PHOTO CONTEST
Photographers are invited to enter their best images in the Seventh Annual City of Lake Oswego Photo Contest. First place winners will receive a $100 gift card; second place winners a $50 gift card; and third place winners a $25 gift card. Entries need to be submitted by 5 p.m., Thursday, September 10. For contest details, please visit www.ci.oswego.or.us/publicaffairs/photo-contest.

BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES
The City is seeking applicants for the 50+ Advisory Board and the Sustainability Advisory Board. For more details, go to www.ci.oswego.or.us/boc/boards-commissions-vacancies or contact the City Manager’s Office at 503-635-0215. Applications can be filled out online.

NEW PARK SIGNS
Check out the attractive new park signs going up around the city! Made from painted aluminum, steel and concrete, these durable signs - and smaller versions - will eventually be placed at all parks and open spaces. In addition to the new modern look, the steel bases are designed to rust at the rate of one to two feet per year. The city! Made from painted aluminum, steel and concrete, these durable signs - and smaller versions - will eventually be placed at all parks and open spaces. In addition to the new modern look, the steel bases are designed to rust at the rate of one to two feet per year.

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• Store medicines in a safe location that is too high for young children to reach or see.
• Never leave medicines or vitamins out on a kitchen counter or at a sick child’s bedside, even if you have to give the medicine again in a few hours.
• Always relock the safety cap on a medicine bottle. If it has a locking cap that turns, twist it until you hear the clip or you cannot twist anymore.
• Tell children what medicine is and why you must be the one to give it to them.
• Never tell children medicine is candy so they’ll take it, even if your child does not like to take his or her medicine.
• Remind babysitters, houseguests, and visitors to keep purses, bags, or coats that have medicines in them up and away and out of sight when they are in your home.
• Dispose of expired or unwanted medicines properly. New legislation now allows pharmacies to take back unwanted prescriptions - ask your pharmacy. Expired or unwanted medications can be emptied into the garbage. Mix drugs with an undesirable substance such as cat litter or used coffee grounds. Put in sealed container. Do not flush down the toilet or drain. For more disposal options, call Metro’s Recycling Information hotline, 503-234-3000, or Find a Recycler online: www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/garbage-and-recycling/find-a-recycler.

Pipeline installation along Chandler Road and A Avenue to 9th Street is almost complete. Crews will now progress along 9th Street towards B Avenue, then down B Avenue, switching back to daytime construction hours, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. During work hours, the road where construction is occurring is closed to through traffic.

Major pipeline work along Highway 43 is now complete! The final pieces of steel pipe have been installed and a permanent trench patch is being applied over the lanes where work was done from West Linn to Lake Oswego. Over the next few months, small crews will continue to work along the pipeline alignment installing valves, drains and laterals, performing inspections and conducting tests, and restoring or removing concrete panels in the highway. The lane where pipe was installed will receive final paving once the pipe is tested and construction is complete, likely this summer.

For the most up-to-date information on pipeline construction, visit the “all work underway” map at www.lotigardwater.org, sign-up for email updates, follow lotigardwater on Twitter, email lotwater@ci.oswego.or.us or call 503-697-6502.

COMMUNITY SURVEY
The City will be conducting a survey to assess community attitudes and opinions on the quality of life in the City, satisfaction with the performance of City government, and opinions on current policy issues that will provide input into the City Council’s decision making process. This survey will be similar to the one conducted in 2013, with new questions and issues to reflect current events and needs.

The research will be conducted in two phases - a telephone survey among a representative random sample of city residents and an online survey - using a questionnaire designed by CFM Strategic Communications, Inc., a Portland company, with input and final approval from the City.

The phone survey will take place from April 6 to 12. Additionally, citizens will be able to participate in an online survey through the City website.

PIPELINE PROGRESS IN LAKE OSWEGO

Spring is here, and it’s time to open the windows and doors and let the sounds of summer come in!

We would all like to enjoy the delightful days of spring and summer, but sometimes the sounds of dogs continuously barking can totally ruin the livability of your home. It can also make neighbors into enemies and result in a visit from the police.

Please be a courteous neighbor and know that if your dog isn’t alerting you, it should be quiet. City Code (LOC 31.02.120) states that it is a violation to permit any animal to cause unreasonable annoyance, alarm or noise disturbance at any time of the day or night beyond the boundary of the keeper’s property. Any continuous and unnecessary barking by your dog that is disruptive to the neighborhood could result in a $100 citation.

Dogs bark out of fear, warning, loneliness, stress, excitement and boredom. Keep your companion happy and entertained with lots of toys and activities to help reduce boredom and barking. You can find tips and resources at www.ci.oswego.or.us/police/dog-safety-and-complaint-reporting-information or call the Citizen Information Center at 503-635-0257.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT GRANT
In mid-April, proposals will be accepted from neighborhood associations, homeowners associations and community groups to fund projects that will provide a public benefit to the Lake Oswego community. For grant criteria, budget information, project ideas, and to download an application, visit www.ci.oswego.or.us/planning/neighborhood-enhancement-program. Applications are due June 1.

MAYOR SHARES CONCERNS
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Third, continued use of marijuana tends to cause paranoia. And fourth, marijuana use has a detrimental effect on motivation and memory, particularly in younger users.

I recognize that marijuana is useful to people as a pain reliever for diseases such as cancer, and I am not opposed to its use under those circumstances. I have learned from law enforcement seminars I have attended that the number of medical marijuana prescriptions vastly exceed the number of people who could need it for medical reasons. Accordingly, I am leery of allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in Lake Oswego. Now that marijuana use is legal, the numbers of people using prescriptions to acquire marijuana should decline.

However, given its negative impacts, I have not been in favor of encouraging the use of marijuana or of making it easier to acquire. That is why I have supported a ban on retail sales of the drug in our city.