



GRESHAM

FALL 2019

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS

Get to know us and City services at CityFest

You've probably seen a City of Gresham worker out in the city, rebuilding roads, in vehicles responding to a fire or crime call for help or tending to parks.

Recently our Community Development team visited a youth's Funky Fresh Lemonade stand to personally present an honorary City business license to support fundraising for back-to-school supplies. On another occasion, our wastewater and stormwater operations crews retrieved a personalized ball down the storm drain for a little girl. Not all heroes wear capes!

At CityFest we invite you to experience the services we provide and meet the City employees behind every uniform, suit and hard hat.



City services by the numbers

- ▶ **73,764** Calls responded to by Police in 2018.
- ▶ **17,565** Calls responded to by Fire and Emergency Services in 2018.
- ▶ **75,000** Customer visits for passports, permits and other services in 2018.
- ▶ **71,500+** Households and businesses provided with clean, safe and reliable drinking water.
- ▶ **13 million** Gallons of wastewater processed every day in Gresham's award-winning energy net zero wastewater treatment plant.
- ▶ **35,000+** People who attended free community events put on by the City in 2018.

- ▶ **9,000+** Children supported through free Summer Kids in the Park program, free weekend recreation programs and City's partnership with Family of Friends Mentoring in 2018.
- ▶ **4,700** Code compliance cases resolved in 2018.
- ▶ **1,103** Acres of park land, natural areas and trails maintained.
- ▶ **898+** Lane miles of streets designed, operated and maintained by the City (including sidewalks, bike lanes, streetlights, traffic signals, road signs, bikes and pedestrian paths).

For a complete list of City services, visit GreshamOregon.gov/Services.



CityFest Fun

Date: Saturday, Sept. 14
Time: Noon to 4 p.m.
Place: City Hall, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway

Join us for this free family festival connecting the Gresham community and the City that serves you. Featuring booths, activities, food for purchase, prizes, giveaways and demonstrations.

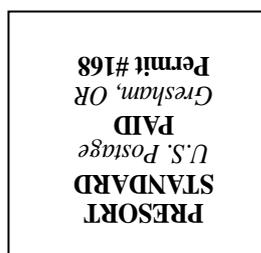
City Hall Passport Day 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

A few highlight activities

- Emergency water bottle giveaway 12 – 4 p.m. while supplies last
- Paint City snow plows with the Gresham Mural Team 12 – 4 p.m.
- Bike obstacle course 12 – 4 p.m.
- Block Party cornhole tournament 1 p.m.
- Fire auto extrication demonstration 2 p.m.
- Gresham Police K-9 demonstration 3 p.m.

For a list of activities, visit GreshamOregon.gov/CityFest.

- GreshamOregon.gov
- Facebook.com/CityofGresham
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NEWS BRIEFS



MetroEast Community Media

Grants available for community projects

The City's Community Enhancement Grant Program is an exciting opportunity for residents to contribute to the quality of life in Gresham.

Eligible projects include those aimed at improving the appearance of a neighborhood, preserving the natural environment, enhancing public safety, providing recreational opportunity, or benefiting underserved populations.

"Whatever your great project idea is, we want to hear about it," said Joe Walsh, a Senior Manager in the City's Livability division.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit and charitable organizations, neighborhood associations, schools and institutions of higher learning, faith-based groups, and government advisory committees, departments and special districts. The grants are funded by Metro.

The application period opens Oct. 1 and closes Nov. 29. Pick up applications at City Hall or online at GreshamOregon.gov/Community-Enhancement-Grants. For more information, contact Joe.Walsh@GreshamOregon.gov or 503-618-2372.

Be part of Gresham's future

If you want to help shape Gresham, volunteer on one of our Council Citizen Advisory Committees with topics ranging from arts, history and trees to finance, design and planning.

Committee members have a wide range of experience, but the most important skill is a passion for making Gresham a better place to live and work.

We offer a broad range of time commitments from one-day volunteer events including the annual Green and Clean event each spring, to short-term task force participation on a specialized topic or serving on a multi-year advisory committee.

We post committee, volunteer and event opportunities on social media and online.

For more information about the citizen advisory committees, visit GreshamOregon.gov/Council-Citizen-Advisory-Committees or call Teresa Hall, 503-618-2871.

