

# Summer 2011

## MAMA

### Newsletter



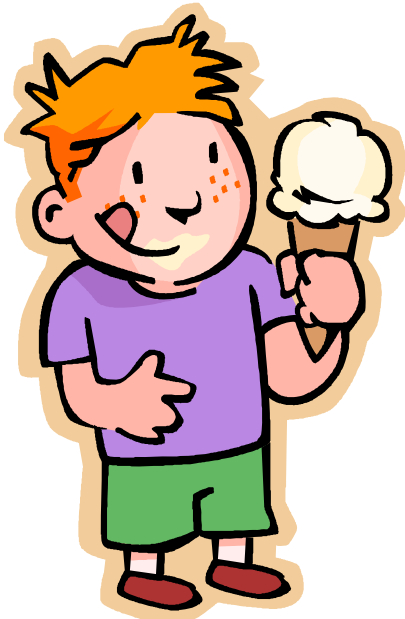
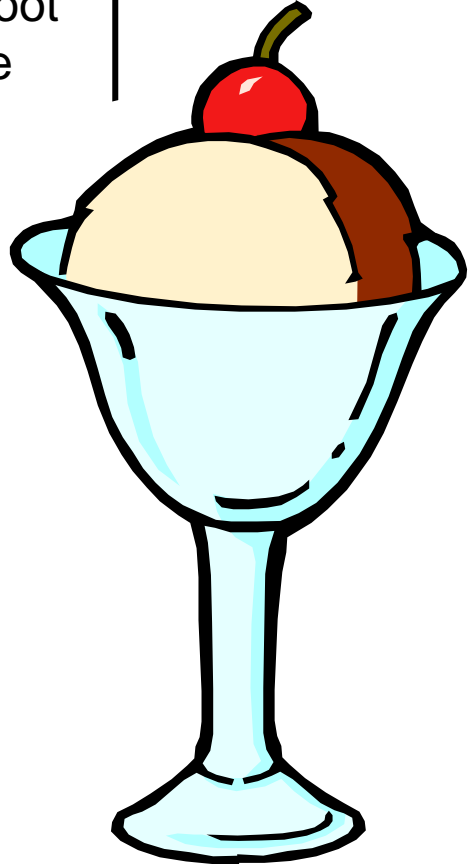
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## Ice Cream Socials for the family.

Summertime is when MAMA sponsors Ice Cream Socials for MAMA members, their friends and families. Come and enjoy a root beer float, a cone, a sundae or a banana split.

Bring fun stories to tell or even games to play.

**Come join us!**



# MAMA Summer Events



Ice Cream Socials and more!

## PORTLAND

5217 SE 28<sup>th</sup> Ave

Sat., July 30<sup>th</sup>

Card Holders  
Only 1-4 PM

Fri., August 26<sup>th</sup>

Family Event  
Ice Cream Social  
1-4 PM



Thurs., Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>

Card Holders  
only 1-4 PM

## THE DALLES

319 E 7<sup>th</sup> St

Sat., July 30<sup>th</sup>

Family Event  
Ice Cream Social  
1-4 PM



Fri., August 26<sup>th</sup>

Pot Luck Lunch  
Noon to 2 PM

Fri., Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Pot Luck Lunch  
Noon – 2 PM

## BEND

Fri., July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Card Holders Only  
4:30-7:30 PM  
*Bend Community Center*

Sat., August 13<sup>th</sup>

Family Event  
Ice Cream Social  
1-4 PM  
*Harmon Park*



Fri., Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

Card Holders Only  
4:30 to 7:30 PM  
*Bend Community Center*

## The Joy of Life, Level One

Let MAMA help you get your garden started! This class teaches cardholders how to make starts from cuttings of the cannabis plant, and gives an overview of organic gardening methods that can help growers and patients grow healthy, mature plants.

**PDX:** July 6th, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, Sept 14th @ 4:30 pm

**TD :** July 7<sup>th</sup>, Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm

**Bend:** July 6<sup>th</sup>, Aug 3<sup>nd</sup>, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2:00 pm



## Joy of Life, Level Two

Now that you've got your garden started, come explore more advanced cultivation techniques with an experienced and successful grower.

**PDX:** July 20<sup>th</sup>, Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 pm

**TD :** July 21<sup>st</sup>, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm

**Bend:** Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm



## Bubble Class

Learn to make high-quality medicine using ice, water and filter bags from cannabis plant material which in the past has been discarded.

**The Dalles:**  
July 26th, Aug 23rd, Sept 20th @ 2:00 pm

We are looking for **Teachers** in **Portland** for the **Bubble** and **Topical Preparations** classes. We will train. If you are interested call:  
503-233-4202

**\$25**

**Cardholders Only**  
**Reservations**  
**Required**

# Summer Classes

## Preparations Classes

**Topicals:** Many patients prefer to use cannabis topically for relief from pain and inflammation. It is applied in creams, lotions and oils infused with cannabis.

