-piece community band will play everything from rousing marches

> to Broadway show tunes and classical masterpieces.

July 12 The Shanghai Woolies. Mixing and matching from pop, blues, and jazz with choices ranging from W.C. Handy to Raymond Scott, this sizzling six-piece band plus female vocalist offers up a delicious refined sound.

July 19 Albany Swing Band. A great variety of big band swing and jazz from some of our area's finest musicians.

July 26 The Coats. A cappella pop/rock 'n roll...fun!! Tim Ryan

& the Pit Bosses, featuring Chanteuse, open this evening's entertainment at 6:00 p.m.

August 2 234th Army National Guard Band. Forty-piece concert band with breakout groups (rock & blues/jazz).

August 9 Misty River. Acoustic Americana. Often compared to the neo-bluegrass sound of Alison Krauss, the vocal harmonies of The Trio, and singer-songwriters like Shawn Colvin, this Portland-based, four-woman collective creates a sound that is all their own. Misty River is known for their stunning vocal

August 16 Daniel Slosberg. Fiddle. Traditional music, living history & Pierre Cruzatte from the Lewis & Clark Expedition backed up by Jon ten Broek.

The music starts at 7:00 p.m. and food booths open at 5:30 p.m.

A variety of good food is available at the park each week. Vendors and fare include the Albany Optimist Club with hot dogs and sandwiches; Jacopetti's with chicken oriental salad and Caesar salad; Ron Erickson's popcorn, and more. Numerous dining options are also available downtown Albany, from sandwiches to first-class dinners.

River Rhythms and Mondays @ Monteith concerts are free. Concert-goers will have an opportunity each week to make a freewill donation to help keep both concert series going.

2004 Summer Safety Camp

The City of Albany Fire and Police Departments, in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club of Albany, Mid-Willamette Family YMCA, Albany Community Pool, and Greater Albany Public Schools, are making plans for the 7th annual Summer Safety Camp.

Safety Camp will be held at South Albany High School July 26-29, 2004. Camp is open to kids entering the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades in the fall. Activities will include water safety and swimming, train and boat safety, animal safety, preventing bullying, field trips, and lots of fun.

Campers will end the week with a graduation ceremony and barbecue for the whole family.

Cost is \$20 per camper and includes daily lunches, snacks, swimming, and a camp T-shirt. Scholarships are available. Campers can register at the Boys and Girls Club of Albany, 1215 Hill Street SE.

City Bridges

Downtown Carnegie Library Celebrates 90 Years

Go back in time. It's the summer of 1914, and Europe is awash in political and social changes. In Albany, by contrast, the final touches are being added to an amazing endeavor that will be known as the Downtown Carnegie Library.

Albany was without a library until Mrs. Ina Irvine brought the subject up at a 1907 meeting of the Modern Travelers club. Until then, those with books would share their precious treasures with others. The first Library was set up in 1908 in a public building on the corner of Ferry Street and Second Avenue with a collection of 40 books. It took just one year to increase the collection to 625 volumes.

By 1910, the City of Albany supported the Library with tax dollars, and a new building was needed as the collection and number of patrons continued to grow. Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Young donated land on the corner of Ferry Street and Third Avenue for a new building. Construction was done with a grant from the Carnegie Foundation. With donations from the Modern Travelers and City money, the Carnegie Library opened its doors on June 26, 1914.

Nearly 90 years have passed, and the Carnegie Library continues to serve the Albany community. Of the 31 Oregon libraries that received Carnegie Foundation grants, less than half are still being used as libraries. With generous donations and the creation of the Albany Public Library Foundation in 1992, residents of Albany still have our Carnegie Library.

The Downtown Carnegie Library will celebrate 90 years of library service in Albany from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on June 26, 2004. Library staff and volunteers will host behind-the-scenes tours, refreshments, entertainment, and reminiscing. All are welcome. Period costume (1914) is optional.



Libraries Alive with Special Events **This Summer**

Activities for all ages are planned throughout the summer at both branches of the Albany Public Library. All of the activities and special programs are free of charge.

The Main Library is located at 1390 Waverly Drive SE, and the Downtown Carnegie Library is at 302 Ferry Street SW.

Events and Programs

Storytimes with puppet shows (all ages welcome):

- Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Downtown Carnegie Library
- Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.; and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., Main Library

Storytimes with art activities (all ages):

• Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., Main Library

Readers' Theater (grades 4 and up):

New program begins Wednesday, July 7, 2:00 p.m., Main Library. Register at 917-7583.

Puppetry Workshop (grades 6 and up):

• Friday, June 18, 2:00 p.m., Main Library. Register at 917-7583.

Marionette Troupe (grades 6 and up):

This is the troupe's fourth year to perform. Rehearsals begin Monday, June 21, at 1:30 p.m. at the Downtown Carnegie Library. Register at 917-7580, ext. 4704.

Summer Reading Program (birth through grade 5):

Participants read or have someone read to them. Prizes are awarded to those who record the most hours of reading through the summer.

