

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Positive Impacts

Our community now has new 18 graduates of a series of digital literacy workshops taught in English & Spanish this fall, thanks to a partnership with Sherwood Public Library and the Sherwood School District SHARE Center, with funding from the national Public Library Association and AT&T. A big thank you to everyone in attendance and who helped to make this positive impact. Graduates received their choice of a Chromebook laptop or Kindle Fire tablet to keep and are invited to continue taking free classes at the library.

### Support the Library and invest in our community.

Donors help us to meet the needs of our community. Funds can be donated directly to the Friends of the Sherwood Public Library, a private, Non-Profit 501c3 corporation. See [sherwoodfol.org](http://sherwoodfol.org) for PayPal and check payment options. Any amount helps us to enhance library services such as books for summer reading and book clubs for all ages.

Celebrate loved ones with memorial books, planned giving, and bequests. Email Library Manager, Adrienne Doman Calkins at [domancalkinsa@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:domancalkinsa@sherwoodoregon.gov) or call 503.625.4272 for information about the Friends and our new Library Foundation. We are happy to help celebrate your loved ones in a meaningful way. Read more at [sherwoodoregon.gov/library/SupportDonatePartner](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/library/SupportDonatePartner).

### Winter Reading Challenges

#### Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Expand your reading life this winter. Read a book in each of our three challenges by February 29, 2023, for a chance

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to win a \$25 gift card. 1) Read a book by a PNW author, 2) Read a historical fiction book, 3) Read a book of poetry. Details at [sherwoodoregon.gov/library](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/library) and [in.the.library](http://in.the.library).

### Books & Bricks Winter Reading

Kids keep up their reading habits during winter break with our LEGO-themed reading challenge. Turn the log in at the end of break for a chance to win fun LEGO prizes and an extra school library checkout for those at a Sherwood School District elementary school. Look for reading logs to come home from school or pick one up at the library starting December 16.

### 20th Annual Food Drive

We are partnering with local food pantries to feed our neighbors. From December 3 through 9, bring donations of canned or non-perishable food to the library.

### Storytimes

Join us for an interactive session where we read books, sing songs, and play action rhymes.

- Baby Storytime: Thursdays 10:15 a.m. Designed for ages 0-12 months, and their caregivers.
- Fun for Ones: Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Designed for walking youth, ages 12-23 months, and their caregivers.
- Toddler Storytime: Tuesdays 10:15 a.m. Designed for youth, ages 24-36 months, and their caregivers.
- All Ages Storytime: Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Designed for youth, ages 0-6 years, and their caregivers.

### Old Town Sherwood Winter Art Walk & Holiday Market

The library is a stop on the Winter Art Walk, organized by Sherwood Center for the Arts (SCA). Join us we host local author, June Reynolds. Maps are at the SCA (22689 SW Pine St). Along the route, view local art, chat with artists, participate in interactive activities, listen to live music, and enjoying food and beverages from Old Town locations. Fill your map with stamps from each stop and enter to win a prize basket from a local Sherwood business. Details at [sherwoodcenterforthearts.org](http://sherwoodcenterforthearts.org). On November 30, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Holiday hours:** The library will open at 11:00 a.m. on December 13, to allow staff to attend a citywide appreciation event. The library is closed December 24, and Monday, December 25 in observance of Christmas, and Monday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day. The Pine Street bookdrop will be open and e-books and accounts are available at [wcls.org](http://wcls.org).

All events are free and open to the public. Library cards are not required to attend. See more events and activities, and registration information, at [sherwoodoregon.gov/library](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/library). Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at [sherwoodoregon.gov/library/newsletters](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/library/newsletters). Contact us at [askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov) or 503.625.6688

Sherwood Public Library, a Washington County Cooperative Library Services member library, is located at 22560 SW Pine St., Sherwood, OR, and always online at [sherwoodoregon.gov/library](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/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

In Sherwood, when Veterans Day rolls around, we don't just mark it on the calendar; we come together to mark it with heart, tradition, and song. This year, the Sherwood Center for the Arts was abuzz with neighbors and friends, all gathered to honor our nation's defenders. It was an uplifting day that reminded us that our veterans are the folks we grocery shop with, chat with over the fence, and wave to on our morning jog.

