

# Cartales presides as Oregon City mayor



Joan Cartales

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She earned her Graduation Equivalency Diploma (GED) at Clackamas Community College in 1978. Now, Joan M. Cartales, 31, is the mayor of Oregon City.

After receiving her GED, Cartales went on to gain a real estate license, and in turn snagged an interest in Oregon City government. She started attending city council meetings with a friend from real estate class.

Eventually, Cartales came to the conclusion that she could be an asset to the council by becoming a member. So, after seven months of observing the council's actions, she became one of its members. Prior to this time, her only involvement in government was voting.

Four years later, in January of 1982, Cartales became the first woman mayor of the oldest city west of the Rocky Mountains, "I'm one of the first full-time mayors," Cartales said. "Men have had families to support." The Oregon City mayor does not draw a salary. Cartales does not hold a job, other than mayor.

Cartales hopes to regain a position on the city council in January of 1983, when her one year term as mayor expires. "The job is just too demanding to allow serving for more than one year," Cartales said. "I may want to be mayor again, a little later in my career.

Cartales' two children, 11 and 12 years old, are a little disappointed that their mother will not be mayor after the end of this year. Cartales said, "They like to brag about their mom being mayor."

The mayor admits being mayor brings hardships upon her family, but at the same time, they enjoy it. As you flip through the Oregon City phone book, you'll notice that the only phone number for Cartales is her home number. This is because the mayor has no office, per se. "This does cause some problems at home," Cartales said, "but my family handles it fairly well." She is now working with the city manager to find a place to meet with people and take phone calls.

She has come a long way from the youth, whose goal in life was to be a housewife and mother. Since the time of the simple goals, Cartales has reassessed her outlook on achievements in life. "Once I've obtained a goal, I have to set new ones, or I'll stagnate," she said.

Cartales realizes that with a career in politics, about the only real friends she can afford are her family. She has an unpopular opinion regarding the city's resource recovery plan.

She was disappointed at the way the plan was placed on the ballot. "The ballot should be to inform rather than be derogatory," Cartales said.

The resource recovery plan was referred to as "garbage burner" on the ballot.

Cartales claims that a major portion of her job as mayor of Oregon City is in public relations and keeping people informed of what is available

One example of this is a neighbor of Cartales' who saw rubbish being removed from the mayor's yard. The neighbor complained that the mayor received special privileges, not realizing this was a year-round service available to all citizens. "The service has been constantly advertised in newspapers," Cartales said.

Some of the future plans Cartales has for Oregon City include business and construction development and an expansion on tourism. Cartales said, "As the first city west of the Rockies, downtown Oregon City is a viable tourist attraction."

As a seven year resident of Oregon City, it was quite by chance Cartales came to live here. She and her husband, Larry, had been in Oregon City just a few times, when they were driving over from Lake Oswego. "We both thought Oregon City felt like home to us," Cartales said. Shortly thereafter, the couple had a house built, and moved to Oregon City.

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## News Flash

### Elders find new friends

Something new has been added to the lives of the elderly. A new program to assist seniors who are home-bound and those who need some extra income has been funded by ACTION and coordinated by Clackamas Community College.

The Senior Companion Program is designed to delay the aging process for the elderly. Low income seniors can receive a stipend from ACTION.

### Matson gives slide show

Cecil Matson, one of the most prolific writers on Oregon's Historical Theater, will be on campus Monday, Nov. 22, to talk about the flourishing years between 1863 and 1933 when most theater was live.

Matson is a long time teacher, director and actor with the Portland theater scene. His

presentation will include a slide show and lecture. It will begin at noon in the McLoughlin Theater.

### CPR taught

Willamette Falls Community Hospital has scheduled two CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes for the public on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 29 from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. Classes will meet in the hospital's auditorium.

Pre-registration is requested. To pre-register call 656-1631. A \$6.00 fee is charged for the class to cover the cost of materials. After completion of the three and a half hour class, CPR certification or re-certification is available from the Oregon Heart Association.

### ASG rejects Center plea

The Associated Student Government (ASG) rejected a fund raising event for the

Women's Center at the Nov. 9 meeting in the Pauling Center.

The proposition made by the Center requested that ASG promote a fund raiser to earn \$1200 in order to transport a trailer-classroom to the Center residence. The trailer was donated to the Women's Center earlier by ASG, but it has not been moved off the campus.

Committee reports, officer reports and an update on the gross income from the recreation room in the Community Center were also discussed. The next meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 18 in CC 101.

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