

SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

2025 FAMILY MATINEE SERIES

The Sherwood Center for the Arts is excited to host our 10th Annual Family Matinee Series starting February 2025! This favorite family tradition brings unique cultural experiences to the Sherwood community. Explore a diverse and highly entertaining season of performances from all around the world. Get your tickets today! More performances coming soon.

FEBRUARY 9 | 3:00 P.M. | \$7/ALL AGES | THE AMAZING BUBBLE MAN

From square bubbles, bubbles inside bubbles, fog-filled bubbles, giant bubbles, bubble volcanoes, tornadoes and trampolines to people inside bubbles, the Amazing Bubble Man conjures shrieks of laughter and gasps of amazement from all ages. Back by popular demand!

SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION | February 28 | 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 PM | Free and open to the public

Join the Center for the Arts as we celebrate the day we opened 10 years ago with a community Birthday party! Enjoy fun activities and cake as we reminisce on 10 years of live performance and arts education!

MONDAY MIC NIGHT | 1/20, 3/10, 4/14 & 5/19 | 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. | FREE | Sign-ups begin at 6:30 P.M.

Calling all poets, writers, actors, musicians and artists alike -- of all ages! Come share your talent(s)with a live audience. Are you a student in need of a live audience to rehearse your monologue or solo piece for an upcoming college audition or show? Are you a poet or writer in need of some feedback for that upcoming novel? Are you a musician wanting to share your next big hit/single, but need to work out the kinks? Are you a comedian with a handful of laughter to share? We would love to support you! Share your gifts in a safe and welcoming environment. Not interested in performing? That's fine too! Come support your community as part of the live audience and cheer for these emerging talents.

LUNAR NEW YEAR LANTERN FESTIVAL | February 1 | 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. | FREE

Join the Center for the Arts and the Sherwood Cultural Arts Commission on February 1 from 2:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m. for our 4th annual Lantern Festival celebration. Enjoy delicious treats, crafts, performances and interactive activities as we usher in the Lunar New Year!

DECORATE A LANTERN FOR THE FESTIVAL EVERYONE is invited to participate! Our goal is to hang 300 decorated lanterns in the lobby, celebrating our hopes and wishes for a brighter future. Instructions are included with each lantern picked up. Lantern pick up is on 1/3. Decorated lanterns must be returned to the Center for the Arts by 1/21 - in time for the festivities on 2/1.

WINTER ART CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

It's never too late to revisit a hobby or try something new! We are excited to introduce and welcome a handful of new instructors, mediums and classes this winter. Dive into candlemaking, ukulele, guitar, piano, dessert decor, painting, acting, ceramics and MORE. With new classes offered each session, you are sure to find a class that inspires your creativity. We offer small group weekly classes, as well as interactive workshops for children, adults, and families. Visit our website at [SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org](https://www.SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org) to view the full winter class schedule and to register.

Gallery Exhibits

La Flâneuse - Featured artist: Anne Bocci

This exhibit, "La Flâneuse," represents a woman strolling around a city aimlessly, watchfully, and quietly confident; observing people and society and seeking fuel for her creative mind. Anne Bocci is a painter, creator, and arts advocate based in Portland, OR. She aims to capture moments of life on canvas, most from scenes she has photographed on her travels. Her passion is commissioned landscapes, rich florals, cityscapes, portraits, and contemporary abstracts. Besides her sought-after oils and acrylics, she also designs jewelry and textile art. This show will be available December 16, 2024 through February 10, 2025.

VOICES FOR CHANGE | Gallery Opening Reception |February 13 | 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. | FREE

The Sherwood Center for the Arts is excited to present this art exhibit and mic night curated by Sherwood High School's Youth Activism Club (YAC). This show is dedicated to supporting the voices of BIPOC artists and performers within our community. YAC's mission is to uplift traditionally underrepresented voices and create paths to equity for all people. This show will be available Tuesday, February 11 - March 17, 2025.

MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR CENTER

Upcoming Activites at the Marjorie Stewert Senior Community Center

Refresh & Renew - Free on Fridays, January 17 through February 7 at 10:30 a.m.