The warmth of community was tangible as we mixed and mingled, sharing stories of service and sacrifice. The Mixolydians, our local high school acapella group, filled the hall with the anthems of the armed forces. As each song rang out, veterans from the respective branches stood, and we all got to say 'thank you' with our applause and cheers. It was a simple but profound act of recognition for the people who've stood guard over our freedom.

Sig Unander's keynote speech about the Red Tail Squadron brought history right to our doorstep. His talk went beyond the textbooks, touching on the courage of the all-Black fighter squadron that fought with distinction in World War II. These pilots soared above racism and adversity to protect bombers on their missions into the heart of Nazi Germany, becoming the escort of choice by bomber squadrons and a symbol of heroism. The Red Tails' success was real, the missions where they escorted bombers lost 50% fewer bomber crews than all other fighter squadrons combined. Their story isn't just about overcoming odds; it's about setting new standards for bravery and excellence.

The discipline and reverence shown by Argonne Post 56 were something to behold. They're the keepers of tradition, Posting the colors, leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and retiring the colors at the end of the event. Their precision speaks to their deep, deep respect for our nation and its values.

As your Mayor and as someone who has served, I feel a personal connection to this day. In my remarks, I tried to express that blend of pride and humility that comes with service. And it's not just about looking back—it's about looking around at the young people, like my niece, a Master Sargent in the US Space Force, who are taking up the mantle and safeguarding our future.

Our gathering was proof of Sherwood's heartbeat, a unified rhythm of pride and gratitude. The event was more than just a series of presentations; it was a reaffirmation of our small-town values and our big-hearted support for those in uniform.

It was an amazing experience where we got the chance to share stories of our service with old and new acquaintances. Our country has a rich history of heroic actions- from the Revolutionary War to recent events- that are deeply etched in our collective family histories. Every year, one of my favorite parts of this event is getting to share and exchange these stories with each other.

I want to thank every person who took the time to join us in honoring our veterans and the city staff who coordinated and organized the event. Your presence was a powerful statement of patriotism and community. Let's hold onto that spirit, cherish it, and live it out, ensuring that the respect we show our veterans is woven into the fabric of our daily lives. Here's to making every day a tribute to those who have sacrificed for our country.

I want to encourage everyone to go down to the war memorial at Memorial Park. It's a serene spot that's seen more visitors since its recent update and makeover - a place where you can get lost in thought, honor a loved one, or sit in gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy because of those who've served. You should also consider honoring veterans in your family by having a custom brick added to the pavers at Memorial Park celebrating their service.

For more information please visit [sherwoodoregon.gov/BrickProgram](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/BrickProgram).



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## COUNCIL CORNER

Taylor Giles, City Councilor

### The Library is Magic!

As a young boy, I was interested in jokes and magic tricks. I had received a few books from my parents, but they were not enough to satisfy my desire to entertain. I remember when my mother suggested that I check out my local library. As a precocious pre-teen, I associated the library with the children's reading hour and a huge dictionary at the entrance. I was skeptical that the library would have something as awesome as joke books or magic tricks. I was shocked when the librarian took me to an entire shelf full of jokes! They even had a magic set that I could check out. I remember feeling like I had made a secret discovery that I didn't want to tell anyone about.

For years, I rode my bike and then drove my car to my local library. Sometimes I would go with a specific title in mind, other times I would wander and pick up a book that was featured by the librarians. This opened me up to interesting genres and exposed me to new ideas. It has given me a lifelong love of learning. Today I use

their audiobooks daily and even take advantage of their streaming services for documentaries. To me the library is a magic place.

My story is not unique. I have heard many stories of the impact that libraries have had on the citizens of Sherwood. They provide early reading intervention, repair fairs, job training, computer training, teen study areas, book clubs and so much more.

Libraries are funded by a variety of sources, including government funding, private donations, and fees for services. However, government funding for libraries has been declining in recent years, and requests for library services are increasing. Many libraries are struggling to make ends meet. This is why I am pleased to announce the formation of the new Sherwood Library Foundation (SHELF).

