



# GRESHAM

SUMMER 2016

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS

## City welcomes a helping hand

There is a twinkle in Newton's eye that reflects his optimism for helping people.

Newton Gborway is the City's new Homeless Services Specialist, the first in City history, a position funded by Multnomah County.

Gborway works with City staff, Neighborhood Enforcement Team officers, nonprofit agencies and social service providers to make existing support more accessible to homeless individuals and families.

"I don't wear ties; I'm in a t-shirt out in the community building a relationship of trust," Gborway said. "If someone is unable to get a job because they don't have an address, an ID, or a birth certificate, or they need clean clothes and a shower — I'll help them with the applications or guide them to the right agency, even go with them.

"We need to give people the chance to be self-reliant."

Newton brings life experience and compassion to the job, too. He fled his home country on foot at the age of 10, a refugee from civil war, and prevailed to



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earn a master's degree in social work in the United States.

"It takes us all being polite and supportive, and if we look out for each other, we will make a difference — not overnight, but long term," Gborway said.

**ABOVE:** Newton Gborway meets with homeless individuals in the auditorium at St. Henry Catholic Church in Gresham. Gborway is the City's new Homeless Services Specialist.

The City's Task Force on Homelessness is considering options to continue addressing this larger social issue. GRESHAM will report on its work in the fall issue.

## Task force considers recreation options for community center

Gresham's multi-year Rise Advance Dream (RAD) project reached thousands of people, asking Gresham residents what they would like to see most in their community. The most popular idea? A community center.

Gresham's Commission on Children and Families, formed last year to investigate opportunities for a healthier and safer city, agrees as well.

Building on that momentum, 14 residents from all over the city are gathering this summer on the Community Center Task Force to provide recommendations to City Council on potential programming amenities, including:

- **A community gathering place:** A place for celebrations, birthdays, meetings and fun.
- **Fitness center:** Easy access to cardio and weight lifting equipment.
- **Aquatic center:** Learn the butterfly kick, ride the waterslide, or splash around on a hot day.
- **Activities:** Stretch into yoga, dance with your partner, or enjoy programming for senior citizens.
- **Gymnasium:** Run, dribble or kick your heart out.

The task force will make its recommendation to City Council and the community later this summer.



THE CLEAN TEAM

## A CLEAN START

The City's new program, CCC Clean Start, provides employment opportunity to people transitioning out of homelessness while cleaning Gresham's trails and open spaces.

The City contracted with Central City Concern to bring the two-person Clean Start team to Gresham using funds from Multnomah County. The team clears trash generated in areas impacted by

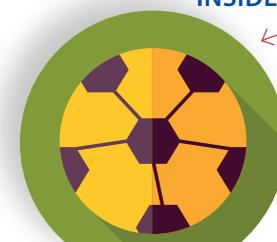
homelessness, while also patrolling routes through Gresham's parks and trails. Clean Start can quickly clean up or address safety needs (such as needles, biowaste etc.), that usually divert police resources.

Citizens may report livability concerns such as homeless camps, squatters and drug-impacted areas through the My Gresham app or by calling the Neighborhood Enhancement Action Team at 503-618-2463.

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### INSIDE THIS EDITION



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RECREATION FOR  
KIDS, EVERY DAY  
OF THE WEEK

## News briefs

### Gresham zip code update

Early this year, the City asked the United States Postal Service to consider possible solutions to an often confusing web of zip codes in Gresham, where many residents and businesses have zip codes that correspond with Fairview or Portland.

While the USPS declined to initiate substantial changes, citing financial and facility/logistic issues, they did agree to allow Gresham residents with a Fairview or Portland zip code to begin using "Gresham" as the destination on their address/envelope.

Customers now in the 97230, 97233 and 97236 zip codes can now use "Gresham" if they prefer.

### Passport photos offered at City Hall



Residents can now get their passport photos taken at City Hall. The cost is \$15 to have a passport photo taken and includes a set of 2. An appointment is not required.

Passport applications are accepted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Regular service takes about six weeks. An expedited service, which takes approximately three weeks, is available at extra cost.

For a list of passport requirements and fees, visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Passports](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Passports).

Call 503-618-2619 for more information.

### Follow us on Instagram



Follow @CityofGresham on Instagram, share us with your friends, and let's celebrate the beauty and diversity of Gresham together - with featured photo contributions from the Gresham Youth Advisory Committee. [Instagram.com/CityofGresham](https://www.instagram.com/CityofGresham)

### Invent the future with us

Explore the City's public service employment opportunities. Check current job listings at [GreshamOregon.gov/Jobs](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Jobs).

City services include community development, environmental services, police, fire, neighborhoods and community engagement, finance, economic development and information technology.

For more information contact Human Resources at 503-618-2729. And, save the date for our Oct. 1 open house on how the City works for you and how you can work for the City.