A class to start the new year off right! Take stock of your past with your eye on the future to help set you up for your best 2025! This four week course uses principles of identification and problem solving for personal growth, helping you to find who you want to be.

We'll spend four weeks working at what we want for ourselves this year, creating a cheat sheet to refer to over the next twelve months, and helping to keep you on track. After the four weeks there will be an optional monthly gathering to meet up with the Refresh & Restart coach and other participants.

The Legacy Series - Free on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

We make plans for big events in life. We can also ensure we are well-planned and well-prepared for end-of-life. Through this series of workshops, learn from a variety of local experts to develop your "Life File", a tool that will help you make a plan for what's important. Provided in partnership with Washington County Disability, Aging, & Veteran Services.

January 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Starting the Conversation: Getting Your Affairs in Order by Corey Kearsley from Prepare Your Affairs

January 14 at 10:00 a.m.

How to Talk About Death and Dying by Wade & Martha McL Jacobs from Death Cafe

January 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Legal & Financial Planning by Tim Nay from Law Offices of Nay & Friedenberg

January 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Funeral, Memorials, & Options by Deborah Threadgill from Threadgill Memorial February 4 at 10:00 a.m.

The Dying Process by Karen Callahan from Peaceful Presence

February 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Planning for Your Stuff: Let's Talk About Downsizing by Ben Richardson from Chastel Real Estate

February 18 at 10:00 a.m.

How We Think About Death by Joan Laguzza, LSW, MSW, from Joie de Vivre Counseling

March 13 & 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Write Your Life Story - How to Write Your Own Obituary by Jamie Passaro from Dear Person Obituaries

Let's Talk Aging - Free On the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

Let's Talk offers a setting for open, honest, and facilitated discussion on topics unique to people over the age of 60. These interactive conversations provide a forum for discussion as well as an opportunity to explore new possibilities, resources, and connection. In partnership with Cascadia Health.

New Wisdom/ Life Lessons on January 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Many challenges accompany aging, and sometimes increased wisdom is part of the process. Join us for a conversation about the wisdom you have developed over the years and share with others what you have learned "the hard way."

Forgiveness & Reconciliation on February 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Throughout our lives we are fortunate to have friends and family with whom we share our experiences, both happy and difficult. However, these relationships can sometimes fade and break. What if we rethought our feelings and worked toward forgiveness and reconciliation? What if we could reconnect with those we have lost and ask, "Why did it take so long?"

If you have questions about any of these activities, please call 503.625.5644 or visit [sherwoodoregon.gov/marjoriestewartcenter](https://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/marjoriestewartcenter). If you need resources or meals for an older adult, or have rental inquiries please call us at 503.625.5644 or email the Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center manager, Maiya, at burbankm@sherwoodoregon.gov.

PLANNING NEWS

Meet Erick Adair: Sherwood's New Economic Development Manager

I'm thrilled to join the City of Sherwood as your new Economic Development Manager. Having visited the Sherwood area many times over the past years, I've long admired its charm and potential. Sherwood stood out to me as a place that truly balances small-town appeal with significant economic opportunities.

I started this role in early November, following the retirement of Bruce Coleman—a local legend in economic development. While I know I have big shoes to fill, I'm confident we can build on the strong foundation Bruce helped create. With a pro-active City Council, engaged community, and supportive business environment, there's no limit to what we can accomplish together.

A Little About Me

Before coming to Sherwood, I spent 20 years working in international trade, business development, and economic development across Washington, D.C., Seattle, and Southeast Asia.

I'm originally from Olympia, WA and am excited to bring my family to Oregon. My wife, Van Anh, and our two kids, Lauren (3) and Asa (1), are already enjoying life in Sherwood—especially visits to the awesome downtown library and Sesame Donuts!

What's Ahead for Sherwood

There's so much to be excited about here, and I'm eager to get started:

- Sherwood West Expansion:** The recent Urban Growth Boundary expansion opens the door for Sherwood to attract new housing, advanced manufacturing, clean tech, robotics, and hospitality businesses. I'm eager to support these developments and help position Sherwood as a leader in economic innovation and higher wage job creation.

