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WINTER 2020

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS

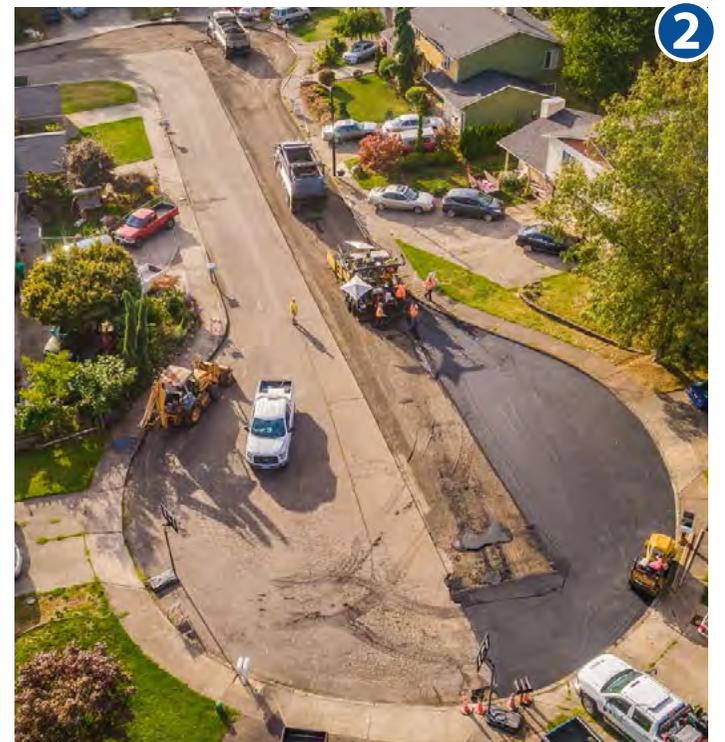
Pictured above: First Wag 'n Walk celebrates Gresham's "Better Cities for Pets" honor.

Building up the Best City

Can you feel it? There's a special energy building in Gresham! From creating fun family traditions to developing new buildings to live, work and play, we're building on our promise to go beyond to serve this community.

2019 Highlights

1. City's first Gresham Lilac Run sells out; 550 runners explore our beautiful trails. Sign up for 2020!
2. Hitting the Streets rebuilds the worst neighborhood streets.
3. City secures \$2 million in state funding for new facilities at Gradin Sports Park.
4. Homeless Services team helps 139 homeless find housing or shelter.
5. Rockwood Rising ascends, constructing Gresham's largest urban renewal project.



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NEWS BRIEFS



Gresham Arts Festival 2020: Call for artists

Are you a phenomenal photographer? A prolific potter? A wondrous weaver? We're looking for talented artists to show and sell at the 19th annual Gresham Arts Festival on Saturday, July 18, 2020.

The artist application will be available online Jan. 6, 2020, at GreshamOregon.gov/Gresham-Arts-Festival.

Art categories include pottery, metal work, jewelry, photography, woodwork, fiber, recycled art, mixed media and more.

Apply by March 2020. For more information, contact Sasha Konell at Sasha.Konell@GreshamOregon.gov or 503-618-2264.

Report an issue: My Gresham

If you see something amiss, whether it's a pothole, graffiti or an abandoned car, easily tell us using My Gresham, our reporting tool. It allows community members to quickly ask a question or submit a non-emergency request via mobile app, the web, or phone.



The City has handled 24,243 requests since launching the app; 4,634 residents use My Gresham.

Abandoned vehicles continue to be the most reported request type.

Download the mobile app free from the Apple App Store and Google Play or report an issue online at GreshamOregon.gov/My-Gresham.

Homeless resources

The City's Homeless Services program can help a person who needs shelter or services. You can also contact the City about removing an illegal camp or cleaning up public property such as garbage and shopping carts.

There are three easy ways to contact us:

1. Use the free My Gresham mobile app; download on Apple App Store or Google Play.
2. Report an issue online at GreshamOregon.gov/My-Gresham.
3. Call our tip line at 503-618-2441.

Learn more about the City's efforts to address this regional issue at GreshamOregon.gov/Homelessness.

COUNCIL CORNER

Gresham's leadership loves it here



"I believe service to others is the rent we pay to live on this earth. I try to give back to my community so I can leave it better than I found it."

Jerry Hinton — Why I serve

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JERRY HINTON

My priorities as Councilor:

Creating a city that is a safe haven for our families as they live, work and raise their children. Maintaining the City's robust support of business, large and small. Creating a sustainable infrastructure that provides necessary services for the next 50 years.

3 things I love about Gresham

1. Its small-town feel even as Oregon's 4th largest city.
2. Our residents' love of community.
3. Our beautiful location not only as the gateway to the Columbia River Gorge, but also to the foothills of Mt. Hood.