Reading Incentive Program (grades 6-12):

Participants write reviews of books they read to win prizes.

Volunteer Work Opportunities:

Kids who have completed sixth grade may apply to work as a library volunteer during the summer. Youth volunteers help with programs for younger kids, straighten items on the shelves, and work on special projects at work parties. Those who are interested may pick up a volunteer application packet at either Library.

Weekly programs for grades K-5, will feature music, drama, storytelling, crafts, science activities, and presentations. Pick up schedules at either library.

For more information on any of the summer activities or programs at the libraries, contact Doris Hicks, Young Adult Services Librarian, at 917-7580, ext. 4704; or Scott Keeney, Children's Services Librarian, at 917-7591.

Contacting City Hall for Spanish Speakers

The City of Albany has added a new voicemail box for messages from Spanish-speaking residents.

The phone number is 917-7594. Callers will hear the following message, in Spanish:

"Hello. You have reached Albany City Hall. If you have an emergency, please hang up and call 9-1-1. If you need to contact a City department or need other information about City services, please leave a message. Tell us your name, telephone number, what you need to find out, and when we can reach you. A City employee who speaks Spanish will call you back."

The mailbox is checked weekdays by City employees who are fluent in Spanish. Calls are routed to the department that can best answer the caller's

question. Calls will be returned by a Spanish-speaking employee.

Albany city government is continually seeking better ways to communicate with the approximately six percent of Albany residents whose first language is Spanish. City staff presented a summary of current efforts to the City Council in March.

City's New Web Address Easier to Remember The City of Albany has changed its

domain name on the World Wide Web in order to make access to its Web site easier. The City's Web address is now www.cityofalbany.net. The address

replaces www.ci.albany.or.us, though users can access the City's Web site by using either name.

The City of Albany has had a presence on the Web since the fall of 1998. The Web site has been redesigned several times, most recently in the summer of 2003. The site includes information about all aspects of Albany city government including:

• Names, addresses, phone numbers, and some e-mail addresses for City Councilors and the Mayor.

- City Council meeting agenda and
- The quarterly City newsletter, City Bridges, and the Parks & Recreation brochure in PDF format.
- Agenda and minutes for meetings of City boards and commissions.
- Maps to download and a mapping application (SiteINFO).
- City Parks & Recreation league scores and team standings.
- A weekly message from City Manager Steve Bryant.
- A telephone directory of City employees.
- Fire education page for children featuring Ember, the Fire Department's Dalmatian.

- The Albany Municipal Code and Development Code.
- Online mechanical and plumbing permits.
- Job announcements and application forms.
- Online library catalog and materials reservations.
- News releases.
- Capital Improvement Program projects.
- Albany history.

The City Web site was designed and is managed by Graphics Specialist Matt Harrington.

The new Web domain name also means that City employees' E-mail addresses follow a new protocol: firstname.lastname@cityofalbany.net.

Public Works Named Psychologically Healthy Workplace

The City of Albany Public Works Department has been received the Psychologically Healthy Workplace Award for 2004 from the Oregon Psychological Association (OPA). The OPA announced the award in April.

The award was established by the American Psychological Association (APA) to recognize and praise employers who actively enhance the quality of the work environment for their employees. Awards may be given to large and small businesses, a government employer, and nonprofit organizations. This is the first award given in Oregon. Thirty-five other states also give the award each year.

The Psychologically Healthy Workplace Award recognizes innovation and excel-

lence in implementing personnel policies and routine practices that promote: employee involvement in organizational decision making, a healthy balance between one's work life and one's personal or family obligations, employee growth and career development, and health and safety in the workplace.

The Public Works Department has nearly 100 employees. A team of psychologists recently examined the city's policies and practices and met with managers and engineering staff at City Hall as well as with Operations crews at the City shops. The reviewers found many examples of innovative organizational practices, family-friendly policies, high staff morale, opportunities for professional growth and

development, and an outstanding record for implementing safety standards for workers.

Steve Bryant, City Manager, called the award a validation of the City's organizational values and work ethics.

Public Works Department Director Diane Taniguchi-Dennis received the award on Saturday, May 1, 2004, at the annual conference of the Oregon Psychological Association in Portland. A second award presentation was done later with City officials and Public Works employees.

For more information, contact Dr. Cliff Johannsen at (503) 399-9691, Dr. Sam Sappington at (541) 602-4369, or opa@opa.org.

Public Safety Commission Advises Police, Fire Departments

More than six dozen Albany residents serve as advisors to the City Council on the City's Boards and Commissions. The advisory bodies are made up of volunteers appointed by the Mayor and Councilors. They provide assistance to the Council in areas such as land-use planning, library, parks and recreation, traffic safety, budget, urban forestry, and bicycle and pedestrian concerns.

The newest advisory body is the Public Safety Commission.