**Tinctures:** Glycerin and Alcohol can be used to make tincture.

**Edibles:** Learn how to make butter and oil to cook with.

## Tinctures

**PDX:** @ 4:30 pm  
July 21, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>  
& Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

**The Dalles:** 2 pm  
Aug 11<sup>th</sup>

**BEND:** 2:00 pm  
July 27<sup>th</sup>, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

## Topicals

**PDX:** 3:30 pm  
Aug 25<sup>th</sup>

**The Dalles:** 2:00 pm  
July 14<sup>th</sup>, Aug 25<sup>th</sup>

**BEND:** 2:00 pm  
Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

## Edibles

**The Dalles:** 2:00 pm  
July 28<sup>th</sup>

**BEND:** 2:00 pm  
July 13<sup>th</sup>, Aug 17<sup>th</sup>



# MAMA'S WISH LIST

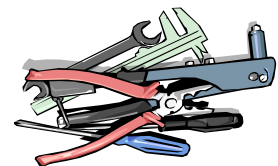
MAMA is always trying to make our offices and clinics more comfortable.

Hopefully some of you may have unused, unwanted items that are on MAMA's Wish List.

If you have any of these items to donate, please call your local MAMA office to make arrangements.

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- Acrylic Brochure or Sign Holders
- Antiseptic Wipes
- Ergonomic Keyboard
- Hand Towels
- Washcloths
- Dish Rags
- Potting Soil
- Good Office Chair
- Display Cabinet
- Paper Towels
- Small Book Case
- Stand-up Fans
- Tool Kit including hammer, nails, screws, screwdrivers, pliers, etc



**As always, we thank you for your support.**  
**Remember, MAMA is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization**

## Advisory on Medical Marijuana (ACMM) June 6, 2011



### The ACMM

held its regular quarterly meeting on June 6, 2011 at the Oregon State Office Building in Portland.

Tawana Nichols, Program Director, reported the OMMP statistics as of 06-06-11.  
The number of patients (including pending applications): 52,895  
The number of physicians who ever recommended a patient: 3.978  
The number of out-of-state participants: 129

She also informed us that Barry Kast has been chosen to temporarily fill the position vacated by Dr. Grant Higginson. Although he wasn't able to attend the meeting, it is estimated that he will only be here 90 days, so he probably won't be at the September meeting either.

The Program now has 30 full time employees, with one more to be hired soon. The long awaited data base for the OMMP, which will much more efficient then the data base now currently being used, is about 70% complete and should be fully in use by mid September.

We heard from ACMM Chair Laird Funk that he is still pursuing complaints against law enforcement officials who exaggerated negative claims against the OMMP in interviews to the media.

Todd Dalotto, ACMM Vice Chair, updated us on the legislative bills regarding medical marijuana. It appeared that most were dead, but we were reminded to keep a watchful eye until the session is closed.

At the request of Christine McGarvin, Chair of the Outreach Committee, Tawana provided information on how ACMM members and others may be able to attend the meetings from remote locations through electronic means.

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## Continued ACMM MEETING 06-06-11

There was much discussion about law enforcement using the OMMP data even though they do not have an ongoing investigation regarding medical marijuana. For example they may be trying to determine if a person who is applying for a concealed weapons permit, an OLCC permit and such. We asked that a notification and warning be sent to law enforcement agencies regarding such practices.

The Outreach Committee also asked Aaron Cossel to give the ACMM a report/ documentation that shows the number of people removed from the OMMP CARDHOLDERR STATUS for criminal convictions/violations during the period from September 2009 through September 2010. In September or December 2010 Aaron said that number "was less than 50 people had been removed from the OMMP by criminal convictions/ violations and 10 removals had been ordered by a judge.

Christine McGarvin reported that she is conducting an ongoing research study of OMMP cardholders contacted by police/sheriff without a search warrant. **HAVE YOU BEEN CONTACTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT REGARDING YOUR STATUS AS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA CARDHOLDER?** If you had an officer do a "compliance check" at your home, or were pulled over while driving and asked questions about medical marijuana, she would like to talk with you. Please call Christine McGarvin and leave a message: 541-393-8494.

Tawana reported that they are printing 25,000 of the OMMP Handbook, which will be made available for the clinics to pass out and it will also be available on the OMMP website. The Program was praised for improving the website to make it more user friendly.

The Committee brought to the attention of the OMMP the unresolved issue regarding the OMMP/OARS and adding new conditions: The ACMM is still awaiting the OMMP's determination regarding the request from the ACMM that panel selection criteria for OAR 333-008-0090 be changed to state:

*"All members on the panel to add qualifying conditions must have demonstrated in their professional field recognition of the therapeutic qualities of cannabis. Only those members who have demonstrated recognition of the therapeutic qualities of cannabis who are serving on the panel when new membership is considered will be responsible for selecting any new members by a majority vote..."*



**Next quarterly meeting of the ACMM  
will be from 10 am to 2:30 pm  
Sept 6<sup>th</sup> in Newport  
DHS Child Welfare Office  
119 NE 4th St, Newport 97365.**



# ACMM Emergency Meeting

## June 20, 2011

In the final days of the legislature the ACMM learned that SB 2559 had passed the Ways and Means Committee. It then quickly was passed by the Senate and the House and signed into law by the Governor.

