

AGENDA

City of Oregon City Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2005

Pioneer Community Center, upper level
615 5th Street, Oregon City

Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes – August 22, 2005 regular meeting
3. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda
4. Old business
 - a. Consideration of Clackamette Cove park designation
 - b. Consideration of request for dedication of McLoughlin Plaza and Library Park name change proposal
 - c. Other old business
5. New business
 - a. Metro Greenspaces 2006 Bond Measure
 - b. Other new business *PRAC MEMBER TERMS*
6. Director's report
 - a. Monthly reports and statistics
 - b. Pool energy audit and facility study implementation
 - c. Project updates
 - d. Recreation report - *NEW TRAIL NEWS*
 - e. Other *CARNEGIE Re-opening (Jim)*
7. Next meeting - ~~September 26, 2005~~ *October 24*
8. Adjournment

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We would also request the Oregon City Commission to change the name of Library Park to Andrew Carnegie Park in recognition of Andrew Carnegie's contribution of the former library to Oregon City. Such a name change would recognize his contribution at that site whether or not the Carnegie Center provides library services in the future.

Scott Archer

From: Scott Archer
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Cc: Jim Row; Larry Potter
Subject: PRAC mtg. agenda for Monday 9/26

Greetings Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee members:

It is that time again - our monthly meeting is this coming **Monday, September 26**. Below please find attached the agenda for this meeting and draft minutes from last month's meeting. If you have any questions or know you will be unable to attend, please contact me by phone or e-mail.

Also, just to let you know in case you have not already heard, Fine Art Starts (our new Carnegie Center management contractor) is holding a grand re-opening ceremony for the Carnegie Center this Saturday, the 24th, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. The event will kick off with an official opening ceremony by Mayor Norris. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend due to a previous personal engagement out of town this weekend, but I hope some of you will be able to be there. If you would like more specific information about the event or Fine Art Starts, you may visit their website at www.fineartstarts.com or contact them by phone at 503-723-9661.

Thank you,

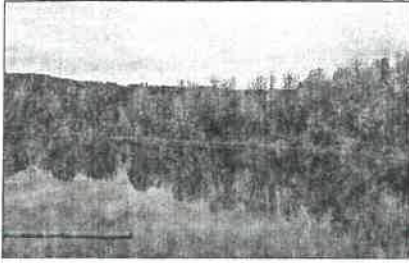
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4. Clackamette Cove

Clackamette Cove was created by a former gravel mining operation that removed much of the rock of commercial value from the area. Remnants of this and other industrial operations are evident as one views the shoreline of the cove. In addition, it has been reported that there are a number of industrial artifacts on the bottom of the cove. Some of the cove site was refilled with construction debris after commercial deposits of gravel were removed. It has been reported that a substantial portion of the site between the eastern edge of the cove and the I-205 embankment is underlain by a closed landfill.

The Cove area has been neglected for many years. However, it also has great potential to become a valuable recreational and environmental asset for Oregon City. It will take time, and of course money, to clean up both the ponded area and the surrounding dry land areas. This Master Plan proposes to undertake cleanup and restoration of the Cove to create a truly significant asset for the City. During development and construction activities in the Cove area, the Prospective Purchaser Agreement between the City and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), dated December 1998, will be used to coordinate environmental requirements presented therein.

The ponded area is proposed to be developed into a warm water fishery and recreational no-wake boating zone. The concept is to restore and revegetate within an average of 200' of the perimeter of the ponded area to provide shade, a source of woody debris, and enhanced habitat for fish and wildlife. The bottom of the pond needs to be searched and, if necessary, cleared of industrial and urban debris that may be a hazard to recreationists or wildlife. A trail is proposed to follow the edge of the ponded area to provide access for anglers and other recreationists. Like the trails in Clackamette Park, these trails are to be set back from the water's edge allowing sufficient area for riparian vegetation.

The Clackamas County Sheriff's marine facility is proposed to be relocated from the Cove to a location on the Willamette River just north of the I-205 bridge. The proposed location is City-owned, is protected by an existing sheet piling bulkhead, and is close to the existing public boat ramp adjacent to Sports Craft Marina. This location also can provide good views of the Willamette River and the falls for the public traveling along the promenade.

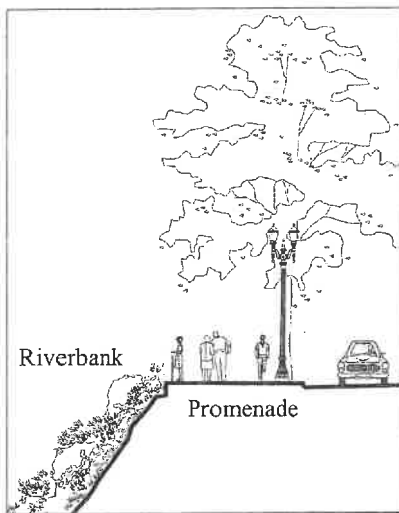
The peninsula just east of the McLoughlin Boulevard Bridge supports a water intake structure owned by the City of Gladstone and a privately developed environmental learning center. The environmental learning center serves to educate citizens about environmental problems, encourages stewardship, and provides hands-on land restoration experience for youth and adults. This operation fits well with the uses proposed in the master planning effort. The plan encourages the retention and expansion of the environmental center.