Currently reading: Steven Saylor, Robert Harris, Gerald Lund, John Grisham, Michael Connelly, David Baldacci

Guilty pleasures: Movies!



"I am passionate about diversity and representing peoples of color so they are comfortable participating in government and know that their voices are heard."

Mario Palmero — Why I serve

You can reach Councilor Hinton at Jerry.Hinton@GreshamOregon.gov or 503-618-2871.

COUNCILOR MARIO PALMERO

My priorities as Councilor:

To work efficiently and successfully to engage members of the community. To listen to and advocate for resident priorities so that together we can build a sense of identity and shape a community that we are all proud of. Finally, I want to preserve and pass down a legacy — a beautiful, safe and thriving city for our children and future generations to call home.

3 things I love about Gresham

1. Our incredible parks, buttes and natural areas.
2. Our great diverse community with our wonderful blend of cultures, the arts and music.

3. The hardworking families who call our community home.

Currently reading: John Stuart Mill

Guilty pleasures: Nintendo Switch and Nerf guns (yes, I have an adolescent son who joins me in these wild and fun pursuits).

You can reach Councilor Palmero at Mario.Palmero@GreshamOregon.gov or 503-618-2871.

Learn more about the Gresham City Council, including Council Work Plan projects and professional bios, at GreshamOregon.gov/Mayor-and-Council.

COUNCIL LISTENING SESSION

Talk with us about: improving parks

Gresham's parks offer something for everyone, from peaceful walks to high energy soccer games. The City's park system includes more than 1,103 acres of park land, natural areas and trails.

Gresham City Councilors Jerry Hinton, Karylann Echols and Mario Palmero will host a conversation with the community.

The City Council is exploring ways to expand and improve Gresham's park system as part of a multi-year Council Work Plan project.

- Find out what new investments are being made at Gradin Sports Park and other parks, as well as new parks being built.
- Provide feedback on what you'd like to see at undeveloped parks throughout Gresham.



Council Listening Session on Parks

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020

Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Place: To be determined

- Free
- Light refreshments
- Free childcare

Translation services available. Contact us if you speak another language and need assistance at Translations@GreshamOregon.gov or Alex Logue, 503-618-3214.

Meet with Councilors in a less formal setting and work to solve problems together by sharing ideas and solutions. Your feedback will help the City Council prioritize its efforts to improve parks for the community.

For more information about Council Listening Sessions, call 503-618-2871 or visit GreshamOregon.gov/Council-Listening-Sessions.



Southwest Gresham

Looking ahead: Gresham's future water supply

The City draws most of our drinking water from the Bull Run Watershed in the Mt. Hood National Forest, which is managed and operated by the City of Portland under the terms of a 20-year contract. This contract expires in June 2026.

Projections show steep rate increases in our future to cover Portland's expenses for a new water filtration treatment facility estimated to cost \$1 billion. These costs will be shared by ratepayers (you).

WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW

The Gresham City Council is studying alternative drinking water sources with the goal of minimizing future rate increases by relying less on Bull Run water.

The City also pumps water from our existing groundwater well system in the Cascade Well Field when the Bull Run reservoir is low. We have additional untapped well sites under exploration.

This could be a cost-effective way to provide reliable, clean drinking water and keep our costs stabilized.

Gresham must inform Portland of its plans to purchase water by June 2021. The City Council will meet in spring 2020 to discuss options and consider community feedback.

For more information visit GreshamOregon.gov/Water-Supply or call Environmental Services, 503-618-2525.



INSIDE CITY HALL

Mayor

Shane T. Bemis 503-618-2584

City Council Office 503-618-2871

City Council

Karylenn Echols

Janine Gladfelder

Jerry Hinton, Council President

Eddy Morales

Mario Palmero

David Widmark

Abandoned Vehicle Reporting 503-618-3081

Animal Services (Multnomah County) 503-988-7387

Building Permits 503-618-2845

City Recorder 503-618-2697

Code Compliance 503-618-2463

Drug Tip Line 503-661-3784

East Metro Mediation 503-618-3247

Emergency Preparedness 503-618-2567

Fire/Police Non-Emergency 503-823-3333

Garbage/Recycling 503-618-2525

Homeless Services 503-618-2441

Neighborhood Associations 503-618-2482

Neighborhood Watch/Ready 503-618-2213

Parks Reservations 503-618-2300

Passports 503-618-2619

Utility Billing 503-618-2373

City of Gresham 503-661-3000

1333 NW Eastman Parkway
Gresham, OR 97030

STATE OF THE CITY



Gresham High School



"Open for business" with Chamber CEO Lynn Snodgrass, left; Mayor Bemis, right.