The bill mandated that the OMMP would produce about 6.4 million dollars for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to use for OHA programs other than the OMMP, such as training EMTs, cleaning drinking water, funding school health programs and the like. It was a desperate move to meet the budget on the back of suffering and dying patients.

In order to meet this mandate the legislature instructed OHA, through the OMMP, to raise the prices for the registration fee for patients dramatically, change the definition of low income to only those on SSI and create a new 'growers fee' for the growers who weren't patients. Information about this bill was kept from the ACMM at their June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting by the Administration of the OMMP and was very disturbing.

It was very upsetting that the ACMM was excluded from the information about the bill so they had the ability to give timely testimony to the Ways and Means Committee. The ACMM are to have input on fee changes. The ACMM called an emergency meeting for 06-20-11 in Portland. They were able to achieve a quorum by using conference calls to include members.

At the meeting Barry Kast took responsibility for withholding this information from the ACMM so that it would not compromise the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) relationship with legislature. He said he thought that perhaps the legislators weren't very knowledgeable about the OMMP.

The bottom line is that the OMMP is forced to raise their prices so that they can produce 6.4 million dollars for the OHA over the next biennium.

Dr. Charla Orcutt, submitted alternative approaches to the change in fees. Dr. Orcutt proposed two scenarios based on different assumptions of cardholder growth rates (increase / decrease):

Regular Cards: \$110 / 170

Low income: \$25 / 40 (SSI, SNAP, OHP)

Replacement Card: \$20 / 20

Grower: \$200 / 200

It was decided that the Rules Advisory Committee would meet at the Portland State Office Building 800 NE Oregon Street Room 1-E on July 11th. The Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) was composed of some ACMM members to do the unpleasant, but necessary task, of helping draft the fee increases. It was a public meeting, but with no public comment.

# The Rule Advisory Committee

## July 11, 2011

The purpose of the committee was to provide input on development and drafting of the rules and content of the fiscal impact statement. The RAC is advisory only. The Division will consider RAC recommendations with the understanding that the Division Director will make final decisions. The committee will discuss the specific topics outlined in the agenda. The RAC was comprised of Alice Ivany, Jim Klahr, Sandee Burbank, Stormy Ray and Todd Dalotto and the meeting was lead by Tawana Nichols.

Once referred to as the OMMP, it will now often be called the Authority.

The OMMP identity card was discussed. Mr. Dalotto stated the statute does not refer to the identity card and the language should be removed from rule. The consensus of the group was to remove language referring to the OMMP identity card.

Fees will now be nonrefundable, a change made by the OMMP.

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Consensus for everyone who is eligible for OHP benefits will be eligible for the reduced fee. Language regarding exemption from the grower fee for family members will not be added at this time.

Consensus that the OMMP should try to add PTSD as a qualifying condition, which would increase the number of patients and the funds available.

Consensus for a language change to that section to provide more clarity to advise people of their rights to privacy.

The fees have been adjusted to reflect the suggestions by Dr. Charla Orcutt at the Emergency ACMM meeting. The RAC has until July 25<sup>th</sup> to make feed back about the Fiscal Impact Statement.

The current proposal for the fees is:

\$180 Patient fee - no grower fee if applicant is grower

\$50 Grower fee, if applicant is not the grower

\$40 Reduced fee for Social Security Income (SSI)

\$80 Reduced fee for Oregon Health Plan or SNAP (Food Stamps)

\$25 Replacement card if lost or stolen

\$50 Change Card for new Caregiver or Grower

Now there will be a series of public hearings about these proposed Administrative Changes. This is where public testimony can be given or it can be submitted in writing.

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# Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearings September 16, 19, & 20

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**September 16, 2011: 11:00 AM**

Jackson County Library  
Large Conference Room  
205 South Central Ave  
**Medford, OR 97501**

**September 19, 2011: 9:30 AM**

Portland State Office Building  
800 NE Oregon St. Room 1B  
**Portland, OR 97232**

**September 20, 2011: 11:00AM**

Deschutes County Administration Building  
Barnes Room  
1300 NW Wall St  
**Bend, OR 97701**



We thought  
you should  
know so you  
can  
participate.

## **The OMMP fees are going to increase October 1, 2011.**

This increase was mandated when SB 5529 passed in the last few days of the 2011 legislative session. The cost of the new fees are still unknown as it all works through the Administrative Rules process, with public hearings on: September 16th in Medford, September 19th in Portland and September 20th in Bend. It is expected the fee will go up for all patients and a new "Growers" fee will be charged for any grower other than the patient themselves.

You can submit a renewal application to the OMMP 60 days before the expiration date of your current registry ID Card.

The Attending Physician's signature is good for 90 days.

Thank you to all who helped in the legislature with your testimony in person, by phone and email. We were able to stop some really bad bills, but they managed to sneak this one about fee increases by us.

To read about the activity in the legislature and keep up with the latest happenings see Sandee's Blog at:

<http://frommysideofthemirror.squarespace.com>