The SHELF foundation was started by a group of citizens (Deb Diers and Fritz Kaliszewski) who want to leave a lasting legacy of loving libraries. I have loved to hear how libraries have changed their lives and can't wait to see what the future holds. We have already had several individuals volunteer their expertise to help get this off

the ground, but we can always use more. Here are a few ways that YOU can help:

- Send us a quick note about how libraries have impacted your life
- Plan to make a tax deductible donation to SHELF in 2024
- Add Sherwood Library Foundation (SHELF) to your will
- Volunteer your legal, financial, non-profit or other expertise!
- Visit [www.sherwoodlibraryfoundation.org](http://www.sherwoodlibraryfoundation.org)

I need to also thank our fantastic city manager, Keith Campbell, for encouraging this idea and connecting us with others who have helped get this foundation off the ground. We are lucky to have him.

Please email me at [gilest@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:gilest@sherwoodoregon.gov) or call me at 503.610.6622 if you would like to know more. We can even help you create a lasting legacy for a loved one!

## WINTERIZING YOUR HOME

Now is a great time to start thinking about winterizing your home and protecting your pipes during winter 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.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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### Holiday Safety Tips

With the holidays around the corner, we'd like to remind the community about the importance of staying safe during the holiday season. The City of Sherwood remains a safe city with relatively few violent crimes. However, we can't let that cause us to let our guard down. Criminals love the holiday season because the holiday hustle and bustle can sometimes cause us to put our guard down. Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely.

### If you are shopping

- Park in well-lit areas, and be sure to lock the car, close your windows, and hide all gifts and shopping bags in the trunk.
- If it's feasible, take your items home before going to the next store.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Carry your purse close to your body and put your wallet in an inside pocket or front pants pocket. Don't leave your purse or wallet unattended in the shopping cart.
- Shopping with the kids? Teach your kids to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated, and don't allow your kids to go off by themselves.

### At Home

- Don't leave your vehicle running unattended (this includes warming it up on cold mornings).
- Install security cameras, alarm systems, and ensure they are working properly.
- Ensure dark areas and entrances have outdoor lights that are turned on after dark or are activated by sensors.
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed so they do not conceal doors and windows. Remember, overgrown foliage can provide a hiding place for criminals.
- Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.

- Make sure all doors and windows have secondary locks (deadbolts, window pins, dowls, etc) and make sure to use them!
- Lock your vehicle and remove all valuables
- Ask a trusted friend, family member, or neighbor to watch your home if you're leaving for the holidays
- Use timers for lights while you're away

### Avoid Porch Theft

- Get a P.O. Box at your local Post Office
  - Schedule package delivery when you're home
  - Network with neighbors to make sure someone can pick up your package if you're not home
  - Have packages delivered to work
  - Leave specific drop-off instructions
  - Use a smart lock
  - Install security cameras and make sure they are working properly
- If you see or hear something that seems suspicious, and you're unsure if you should call, please call us.

Non-Emergency Dispatch 503-629-0111: suspicious activity, persons, or vehicles, cold thefts, extra patrol requests, noise disturbances, questions for an officer, and anything out of place.

9-1-1: serious injuries, missing children, endangered persons, crimes occurring now, and immediate threat of harm or danger.

The Sherwood Police Department wishes you a happy, safe, and peaceful holiday season.

## FEATURED PARTNER: SHERWOOD HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands is a Sherwood community food bank aiding those in need. This year marks the 36th year they have been helping families here in Sherwood. Over the years it has grown in size and scope, serving hundreds of families annually in the local area.

November is the month that kicks off the season for food drives and fundraising. Helping Hands has over thirty clubs, businesses, churches and schools that pitch in to collect food. The food is stored in their warehouse and distributed throughout the year. The money they collect is used to purchase fresh dairy, meat and produce to supplement the nonperishable goods they pass out. This food is distributed on the third Saturday of each month to families in need at the Sherwood United Methodist Church in Sherwood. If a family needs additional help, emergency food boxes are available more than once a month. They can simply go to the church on any Tuesday or Thursday morning and ask for food and receive a food box.

Helping Hands also administers a 'backpack' weekend meal program to children in the Sherwood school district. Kids in the "free and reduced meal program" are eligible to receive a backpack full of "kid friendly" food on Friday afternoons for themselves and their siblings for their weekend breakfast and lunch meals. They bring back the empty backpack on Monday morning. This program is monitored by local school counselors. Helping Hands also partners with the Sherwood Library in a six-week summer "lunch and learning" session for younger students. This event is held in the Sherwood Olson city park. Each week lunches are provided for all participating students.