Mayor's annual State of the City address hits the road

Mayor Shane Bemis takes a ride, with a few of the people who are working tirelessly to make Gresham a better place, for his 2019 State of the City address.

Join Mayor Bemis for 10 casual, unscripted conversations as he travels around this community we call home. The conversations tackle issues ranging from parks to streets to homelessness. Hop in the car and take a listen.

ROAD TRIP VIDEOS

• **Back to school:** Superintendents Dr. A. Katrise Perera, Dr. Danna Diaz, and Dr. Paul Coakley

• **Hitting the streets:** Steve Fancher, Public Works Director

• **Open for business:** Lynn Snodgrass, CEO, Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce

• **Tackling homelessness:** Aaron Sando and Kevin Dahlgren, Homeless Services Team

• **Kickin' it:** Ricki Ruiz, Gresham Youth Advisory Council, Advisor

• **Barney Pride!** Collin Kazu Lewis, Mt. Hood Community College, Student Body President

• **Building community:** Sue O'Halloran, Business Owner and Chair, Gresham Center for the Arts

• **The rising of Rockwood:** Josh Fuhrer, longtime Urban Renewal Executive Director

• **Catching up with Council:** Council President Jerry Hinton, Councilors Karylenn Echols, Mario Palmero

• **Gresham is nice:** Todd "Mr. Gresham" Kirnan and Alix Bemis, co-founder of Gresham Reads

"It takes all of us – the dedicated public servants at the City, our many amazing volunteers, City Council – to make Gresham such a special place. I left these conversations feeling inspired and energized about our great community."
— Mayor Bemis

Watch the address anytime online

• City website:
GreshamOregon.gov/SOTC

• City YouTube channel:
youtube.com/cityofgreshamoregon

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Questions, comments and suggestions should be directed to Elizabeth Coffey at 503-618-2247, or Elizabeth.Coffey@GreshamOregon.gov.

Issues are available for viewing at GreshamOregon.gov/City-Publications

The information in this newsletter is current as of the publication date. Call the City at 503-618-3000 to verify meeting dates and status of events.

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Winter care for trees

Old man winter is here, and he has brought his friends — snow, ice and wind — to keep him company.

The City's Urban Forestry Subcommittee recommends inspecting your trees to find hazards such as dead wood and poorly attached and storm-damaged limbs before they become a problem.

An inspection of the trunk and root system can also reveal a weakness in the tree's support system that will help to keep it off your roof during winter storms.

WINTER AND EARLY SPRING PRUNING TIPS

Winter and early spring pruning is less stressful on trees and less likely to attract insects or fungi that may carry diseases.

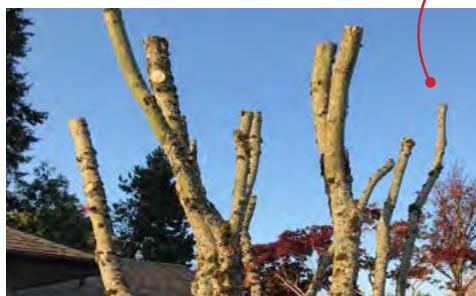
Pruning weak or damaged limbs helps trees survive winter storms.

A tip from arborist Phil Wich, an Urban Forestry Subcommittee member: A cold weather mistake is pruning when temperatures are below freezing at night and drastically warmer during the day, which leads to tissue freezing and fracturing.

"Pruning while cold is OK as long as the trees have a chance to harden off against the cold," he said.

For all trees, but especially newer ones: Remove dead branches in the tree canopy and suckers located at the bottom of the tree. This will allow the tree to focus its energy where it is needed.

For older or taller trees: You may want to get an arborist to help you look at your tree's health and prune it for you.



This is an example of "tree topping," an improper pruning technique.

For street trees: Trees, shrubs and vegetation can't block views of stop signs and other signs. Overhanging trees need to be trimmed at least 8 feet above the sidewalk and 12 feet above the street.

Can you prune trees? Yes, you can do the trimming yourself. For tips and more information, visit GreshamOregon.gov/Trees.

TREE TIP 1: Ask an arborist for tree help

Arborists specialize in the care of individual trees. They are knowledgeable about the needs of trees and are trained and equipped to provide proper care. Arborists are best qualified to prune to make sure you have a healthy and attractive tree canopy.

Find a local arborist on the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture's website at pnwisa.org or call 503-874-8263.

TREE TIP 2: No bad tree haircuts, please

Do not prune your trees to the point where you have "topped" them. Keep in mind, topping, or cutting the top or all the branches off a tree, is an improper pruning technique and considered an unpermitted tree removal by the City. Topping can cause a tree to die or re-grow in unhealthy and dangerous ways.