- Local Business Support:** I'm here to help Sherwood's small and medium-sized businesses grow and thrive, connecting them to valuable resources like Business Oregon grants and STEP programs.

- Old Town Development:** Old Town is a vital part of our community, and I'm excited to work with local businesses to support its continued growth and vibrancy.

- Workforce Development:** Connecting businesses with apprenticeship programs, Sherwood High School, and local technical colleges is a priority to ensure we're building the talent pipeline our businesses need.

- Hospitality and Tourism:** As the "gateway" to wine country, Sherwood is uniquely positioned to attract more hotels and tourism-related businesses. We will be working closely with partners to promote our new hospitality zone along Highway 99, a key part of Sherwood West in the coming months and years.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to contribute to Sherwood's growth and look forward to collaborating with City Council, the Mayor, city staff, local businesses, and the entire community to make Sherwood an even better place to live, work, and visit.



Senior Planner Joy Chang Retires from the City of Sherwood

Senior Planner Joy Chang has announced her retirement from the City of Sherwood

after nearly 8 years in the Planning Department. Joy was a key staff member supporting current and long-range planning and helped guide the city through a period of growth. Joy helped lead the Sherwood 2040 Comprehensive Plan, the Sherwood West Concept Plan, and implementation state mandates like House Bill 2001 (Middle Housing). Most recently she helped launch the City's Safe Routes to School Program. Prior to coming to Sherwood, Joy worked for the City of

Portland and Washington County as a professional planner. Thank you, Joy, for the many years of public service to the Sherwood community!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January/February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 Parks & Recreation Board 7:00 p.m.	7 City Council 7:00 p.m.	8 Senior Advisory Board 5:00 p.m.	9	10	11 Council Goal Setting 9:00 a.m.
12	13	14 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.	15 Library Advisory Board 6:30 p.m.	16 Police Advisory Board 7:00 p.m.	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day City Buildings Closed	21 City Council 7:00 p.m.	22	23 Traffic Safety Committee 6:00 p.m.	24	25
26	27 Cultural Arts Commission 6:30 p.m.	28 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31	February 1
2	3 Parks & Recreation Board 7:00 p.m.	4 City Council 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.	12 Senior Advisory Board 5:00 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17 Cultural Arts Commission 6:30 p.m.	18 City Council 7:00 p.m.	19 Library Advisory Board 6:30 p.m.	20 Police Advisory Board 7:00 p.m.	21	22

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Metro Community Enhancement Program

The Community Enhancement Program is an exciting opportunity for citizens to participate in making Sherwood a place where families and businesses thrive.

This program derives its funding from a partnership between Sherwood and Metro and is generated by a \$1.00 per ton surcharge collected at the Pride Recycling Company transfer station located at 13980 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road, in Sherwood, Oregon.

The program is open to non-profit groups, organizations, or City Advisory Committees. We encourage you to let us know your ideas and plans for enhancing the community.

Whether you have big ideas, small ideas, or ideas somewhere in-between, you can be sure they will be considered.

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Funding Cycle:

- January 15, 2025 - Applications available
- April 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Application deadline
- June 3, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Committee meeting to review applications
- June 30, 2025 - Deadline to return contracts.

For more information and to learn about future grant cycles, go to [sherwoodoregon.gov/finance/page/community-enhancement-program-committee](https://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/finance/page/community-enhancement-program-committee).



SPOTLIGHT ON CITY STAFF

Welcome back to Spotlight on City Staff! In this edition we want to not only put the spotlight on a member of Sherwood's hardworking City Staff, but also to highlight a program that we are proud of. In this edition we want to introduce you to our Senior Network Engineer, Duncan Scott and Public Works Operations Supervisor, Konrad Dimmitt.

Duncan -

Q: How long have you been working as a Senior Network Engineer?

A: I've worked for Internet Service providers since 2006.

