

# NEWSLETTER

## CITY OF JEFFERSON

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### JEFFERSON TRADE FAIR

The Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Trade & Entrepreneurial Fair at the old JMS. JHS Students are encouraged to visit the City's booth on the 19<sup>th</sup> to learn about a career in Public Works and what happens after you flush the toilet. The fair is open to the public on April 20<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm.



### CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

I am thrilled to feature these talented women from Jefferson's not-too-distant history that have reached "celebrity status"! Carol Menken attended and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1975. Unable to play high school basketball every year because there was not always a coach available; she was not recruited. She enrolled in graphic arts at LBCC and was quickly enticed to try out for the women's basketball team, which led to a partial scholarship to OSU. She arrived without fanfare and went on to become one of the greatest players in Oregon. Named MVP at OSU in 1979 and 1980, Carol went on to lead the U.S. team to Gold Medal as the starting center in the 1984 Olympics.

She later played basketball professionally for 8 seasons, including 6 years in Italy and 2 in Japan. Carol Menken was inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame in 1993 and the Pac-12 Conference Hall of Honor in 2017.



In 2012, former Jefferson resident and artist, Chris Giffin, purchased the old church building on the corner of Main & Hazel. She resided in the upstairs portion and used the lower level as her art studio, where her imagination flowed and creativity came to life using scraps of this and pieces of that to make the most unique, one-of-a-kind pieces of art. Years before, Chris's works of art were represented by many galleries across the US and in 1997, much to her delight, several pieces were purchased by George Harrison of The Beatles, from a gallery in Providence, Rhode Island. Fast forward to 2022 - major advancements in music technology allowed never released, original Beatles songs to be pieced together and completed, using sections of previously recorded, decades-old, vocals and instrumentals from the original band mates that had long since passed. One song from the 70's, called "Now and Then" struck the memory of Paul McCartney, who made a phone call to George's widow, Olivia. She confirmed she still had the clock that was purchased from that art gallery in Providence; in fact, it was on her mantel! Well, now it's also featured on the cover of the new Beatles album! Chris was very active in the community during her time in Jefferson; participating in the Friends of the Library, Budget Committee, Art Committee, and more! She sold her Jefferson home in the Fall of 2020, but still visits occasionally and it's always a pleasure!



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking to help out in your community? The City is looking for volunteers for the Planning Commission and the Landmarks Advisory Commission. For more information about these committees, or to obtain an application visit [jeffersonoregon.org](http://jeffersonoregon.org) or contact City Hall at 541-327-2768.

### SPRING READING PROGRAM

The library partnered with the Retro Burger Company to put on the 2024 spring reading program! Stop by the Library to pick up your BINGO sheet!

Once you get a BINGO, bring the BINGO sheet back to the Library and get a coupon for a FREE Little Rascal Burger and a ticket to enter into one of the several raffles!



### MANAGER'S CORNER

#### Non-Profit Spotlight



#### \*Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce\*

The Chamber has made a comeback and we like what we see! MORE news & info; MORE promotional events; MORE resources for businesses & community members.

The Chamber is dedicated to supporting the community and surrounding area by enriching the environment we live, work, and play in. They are focused on creating new & exciting visitor opportunities that celebrate Jefferson's rich history, while supporting local businesses and recruiting new ones.

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, at rotating locations based on the featured business of the month. The next meeting is 5:30pm, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Jefferson Sweet Sensations Bakery. Consider attending the meeting; consider becoming a member; or better yet, do both!

More info: [jeffersonareachamber.com](http://jeffersonareachamber.com)

THANK YOU JEFFERSON CHAMBER!