### Taking a vacation? One smart move

Manage your utility account online. Have fun this summer and make billing automatic by enrolling in Your Online Utilities (Y.O.U.).

Set up eBill notification when your bill is ready, free AutoPay, or simply check your account anytime, anywhere. Put a stamp on summer, not an envelope.



Sign up at [GreshamOregon.gov/YOU](http://GreshamOregon.gov/YOU) or call Utility Billing at 503-618-2373.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

# Fun with purpose

### Attend National Night Out in your neighborhood

Neighborhoods throughout Gresham are invited to join forces for the 33rd Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

Elected officials will be visiting throughout the city and will try to stop by as many events as possible.

"NNO matters because it gives us an opportunity to reconnect with one another," said Councilor Lori Stegmann. "A smile and a handshake go a long ways in laying the foundation for strong, vibrant neighborhoods that are the cornerstone of our City," she added.

With the rise of technology we have become more isolated, Stegmann said, noting: "That's why it is so important to get outside, go to a park, meet your neighbors and make new friends. I can't think of a more fun way to do that than by attending our NNO."

When neighbors know each other, they can solve problems together.

National Night Out is a community-building evening to heighten crime prevention and emergency preparedness awareness; strengthen neighborhood spirit and community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



*"I was able to attend my first National Night Out event two years ago, and the turnout of citizens, and my neighbors, the warm smiles and friendly handshakes, gave me such a sense of community and friendship. National Night Out is a positive event, and I really enjoyed meeting and connecting with folks."*

— Councilor Kirk French



### Get your neighborhood involved

Anyone can organize a National Night Out event or party. Contact Manager Aaron Abrams at 503-618-2482 or [Aaron.Abrams@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:Aaron.Abrams@GreshamOregon.gov) to register your event with the City's Office of Neighborhoods and Community Engagement.

### Popular ideas

- Neighborhood block parties
- Cookouts
- Visits from Police and Fire
- Parades and exhibits
- Flashlight walks
- Contests
- Youth activities

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# Summer recreation for kids, every day of the week

Parents, no need to dread the “I’m bored,” “There’s nothing to do here,” summer doldrums.

The City and our partners in fun encourage Gresham’s youth to come out and play - any day of the week — to meet new friends, exercise and build social skills. All events are free.

“A healthy community has options for its youth and families to engage in positive activities,” said Joe Walsh, Senior Manager of Neighborhood Prosperity & Youth Engagement.

The Summer Kids in the Park (SKIP) youth recreation program is back Monday-Friday through Aug. 26 in three Gresham parks. A nutritious sack lunch is served through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s summer lunch program, followed by Boys and Girls Clubs-led activities.

Friday and Saturday Night Basketball is double the fun for middle and high school boys and girls under the supervision of coach volunteers from the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center.

New this summer: Sunday Afternoon Futsal, also with supervised play, provided by the Active Children Portland volunteers, at the Friends of the Children gym.



The City’s Summer Kids in the Park (SKIP) youth recreation program is back Monday-Friday in three Gresham parks through Aug. 26. Free lunch included.

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## SKIP!

### SUMMER KIDS IN THE PARK (SKIP)

Free! Lunch and recreation  
Monday-Friday, June 20-Aug. 26  
Ages 0-18  
No registration required; drop in any day, as often as you like

**Main City Park**, 219 S. Main Ave.  
Monday through Friday, Noon- 2 p.m.  
Lunch served, Noon-12:30 p.m.

**Vance Park**, 1400 SE 182nd Ave.  
Monday through Friday, Noon-2 p.m.  
Lunch served, Noon-12:30 p.m.

**Red Sunset Park**, 2403 NE Red Sunset Drive  
Monday through Friday, 1-3 p.m.  
Lunch served, 1-1:30 p.m.

**Contact**  
Visit [GreshamOregon.gov/SKIP](http://GreshamOregon.gov/SKIP) or call Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland at 503-969-5281.

### FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

Free! Practice, skill building, game play  
Ages 6-12 grades  
Registration and signed waiver required

**H.B. Lee Middle School**  
1121 NE 172nd Ave.  
Grades 6-8 play from 6-8 p.m.  
Grades 9-12 play from 8-10 p.m.

### SATURDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

Free! Practice, skill building, game play  
Ages 6-12 grades  
Registration and signed waiver required

**Friends of the Children**  
424 NE 172nd Ave.  
Grades 6-8 play from 8-10 p.m.  
Grades 9-12 play from 10 p.m.-12 a.m.

**Contact**  
Registration form at [GreshamOregon.gov/FridayNightBasketball](http://GreshamOregon.gov/FridayNightBasketball) or call Coach Michael Magnum at 503-975-2929.