TREE TIP 3: Contact the City before working on your trees

Questions about tree removal or hazardous trees on your property? We're happy to provide guidance about regulations for your specific property. Contact the Planner on Duty at POD@GreshamOregon.gov or **503-618-2780**. Make sure to give your address and question. For more information visit GreshamOregon.gov/Trees.

Winter recreation for youth

Looking for fun this winter? The City offers free basketball and futsal programs for youth, in partnership with local groups, to promote safe, supervised activities and a positive way to burn off steam.

Winter recreation includes our free Friday and Saturday Night Basketball and Sunday Futsal youth programs. Signed waivers are required.

Friday Night Basketball for grades 6-12 takes place at H.B. Lee Middle School. Grades 6-8 play from 6-8 p.m. Grades 9-12 play from 8-10 p.m.

Saturday Night Basketball for grades 6-12 is offered at the Friends of the Children gym. Grades 6-8 play from 8-10 p.m. Grades 9-12 play from 10 p.m.-midnight.

Sunday Futsal for grades 6-12 is indoors from 5-7 p.m. at the Friends of the Children gym.

Learn more and print the waivers at GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation. For more information, call Ricki Ruiz at **503-618-2213**.



Winter weather tips

Winter means wind, rain and snow. Stay safe, warm and dry with these local resources.

Save 911 calls for life-threatening emergencies only.

Flooding

To report broken City mains, a rain hazard or flooding in the public right-of-way, call the Operations Center at **503-618-2626** between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After hours or on weekends, call **503-661-3906**. The Operations Center, located at 2123 SE Hogan Road, features a fill-your-own sandbag station to help residents protect against flooding or mud.



Winter road operations

The City's winter response route consists of three categories: Priority 1 (hospital and emergency routes, arterial streets and bridges); Priority 2 (steep grades, through and collector streets); and Priority 3 (residential streets, cul-de-sacs and dead ends).

If bad weather persists, crews may be required to stay on Priority 1 and 2 streets until weather improves.

Use the City's interactive plow map to see if your street is a Priority 1, 2, or residential street at GreshamOregon.gov/Severe-Weather/#RoadOperations.

Fire safety reminders

Do not use indoors: generators, barbecues, gas-supplied heaters, propane, or any type of appliances that produce carbon monoxide. Using a space heater? Let your space heater have its space, a minimum of 3 feet between heater and combustibles. Plug space heaters directly into the wall, not an extension cord.

Recycling tips for wind

Place carts out in the morning by 6 a.m. instead of the night before. Fill recycling cart only 1/2 or 3/4 full, and place heavier items on top to prevent loose recycling from blowing out. Do not strap down lids or place rocks on top or carts cannot be serviced with our automated collection vehicles.

Safety

- Severe weather information GreshamOregon.gov/Severe-Weather
- Smoke alarm assistance
Fire and Emergency Services, **503-618-2355**
- Power outages or downed lines
PortlandGeneral.com/Outages or **503-464-7777**
- Cell phone emergency and service alerts. Register at PublicAlerts.org/Signup
- Preparedness information
GreshamOregon.gov/Emergency-Preparedness
- Find emergency shelter information by calling 211.
- If your home's water pipes freeze, call a plumber.
- Follow the City on social media for weather tips and alerts.



"Install smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms with working batteries. In winter people are running their gas fireplaces and heaters more, and that's when we see more fire and carbon monoxide issues. It's never too late to check your alarms."
— Lt. Anthony Foster, Gresham Fire and Emergency Services



"Remember to check on your neighbors. Being without heat, or unable to get around due to ice and snow, can have dangerous consequences for our seniors and vulnerable neighbors."
— Kelle Landavazo, Emergency Manager



"Be prepared! Stay home when conditions are too dangerous to travel safely. If you must travel, use traction devices and check conditions at TripCheck.com."
— Rae Sorenson, Transportation Superintendent

Have a merry, waste-wise holiday

Easy ways to reuse, recycle and prevent waste during this busy time of year

During the holidays, Americans throw out 25 percent more trash and 33 percent more food. Use these tips to prevent your recycling and trash from overflowing.

- **Choose gift bags** or wrapping paper without metal or plastic. Better yet? Reuse gift bags, fabric, maps or the comics.
- **Give experiences and time**—zoo passes, concert tickets, gift cards, etc. Or, give a certificate for house cleaning, leaf raking, baby sitting or dog walking. Think less packaging and more memories!
- **Reduce holiday meal waste** by choosing washable dishware.

- **Reduce holiday paper** coffee cups by bringing your own mug.
- **Reduce food waste** and save money by taking the Food Waste Prevention Challenge at EatSmartWasteLess.com.
- **Take your own food containers** to holiday feasts for leftovers.