That portion of the Cove area located east of the ponded area and south of the Tri-City WPCP is proposed to be developed with sports fields. These fields should accommodate softball and soccer and potentially other field

activities. Parking is proposed nearby to accommodate team use and tournament play. A non-motorized boat launch into the cove is proposed to be located near the sports field parking area.

Development of the sports fields will require commitments from both the City and Clackamas County (Tri-City WPCP). The treatment plant needs some of the City property to allow for future expansion. Further, the operators of the treatment plant desire open space around the plant perimeter to minimize the number of people impacted on those rare occasions when odors emanate from the plant. The City should evaluate providing an open space buffer zone that will be primarily on City-owned land, in return for financial assistance in developing and operating the sports fields.

That portion of the Cove area located northeast of the intersection of McLoughlin and Main Street is reported to have been excavated and then refilled with construction debris. The Master Plan proposes that this area be partially excavated, and developed as an educational wetland, complete with a boardwalk to let visitors closely observe the workings of the plant communities. This wetland should assist in providing habitat that supports the warm water fishery in the Cove.



5. McLoughlin Boulevard

As a major arterial that traverses Oregon City from north to south, McLoughlin Boulevard has a major impact on the City's form and effectively separates the downtown area from the Willamette River. The highway is wide, accommodates traffic at a relatively high rate of speed, and intimidates pedestrians.

If Oregon City is to regain a connection to the Willamette River frontage, McLoughlin Boulevard will have to be reinvented as an urban street that acknowledges the rights of pedestrians as well as the desires of motorists. ODOT is encouraged to work with the City to modify the physical configuration of the highway and to modify operational characteristics to provide for the needs and safety of pedestrians.

When approaching Oregon City from the north, the well-proportioned McLoughlin Boulevard Bridge provides a positive entry statement for the City. This bridge signifies the importance of the Clackamas River by making a visual statement that cannot be missed by those crossing it.

Unfortunately, once south of the bridge, a motorist is currently confronted with a wide highway that lacks any urban design features. Perhaps the roadway can be narrowed or a landscaped median strip added to reduce the visual width of the facility. Widened sidewalks should be constructed with street trees installed to provide a safety barrier between cars and pedestrians.

The I-205 interchange should be planted in a mixed tree species to visually buffer the area and soften the interchange's appearance.