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON FUTSAL

Free! Drop-in futsal games  
Sundays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Youth going into third to sixth grades  
Signed waiver required

**Friends of the Children**  
424 NE 172nd Ave.  
Games are 5 on 5 and last 5 minutes before new teams rotate in.

**Contact**  
Signed waiver form required before play. Contact Jared Hoffman, 541-921-0686.

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TO CUT ME  
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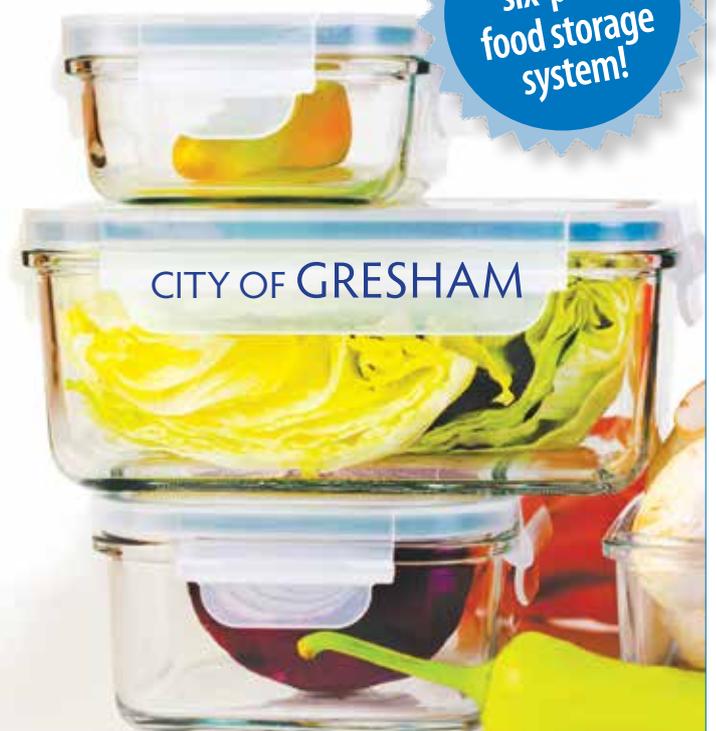
## Tired of wasting food?

Did you know the average U.S. household throws away a quarter of all food they purchase? The City of Gresham Recycling Division is committed to reducing waste to the landfill, so we are offering tips and resources to get your family on track to save food — and money.

Most food is thrown out because it is not stored properly.

Visit our website to check out the A-Z food Storage Guide and the Refrigerator Graphic to find out how to store food to last longer. You can also read the “Your Scraps Add Up,” and learn how to reduce what you throw out.

**TAKE THE PLEDGE** at [GreshamOregon.gov/EatSmart](http://GreshamOregon.gov/EatSmart) and you will be entered to win a food storage system!



Details at [GreshamOregon.gov/EatSmart](http://GreshamOregon.gov/EatSmart) or 503-618-2694

# MEET YOU AT THE MARKET

Enjoy a tomato grown here, a berry ripened on the vine just up the road, a peach plucked and packed the day before you take it home for a pie

Shop Gresham's fresh finds at three outdoor weekend markets, each celebrating a new milestone this season:

**Rockwood Farmers Market** — Now on Sundays.

**Gresham Farmers' Market** — Celebrating 30 years.

**Gresham Saturday Market** — Now at Mt. Hood Community College.

"Farmers markets provide a great opportunity to grow your community through food," said Stacy Humphrey, Senior Planner for the City. "You get to meet your neighbors, support local food producers, and have access to healthy food."

The City is participating in the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) campaign through the League of Oregon Cities and the Oregon Public Health Institute. The program is a resource to help cities create healthy

communities. In May, Gresham was designated a HEAL "Fabulous City."

In addition to easy access to fresh fruits and produce, the markets connect us to local farmers and food producers, and provide community gathering and conversation spots.

"We enjoy answering questions that residents have about recycling," said Meghan Borato, Recycling Specialist. "Our efforts at the farmers markets this year focus heavily on food waste prevention, and we have a challenge that residents can participate in that can save them money on their grocery bill and earn them prizes." (See page 3.)

## City Hall at the market RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE TEAM

Gresham Farmers' Market  
Saturday, July 16, 23



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## 10 reasons to visit the farmers market

1. It's tradition!
2. That feeling when you head home with a full flat of Oregon berries.
3. Grabbing grill-worthy shish-kebab onions, bell peppers and mushrooms.
4. Creating memories with your children and grandchildren.
5. Free snacks and samples.
6. Selecting stems of fresh-cut dahlias and sunflowers fresh from the field.
7. Smelling nice with homemade goat's milk soap, lavender lotion, and other potions.
8. Greeting your friends for coffee and conversation over fresh scones, cookies and breads.
9. Finding the perfect gift amongst the talented artists, painters and potters.
10. Live music while you sit a spell.