Call Metro's hotline at 503-234-3000 or visit OregonMetro.gov/Recycling for all your recycling and hazardous waste questions.

Want more holiday recycling tips? Visit GreshamOregon.gov/WP

What to do with bulky waste

Have an old piece of furniture or large appliance you don't need anymore? You have options!

What to do with used appliances, mattresses, tires, furniture:

1. Donate or recycle it. If it's in good condition, call Metro Recycling, 503-234-3000, for recycling and donation options or go to Oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/garbage-and-recycling.

2. Have your hauler pick it up. If it's destined for the trash, call your hauler to schedule a pickup from your house. A list of haulers and rates is on our website: GreshamOregon.gov/Haulers-and-Rates.

3. Haul it yourself. Call Metro for information on transfer station locations, 503-234-3000. If you live in an apartment unit or multifamily complex, call your property manager first for options.

4. Sell or give it away. List items on reuse sites such as craigslist.org or Facebook Marketplace. City Hall's "Safe Exchange Zone" parking spaces is a safe way to make private property transactions. Located in our parking lot in view of the Police Department, it is clearly marked and under surveillance.



PREVENT ILLEGAL DUMPING

If you plan to offer bulky items for "free" to the community, do not abandon unwanted items at street corners — this is considered illegal dumping.

REPORT DUMPED GARBAGE

If you see an illegal dumpsite on public property such as a street or sidewalk, call Metro's Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Patrol at **503-234-3000** or report it online at Oregonmetro.gov/ridpatrol.

If you see items dumped on private property or a vacant lot, call the City's Code Compliance at 503-618-2463 or report it online at GreshamOregon.gov/My-Gresham and Code will notify the property owner.

'Tis the season to recycle right

Clean recycling tips for the holidays

Naughty list (trash only)

- Bows and ribbons
- Bubble wrap/Styrofoam
- Foil wrapping paper
- Plastic bags and wraps
- Plastic mailer envelopes
- Plastic packaging
- To-go cups/containers

Nice list (recycle cart)

- Cardboard
- Metal cans
- Newspaper
- Paper catalogs and junk mail
- Paper gift bags
- Paper wrapping
- Plastic bottles/tubs



QUESTIONS?

Call **503-618-2694**

or visit

GreshamOregon.gov/Holiday-Recycling

TIPS FOR TREE RECYCLING

Apartments and businesses: Call your hauler or Metro at 503-234-3000 for tree disposal options.

Houses: Cut trees to fit inside the yard debris cart for no charge. The lid must close. No flocked trees, ornaments, tinsel, wires, etc.

Whole, natural trees less than 6 feet may be set at the curb for an extra \$3.56 fee.

Trees over 6 feet tall must be cut into sections less than 6 feet in length. Each section at the curb is a \$3.56 fee.

Set flocked trees, less than 6 feet, out for garbage for a \$4.86 fee.

More info at GreshamOregon.gov/Holiday-Recycling/#TR.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SERVICE SCHEDULE

Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Wednesday

REGULAR PICK-UP DAY

Monday	No change
Tuesday	No change
Wednesday.....	Thursday
Thursday.....	Friday
Friday.....	Saturday

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



More holiday recycling tips at GreshamOregon.gov/HR

Food Stories: The Rockwood Community Cookbook

Chocolate Chip Cookies (Gluten and Dairy Free)



INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup gluten-free, dairy-free white flour (such as Bob's Red Mill)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup extra virgin coconut oil, melted and cooled
- 1/3 cup organic raw honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- ½ cup gluten-free, dairy-free chocolate chips (such as Enjoy Life brand)
- 1 tablespoon ground flaxseeds in 3 tablespoons water (egg substitute)

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a small bowl, mix the ground flaxseeds and 3 tablespoons of water together with an immersion blender or whisk.

In a large bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

In another bowl or measuring cup, mix the melted and cooled coconut oil, honey, and vanilla extract together.

Pour the wet ingredients (oil, honey, vanilla) into the bowl of the flour mixture and mix thoroughly. Add the flaxseed and water mixture. Stir thoroughly. Stir in the chocolate chips and the shredded coconut. If needed, knead the dough into a ball with your hands.

Drop 1 rounded tablespoon of dough onto an ungreased, parchment-lined baking sheet for each cookie.

Bake for 10 minutes, until they brown slightly.

Remove from the baking sheet and cool on a wire rack.

Store in an airtight container for three days or freeze.

Meet the baker: Catherine Nicewood, Rockwood

As the timer ticks away in Catherine Nicewood's kitchen, counting off the minutes until her chocolate chip cookies are golden brown, the year-round holiday tree in her cozy living room chimes out another round of "Jingle Bells."