"Our goal is to make sure no child in our area goes to bed hungry", says Gerry Edy, co-director of Helping Hands. He and his co-director wife, Dottie, have been involved in Helping Hands for the past 20 years. "We could not do all of this without our dedicated volunteers. Some of them have been with us since the very beginning. We also owe a special thanks to the Give n' Gobble annual Thanksgiving run organizers for their generous support" added Edy. The annual Thanksgiving morning Give n' Gobble run (5K and 10K) has been a holiday tradition in Sherwood and a way to give back to the community by helping those in need. This holiday running event provides nonperishable food and generates funding needed to purchase dairy, meat, fresh bread and produce. For more information about Give n' Gobble, go to their website: [givenessgobble.com](http://givenessgobble.com)

So, please get out and join your friends and neighbors on Thanksgiving morning and run to support our mission. Bring your kids, bring your dog and go on a 5K walk or a 10K run. We promise it will be fun and you will be home in time to put your turkey in the oven. You won't miss any football games and you will feel better about eating those 5,000 calories later in the day.

To learn more about Helping Hands outreach or how to volunteer, go to their [sherwoodhelpinghands.org](http://sherwoodhelpinghands.org)



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# SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

## Winter at the Center

Winter at the Center returns with four holiday themed events filled to the brim with cheer, music, food and community. Kick off the holiday season with one or ALL of these fabulous and festive events hosted by the Center for the Arts. Bring the entire family!

## Winter Art Walk: Holiday Market - November 30 | 5:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. | Free

We kick off our "Winter at the Center" festivities with the Old Town Sherwood Winter Art Walk. Old Town comes alive with twinkling lights and free gift-wrapping as you shop local this holiday season! View art, chat with artisans and artists, participate in activities, listen to live music and bring the whole family to the merriest Art Walk of the year! With over 13 stops, you're sure to find something special and handcrafted for a loved one. Collect your map at the Center for the Arts and be transported into our holiday artisan market, featuring 20 artists and vendors.

## White Christmas Movie Sing-a-long - December 9 | 7:00 p.m. | \$5

"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas!" Start this Christmas season with some of your favorite cult classic, holiday tunes. Harmonize with Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney, Danny Kaye and Vera-Ellen as they dance across the screen. Dressed in your holiday best - whether that's your jammies or favorite ugly sweater or suit/dress! Refreshments provided for purchase by Cooper Mountain Ale Works.

## Swankified Christmas Concert with Courtney Freed & David Lerman - December 11 | 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | \$10/all ages OR \$50/table

Join celebrated Portland songstress Courtney Freed as she hosts a festive, sparkly sing-along with professional pianist David Lerman. Get in the holiday spirit with special guests and community merriment. Limited tables available for purchase. Refreshments provided for purchase by 503 Uncorked.

## A Blues & Soul Christmas with Lisa Mann & Sonny Hess - December 13 | 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | \$10/student & seniors | \$15/adult

Lisa Mann and Sonny Hess bring Christmas songs to life in a rockin' good way with A Blues and Soul Christmas. This fiery duo of award winning musicians and their backing band deliver traditional sing-along Christmas songs with an upbeat twist, as well as Blues and Soul Christmas classics from artists like BB King and Stevie Wonder. If you're looking for a holiday celebration that will have you dancing in the aisles, this is the one for you!

## Current Gallery Exhibit: Four Eights

Art is selling quickly! Come enjoy our current gallery exhibit, high-lighting pieces created during the Four Eights Artists Challenge, which tasked participating artists with creating original artwork around a singular theme on four eight-inch square canvases. The show features 45 artists from all across the county; 2023 is our largest Four Eights show yet with 180 pieces of art on our gallery walls! All artwork is for sale and priced between \$25 and \$100. What a great way to start or enhance your own art collection, as well as support local artists.

This show is available for viewing October 19, 2023 through December 17, 2023. Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

## Fall Art Classes & Workshops

We are excited to introduce and welcome a handful of new instructors, mediums and classes this fall. Dive into floral art, candlemaking, ukulele, guitar, piano, baking, 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](http://SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org) to view the full fall class schedule and to register.