### The markets

#### Gresham Farmers' Market

8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Saturdays through Oct. 30  
Historic Downtown, NW Miller Avenue and Third Street  
Visit [www.greshamfarmersmarket.com](http://www.greshamfarmersmarket.com)  
For more information call 971-303-2248

#### Gresham Saturday Market

9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Saturdays through Sept. 24  
Mt. Hood Community College, 26000 SE Stark St.  
Visit [www.greshamsaturdaymarket.com](http://www.greshamsaturdaymarket.com)  
For more information call 503-912-4122

#### Rockwood Farmers Market

11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Sundays through Oct. 16  
Next to the Plaza del Sol, SE 187th Ave., between Burnside and Stark  
Visit [www.rockwoodfarmersmarket.weebly.com/](http://www.rockwoodfarmersmarket.weebly.com/)  
For more information call 503-221-1054, ext. 215

### Healthy food is a SNAP

Each of Gresham's three markets accept SNAP food benefits to encourage access to healthy food and locally-grown produce.

SNAP, or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, is also known as food stamps, EBT or Oregon Trail.

**Double your money:** The Rockwood Farmers Market offers an Oregon Trail card SNAP match up to \$10 – get \$20 worth of food for \$10.

### Access City news online



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**Twitter**  
Get City news in 140 characters or less.



**YouTube**  
Watch and share Gresham videos



**My Gresham**  
Report an issue and watch it get fixed.



**Instagram**  
Follow Gresham life in photos.

# Amazing things to see, hear and do on Saturday, July 16



Saturday, July 16 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Main Avenue in Historic Downtown  
and on the Arts Plaza

## It's all free!

- 140+ artists
- Block of Fame world record mosaic challenge
- Children's activities: face painting, snow cones and more
- Live music
- Gresham Farmers' Market
- Downtown shopping and food
- Free bike valet service sponsored by East Multnomah Bike Hub



We shattered a world record with Chalk of Fame — now we'll do it again with Block of Fame!

Join the fun and help us break the Guinness World Record for the largest painted wooden block mosaic. We'll bring the blocks and the paint — bring your family and friends to help create a record-breaking mosaic.

Sign up at [www.GreshamOregon.gov/ArtsFestival](http://www.GreshamOregon.gov/ArtsFestival) to be this year's #BlockStar.

Meet Gresham artist **Guy Edwards**, the mastermind behind the chalk drawings in the 2015 Chalk of Fame Guinness World Record victory. Guy is back again to lend his talents to the community for the 2016 Block of Fame challenge. It's



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a secret for now, but Guy has created the mosaic scene (Yes, Gresham specific!) that will be revealed once the community has painted and placed 14,400 tiny wooden blocks. Sign up to paint your set of blocks on July 16 at [GreshamOregon.gov/ArtsFestival](http://GreshamOregon.gov/ArtsFestival).



## Gresham Arts Festival Sponsors

Our sponsors keep this tradition alive in Gresham's historic downtown. Thank you!

### PATRON



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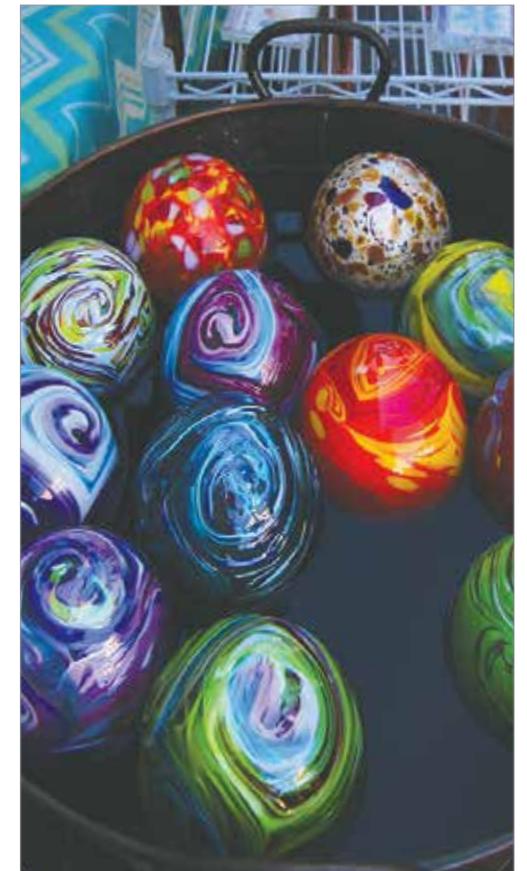


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### PARTNER

- Anonymous
- Bonaventure
- Frontier Communications
- Greater Gresham Baptist Church
- Gresham GreyWolves
- Grocery Outlet Gresham
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore
- Mt. Hood Meadows
- Nicholas Restaurant
- Pediatric Therapy Services
- Sunny Han's Wok & Grill



# Fun meter 'rising' in Rockwood this summer

From tots to teenagers, activities in Rockwood range from the new makerspace at the Rockwood Library, where youth can practice technology and engineering skills by creating a game or laser cutting a photograph on wood, to nature activities at Nadaka Nature Park, and free lunch during the week at Vance Park during Summer Kids in the Park. Discover Rockwood.