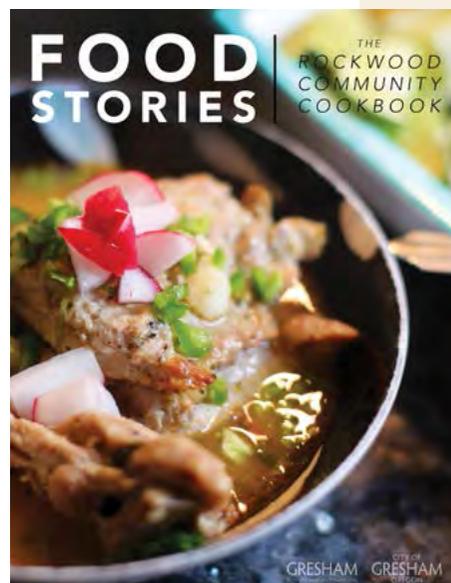
"If I don't tell people they have special ingredients, people always think they are regular chocolate chip cookies," Catherine said of the Gluten-free and Dairy-free Chocolate Chip Cookies taking shape in her oven.

Healthy is important to Catherine. She follows a strict diet that eliminates gluten, many sugars and the long list of foods she's allergic to, and routinely adapts more standard recipes to suit her needs.



Promoting Rockwood is her other passion. She has served as the Rockwood Neighborhood Association president since 2010 (and has been known to bring her signature cookies to meetings).

"My house is really quiet and peaceful," she said, looking out her kitchen window to the park next door. "I love it here."



How to get a cookbook

In person

Drop your \$5 donation to Birch Community Services at Gresham City Hall, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the donation box at the front desk and pick up your cookbook.

Order online

- Download the digital e-book version for \$9.99.
- Order a print version of the cookbook for \$16.59.
- Order a copy online at bit.ly/33nuD7m.

About Rockwood Food Stories

The Rockwood Community Cookbook supports the Gresham Redevelopment Commission's work to develop a market hall for the Rockwood Rising redevelopment site, which will provide fresh produce and prepared foods, plus local entrepreneurship and job training opportunities.

For more information about tenant opportunities at the market hall, call the City at **503-618-3208**.



GRESHAM HOLIDAY GIFTS THAT GIVE BACK



Looking for a present for someone who has everything? Gresham has two “wild” local options for you.

“Both of these options are great ways to give a gift that is meaningful and that gives back to our local natural resource protection efforts,” said Keri Handaly, Environmental Program Coordinator.

CITY OF GRESHAM

LILAC RUN

PRESENTED BY
Unitus
COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

Gift of health: Gresham Lilac Run

Lace up and smell the lilacs for year two of the Gresham Lilac Run, presented by Unitus Community Credit Union, on Saturday, April 18, 2020.

This event promotes healthy fun for our hometown and supports the magic of mentorship. All registration fees benefit Family of Friends Mentoring in Gresham.

The event's 5K run/walk, 10K and half marathon courses begin and end at Gresham High School. Travel through our quaint historic downtown and visit at least one of Gresham's scenic trails.

Sign up before Dec. 31 for the early bird rates.

Register online at bit.ly/37h50by. Use code: 2020Reader

Little Lilac Run

A free Little Lilac Run is open to school-age children up to 12 years old, who will take on Gresham High's track for an 800-meter dash. All participants receive a running bib and medal. To register youth, email LilacRun@GreshamOregon.gov or call **503-618-2264**. Include the child's name, age, and guardian's name.

Gift of Gresham gear

Feel cozy and rep your hometown spirit with brand-new Gresham gear.

We're donating 100 percent of the profits to the Rockwood Boys and Girls Club, a community organization helping children and families right here in Gresham.

Designed by the City's Communications team with this community and its amazing people in mind, the Gresham apparel and branded merchandise is ready to share with family and friends, far and wide.

Be sure to use your #GreshamGear hashtag on social media when styling that Gresham tee or hoodie for a special shout out!

Get your #GreshamGear

Order online at teespring.com/stores/g-r-e-s-h-a-m

- T-shirts, sweatshirts, long-sleeve shirts, shirts and tank tops
- Coffee mugs
- Stickers
- Visual arts posters

Delivery takes between 9-12 business days; rush shipping is available for some products.

Gift of gardening: Backyard Habitat Certification

For \$35, receive a one-hour appointment with a gardening expert to discuss plants and other strategies to make your yard good habitat for birds, gentle native bees and butterflies. Enroll someone who loves to garden in this awesome community program with lots of perks.

To enroll, visit GreshamOregon.gov/Backyard-Habitat-Certification. Scholarships are available if cost is a difficulty for participation; call 1-360-696-0131.



