### VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE SCULPTURE

Cast your ballot for the People’s Choice Award and help choose the next piece of art for the City of Lake Oswego’s permanent art collection. Five pieces of sculpture in the rotating Gallery Without Walls exhibition are on the People’s Choice Ballot, available now through April 14.

- **Guardian of the Lake** by Brian Mock: 1st Street just south of A Avenue
- **Egg** by James Lapp: 3rd Street and A Avenue
- **Audrey** by Gay Wilson: 2nd and B Avenue
- **Sunflower** by Patricia Vade: Sundial Plaza
- **Unwrapped** by Dan Toome: 3rd Street between A & B Avenue

Ballots are available online at www.artscouncillo.org and at the following businesses: Accessories from the Heart, Massage Envy, Nicoletta’s Table and The Oilerie plus at City Hall, the Library, WEB and the Arts Council office & Museum. For more information, call the Arts Council of Lake Oswego at 503-675-3738.

### KENSINGTON PULLS OUT OF WEST END BUILDING SALE

The prospective buyer of the City’s West End Building, Kensington Investment Group, has decided to terminate its purchase and sale agreement with the City. In November, Kensington and the City had agreed to a sale price of $16.5 million for the property - contingent on Kensington being satisfied with its inspection of the property. On March 6, Kensington notified the City that it was unable to come up with a development plan that would financially work, and thus, the company would need to cancel the agreement.

At its March 18 meeting, City Council reaffirmed its intention of selling the West End property. Mr. Nick Busick, a Lake Oswego developer, has previously proposed to purchase the site, along with an adjacent City parcel immediately to the west, for $20 million. City officials will be considering this proposal in the coming weeks as well as hiring a commercial realtor to assist with the sale of the property.

The City’s proposed zone change of the West End property from Office Campus to General Commercial is on hold until the commercial realtor can advise the City.

For additional information, please contact Brant Williams, Redevelopment Director, at 503-635-6138.

### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR STUDEBAKER

**WHY DOESN’T COUNCIL TALK ABOUT WIZER’S OR THE WEB?**

If you have kept abreast of community issues, you know there has been controversy surrounding the proposed development of the Wizer Block and re-zoning the West End Building (WEB) property. Many of our citizens have written to City Council expressing their opinions on those projects. A number of citizens have also tried to have face-to-face conversations with Council members about the projects. Council members have made a concerted effort not to respond, and because of this, there may be some feeling in the community that the Council does not care or has already decided on its course.

In fact, neither of those things are correct. If any of the parties in these projects appeal a decision by the Development Review Commission or the Planning Commission, the appeal would be to the City Council. Because these two proceedings are “quasi-judicial,” members of the City Council must do everything they can to avoid communicating with citizens outside the formal hearing process. We...

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### DRUG TAKE BACK

**APRIL 26 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

To help citizens properly dispose of unwanted or expired prescription medicines, the City is holding a one-day-only drug take back event. This collection event will take place at the Lake Oswego Adult Community Center, 505 G Avenue, on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Unwanted prescription medicines will be collected from individual households only. Medications cannot be accepted from businesses such as nursing homes, doctor’s offices or any other institution or business. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Hirshberger at 503-675-3992 or bhirshberger@ci.oswego.or.us.

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### OFF TO THE ZOO

**ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER DAVID DONALDSON ACCEPTS NEW POSITION**

Congratulations to Assistant City Manager David Donaldson on his new job as Vice President of Human Resources at Seattle’s Woodland Park Zoo - a job that matches his passion for zoos with his interests in Human Resource Management. David, leaving the City on April 18, is sad to say good-bye but knows the City is in good hands.

David, who began his career with the City in December 2006 when he was hired as Assistant City Manager, will be missed. In that role, David directly oversaw several departments including Human Resources, Finance and Budget, Information Technology, Library, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works. David was also an integral part of the City’s Emergency Management Executive Team and served as the City’s representative on the Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce Board. In addition, David served as acting City Manager for ten months in 2012 in a limited term appointment.

The City wishes David the best of luck!

### CERT TRAINING BEGINS APRIL 15

The next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training hosted by Lake Oswego Fire Department is scheduled to begin Tuesday, April 15. CERT Training consists of seven evening sessions followed by a Saturday disaster simulation. Classes will be 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Tuesday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 31, at the Westlake Fire Station, 4900 Melrose Street.

### WATER PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION

**EXPECT TRAFFIC DETOURS AND DELAYS**

Last month, Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership pipeline crews were busy laying 36-inch water pipeline along Lanewood Street in the Lake Grove neighborhood. A second crew also began installing 42-inch water pipeline along Chandler Road in the North Shore Country Club neighborhood. A second crew also began installing 42-inch water pipeline along Chandler Road in the North Shore Country Club neighborhood. A second crew also began installing 42-inch water pipeline along Chandler Road in the North Shore Country Club neighborhood.