## Congrats to our 2023 Fall'oween Winners!!

Congratulations to our 2023 Fall'oween Window Painting Contest winners! Over 1,000 people voted for their favorite window art, resulting in our People's Choice winner. Sherwood celebrity guest judges determined our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners:  
**1st place:** Honey Rose Boards featuring artist Lindsay Ruiz-Hanway  
**2nd place:** Cooper Mountain Ale Works featuring artist Joe Calkins  
**3rd place:** Sherwood Center for the Arts featuring artists Jenny & Paul Schildan  
**People's Choice Award:** Fairbanks Allstate Insurance featuring Team Coraline Fan Art in Honor of Laika Studios 2009  
We cannot wait for our 2024 contest! A huge thank you to all participating businesses and artists. This was the largest contest yet, with 19 businesses and over 21 artists along the Fall'oween route.

# PLANNING NEWS

## City Economic Development Update

The Sherwood City Council is thinking differently about growth. The council recognizes housing needs to be balanced with economic growth. Encouraging the growth of high-quality jobs as we work to diversify our housing options needs to be done in a way that is compatible with our community values. Currently, over 9,000 Sherwood residents commute daily to jobs outside of Sherwood. Due to long commutes, many of our residents miss family dinners and other activities impacting family life. Creating a balance between housing and job opportunities is crucial for the financial stability of our community and the overall quality of life in our community. For that reason, the Council has designated economic development as one of its top priorities.

Sherwood is focusing on the growth of technology and advanced manufacturing companies, and you see this development in the Tonquin Employment Area (TEA), which has been planned for many years as a key employment district. The Tualatin-Sherwood Corporate Park, completed in 2022 in the TEA, is located on the south side of SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road, west of SW 124th Avenue. It was fully occupied prior to the completion of construction by advanced manufacturing companies, including Lam Research, NSI Manufacturing, and DWFritz Precision Automation. This has helped Sherwood gain recognition that we have an excellent location for the growth of headquarters operations, sophisticated R&D, and manufacturing companies.

Now, Schnitzer Properties is developing the Sherwood Commerce Center just south of SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road in the Tonquin Employment Area. The project has the potential for the growth of up to 30 companies. The first phase of this project consists of nearly 450,000 sq. feet of new multi-tenant industrial and manufacturing park space in three new buildings, which are now under construction. Occupancy of the first phase is expected by Spring 2024. Once fully developed, this two-phase project will contain 1 million sq. ft. of new multi-tenant industrial park space for the growth of existing and new advanced manufacturing companies – growing new jobs and a more diversified tax base for Sherwood.

Schnitzer has just leased the first 70,000 sq ft. of the development to Olympus Controls, which is an automation technology engineering company. Their new headquarters and advanced manufacturing operation in the Sherwood Commerce Center will allow them to double the footprint of their company's operations and their number of jobs, which will benefit nearby restaurants and retail businesses.

This announcement helps Sherwood on its journey to become a key emerging tech hub in the region's Silicon Forest.

## 2024 Business License Renewal

All businesses or individuals conducting business activities in Sherwood are required to have a current, valid City of Sherwood business license. All business licenses must be renewed annually and expire on December 31. New businesses operating in Sherwood after June 30 of the current year will pay a pro-rated fee through December 31. Thereafter, the annual business license fee shall be due in full by January 1. To complete a or to renew your license online, go to: [sherwoodoregon.gov/communitydevelopment/page/business-license](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/communitydevelopment/page/business-license)

If your business is located within the city boundaries of Sherwood, your business license has a base fee of \$75.00 plus \$6.00 for each FTE employee.

If your business is located outside of the city boundaries of Sherwood, your business license has a base fee of \$107.50 plus \$6.00 for each FTE employee.

Discounts are available to new businesses, small businesses, businesses headquartered in Sherwood, and businesses that are in the manufacturing or tech industries.

For questions or assistance with your renewal application, please call 503.625.4237 or email at [businesslicensing@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:businesslicensing@sherwoodoregon.gov). You can also visit us at the Community Development counter in City Hall.

# SPOTLIGHT ON CITY STAFF

Not only is the City of Sherwood a great place to live, it is a great place to work! Each edition we want to put the spotlight on some of Sherwood's hardworking City Staff and what they do! In this edition we want to introduce you to our Senior Civil Engineer Craig Christensen and one of our HR Team Rachel Wyatt.