Gift of wildlife: Wild in the City calendar

Receive a locally photographed 2020 wildlife calendar with a \$20 donation to one of our local watershed councils: Johnson Creek, jwc.org; Columbia Slough, columbiaslough.org; or Sandy River, sandyriver.org. Bring a receipt of your donation to Gresham City Hall to pick up your calendar. For more information, call **503-618-2525**.

GET INVOLVED IN GRESHAM

CITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

19 Metro Free Parks Day,

OregonMetro.gov or
503-665-4995

20 Friday Night Basketball,

Grades 6-12, 6-10 p.m.,
HB Lee Middle School,
971-313-1088

21 Saturday Night Basketball,

Grades 6-12, 8 p.m.-midnight,
Friends of the Children,
971-313-1088

22 Sunday Futsal, Grades 6-12,

5-7 p.m., Friends of the
Children, 503-583-0771

25 Christmas Day, City Hall

closed

29 Sunday Futsal, Grades 6-12,

5-7 p.m., Friends of the
Children, 503-583-0771

JANUARY

1 New Year's Day,

City Hall closed

3 Friday Night Basketball,

Grades 6-12, 6-10 p.m., HB Lee
Middle School, 971-313-1088

4 Saturday Night Basketball,

Grades 6-12, 8 p.m.-midnight,
Friends of the Children,
971-313-1088

5 Sunday Futsal, Grades

6-12, 5-7 p.m., Friends of the
Children, 503-583-0771

7 & 10 Latest Pictures Explore

Jupiter and its Moons,
MHCC Planetarium, 6 and 7:15
p.m., 503-491-7297

10 Friday Night Basketball,

Grades 6-12, 6-10 p.m.,

HB Lee Middle School,
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12 Sunday Futsal, Grades 6-12,

5-7 p.m., Friends of the
Children, 503-583-0771

18 Free Clothing and Holiday

Decor Swap, 10:30 a.m.-
1 p.m., Gresham Library,
503-618-2694

20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day,

City Hall closed

28 Council Listening Session

on Parks, 6:30 to 8 p.m.,
Location TBD, 503-618-2871

31 In Front of the Philco: A

Night of Radio Plays, Nutz-
n-Boltz Theater, 7:30 p.m.,
Boring-Damascus Grange,
through 2/2, 503-593-1295

FEBRUARY

4 & 7 Radio Astronomy

**Discoveries and Their
Immense Instruments,**
MHCC Planetarium, 6 and
7:15 p.m., 503-491-7297

17 President's Day, City Hall

closed

20 Artists Reception: 2020

Vision, Visual Arts Gallery, City
Hall, 5:30-7 p.m., 503-618-2171

MARCH

3 & 6 Unusual Facts About

Galaxies, MHCC Planetarium,
6 and 7:15 p.m., 503-491-7297

6 Weekend Comedy, Readers

Theatre Gresham, Gresham
Chapel and Event Center, 7
p.m., 503-890-6944

7 Repair Café, Habitat for

Humanity ReStore, 10 a.m.-
12:30 p.m., 503-618-2694

8 Winter Celebrations, Mt.

Hood Pops Orchestra, MHCC,
3:30 p.m., 503-669-1937

15 A Concert for Hope,

Columbia Symphony
Orchestra, 3 p.m., MHCC
Theater, 503-234-4077

13 Vanya and Sonia and

Masha and Spike, Sandy
Actors Theatre, through 4/5,
sandyactorstheater.org,
503-668-6834

City Council Business Meetings

are the 1st Tuesday at 6 p.m. and 3rd
Tuesday at 3 p.m. City Council
agendas are available Wednesday
afternoons before the meeting at
GreshamOregon.gov/Agendas.

Planning Commission meetings

are the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Agendas are available a week before
at GreshamOregon.gov/Planning-
Commission. Location varies; call 503-
618-2401.

Gresham Redevelopment Commission

meetings are the 3rd Tuesday after the
3 p.m. Gresham City Council Business
Meeting in Council Chambers. Commission
agendas are available the Thursday
afternoon prior at GreshamOregon.gov/
Gresham-Redevelopment-Commission.

Hats off, neighbor

Name: Rob Bearden

Years in Gresham: 26

Neighborhood: Kelly Creek

Volunteer Causes: East Metro Mediation
volunteer mediator, 10 years and counting

What I do and why I love it:

About halfway through law school, I felt
like there needed to be a way for people to
settle disputes without suing each other. One
mediation class and I was hooked. That was
1990. Thirty years later, the current political
environment makes the skills mediators bring
more important than ever. There's not much
listening going on. And that's what we do,
we help people listen. Typically, when people
listen to understand each other they can come
to an agreement.