## 1. ROCKWOOD LIBRARY MAKERSPACE

Grades 6-12  
17917 SE Stark St.  
503-988-5396  
<https://multcolib.org/library-location/rockwood-makerspace>

## 2. SUMMER KIDS IN THE PARK (SKIP)

Free! Lunch and recreation for kids  
M-F, June 20-Aug. 26  
Vance Park  
1400 SE 182nd Ave.  
12-2 p.m. (lunch at noon)  
503-969-5281  
[GreshamOregon.gov/SKIP](http://GreshamOregon.gov/SKIP)

## 3. ROCKWOOD FARMERS MARKET

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays  
SE 187th St. between E Burnside and SE Stark  
A weekly kids' activity with \$2 coupon to spend at the market if completed, and free lunch for youth from noon to 1 p.m.  
503-221-1054, ext. 215  
<http://rockwoodfarmersmarket.weebly.com/>

## 4. NADAKA NATURE PARK

17550 NE Pacific Street  
503-956-8558  
<http://friendsofnadaka.org/>

## 5. FUTSAL AT VANCE PARK

1400 SE 182nd Ave.  
Play on the two courts is free and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## 6. FUTSAL AT DAVIS PARK

Coming late summer!  
322 NE 194th Ave.  
Play on the court is free and on a first-come, first-served basis.

## 7. FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

Grades 6-12  
H.B. Lee Middle School  
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[GreshamOregon.gov/FridayNightBasketball](http://GreshamOregon.gov/FridayNightBasketball)

## 9. SUNDAY AFTERNOON FUTSAL

Grades 3-6  
Friends of the Children  
424 NE 172nd Ave.  
541-921-0686



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## Rockwood Rising update

*Exciting dreams to make Rockwood strong again are coming true*

By next year, Rockwood Rising — with partner RKM Development — will break ground on the former Fred Meyer site, the 5.5 acre property at 18535 SE Stark St.

The Gresham Redevelopment Commission is creating an economic engine to transform Rockwood into a prosperous, healthy and thriving community that provides opportunities for all.

City staff are reaching out to empower the Rockwood community to come together and help shape the project designs that will create a more dynamic Rockwood.

### Construction will include:

- A food market hall featuring a butcher shop, baker, produce, pub and prepared foods.
- A farmer's market and public plaza.
- A digital innovation hub/tech space and maker's hub for small business development and job training.
- Small-format retail and restaurants, locally owned and operated, with a bank, child care, home goods and clothing stores planned.

### What role will you play? Help us design the project

From local students, to businesses and Rockwood residents, everyone can get involved in building Rockwood's future.

Maybe you go to school in the Rockwood area. Perhaps you want to build a business here. Are you an artist with ideas for this unique community?

Look at designs for the Rockwood Rising Development Project and let us know your favorites and why.

Go to: [www.RockwoodRising.com](http://www.RockwoodRising.com)

- Send ideas to [RockwoodRising@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:RockwoodRising@GreshamOregon.gov).
- Contact Urban Renewal program staff at 503-618-2416.

## ROCKIN' IT AT ROCK THE BLOCK



City staff were inspired talking with Rockwood's youngest, oldest and four-legged about the exciting future ahead for the neighborhood. Visit [RockwoodRising.com](http://RockwoodRising.com) to view updated information about the new development.