COUNCIL CORNER



Talk with us about: your home

How do current housing challenges affect you? There's a big need for housing in the region and Gresham's doing all it can to make sure it meets that need.

City Councilors David Widmark, Janine Gladfelter and Eddy Morales will host a conversation with the community. Meet with Councilors in a less formal setting and work to solve problems together by brainstorming issues and solutions.

- How can the City help residents find, and stay in, their homes?
- What can the City do to build new housing?
- How will new state rules affect Gresham?

- How should Gresham use Metro Housing Bond funds?

A brief presentation of the Housing Task Force's recommendations to City Council will be followed by small-group conversations.

Your feedback will be used to help the City Council prioritize its efforts to improve the quality of life for all residents.

Submit a question in advance in English, Spanish, Russian or Vietnamese at GreshamOregon.gov/Council-Listening-Sessions.

For more information about Council Listening Sessions, call 503-618-2871.

Council Listening Session on Housing

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 24

Time: 6:30-8 p.m.

Place: St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
17405 NE Glisan St.

- Free
- Light refreshments
- Free childcare

Translation services available. Contact us by Sept. 19 if you speak another language and need assistance; Elizabeth.Coffey@GreshamOregon.gov or 503-618-2247.

COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Focus on: Community Emergency Preparedness

We chat with Emergency Manager Kelle Landavazo about water for National Preparedness Month.

Why is storing emergency water at home important?

Water truly is the most important supply. Try and think about not having anything to drink for a day, then envision longer. We don't do well without water, especially in crisis, and can take it for granted because it flows from the tap whenever we want it. But in an emergency pipes can be damaged for a while, so make sure you have some set aside at home.

Is 1 gallon per person, per day, enough?

Yes. This amount assumes half a gallon for drinking and another half-gallon for sanitation and food preparation. A two-week supply is recommended. I say, one day's supply of water is better than no days, and three days is better than two days. Just take the first step, small or big.

Why is the City giving away free water bottles?

To help you take the first step and continue the City's efforts to achieve a more resilient Gresham.

Want to do more? Find tips at GreshamOregon.gov/Emergency-Preparedness.

Free emergency water bottles

Available at CityFest

Date: Saturday, Sept. 14

Time: noon to 4 p.m.

Place: Gresham City Hall, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway

- 3-gallon containers
- One per family, while supplies last



Emergency Manager Kelle Landavazo

Water storage do's and don'ts

- Do buy bottled water from a store or use your own sanitized container to store water.
- Do use food grade containers found at most camping or outdoor stores, or two-liter soda bottles.
- Do store your water in a cool, dark location if possible.
- Do rotate your emergency supplies every six months if possible. While water won't go bad, it is good practice.
- Don't use containers that are made of glass, jugs that held milk or juice, or containers that were used for chemicals or bleach.

Tree talk: Gresham Trees and Health Symposium

The community is invited to a fall tree symposium to learn about the connection between trees, green spaces and public health.

The symposium will reflect on the City's three-year grant-funded effort to inventory and plant street and neighborhood trees in Rockwood, said Tina Osterink, Natural Resources Planner.

"There's a lot of hot pavement and less tree canopy and greenery to absorb the heat in Rockwood. This area has been designed for cars, not people," Osterink said. "That's why we're studying what we can do."

The "Green Gresham, Healthy Gresham" tree project has planted 230 trees to date and worked with homeowners to plant an additional 80 trees. Our partners, Multnomah County and Friends of Trees, studied and



A SummerWorks intern measures trees in Rockwood.

inventoried a section of Rockwood's tree canopy with an East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District grant.

Hear the results and discuss future work at the symposium with lead speaker

Dr. Vivek Shandas from Portland State University.

For more information, contact Osterink at Tina.Osterink@GreshamOregon.gov or **503-618-2392**.

Gresham Trees and Health Symposium

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 13

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Place: Rockwood Boys and Girls Club, 454 SE 165th Ave.

Cost: Free

Get tree care information and learn how you can add to Gresham's tree canopy at home or in your neighborhood.

The tree symposium will feature a mix of speakers, film, discussion, tree and health care booths, plus a report on the City's "Green Gresham, Healthy Gresham" tree project in Rockwood.