## Craig Christensen -

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

A: About 34 years, not counting summer work with WisDOT.

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

A: 12 years

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

A: Variety of things. Plan review, dealing with design/construction questions for private development. Designing and management of public works maintenance projects. Coordinating with capital improvement design teams. Writing of conditions of approval. Pre-application notes and meetings. Coordination with community development. SDC calculations.

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

A: Since we are a small municipality, you get a variety of work to perform and don't get lost in a mass of as with a larger jurisdiction.

Q: What are some typical challenges of this position?

A: Dealing with design/construction issues as they arise.

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

A: Prioritization of work is important and don't take anything personally when conflicts arise.

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

A: I had a lot of private development design experience before working with the city which is my base for private development review and helps see what difficulties a private developer has to deal with to fully develop a project. Public jurisdictional experience would have been helpful, especially in capital improvement project management. But as with anything I feel that doing is the best education and I like to pass on any knowledge/experience that I can offer with co-workers so that they can learn from my experiences.

## Rachel Wyatt -

Q: How long have you been working in Human Resources?

A: About 6 years.

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

A: 10 months

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

A: No two days are the same. There are days where I spend a lot of time focused on recruiting, going out to the different departments, working on inner office projects, onboarding, helping employees with benefit questions or attending webinars to ensure I am current on all the updating laws and regulations.

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

A: For me it is really all about the people and how well everyone interacts and works together.

Q: What are some typical challenges of this position?

A: Are there typical challenges in HR? I would consider a typical challenge to be what I consider "one-offs". Occasional items that don't occur very often.

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

A: Figure out how best you work and stay organized. In HR there are a lot of moving pieces and projects that you are responsible for completing one time, while managing the day-to-day tasks.

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

A: Having started out in the private sector, I was able to get my feet wet with the world of HR. What really helped is having spent time as HR-Department of one, meaning that I was the only HR representative for the company. I had a lot of responsibilities to maintain, and it encouraged the continual growth of many skills that are important for someone in an HR position.

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## We are hiring!

The City of Sherwood is proud of its dedicated staff who take every opportunity to provide exceptional service to the community. We are currently hiring for the following positions:

- Building Inspector/Plans Examiner
- Civil Engineer
- Engineering Technician II
- Geographic Information System (GIS) Programmer/Analyst
- Lead Maintenance Worker
- Maintenance Workers
- Marketing and Communications Manager
- Recreation Assistants
- Telecommunications Utility Worker I

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



(Positions will update as recruiting needs change)

## We Need Volunteers!

Our senior center continues to grow which means more volunteer opportunities. This is a very vibrant and active senior community center with a friendly bunch of patrons and a top-notch staff. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of this great team. We're looking for friendly people who can help in the kitchen, dining room, and with non-contact delivery of meals. We have shifts from 1.5 up to 4 hours one day a week. If you can't commit to one day each week, we can always use subs. If interested, go to [SherwoodOregon.gov/Volunteer](http://SherwoodOregon.gov/Volunteer) to submit an volunteer application. Email Tammy Steffens at [SteffensT@SherwoodOregon.gov](mailto:SteffensT@SherwoodOregon.gov) with questions.

# MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Secret Santas for Sherwood Seniors is back! Be a Secret Santa for one of our local seniors! We're excited for the return of this wonderful holiday event spreading cheer for all of Sherwood to hear. Santa and his elves are looking forward to delivering gifts with our meals during the week of December 18. If you would like to participate this year, visit our website at [sherwoodoregon.gov/marjoriestewartcenter](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/marjoriestewartcenter) or call 503.625.5644 to select a senior's gift wish. Please bring your unwrapped gift with the gift wish ID to the Marjorie Stewart Center by December 15 so we have time for the elves to wrap and deliver it. You can also have items sent directly to the senior center as long as they have the gift wish ID and are received by December 15. We're excited to bring the cheer to our Sherwood seniors!

The holidays can be a time of great joy but for many, it's a season filled with conflicting emotions and sadness. At this time of year, it's important to make sure you are taking care of your well-being and checking in on those around you. If you are looking for some added support, please consider joining us for some of these programs:

**Supported Aging -** This is a drop-in conversation group to discuss any of the many troubles we face as we age. Being over 60 gives many unique perspectives of experience and with it, some universal problems. Join the group to share challenges and find support with others as well as tools from our head licensed sociologist, Joan Laguzza. We will work together to identify solutions and offer a supportive space for listening and problem solving.