# All the right shades of green

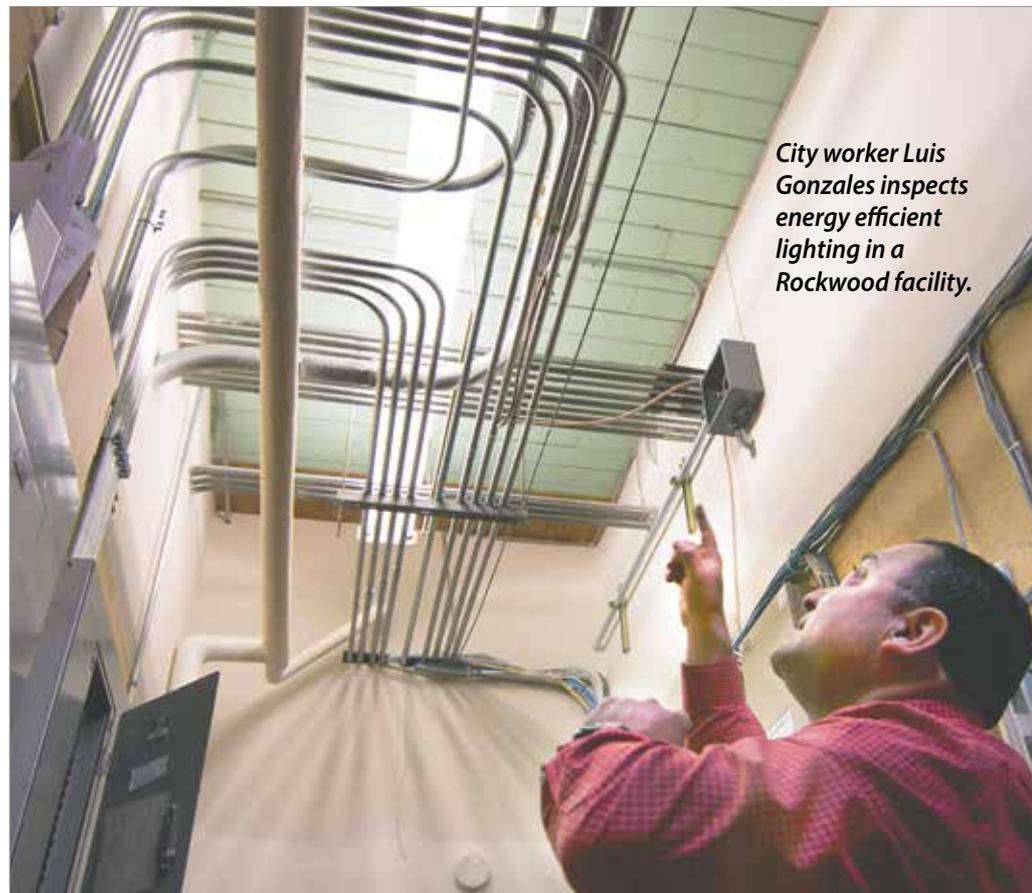
Way before it was cool to be “green,” Gresham got creative and strategic about our impact on the planet. The awards are rolling in — five alone in 2015 — and City Hall is seen as a leader nationally, regionally and locally.

## WALKING THE TALK

- **100 percent** net zero Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- **Conversion** of all streetlights to low-energy LEDs.
- **Solar** array at City Hall.
- **Energy efficiency** upgrades at City Hall and other City buildings.
- **Green energy** purchases from PGE.
- **New in 2016:** the City’s first all-electric fleet vehicle.

## THE RESULTS

- **Reduced** greenhouse gases.
- **Slashed** energy use over the last three years.
- **City saves** \$1.3 million per year.



City worker Luis Gonzales inspects energy efficient lighting in a Rockwood facility.

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## Public works for you



### WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE

The City’s annual Water Quality Report is a great way to learn about the water flowing from your tap. Since the City produced its first report in 1998, it has met all federal water quality standards.

Pick up a copy at City Hall or read the report

online at [GreshamOregon.gov/2016WQR](http://GreshamOregon.gov/2016WQR). For more information call Environmental Services at 503-618-2525.

### YARD DEBRIS CREDIT

Do you compost all your yard debris or use a landscaping service? If you have a yard debris cart you’re not using, consider applying for a year-long \$2.85 credit per month yard debris exemption during open enrollment now through July.

Call Recycling & Solid Waste at 503-618-2518 for more details.



### SUMMER SAFETY: CROSSWALK TIPS

Education for drivers and pedestrians is vital to keeping our roads safe.

“We’re noticing many people don’t push the button to activate the crosswalk’s flashing lights,” said Rae Sorenson, Transportation Superintendent. “Please press the button because the lights aren’t on a sensor.”

The City has 10 Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFBs) installed and more coming.

Pedestrians activate the beacons by pressing a button, which causes lights to flash, alerting drivers that pedestrians are in the crosswalk.

Studies have shown that with RRFBs, 85 percent of drivers stop for pedestrians compared to less than 20 percent at crosswalks without them.

### AVOID A CROSSWALK CITATION

- **Motorists** must stop and yield to pedestrians who are waiting to cross, or who are in the process of crossing the roadway.

- **Motorists** are also required to stop at all crosswalks when a vehicle is already stopped in a lane next to the one they are traveling in.

### VOLUNTEER TO MARK STORM DRAINS

Help mark storm drains in neighborhoods and commercial areas around town this summer. These markers are important to remind people not to dump household waste, mop water, paint, oil, etc. down the storm drains because it goes directly to local streams without additional treatment.

To volunteer call Christa Thompson, Water Resources, at 503-618-2522.

### TREE TRIMMING GUIDELINES

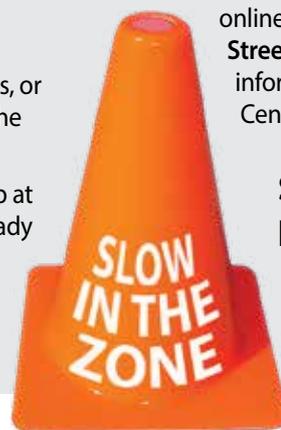
Low-hanging trees and shrubs can also prevent the street sweepers from cleaning in front of your house.