Q: How long have you been with the City of Sherwood?

A: I've been with the city since August 2023

Q: What does an average day look like for you?

A: I spend most of my day at my desk interacting with various remote systems. Occasionally I get to go install or troubleshoot hardware in the field. Throughout the day I assist with fiber installation and troubleshooting as necessary. Most of these systems and processes are pretty stable but occasionally an interesting problem or event occurs. This can involve troubleshooting on our network or assigning customer with troubleshooting their networks.

Q: What are some of your favorite things about working for the city?

A: I like the people I work with. I like building something that is of long-term value and useful to the community.

Q: What are some typical challenges of this position?

A: Continuity of service is a big challenge. We must work on and maintain a lot of systems while never disrupting service. This requires redundant systems, good planning, and thorough understanding of operational system to ensure that no activity causes unexpected downtime.

Q: What advice would you give someone who is just beginning in this career?

A: Document everything, and then document some more. Personality and communication skills super valuable. As things get more technically complicated being able to simply explain designs and concerns becomes more critical.

Q: What experience do you feel helped prepare you for your current role?

A: I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to grow from role to role in my professional life. I had some good leadership from my previous bosses to learn from and I've always been very self-directed on technical matters.



SPOTLIGHT ON CITY STAFF Continued

Konrad -

Q: How long have you been working as Public Works Operations Supervisor?

A: I have been an Operations Supervisor for the City since July 2021

Q: How long have you been with the City of Sherwood?

A: I started as a seasonal with the City before becoming full time employee in 2004 through 2018. I came back in 2021.

Q: What does an average day look like for you?

A: To support the crew and answer any questions (to the best of my ability). My goal is to help in any way possible to make projects and tasks run smoothly.

Q: What are some of your favorite things about working for the city?

A: The people I work with and the team atmosphere.

Q: What are some typical challenges of this position?

A: Making sure that everyone is going in the same direction for tasks and projects and navigating all the work that needs to be completed using a computer!

Q: What advice would you give someone who is just beginning in this career?

A: Communication is key in every work situation. Keep with it and work hard.

Q: What experience do you feel helped prepare you for your current role?

A: When I left the City in 2018 to be a public works supervisor for the City of Lafayette.



The City of Sherwood is now Hiring!

For a full list of open positions and to apply please visit: [governmentjobs.com/careers/cityofsherwood](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cityofsherwood) or scan the QR Code.



LIBRARY NEWS
New Year with the Sherwood Public Library

You're invited to visit us in person and online for enrichment and life-long learning. Below are highlights of upcoming events and activities.

Free Events and Activities for Children & Families:

Noon Year's Eve Party

For kids and families who want to celebrate the New Year, but don't want to stay up late. Join us for craft, games, dancing, and counting down to the Noon Year! December 31, 11:00 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

Storytimes

NEW schedule! Join us for fun and interactive reading, rhymes, music, and movement:

- Toddler Storytime: Tuesdays 10:15 a.m. For ages 2-3 years.
- All Ages Storytime: Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
- Baby Storytime: Thursdays 9:30 a.m. For ages 0-12 months.
- Fun for Ones: Now on Thursdays 10:15 a.m. Designed for walkers ages 12-23 months.

STEAM Saturday / Sábado de STEAM

Drop in to work with 3D pens, Snap Circuits, robots and so much more. There is something for everyone at this station-based program. All ages. On January 25 and February 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

22560 SW Pine Street 503.625.6688

¡Vuelven los sábados STEAM! Ven a trabajar con lápices 3D, Snap Circuits, robots y mucho más. En este programa basado en estaciones, hay algo para todos. Para todas las edades. Sábados 25 de enero y 22 de febrero, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Free Events and Activities for Adults:

Digital Navigator Tech Help

Need help with devices? Have technology-related questions? Want help with job searches? Bring your own device or use library computers. Mondays January 6, February 3, March 3, March 17, and March 31 from 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. in the library. Reservations can be made for 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Drop-in hours are 12:15-2:00 p.m. (and if no one signs up for reserved time). This free program is provided by a visiting Digital Navigator and is in partnership with American Connection Corps & The Washington County Broadband Action Team.