- Light refreshments
- Free childcare

RSVP by Nov. 1 to Tina.Osterink@GreshamOregon.gov or 503-618-2392. Translation services available. Contact us if you speak another language and need assistance.



NEWS BRIEFS

Free shred and prescription disposal event Oct. 19

The City is offering a free recycling event at City Hall from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Shred those private documents on site with sponsor Shred Northwest (limit two grocery-sized paper bags per vehicle). And dispose of unused medications with our drive-through "drop and go."

We will not accept needles/syringes, liquids, EpiPens or thermometers. We will accept expired and unused prescriptions, pet medications and unknown tablets/capsules.

For more information, call Cherie Ludwig, Environmental Services, **503-618-2518**.

Test for lead (free)

Have your home's drinking water tested for lead from plumbing fixtures and piping. Testing's the only way to confirm if lead is present or absent. For a free kit, call **503-984-4000** or visit Leadline.org.

Discounted storm drain cleaning

Businesses are responsible for maintenance of the storm drains in their parking lots. Prevent flooding and reduce water pollution by having your parking lot drains cleaned for only \$45 per drain. Sign up now at GreshamOregon.gov/SCAP or call **503-618-2522** for more information.

@recycleornot

We're plastic bags and plastic wrap. Basically, we are trouble.

Plastic bags and plastic wrap like us create big problems, like jamming up the machines that sort recycling. Please don't put us in the recycling bin.

Learn more about us (and about recycling right) at RecycleOrNot.org.



INSIDE CITY HALL

Mayor

Shane T. Bemis 503-618-2584

City Council Office

503-618-2871

City Council

Karylenn Echols

Janine Gladfelter

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

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Questions, comments and suggestions should be directed to Elizabeth Coffey at **503-618-2247**, or 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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Teddy Bear Parade
September 28

GET INVOLVED IN GRESHAM

CITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

14 CityFest, City Hall, noon-4 p.m., 503-618-2264

15 Columbia Symphony Orchestra, Brahms' First Symphony, 3 p.m., MHCC Theater, 503-234-4077

24 Council Listening Session on Housing, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 503-618-2871

24 & 27 Exploring the Autumn Sky, MHCC Planetarium, 6 and 7:15 p.m., 503-491-7297

25 Free Bike Repair Clinic, 1-5 p.m., Mechanics Workshop, 5-7 p.m., Main City Park, Coho Shelter, 503-496-9641

28 37th Annual Teddy Bear Parade, historic downtown, 10 a.m.-noon, 503-260-4789, SiGresham.org

28 Last day, Gresham Saturday Market, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., MHCC, greshamsaturdaymarket.com

OCTOBER

4 Friday Night Basketball, grades 6-8, 6-8 p.m., grades 9-12, 8-10 p.m., HB Lee Middle School, 971-313-1088

5 Saturday Night Basketball, grades 6-8, 8-10 p.m., grades 9-12, 10 p.m.-midnight, Friends of the Children, 971-313-1088

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

17 Metro Free Parks Day, OregonMetro.gov or 503-665-4995

19 Shred Event and Prescription Disposal, 9 a.m.-noon, City Hall parking lot, 503-618-2518

26 Repair Cafe, Gresham Library, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 503-618-2694

26 Last day, Gresham Farmers' Market, Arts Plaza, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., greshamfarmersmarket.com

31 Safe Trick or Treat, historic downtown merchants, Main Avenue closed 4-6 p.m., exploregresham.com

NOVEMBER

1 Friday Night Basketball, grades 6-8, 6-8 p.m., grades 9-12, 8-10 p.m., HB Lee Middle School, 971-313-1088

2 Saturday Night Basketball, grades 6-8, 8-10 p.m., grades 9-12, 10 p.m.-midnight, Friends of the Children, 971-313-1088

5 & 8 Amateur Photographers Take on The Night Sky, MHCC Planetarium, 6 and 7:15 p.m., 503-491-7297

