



Lake Oswego has an active and engaged community that takes advantage of the many cultural, social, political, educational and recreational offerings of the city. These exceptional resources contribute to the city's high quality of life and help to attract and retain residents. As the community plans for the future, we'll look at how best to nurture the community's cultural needs and interests.

### Historic Resources

The sustainability of preserving old buildings is often overlooked. It can take between 35-50 years for a new, energy efficient home to recover the energy lost in the demolition of an existing house and used in the construction of a new one, according to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

There are 71 properties on the City's Local Historic Resource Designation List, and 13 properties are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Considerations as the City updates the Comprehensive Plan include how to support the continuous maintenance and upkeep of private and public historic resources, and securing a stable source of funding for preservation of public historic resources and the continuation of the City's preservation program.

### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2009 there were 198 pieces of public art on display in Lake Oswego. In the last 6 years alone, more than 75 pieces have been added.

89% of registered voters turned out at the 2008 general election





# Community Culture

Civic Engagement • History • Recreation • Education • Arts

## Education

Lake Oswego is known for its outstanding public schools, which consistently receive the highest state ratings for student achievement and school performance. Over 90% of graduates go on to college. Yet there are challenges: school district enrollment levels have been declining over the past several years and 10-year enrollment forecasts range from no growth at best, to a loss of 632 students over the next 10 years.



## Recreation

Lake Oswego has a diverse network of parks including everything from hiking trails and wildlife viewing, to sports and dog fields, to public plazas and fountains. Parks also runs a Tennis Center, the Adult Community Center, a golf course and a skate park. To decide what park improvements will be made in the next 25 years, the City will be updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan along with the Comprehensive Plan.

The Parks Department seeks to:

- Provide a variety of recreational and community services for persons of all ages and abilities at locations throughout the community.
- Manage and maintain the City's investment in parks, open spaces, and recreational facilities and emphasizing user safety and accessibility, aesthetic quality, and educational opportunities.
- Promote partnerships within the community that leverage resources to meet the growing demands for recreational and community services.



## DID YOU KNOW?

All Lake Oswego School District schools received the highest rating on Oregon state school report cards.

Over 90% of Lake Oswego students enroll in College or Universities after graduation.

Both High Schools were named Silver Medal Schools by US News and World Report. Only 3% of the schools analyzed received silver or gold recognition.

Since 1990 the City has acquired over 125 acres in the Stafford Basin for open space and parks.

Parks hosts an average of 1800 recreation programs and 85 community events each year.



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