Google Docs Basics // Conceptos básicos de Google Docs

For those who are new to Google Docs or want to develop more confidence with this free cloud-based service. Free dinner provided at 5:30 p.m. Child-care provided. Classes made possible in part by Friends of Sherwood Public Library and Sherwood School District. This class is offered in English and Spanish and takes place at the nearby SHARE Center. Space is limited. Register to save your spot. On January 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Este taller es para aquellos que son nuevos en Google Docs o desean desarrollar más confianza con este ser-

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vicio gratuito basado en la nube. Cena gratis a las 5:30 p.m. Se proporciona cuidado de niños. Clases posibles en parte gracias a Friends of Sherwood Public Library y Distrito escolar de Sherwood. Este taller se ofrece en inglés y español y se lleva a cabo en el cercano Centro SHARE. El cupo es limitado. Regístrate para reservar tu lugar. Miércoles 15 de enero, 6:00 p.m.

Adult Winter Reading

We invite you to expand your reading life and explore new voices and genres this winter--now with more prizes! Through February 28. More details and recommended titles at sherwoodoregon.gov/library

More about Visiting the Library

Preview our space at Sherwood Public Library with virtual tours at sherwoodoregon.gov/library/tours.

January holiday hours: The library will be closed on January 1, in observance of New Years Day and January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Pine Street bookdrop will be open and e-books and accounts are available at wccsl.org.

All library events are free and open to the public. Library cards or ID are not required to attend. See more events and activities, and registration information, at sherwoodoregon.gov/library. Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov or 503.625.6688

Sherwood Public Library is a Washington County Cooperative Library Services member library. Hours: Mon-Thu 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Fri-Sat 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sun 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

MAYOR UPDATE

Metro Approves Sherwood's Urban Growth Boundry

On December 5, the Metro Council voted 6-1 to approve the City of Sherwood's request to expand the urban growth boundary (UGB). This decision marks a major milestone in our city's journey toward a brighter and more prosperous future. The expansion will encompass approximately 1,200 acres to the west and south, surrounding Sherwood High School.

Throughout the planning process, the city actively engaged with residents, business owners, and community stakeholders, ensuring that their voices were heard and their aspirations for Sherwood West were reflected in the final proposal. The city utilized a diverse range of outreach methods, including:

- Community Advisory Committee meetings
- Technical Advisory Committee meetings
- Open Houses
- Online surveys and feedback forms
- Engagement with Sherwood High School students and families

A Vision for a Balanced and Vibrant Future: The Sherwood West Concept Plan outlines a balanced approach to growth, incorporating a mix of land uses that cater to the diverse needs of our community, including:

- 500 Acres of Natural Spaces and Trails: The plan prioritizes the preservation of our natural heritage, setting aside a generous 500 acres for parks, natural areas, and an interconnected network of trails. These trails will enhance the quality of life for Sherwood residents and connect seamlessly with the rest of our community, including our new pedestrian bridge.
- 340 Acres for Housing: The expansion will accommodate much-needed housing consistent with the current character & makeup of Sherwood's neighborhoods. The plan includes innovative zoning approaches such as "cottage clusters," designed to provide single-level, small-footprint starter homes for young families and comfortable living options for seniors wishing to age in place. These clusters will foster a sense of community while contributing to the city's overall housing affordability goals.
- 200 Acres for Family-Wage Jobs: The plan recognizes the importance of economic vitality and designates 200 acres for job creation, focusing on high-tech industries that offer family-wage jobs. This will bolster Sherwood's economic base and provide

residents with more opportunities to live and work within their community.

- To ensure a well-rounded and thriving community, the plan allocates 30 acres for future school expansion as well as 30 acres for a signature park similar in scale and scope to Snyder Park.
- 60 Acres for Hospitality and Tourism: The plan capitalizes on Sherwood's prime location as the "Gateway to Wine Country," reserving 60 acres for a hospitality district. This district will feature hotels, restaurants, and event spaces that celebrate our region's renowned wine industry and provide a vibrant hub for tourism, sports, and recreation.