Street trees must be kept pruned according to City code, which requires all overhanging tree branches be at least 8 feet above the sidewalk and 12 feet above the street.

### HELP A STREET SWEEPER OUT

Residential streets are swept during daytime hours. Help the street sweepers do a thorough job by keeping these items off the street when your street is due to be swept: garbage cans, recycle carts, basketball hoops, campers, boats and cars.

The street sweeping schedule is online at [GreshamOregon.gov/StreetSweepingProgram](http://GreshamOregon.gov/StreetSweepingProgram). For more information call the Operations Center at 503-618-2626.



**Summer roadwork is here. Thank you for observing reduced speeds.**

## Inside City Hall

### Mayor

Shane T. Bemis 503-618-2584

**City Council Office** 503-618-2871

### City Council

Karylenn Echols

Kirk French

Jerry Hinton

Mario Palmero, Council President

Lori Stegmann

David Widmark

### Abandoned Vehicle Reporting

503-618-3081

### Animal Services

(Multnomah County) 503-988-7387

**Building Permits** 503-618-2845

**City Clerk** 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 Non-Emergency** 503-823-3333

### Graffiti Information and Reporting

503-618-3089

### Neighborhood

**Associations** 503-618-2482

### NET (Neighborhood

**Enforcement Team)** 503-618-2638

### Neighborhood

**Watch/Ready** 503-618-2567

**Parks Reservations** 503-618-2300

### Passport

**Information** 503-618-2619

**Planner on Duty** 503-618-2780

### Police

**Non-Emergency** 503-823-3333

### Rental Housing

**Inspection Hotline** 503-618-2248

### Road Maintenance

**Hotline** 503-618-2888

### Streets, Signs,

**Signals and Potholes** 503-618-2626

### Utility Billing

503-618-2373

**City of Gresham** 503-661-3000

1333 NW Eastman Parkway

Gresham, Oregon 97030

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Questions, comments and suggestions should be directed to Elizabeth Coffey at 503-618-2247, or [Elizabeth.Coffey@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Coffey@GreshamOregon.gov).

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The information in this newsletter is current as of the publication date. Call the City at 503-661-3000 to verify meeting dates and status of events.

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# GET INVOLVED IN GRESHAM

## City Calendar

### July

**4 Independence Day** observed  
City Hall closed

**11 Music Mondays**, Charles Patton Band, Gresham Arts Plaza, 6:30-8 p.m., 503-489-1157

**16 Portland Highland Games**, Mt. Hood Community College, 8 a.m. to close, phga.org for schedule, 503-293-8501



**16 Gresham Arts Festival, Block of Fame**, Downtown Gresham, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., GreshamOregon.gov/Arts Festival

**18 Music Mondays**, Swingali, Gresham Arts Plaza, 6:30-8 p.m., 503-489-1157

**21 Third Thursdays**, downtown Gresham businesses, Main Avenue, 5:30-8 p.m., 503-803-4348

**25 Music Mondays**, Night Folk, Gresham Arts Plaza, 6:30-8 p.m., 503-489-1157

### August

**1 Music Mondays**, Julie McCarl & Bodacious, Gresham Arts Plaza, 6:30-8 p.m., 503-489-1157

## Neighborhood Association Information

### Centennial

Marlene Byrne, President  
971-279-3357 or lwvoremco38@gmail.com  
National Night Out – Aug. 2  
Vance Park, 1400 SE 182nd Ave.  
Second Wednesday of Feb., May, Nov., 7 p.m.  
Portland Adventist School,  
3990 NW First St.

### Central City

Inactive. For information:  
503-618-2482

**2 National Night Out**, for events in your neighborhood call 503-618-2482

**8 SKOSH (a little) Japanese Cultural Festival**, Main City Park, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., GreshamSisterCity.org

**8 Music Mondays**, Sister Mercy, Gresham Arts Plaza, 6:30-8 p.m., 503-489-1157

**9 Artists' Reception – Chromatic**, Visual Arts Gallery, Gresham City Hall, 5:30-7 p.m., 503-618-2871

**13 Rockin' Round the Block Car Show**, downtown Gresham, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., 503-314-1424

