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The health and safety of Lake Oswegians is of utmost importance for residents today and future generations. Healthy people have access to clean water and local food. They have access to fire and police personal that provide skilled assistance in times of need with respect and quick responsiveness. Healthy people have the proper systems and programs that help reduce the amount of waste that gets buried in landfills, reducing greenhouse gases. They are trained to help each other in emergency situations. How can Lake Oswego improve the health and safety of its citizens as we look towards the future?



DID YOU KNOW?

Water consumption in Lake Oswego is one of the highest in the entire Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area.

The Lake Oswego Fire Department provides emergency response to more than 50,000 citizens within the City of Lake Oswego and three adjoining contract districts (Lake Grove Rural Fire District, Riverdale/Dunthorpe Fire District, and Alto Park Water District).

The City entered into a partnership with the City of Tigard to provide them with water on a daily basis, beginning July 2016.

In the Metro region more than 56% percent of the waste generated was recovered for recycling or otherwise kept out of the landfill. The state-mandated recycling recovery rate goal for the Metro region is 64%.

Our 911 center answers about 130,000 calls per year; 25,000 of them are 911 calls for emergency service. 98.5% of all our calls are answered in 6 seconds or less.

Our Police Department and Communications center is currently housed in City Hall, which doesn't meet current seismic standards.



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Natural Disasters

The City of Lake Oswego is subject to numerous hazards, including: wildfire, flooding, landslides, earthquakes, storm events (winter and wind), and volcanoes. The current Comprehensive Plan addresses only flooding, earthquakes, and landslides hazards. Due to many recent natural and manmade hazards, the entire country is mobilizing to get a better grip on natural hazard planning at federal, state, regional, county, and local levels.

The City of Lake Oswego has different vulnerability risks associated with the different hazards. As outlined in the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP), updated in 2010, the city is subject to the following natural hazards:

Flooding: Probability is assessed as “high”, meaning one event is likely within a 10-year period. The vulnerability assessment is rated as “moderate” meaning between 1% and 10% of the population and assets would be affected.

Landslides: Probability is assessed as “high”, meaning one event is likely within a 10-35 year period. The vulnerability assessment is rated as “low” meaning less than 1% of the population and assets would be affected.

Wildfire: Probability is assessed as “moderate”, meaning one incident is likely to occur in a 35 to 75 year period. The vulnerability assessment is rated at “moderate” meaning 1% to 10% of the population and assets could be affected in a large-scale event.

Severe Storm (wind and winter): Probability is assessed as “high” which is higher than the Clackamas County rating of “moderate”, meaning that one incident is likely to occur in a 10-35 year period. The vulnerability assessment is “moderate” meaning that between 1% and 10% of the population and assets would be impacted by a severe storm. The city’s wind storm vulnerability assessment is higher than Clackamas County due to our dense urban tree canopy.

Earthquake: Probability is assessed as “high” meaning one event is likely to occur within a 10-35 year period. The NHMP notes that with better earthquake probability estimates, scientists now think that the chance in the next 50 years of a great subduction zone earthquake is between 10% and 20%. The vulnerability assessment is “high” meaning more than 10% of the population and assets would be affected in a large scale event.

Did you know?

Oregon Tilth runs a demonstration garden at Historic Luscher Farm, which occupies over 6,000 square feet of rich cultivated soil. The garden features a variety of organic food growing demonstrations, from year round gardening to urban composting techniques.



The community gardens at Luscher has 185 organic garden plots which are always filled and local residents anxiously wait for the yearly lottery for open garden spaces.



Lake Oswego has a bustling Farmers’ Market that runs from May through October. Boasting an average of over 80 vendors each week, the market provides a vast array of product variety while maintaining the purity of an agricultural market.



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