With Metro's approval secured, the City will shift its focus to the next critical phase: comprehensive and master planning for Sherwood West. This meticulous process, expected to span 2 to 3 years, will involve translating the high-level vision of the Concept Plan into detailed blueprints for each district, ensuring that the community's desired outcomes are realized. As Salem continues to exert influence on local land use decisions, completing a robust master plan becomes even more crucial. By proactively establishing clear guidelines and regulations for Sherwood West, the City can mitigate the risk of pre-emption from state mandates and retain greater control over its future development. This undertaking will be conducted with the same level of community engagement that characterized the Concept Plan process. The City is committed to working closely with residents, businesses, and stakeholders to fine-tune the master plan and ensure that it aligns with Sherwood's evolving needs and priorities.

We all enjoy an amazing community, which resulted from the planning that leaders and city staff did 30 years ago to chart their future and what is now our present. I am hopeful that the planning process we are starting today will chart a similar path and create an amazing community for future generations of Sherwoodians!

The City of Sherwood extends its heartfelt gratitude to the city staff and the numerous supporters throughout the region who championed our efforts, including our esteemed school district. This collective achievement demonstrates the power of community engagement and collaboration in shaping a brighter future for Sherwood.

Mayor Update articles are written by the Mayor and reflect his opinion, and may not reflect the opinions of any Councilors.

COUNCIL CORNER

Keith Mays, City Councilor

Happy New Year!!

As 2024 ended, I couldn't help but want to express my thanks to all Sherwood staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication for our community, our families, and our businesses.

I hope everyone had a fun spending time with friends and family and are ready for 2025.

The other day, I joined the ranks as a customer of Sherwood Broadband (SBB)! I encourage you to consider signing up when it is available to your residence.

As SBB construction continues over the next two years, SBB will grow outside of town. SBB has received grants to expand the SBB network beyond the city limits. The grants we received will extend SBB south and west (note: areas within the city were not grant eligible). This work is done with contractors, so it doesn't impact the construction schedule within Sherwood city limits.

Sherwood West has been approved by Metro Council by 6-1 vote. I want to thank the Sherwood Community, City Staff, City Councilors, community volunteers, Mayor

Rosener and members of Metro Council for getting us to this point. A mountain of work was done to cross this milestone, but another mountain of work is still in front of us – master planning the area, updating system master plans and much more.

I want to highlight Mayor Rosener for a second: Our Mayor was tireless in his efforts to advocate for Sherwood West, he met with a long list of interest groups, government entities and organizations, the Metro Council and staff and lots of conversations with each member of the Metro Council. Well Done!

Sherwood West represents an opportunity to be a more sustainable community, more local job opportunities to reduce the commute times/vehicle miles traveled, get more housing diversity so it is easier for first time homebuyers and easier for empty nesters to downsize.

PGE and NW Natural rates continue to increase at levels much higher than inflation each year. I think with PGE – rates have gone up @ 40% in the last 3 years. This is very frustrating to me. City of Sherwood and your City Council do not have a policy role in setting rates for PGE and NW Natural, but I do complain about it and urge our state/

federal elected officials to reform the regulations around rate setting.

Growing demands for electricity is blamed for a chunk of these large rate increases. Demand is not just from residential, commercial or most industrial growth – but rather a large surge in number of data centers. I'm told, one modern energy efficient data center uses power levels like a city the size of Sherwood. AI data centers are not nearly as energy efficient. Adding power capacity is expensive, the most expensive power source for a utility.

For Homeowners: consider adding solar to your home especially when your roof is new. For rental property owners: also consider adding solar to your properties as a very nice benefit to renting from you. In Sherwood and in SE WA County there are many good companies that sell/install/service rooftop solar. I added solar 3 years ago to my home. My monthly cost (loan payment and bills to PGE & NW Natural) has been the same since the year before I added solar.

