



# CITY OF OAKLAND

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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**January, February, March... 2012**

***From the Desk of ... Mayor Bette Keehley***

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Wow! What a whirlwind year, it is hard to believe that it sped by so fast. The Holiday Season is a time to reflect on the past and plan for the future. The City's employees are doing just that, with plans to keep Oakland in the black and in compliance with state and federal regulations. We all need to thank our City Recorder Barb Mock, City Clerk Elainna Carter-Swanson, Office Assistant Lois Black, Public Works Director Jim Hart, Utility III John Korecki, Utility II Val Magnus, Utility I Betsy Westbrook, Custodian Steve Marek, and Code Enforcement Officer Dan Carr for a successful 2011. It is amazing what this small but mighty team does for our citizens on a daily basis. Please be sure to thank them when you see them.

2011 was a busy one for the City Council with meetings and workshops twice a month. My fellow Council Members are dedicated and work hard for the City of Oakland. Please also thank Jan Wier, Jana Cunningham, Sandi Simmons and Carl Moore for their planning, research and preparation; a knowledgeable Council can make better decisions for our City. The Planning Commission, Historic Commission and Parks Commission members also spend hours in preparation for monthly meetings in support of land use, culture and recreational aspects of our community; thank you one and all. We were fortunate to have several dedicated citizens participate in an ad hoc Utility Committee this past year. Thank you to Barbara Peebles and the committee members for diligent, comprehensive and creative efforts in tackling our water and waste water issues. The Council has taken action on eleven of the fifteen, with five being completed, three in process and three determined to be unfeasible at this time; four items were found to be moot by the committee. The Council will continue to work on the three items in process and report back when some action has taken place.

The City was proud to sponsor or co-sponsor several events in 2011, the Oakland Community Response Team's (OCRT) St. Patrick's Day Potato Bingo, Oakland Community Theater's annual Car Show and Shine, the Historic Commission's annual City-wide Garage Sale, League of Oregon Cities Small Cities Meeting and Luncheon, the Historic Preservation League's quarterly meeting at Washington School, OCRT's annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Picnic in the Park, five evenings of Oakland Economic Development's Umpqua's Got Talent in City Park, the annual Afternoon Tea to benefit Washington School, three sessions of AARP Driver Safety classes, OCRT's annual Haunted City Hall, OCRT's annual Christmas Tree lighting and caroling with a reception at Tolly's. Many volunteer hours go into these events with the mission of enhancing the livability of our city. Thanks galore to the many volunteers who worked and supported that mission!

One of the most memorable events this past year wasn't even in Oakland, but many volunteers took part in the visit by the Vietnam Traveling Wall to Sutherlin. I was co-coordinator for volunteers and I was impressed and humbled by the response from Oakland residents to answer the call for volunteers who worked long hours in the heat of the day to assist veterans in many ways. I will never forget the mix of feelings that permeated Central Park and the eagerness of all the volunteers to help in some small way. Thank you to all those who stepped up and did our City proud!

Another effort that impressed me was the OCAP fundraising for a new all-weather track and field system, bleachers and concession stand at Oakland High School. The Oakland Booster's Club is behind this effort which is well over \$111,921 in one year, for pictures and plans see [www.oaklandboosters.org](http://www.oaklandboosters.org).

It would take several pages to recap all the events of 2011; our little community is so active in so many ways which makes it a great place to call home.

Hope to see you at one of 2012 events, have a warm, wet and happy remainder of winter, looking forward to a bright and successful spring.





## Did You Know?

The Washington School building is a Community Center with rooms and a full service kitchen available for rent. The building is ADA accessible. The rates are reasonable and are established to cover operating and maintenance expenses for the building. A discounted rate is available for non-profit organizations. Chairs and tables are included in the room rental. Next time you have a family gathering, (wedding, party, or just a dinner party), consider renting the Washington School Community Center. If you need a quiet place to hold a business meeting or a training class, check out our facilities. Stop by City Hall during regular business hours 8am to 5pm for a tour and more information or call 541-459-4531, Monday thru Friday.



For more information about the City of Oakland and items of interest visit the Oakland Economic Development website or call 541-459-7661

[www.historicoaklandoregon.com](http://www.historicoaklandoregon.com)

### Important Telephone Numbers:

Oakland City Hall ... 541-459-4531  
Oakland School District Office .. 541-459-4341  
Oakland Library ... 541-459-9784  
Transfer Site/Landfill/Dump .. 541-957-7033  
One Call (before you dig) ... 811

### Leash Your Dog – Pick Up Deposits

The City of Oakland has a leash law. Ordinance 545 states: "***Any dog, off the premises owned or controlled by the dog's owner, shall be restrained by a leash or other physical/electronic control device, and shall not be permitted to be at-large within the City limits of Oakland.***"



As part of our commitment to provide citizens with efficient and convenient services, the City of Oakland has partnered with Official Payments to allow payment of your water and sewer bill over the internet at [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) or call 1-800-272-9829. There is a charge of \$3.75 (convenience fee) for payment processing. The City's jurisdiction code is **4708 (you will need to reference this code and your account number.)** If you have any questions please call City Hall 541-459-4531.

### Welcome New Businesses in Town

#### **The Hollow - Coffee House**

corner of Maple and Hwy 99

#### **The Grist Mill Café -**

formerly Oakland Deli and Wines, Locust St

#### **Vintage Barn -**

located in Old Town Gardens, Hwy 99

#### **Small Town Shirt Works -**

home business located on Hwy 99

just before the bridge

#### **Tolly's Restaurant - re-opening soon!**

under new ownership and management

### Calendar of Events



- March 17 St. Patrick's Day Potato Bingo**  
Washington School Community Building
- April 28 Spring Tea in Historic Oakland**  
Washington School Community Building
- May 12 9th Annual Car Show and Shine**  
Downtown Oakland
- May 12 Saturday Open Air Market begins**  
Every Saturday through September
- May 19 21st Annual Citywide Garage Sale**