**15 Music Mondays**, JPJQ-The Band, Gresham Arts Plaza, 6:30-8 p.m., 503-489-1157

**18 Third Thursdays**, downtown Gresham businesses, Main Avenue, 5:30-8 p.m., 503-803-4348

**22 Music Mondays**, Lisa Mann, Gresham Arts Plaza, 6:30-8 p.m., 503-489-1157

**29 Music Mondays**, Andy Stokes, Gresham Arts Plaza, 6:30-8 p.m., 503-489-1157

### September

**5 Labor Day** observed City Hall closed

**17 September Get Ready Gresham**, emergency preparedness event, Gresham



## Hat's off, neighbor

**Name:** Elizabeth Livingston

**Years in Gresham:** 20

**Neighborhood:** Northwest Neighborhood Association, serves as land use chair

**Volunteer cause:** Helping the community through mediation since 2000; training new recruits for East Metro Mediation

### What I do and why I love it:

What I like about mediation is it brings people together to solve their problems with each other, rather than having someone decide for them. It's healthy to have a conversation about an issue, whether that includes barking dogs, fences or trees. When you live next door to each other, it's much better to get along. We all want to live in a peaceful neighborhood.

In addition to volunteering with East Metro Mediation, which provides free assistance to residents, Elizabeth is a volunteer mediator for the Multnomah County small claims court.

Learn more about mediation at [GreshamOregon.gov/Mediation](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Mediation) or call 503-618-3247.

For more information about the City's volunteer program, contact Manager Aaron Abrams, Office of Neighborhoods and Community Engagement (ONCE), 503-618-2482 or visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Volunteer](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Volunteer).

City Hall, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 503-618-2567

**24 Annual Teddy Bear Parade**, Downtown Gresham, 10 a.m. noon, sigresham.org

**City Council Business Meetings** are the 1st Tuesday at 6 p.m. and 3rd Tuesday at 3 p.m. City Council agendas are available at [GreshamOregon.gov/Agendas](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Agendas) the Wednesday afternoon prior to the meeting.

**Planning Commission meetings** are the 2nd and 4th Mondays at

6:30 p.m., agendas are available a week in advance of the meeting at [GreshamOregon.gov/PlanningCommission](http://GreshamOregon.gov/PlanningCommission). Location varies; call 503-618-2401 for location information.

**Gresham Redevelopment Commission meetings** are the 3rd Tuesday immediately following adjournment of the 3:00 p.m. Gresham City Council Business Meeting in the Council Chambers. Commission agendas are generally available at [GreshamOregon.gov/UrbanRenewal](http://GreshamOregon.gov/UrbanRenewal) the Thursday afternoon prior to the meeting.



### DON'T FORGET THE CHILDREN'S FOUNTAIN!

Free! Splash fountain for kids  
Open daily, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.  
May - September  
Arts Plaza, 401 NE Second St.  
[GreshamOregon.gov/ChildrensFountain](http://GreshamOregon.gov/ChildrensFountain)

*City of Gresham photos*

### Visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Events) for a complete list

#### Hollybrook

Barry Smith, Interim President  
503-756-5912 or smithvandb@yahoo.com  
National Night Out picnic, 1-6 p.m. Aug. 6  
Hollydale Elementary School  
505 SW Birdsedale Ave.

#### Kelly Creek

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

#### Mt. Hood

Inactive. For information:  
503-618-2482

#### North Central

Maggie Anderson, President  
503-665-0553 or magipdxtal@aol.com

National Night Out– 6 p.m. Aug. 2  
Red Sunset Park, 2403 NE Red Sunset Drive  
First Thursday of May and Oct., 7 p.m.  
Gresham City Hall

#### Northeast

Inactive. For information:  
503-618-2482

#### North Gresham

Kathy Schwabe, President  
503-901-5617 or ngreshamna@gmail.com  
National Night Out– 6 p.m. Aug. 2  
Kirk Park, 1087 NE 188th Ave.

#### Northwest

Kat Todd, President  
503-666-5150 or trevkat@hotmail.com  
National Night Out– 6 p.m. July 28

Bella Vista Park, 401 NW Bella Vista Drive  
Sept. 26, 7 p.m.  
Gresham City Hall

#### Powell Valley

Peter Showler, President  
mackemontour@hotmail.com  
National Night Out – Aug. 2  
East Gresham Park, 237 SE Williams Road.

#### Rockwood

Catherine Nicewood, President  
503-285-6587 or rockwoodpresident@gmail.com  
National Night Out– 5 p.m. Aug. 4  
With the Portland Centennial  
Neighborhood Association  
Alder Park Elementary  
17200 SE Alder St.,  
Portland 97233

Picnic in the Park – Aug. 13  
Vance Park

#### Southwest

Inactive. For information:  
503-618-2482.

#### Wilkes East

Kris Freiermuth, President  
503-255-7685 or www.wilkeseastna.org  
Board Meetings, monthly, every fourth Monday, 6:30 p.m.  
Simmon's Foster Care,  
17104 NE Oregon St.

#### Coalition of Gresham

Neighborhood Associations  
Carol Rulla, President  
503-663-1466 or jlctr@juno.com  
Monthly, every second Tuesday, 7 p.m.