When the Council was considering a public safety serial levy in 2002, a special advisory commission was proposed to act as advisors on matters of importance to the Albany Police and Fire Departments. Some

areas of focus would include strategic initiatives, funding, facilities, and maintenance or expansion of service

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levels. The Council agreed that the Commission would not act as an oversight or review board.

Councilors each appointed a member to the Commission, with an eighth member representing the rural fire districts that contract with the City for fire protection. Commission members are Bill Coburn, Jr., Floyd Collins, Mike Martin, Rollie Bilyeu, Bill Wren, Wes Price, Steve Cox, and Glenda Fleming.

Meetings are held at the Police station and the four Fire stations to provide Police and Fire staff the opportunity to explain operational issues or statistics related to their agencies, outline the organizational structure of each agency, and give Commission members a chance to become familiar with these facilities.

At their first meeting, in December 2003, the Public Safety Commission concentrated discussion on mission, purpose, bylaws, the election of a Commission Chair, and meeting schedules.

Police Chief Joe Simon describes the prospect of having a Commission working with the Council and the community on behalf of issues and funding for police and fire operations as exciting. Other City departments have had similar advisory panels for many years, to their benefit, and which have provided valuable input to the Council to aid in making critical decisions on community priorities.

The City Council is to be commended for establishing the Public Safety Commission and recognizing the need for such a group to work productively and objectively on public safety issues, Simon said.













Albany Police Department Citizens' Academy

The Albany Police Department is accepting applications for its fall Citizens' Academy. The Academy runs from September 7 – October 26, 2004, each Tuesday evening and two Saturdays.

The Citizens' Academy is offered free to Albany citizens 18 years of age or older and who pass a criminal background check. The Academy is designed to develop citizen awareness and understanding of the role of the Police Department in the criminal justice system and our community.

Twenty-five citizens will be selected to attend 30 hours of interactive class-

room and hands-on instruction. Topics include police officer selection, training, and duties; investigation skills; tactical operations; canine procedures; firearms use; narcotics investigations; communications; crime scene processing; emergency vehicle operations; and crime prevention. Students will be actively involved in a variety of educational, interesting activities.

To reserve a spot in the fall 2004 class or to learn more about the Academy, please call Community Service Officer Lynn Hinrichs at 917-3206.



Firefighters Host Golf Tournament for Assistance Fund

Albany firefighters will sponsor the fourth annual AFFCAF golf tournament to raise money for their community assistance fund on Monday, July 26, 2004, at Spring Hill Country Club. Cost is \$300 per four-person team.

AFFCAF is the Albany Firefighters Community Assistance Fund. Fire Department employees raise money year-round to help people who need assistance in an emergency. Funds are also used for immediate financial aid for families who are burned out of their homes, bike helmets for kids, support for local senior and children's programs, and for at-risk youth.

The format is a four-person team scramble with shotgun start at noon. Teams will play 18 holes and vie for tee and long-drive prizes. A raffle and buffet are planned, and awards will be given in two divisions. Free range balls are included.

Team sponsorships are encouraged, at prices ranging from \$50 to \$2,500. Sponsorships must be arranged by June 2, 2004.

Registration deadline for the tournament is July 1, 2004. To register or for more information about the tournament or AFFCAF, contact Lt. Mark Matthews by e-mail at mark.matthews@cityofalbany.net or voicemail at 917-7700, ext. 5050.

Police Seeking Donations to Build Hall of Honor

The Albany Police Association is continuing to raise money to create a Hall of Honor in the Police Department building.

Officers began fund-raising in September 2003 and have collected nearly \$5,600 in cash and in-kind donations from Albany-area businesses and individuals so far, according to Detective Robin McKnight.

McKnight and others organizing the effort plan for different carpet to match new paint in the Hall of Honor so that those walking through it will recognize that it is special. Photos and plaques will be posted for fallen officers and other employees, both human and canine, who have died while employed there. Additional photos and other mementoes from the Police Department's history will be posted there.

Another part of the Hall will feature photos of current employees and a bulletin board for notes and letters of thanks that officers receive. Donor names will also be posted.

In one fund-raiser early this spring, officers sold 345 dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts, netting more than \$1,000 in profit.

Major contributors to the Hall of Honor include: Ciddici's Pizza; Burcham's Metals; Mark Thomas Motors; Birchfield Heating; Dick Mullican; Fisher Implement Co.; MarkInvest (SAC); Weyerhaeuser; Bill Coburn; Fred Meyer; Oregon Freeze Dry; Smith Glass; and Hank Stream.

Other commitments to the project include Bargain Building Supply offering a discount on all items purchased for the Hall of Honor; a pledge from Central Willamette Community Credit Union and Art Plus Signs to donate plaques. Rodda Paint has painted the Hall of Honor at no cost, donating all supplies, paint and labor. Vern Gerig of Albany Cabinets will build a trophy case and historical display. The listed donations and pledges total \$5,593.50, not including supplies and labor.

The Police Association thanks these businesses and individuals for their outstanding support.

Anyone who is interested in contributing to this project should contact Robin McKnight at 917-7680.