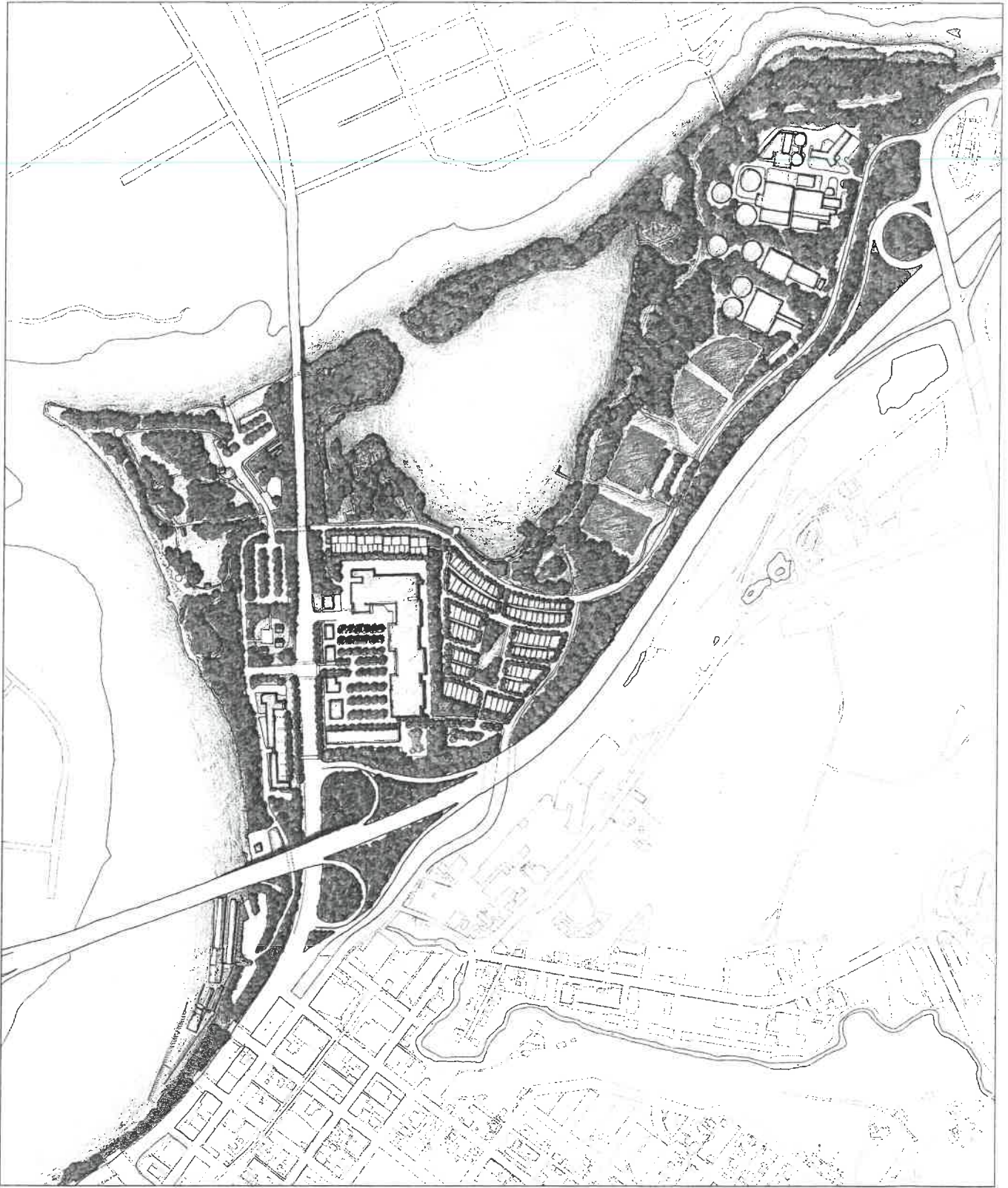


Figure 11: Demonstration Plan

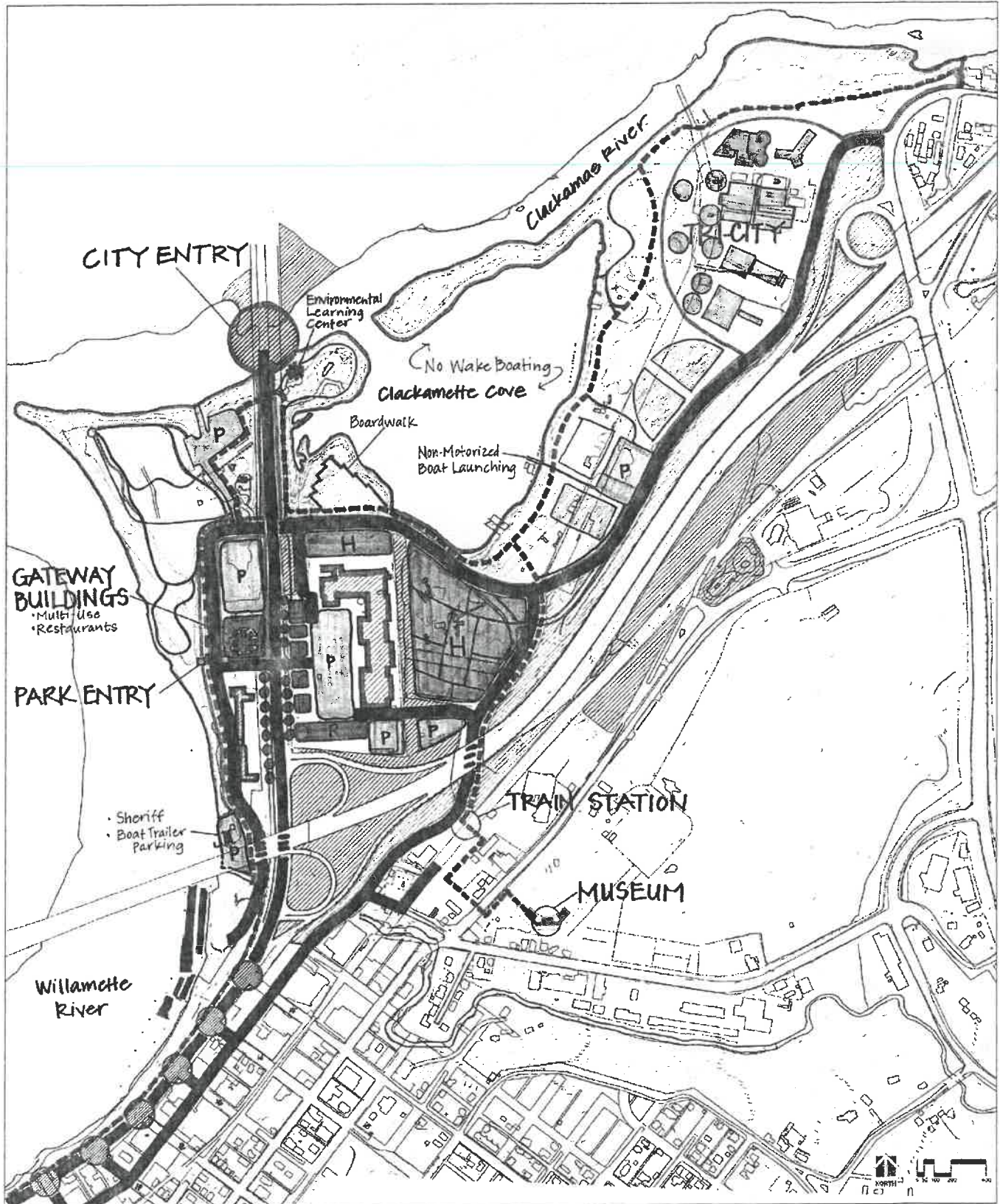


Figure 10: Master Plan Diagram

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Subject: Re: McLughlin Plaza Designation

Here is a revision of the proposal based on suggestions from the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association and Scott Archer.

Doug

9/26/2005

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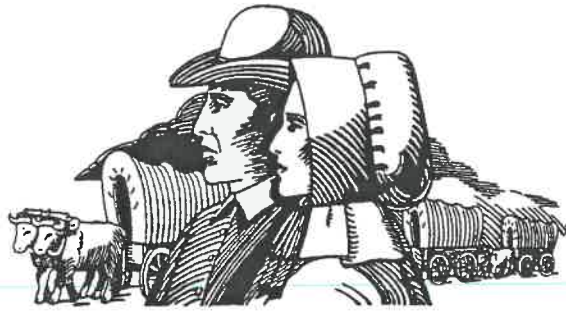
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Monthly Report August 2005

Aquatics

- Summer swimming lessons began quite slowly this summer, but really picked up as the summer has progressed. Overall, 2005 enrollment was very similar to last year.
- The wading pools at the swimming pool facility and at Rivercrest Park and the Carnegie spray pool have been operating very smoothly all summer.

Carnegie

- The Carnegie Center closed on August 1.
- The City Commission approved the management agreement with Fine Art Starts on August 3. Fine Art Starts expects to re-open the Carnegie Center on September 24.
- Since Fine Art Starts does not plan to operate the Children's Museum, we placed the exhibits and supplies in temporary storage.
- The Concerts in the Park program concluded this month. For the summer, attendance averaged 890.

Pioneer

- 1 trip provided this month: Bonneville dam
- 7 dine-outs provided this month (4 in Oregon city, 3 in Westlinn)
- Donations: \$1675 for the pioneer donation fund (\$950 from catering the chamber dinner and the balance from vendors for the health fair), and \$329.51 for meals on wheels (\$300 from the concert meal – Berry park donation)
- Planning day provided staff a chance to determine dates of events for the next year. Major events are: Oct. 10th flu shots combined with the health fair. Charge to vendors is \$100.00 or \$50.00 to share a table. Staff will participate in OC spirits, Fill a stocking in Dec, Levenworth trip, Sweet Heart dance in Feb, Volunteer Recognition. In April