At East Metro Mediation, I volunteer to
mediate local disputes. Conflict often sounds
like, 'he built the fence on my property,' or
'her tree is shedding pine needles on my
deck,' or 'my neighbor's dog keeps me awake.'
Neighbors wanting help resolving their
differences can meet with a mediator for free
at East Metro.

For people who are simply interested in



Rob Bearden

acquiring the skills, training is offered at East
Metro multiple times throughout the year.
Beyond neighbor disputes, conflict management
skills can also be helpful in personal relationships.
The same skills that help you talk to your
neighbor can also help you have those awkward
conversations with your spouse.

For more information about the City's volunteer
program, contact the Office of Neighborhoods
and Community Enhancement (ONCE),
503-618-2469 or visit [GreshamOregon.gov/
Volunteer](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Volunteer).

Great listeners needed

Calling all peacemakers and problem
solvers. East Metro Mediation is taking
applications for basic mediation training
in 2020.

"Mediators are folks who have a strong
calling to help," said Tera Cleland,
Mediation Specialist.

Learn how to be a neutral third party
and help resolve conflicts in all areas of life.

Basic training takes place March 11-
28, 2020, at City Hall, during specific
weekdays, evenings and weekends. This
48-hour training course meets Oregon
requirements for community mediators.

Fees apply. Scholarships available.



Tera Cleland, middle.

Applications due by Feb. 7, 2020.
Visit GreshamOregon.gov/Mediation or
call **503-618-3247**.

Visit GreshamOregon.gov/Events for a complete list.

Neighborhood Association Information

CENTENNIAL

For more information:
Michael Gonzales,
503-618-2482 or
Michael.Gonzales@
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CENTRAL CITY

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503-618-2482 or
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GRESHAM BUTTE

Jim Buck, President
503-830-2344 or
jimuck22@comcast.net
Monthly meeting, Sept. through May,
every second Wednesday,
7 p.m., City Hall

GRESHAM PLEASANT VALLEY

Kent Liebelt, President
503-621-4478 or
k.liebelt@comcast.net

HISTORIC SOUTHEAST

Allan Krim, President
HistoricSoutheast@gmail.com
Feb. 20, 7 p.m.
Dexter McCarty Middle School (library),
1400 SE 5th St.

HOLLYBROOK

Mark Cage, President
Cagefam97080@gmail.com

HOGAN CEDARS

Matt Callison, President
503-577-4962 or
callisonm@hotmail.com

KELLY CREEK

Charles Teem, President
503-663-5066 or
teemmate@yahoo.com

NORTH CENTRAL

Maggie Anderson, President
503-201-7810 or magjpdxtal@aol.com

First Thursday of May and Oct.,
7 p.m., City Hall

NORTHEAST

For more information:
Michael Gonzales,
503-618-2482 or
Michael.Gonzales@
GreshamOregon.gov

NORTH GRESHAM

Michael Elston, President
503-753-7932 or
mkelston@comcast.net
March 2, 6 p.m.
Rockwood Public Safety Building,
675 NE 181st Ave.

NORTHWEST

Kat Todd, President
503-666-5150 or
trevkatt@hotmail.com
Feb. 3, 7 p.m., City Hall

POWELL VALLEY

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503-618-2482 or
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GreshamOregon.gov

ROCKWOOD

Catherine Nicewood, President
503-285-6587 or
rockwoodpresident@gmail.com
March 16, 7 p.m., Human Solutions
Rockwood Bldg., 124 NE 181st Ave

SOUTHWEST

Gail Cerveny, President
503-667-6088 or
gclilumbird@aol.com
Jan. 16, 7 p.m., City Hall

WILKES EAST

Kris Freiermuth, President
503-255-7685 or
www.wilkeseastna.org
Second Mondays of March, Aug. and
Nov., 7 p.m., Albertina Kerr Campus,
722 NE 162nd Ave.

COALITION OF GRESHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Carol Rulla, President
503-663-1466 or
crullaor@gmail.com
Monthly, every second Tuesday,
7 p.m., City Hall

Winter Repair Café

Saturday, March 7, 2020

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity
ReStore,
610 NE 181st Ave.

Get your broken
household items fixed
for free by community
volunteers. The
Coalition of Gresham
Neighborhood
Associations and the
City bring people with



repair skills together to
help neighbors fix their
broken items. Learn
more at [facebook.com/
greshamrepaircafe](http://facebook.com/greshamrepaircafe) or
call 503-618-2694.

CONTACT THE NEIGHBORHOODS OFFICE

The Office of Neighborhoods and Community Enhancement
(ONCE) includes Neighborhood Associations, Volunteer Program,
East Metro Mediation, and Community Livability.

Call **503-618-2482** or visit GreshamOregon.gov/ONCE.