**Let's Talk -** Offering 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.

**Creating Home as You Age -** December 6 at 1:30 p.m. - FREE  
Living in a place that's safe and comfortable and surrounded by cozy memories is a natural human desire. Let's talk about the things that are most important to you regarding your living situation and how we might adapt as we age.

**Resilience & Bouncing Back -** January 3 at 1:30 p.m. - FREE  
How well do you bounce back from adversity? Resiliency has been shown to be key in positive mental health. Come and talk with others about developing resilience in the face of stress and change.

**Loving Someone with Cognitive Impairment -** Tuesdays November 14 through December 12 2023 at 3:30 p.m. - FREE  
This drop-in group is a place where children and spouses of individuals with cognitive decline can meet to find support in each other as well as learn about the illness impairing their loved one, coping with the many challenges that arise, taking care of themselves. We will work through ways of communicating with medical professionals as well as with your loved one.



# MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES Continued

## Program for Enhancing Rewarding Lives (PEARLS) - By Appointment FREE

Have you been feeling down or blue? Have you lost interest in doing things? If you answered "yes" to one or both of these questions and are 60 years or older, there may be something we can do to help. PEARLS Coaches lead participants who meet the criteria through problem solving treatment to emphasize self-empowerment while being included in the supportive and caring Marjorie Stewart Center community. The PEARLS Program teaches you skills to manage the unpleasant feelings associated with depression. Local coaches meet with you to help you identify and solve problems that are linked to feeling the way you do. Learn ways to become more physically and socially active.

**ONE-ON-ONE Counseling - FREE**  
Life can be overwhelming at times and sometimes we just need someone to talk to. We are happy to partner with Pacific University to offer one-on-one therapeutic counseling to older adults in our community.

Here are some other things that we have going on at the Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center:

**What You Know CAN Save Your Life -** December 15 at 10:30 a.m. - FREE  
Join former Clackamas County Fireman, David Scheiman, as he presents what he wished everyone would know prior to an emergency in order to have the best outcome for you, your loved ones, and your property. Learn how to prepare to help yourself and our local emergency responders in these difficult situations. Register at 503.625.5644.

**AARP Smart DriverTEK -** December 6 at 10:00 a.m. - FREE  
Get Smart About New Vehicle Technology! Join our 90-minute workshop to learn all about the latest high-tech safety features in your current car, or what technology to look for when shopping for a new car. The safety benefits of blind spot warning systems, forward collision warnings and more.

**Hooks & Needles -** Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. - FREE  
If you're a knitter, tatter, and - of course- crocheter, join the newly re-named Hooks & Needles group. Hooks and Needles meets every Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Bring your project, your questions, and your company as we work and chat. Come along for the fun of it! Craft, chat, and have a great time! Just beginning but you can crochet a chain and a flat square? This is a fun and open group to show off what you're working on, ask advice on problem stitches, or just be with other crafters.

**Mah Jong 101 -** Wednesdays January 1 through January 31 at 10:00 a.m.  
Join Bev, Mah Jong teacher extraordinaire, as she breaks down how to play American Mah Jong into bite sized pieces as you learn to play this fun, challenging, and social game! American Mah Jong uses the tiles that you may be familiar with the solitaire version played on your computer, but this group game is more akin to canasta or gin rummy in its style of play. Join if you're completely new to the game or if you're wanting to revisit how to play. \$20 for 2024 Mah Jong Card and class.

If you have questions about any of these activities, please call 503.625.5644 or [sherwoodoregon.gov/marjoriestewartcenter](http://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](mailto:burbankm@sherwoodoregon.gov).

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November/December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20 Cultural Arts Commission 6:30 p.m.	21 City Council 7:00 p.m	22	23 Thanksgiving Day City Offices Closed	24 City Offices Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30	December 1	2
3	4 Parks & Recreation Board 7:00 p.m.	5 City Council 7:00 p.m	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16
17	18 Cultural Arts Commission 6:30 p.m.	19 City Council 7:00 p.m	20	21 Police Advisory Board 7:00 p.m.	22	23