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**For information about the City and its services, go to www.ci.oswego.or.us or call 503-635-0257.**
PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTED ON APRIL 22

The City’s fiscal year 2014-15 budget process continues on Tuesday, April 22. At this public meeting, the Budget Committee will meet to review the City Manager’s Proposed Budget, receive public comment, and deliberate on any changes. The Budget Committee is made up of the City’s seven elected officials and seven appointed citizens. In addition to approving and forwarding a recommended budget to the City Council, the Committee receives public testimony and approves the tax rate. Once approved, the City Council reviews and adopts the Budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2014.

An additional Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 1. The meetings begin at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall and will be televised and also viewable online at www.ci.oswego.or.us/citycouncil/watch-meetings-online-and-cable-tv.

WATER PIPELINE

During April, crews will continue laying pipe along the southerly leg of Douglas Circle, and a portion of Upper Drive, between Twin Fir Road and Iron Mountain Blvd. By mid-April, crews will be laying pipe along Iron Mountain Blvd., west from Chandler Road. Expect detours and temporary road closures for through traffic in construction zones. There may be partial and full street closures in some locations. Visit the map at lotigardwater.org for more information on traffic detours and road closures.

Since December, the Partnership has been reviewing alignment options around the Lake as an alternative to tunneling under Oswego Lake in order to keep costs controlled. Investigations to determine feasibility are currently being conducted along the preferred alignment, which include part of McVey Ave., George Rogers Park, Durham Street and B Ave.

For more information about Partnership projects in your neighborhood, or traffic detours, email lotowater@ci.oswego.or.us or visit “construction activities” at lotigardwater.org. You can also sign up to receive periodic emails about pipeline work. Waluga Reservoir work or any Partnership projects you are interested in.

Your patience is appreciated as this important improvement to your water supply system is constructed.

SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

FOCUSING ON IMPROVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

The City has recently reviewed and updated its Sustainability Action Plan for City Operations (Plan). Focused on improving the sustainability of municipal operations, the Plan provides a framework and set of strategies and prioritized actions that support the continued integration of quality services to Lake Oswego citizens. These actions are presented in a fiscally prudent, socially responsible, and environmentally sound way, ensuring that current needs are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Incorporating sustainability into the City’s strategic decision making:
- Results in efficiencies that can save time and money
- Contributes to a healthy and supportive workplace and community
- Helps to protect and enhance the natural environment
- Prioritizes opportunities that increase revenue, reduce costs, mitigate economic, social, and environmental risks, and improve the City’s brand image

The Plan’s seven action areas, identified as the highest impact areas of City operations with the most opportunity for improvement, include:
- Fiscal Responsibility and Organizational Stability
- Quality Services
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions (energy, fuel, and other contributing sources)
- Water Conservation
- Waste Prevention
- Toxics Reduction
- Habitat Enhancement and Stormwater Management

The core of the Plan is an updated set of strategies and actions prioritized for implementation in the next five years. Informed by the results of past efforts, summarized in past sustainability progress reports, the strategies and actions outline the work needed to move toward the Plan’s goals. The updated Plan, progress reports, 2007 Plan, and associated reports and presentations can be found at www.ci.oswego.or.us/sustainability.

MONTHLY UTILITY BILLING IS COMING

Water, wastewater, surface water and street maintenance are all utility services provided by the City and billed every two months. Many of you have asked for monthly billing, and it is coming.

Often, Lake Oswego residents and businesses call to ask why their bill is so high, not realizing that it is for 60 days and not 30. Monthly bills will make the service period much clearer.

“By switching to monthly billing, our customers will see smaller, more regular amounts. In addition, service time and payment amount are better linked, so that unintended use can be detected sooner,” says Finance Director Ursula Euler.

Take a look at the first two digits of your account number, and you will know when your first monthly bill will be in your mailbox. Residents and businesses whose account numbers start with 05, 07, 08, or 09 will receive their last two-month bill in late March, while all other residents and businesses will receive their last two-month bill in late April. Afterward, the bills will come monthly.

While this switch will add additional expense in meter reading, postage, and bill printing, David Donaldson, Assistant City Manager, states: “We are hopeful that more and more of our customers will opt to receive e-mail bills and make electronic payments. This will help off-set some of the increased expenditures in the future.”

With that said, late payment timeframes will also shrink. We would like to encourage anyone who has past due balances to take care of them. Payments are accepted online at www.ci.oswego.or.us/pay, or in person by cash, credit card or check at City Hall during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outside of business hours, payments can be dropped into a drop box located in the back lobby at City Hall.

In 2009, the City’s water rates were re-designed to encourage water conservation through three increasingly costly volume tiers. For your convenience, usage in each tier will continue to be shown on the bill along with a past usage graph. Fees and volume tiers are staying the same, but the tiers will be sized as monthly steps and will be half at 1-8, 9-16, and 17+ units for Tiers 1, 2 and 3, respectively, on the monthly bill.

More information on utility fees can be found on the website, at www.ci.oswego.or.us/finance/master-fees-and-charges.