Please reach out to me with ideas, questions, or concerns. I'm happy to talk over coffee, over the phone or via email: MaysK@SherwoodOregon.gov or 503.625.4222.

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WINTERIZING YOUR HOME

It's not too late to winterize your home and protect your pipes during future freezing weather. Below are steps you can take before and during cooler temperatures to make sure you are prepared.

Outside of your home:

- Detach hoses from all outside faucets.
- Insulate your faucet foam cap or insulating material.
- If your outdoor faucet has a shut-valve, turn it to the right to shut it off. Then turn on each outdoor spigot to drain the water from the pipes.
- Turn off and drain automatic sprinkler systems and backflow devices. Wrap backflow devices with insulating material.

Inside your home:

- Insulate hot and cold pipes that are in unheated areas in your home (such as garage, crawl space, or attic).
- Cover foundation vents with foam blocks, thickly folded newspaper, or cardboard.

If you find yourself in freezing temperatures, there are additional steps you can take to avoid a water emergency.

During Freezing temperatures:

- Turn on the faucet farthest from your water meter so it has a slow and steady drip. Unsure of where your water meter is? Turn on a faucet farthest from the street, like in the back of your home or upstairs. This will keep water flowing in your home and make it less likely to freeze.
- Open bathroom and kitchen cabinet doors to allow warmer air to flow to pipes.

And last but certainly not least, familiarize yourself and household members with your shut-off valve! Everyone in the house should know where it is and how to use it in an emergency. They are typically in the garage, outside the home, or in the crawl space. As always, if you have an after-hours water or sewer related emergency you may call the Public Works line at 503.625.5722.



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Oregon E-Bike Regulations

Many community members have reached out to us about E-bike regulations. E-bike regulations in Oregon are a bit of a moving target right now. There are federal E-bike laws, State of Oregon E-bike laws, and different cities have a variety of their own city ordinances regarding E-bikes. Sherwood currently does not have an ordinance specifically regarding E-bikes.

The state of Oregon defines E-bikes as a bicycle that has two or three fully functional pedals equipped with a motor that does not exceed 1000 watts and is designed with a maximum speed of 20mph. E-bikes in Oregon are not considered motor vehicles but are actually considered a bicycle by the Oregon Vehicle Code and can ride on any roadway, lane, or path that is approved for bicycles (except Class 3). However, Oregon State Parks considers E-bikes as motor vehicles; Oregon Park trails are governed by Oregon Administrative Rules which define "motorized vehicles" as "any vehicle being powered by an engine or motor which is capable of transporting a person". Therefore, there is a blanket prohibition of E-bikes in Oregon state parks.

Under Oregon law, E-bikes cannot be ridden on sidewalks, riders have to be 16 years old or older, and E-bikes do not have a helmet requirement by law (including teenage riders). Last year, a 15-year-old was killed in Bend while riding an E-bike without a helmet. The City of Bend is looking at changing local ordinances regarding E-bikes after that incident.

There are three classes of E-bikes and simply put, they differentiate between the top speeds an E-bike can go, and the components involved.

Class 1 E-bikes has a maximum speed of 20mph and is equipped with an electric motor without throttle that works when the rider is pedaling, also known as pedal assist.

This means the E-bike's drive system is only activated once you start pedaling. Class 2 E-bikes provide assistance when pedaling and has a maximum speed of 20mph with a throttle. A throttle is a feature that comes in a grip-twist or button the rider holds down to make the bike ride without medaling.

Class 3 E-bikes feature pedal assist only and has a maximum speed of 28mph. They can go faster than 28mph if the bikes are modified. Due to the higher power of these bikes, they are considered motor vehicles and not bicycles.

Traffic Officer C. Pierce called a local bike shop and asked if there is a way that law enforcement could tell if an E-bike was Class 1, 2, or 3 as it's riding past us. They said no, and that the only way to figure out the class is to physically inspect the e-bike to see what voltage the electric assist motor is. This particular shop has a Class 3 bike that has been heavily modified with 12,000 watts and has been clocked at 80 mph on radar.