11, 21 & 29 Metro Free Parks Days, OregonMetro.gov or 503-665-4995

11 Veterans Day, City Hall closed

24 Columbia Symphony Orchestra, Scheherezade and Other Epic Odysseys, 3 p.m., MHCC Theater, 503-234-4077

26 Artists' Reception - Myth & Magic Show, Visual Arts Gallery, City Hall, 5:30-7 p.m., 503-618-2871

28 Thanksgiving Day, City Hall closed

30 Spirit of Christmas tree lighting, Arts Plaza, 5-6:30 p.m., 503-618-2264

DECEMBER

3 & 6 A Travel Guide to our Moon MHCC Planetarium, 6 and 7:15 p.m., 503-491-7297

6 Friday Night Basketball, grades 6-8, 6-8 p.m., grades 9-12, 8-10 p.m., HB Lee Middle School, 971-313-1088

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

19 Metro Free Parks Day, OregonMetro.gov or 503-665-4995

25 Christmas Day, City Hall closed

Hats off, neighbor

Name: Carol "Caz" Zyvatkaukas

Years in Gresham: 6

Neighborhood: Gresham Butte

Volunteer Causes: Photography, urban wildlife education, including City's Wildlife Wednesday on Facebook, Wild Gresham talks and Bird Survey; plus, Johnson Creek Watershed Council; "Wild in the City" wildlife calendar watershed fundraiser; OASIS reading program.

What I do and why I love it: Photos are the most immediate way to communicate the wide variety of birds and animals that share Gresham with us. I want people to know we have all kinds of neighbors, from salamanders to bald eagles. They have homes, families. They teach their young here. Even the tiniest bit you can do on your property helps. Animals love lazy gardeners. Don't like to rake leaves? Shove them into a corner. Bugs will come. Then the birds will come for the bugs.

Receive a wildlife calendar with a \$20 donation to a local watershed council: Johnson Creek, jwcw.org; Columbia Slough, columbiaslough.org; Sandy River, sandyriver.org. Bring receipt to Gresham City Hall for calendar pick-up; phone/email receipt OK.

Learn more about the City's Volunteer Program: GreshamOregon.gov/Volunteer or call **503-618-2482**.

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.



Above: Carol "Caz" Zyvatkaukas. Below: coyote. Cover: barred owl. Submitted photos.



Spirit of Christmas tree lighting is Nov. 30

Santa visits the Arts Plaza for the community's annual holiday tree-lighting event on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 5-6:30 p.m. Free. Kick off the fun beforehand with treats and activities throughout historic downtown.

GreshamOregon.gov/Spirit-of-Christmas

New events added often! Visit GreshamOregon.gov/Events for a complete list.

Neighborhood Association Information

CENTENNIAL

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

CENTRAL CITY

For more information: Michael Gonzales, 503-618-2482

GRESHAM BUTTE

Jim Buck, President 503-830-2344 or jimbuck22@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 Oct. 23, 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 Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m., Location TBD

KELLY CREEK

Charles Teem, President 503-663-5066 or teemmate@yahoo.com Nov. 6, 7 p.m. Gordon Russell Middle School 3625 SE Powell Valley Road

NORTH CENTRAL

Maggie Anderson, President 503-201-7810 or magjpdxtal@aol.com Oct. 3, 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 Oct. 7, 6 p.m., Rockwood Public Safety Building, 675 NE 181st Ave.

NORTHWEST

Kat Todd, President 503-666-5150 or trevkat@hotmail.com Oct. 28, 7 p.m., City Hall

POWELL VALLEY

Regina Blake, Vice President 503-665-0950 or powellvalleyna@gmail.com Oct. 5, 9 a.m.-noon, park cleanup East Gresham Park, 237 SE Williams Road

ROCKWOOD

Catherine Nicewood, President 503-285-6587 or rockwoodpresident@gmail.com Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Human Solutions Rockwood Bldg., 124 NE 181st Ave.

SOUTHWEST

Suzan Wells, President 503-665-8292 or swells53@frontier.com Oct. 17, 6 p.m., City Hall

WILKES EAST

Kris Freiermuth, President 503-255-7685 or www.wilkeseastna.org Nov. 11, 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



Conflict Management

Do you wish you had better tools to deal with conflict? In this interactive training, participants will learn skills to navigate conflict that can be applied to all areas of life, from work to home.

Sign up for East Metro Mediation's "16-Hour Conflict Management Training," Oct. 23-25 at City Hall. Apply by Oct. 4. Cost \$400; partial scholarships available.

Learn more: GreshamOregon.gov/Mediation-Training or call East Metro Mediation to register at **503-618-3247**.

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.