- Roselinn has requested possibility of a 2nd trip per month
- Presentations to various service groups to recruit MOW drivers include rotary, Westlinn chamber, and Lions club.
- A new driver was just hired to fill a vacancy for one of our regular transportation routes.

Recreation

- The Summer day camp program operated very smoothly this year. Enrollment was down slightly from last year, presumably due to the late release of the Trail News.
- Teen Scene slows down during the summer. Average attendance in August was 126.

Up Coming Events/ Dates of note:

Aquatics

- An exceptionally large number of employees are moving away for college this fall. Filling those positions will create a challenge.
- The annual "Swamp Swim" is being planned for October 28.
- The swimming pool will be closed from September 6-23, as it is annually for repair and maintenance.

Carnegie

- Fine Art Starts is holding a "Grand Re-opening" for the Carnegie Center on September 24 from 2:00-6:00pm.

Pioneer

- Two trips are planned for September; Oktoberfest and Mt. Hood.
- Dine outs will be held at a variety of Oregon City locations
- Two West Linn dine outs and one potluck are scheduled for September
- Water color and chorus classes will begin in September

Concerns and Challenges:

Pioneer

- Building maintenance continues to be an issue since regular repairs are only completed two days per month. Ants and termites have become a problem this summer. Pest control services have been scheduled.
- We need more reception area volunteers and more time to train them
- We are short on kitchen subs
- Need to continue recruiting Meals on Wheels volunteers to maintain the strength of the program
- Development of fund raising is time consuming, but we are getting up to speed by continuing to make contacts and develop events
- A couple of regular staff members have been off work due to injury and illness. The resulting heavy use of subs is hard on the budget.