

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Sherwood Public Library Celebrates the Freedom to Read

Banned Books Week (October 1-7, 2023) is an annual event of the American Library Association celebrating the freedom to read and highlighting the value of free and open access to information. Public libraries affirm the right and responsibility of parents to guide their children's library use, and the right of Americans to choose their own reading material. Visit us in person for more information and giveaways, including a free vinyl sticker from Washington County Cooperative Library Services.



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ner and childcare provided. Prizes for participants. Classes made possible by an incentive from the Public Library Association and AT&T. Class size is limited. Registration is required. On Wednesdays, October 4 through November 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Únase a nosotros para una serie de talleres que se ofrecen en inglés y español en el Centro SHARE [21920 SW Sherwood Blvd.] Conceptos básicos de: las computadoras, ciberseguridad, Internet, videoconferencias, correo electrónico, y los dispositivos móviles. Se proporciona cena y cuidado de niños gratis. ¡Premios para los participantes! Clases posibles gracias a un incentivo de la Asociación de Bibliotecas Públicas y AT&T. El tamaño de la clase es limitado. Se requiere registro. Los miércoles 4 de octubre hasta 8 de noviembre, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### TeenLAB

A volunteer club for teens to give back to the library, socialize with a diverse group of teens, and learn new skills. Volunteer hours are accrued during the sessions. Register by emailing [askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov). On the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Grades 7-12.

#### Storytimes

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

- Fun for Ones: Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Designed for walkers ages 12-23 months.
- Toddler Storytime: Tuesdays 10:15 a.m. Designed for ages 24-36 months.
- All Ages Storytime: Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Designed for ages 0-6 years.

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- Baby Storytime: Thursdays 10:15 a.m. Designed for ages 0-12 months.

#### STEAM Saturday / Sábado de STEAM

Drop in for a dose of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) fun on the last Saturday of every month. Build with Snap Circuits, 3-D pens, Magnetic Tiles, and more. On every last Saturday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ages 3 and up.



The library will be closed on October 9, for a staff in-service day. The Pine Street bookdrop will be open and e-books and accounts are always available at [wcccls.org](http://wcccls.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

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## MAYOR UPDATE

Five years ago, your city council made a dramatic shift in how we think about growth. We recognized that our continued focus on just building housing needed to be balanced with economic growth. In simple terms, we need to encourage growth in high-quality jobs as we work to diversify our housing options. We must do this in a way that is compatible with our community values.

Sherwood has seen significant growth over the last 30 years, and I believe we have done a great job of managing the growth. A simple walk through our community is proof that Sherwood is truly one of the best places to live in Oregon. As we plan today, we want to make sure that Sherwood is a great place to live for the next 30 years.

#### The Balancing Act: Housing and Employment

One of the primary objectives of economic development efforts is ensuring a symbiotic relationship between housing and job growth. With around 9,000 of our residents commuting daily to external jobs, only a fraction, approximately 900, both live and work within Sherwood's boundaries. This imbalance is not just a statistic; it reflects lost family dinners, missed soccer games, and prolonged hours on the road - all of which significantly impact our community's quality of life.

By providing opportunities for residents to work within Sherwood, we not only reclaim lost time but also create a sustainable, environment-friendly community. Shorter commutes translate to reduced carbon footprints, further enhancing our commitment to the environment.

Maintaining a balance between housing and job opportunities is crucial for the financial stability of our community and overall quality of life. Approximately 29% of your property tax payment goes toward the city, while the remaining amount is distributed among other taxing agencies such as the county, TVFR, and schools. These city funds are utilized for public safety, transportation system maintenance, senior centers, parks, library, and the arts center, among other essential services. The city's primary source of funding is from these taxes, and a change in the ratio of residential and job lands can positively impact the city's financial strength.

For every dollar of residential property taxes that the city brings in it costs us approximately \$1.25 to provide services and maintain infrastructure. Jobs land, however, only costs us between \$0.50 to \$0.75 for every dollar we bring in. Encouraging economic development brings balance to tax rolls and allows us to stretch our city funds further

and continue to provide outstanding services to our community without having to ask for additional taxes like many cities around us are doing.

Our proactive city planning efforts included lobbying for federal funds and receiving (three million dollars) to construct a road through the Tonquin Employment Area, a vital location between Sherwood and Tualatin. This infrastructure development is a significant milestone towards our vision, as it enhances connectivity and prepares the land for industrial development, making it an ideal location for businesses to set up their establishments.

The construction of 124th Street from Tualatin Sherwood Road to North Wilsonville was a major win. It opened up land for development and freight traffic, leading to investments in our community.

The fruits of these efforts are already visible. High-tech giants like Lam Research, DW Fritz, and NSI have chosen Sherwood as their home, signaling a new era of technological advancement for our city.

One last important note; The city has been collaborating with the community to plan for the next 20 to 30 years, with a focus on the vision for the Sherwood West urban reserves. I recommend that everyone take a careful look at the plan, which was developed by a committee of Sherwood residents and involved extensive public outreach. The plan has been approved by both the planning commission and the city council. It outlines our goal of integrating job and residential lands, with buffers between them, as well as extensive parks and trails that utilize the natural environment.

This plan will be a critical part of the council's conversation over the next three months as we consider asking Metro to extend the Urban Growth Boundary. We want to hear from you as we consider this question.

As your Mayor, I am deeply invested in ensuring that the city's growth does not overshadow its character. By emphasizing high-quality job opportunities, we are crafting a narrative where Sherwood's residents don't just live here but also thrive professionally. This vision for Sherwood's future - where community values and economic prosperity go hand in hand - is a journey we are committed to, and with the continued support of our residents, it's a dream we believe will soon be a reality.

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

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## FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

#### Cooking safety starts with YOU!

Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires and fire injuries. Last year, approximately 42 percent of the residential fires that Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue responded to, began in a kitchen.

October is Fire Prevention Month and this year the National Fire Protection Association campaign, "Cooking safety starts with YOU - Pay attention to fire prevention," works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking.

TVF&R crews encourage you to minimize your risk of a fire by organizing a safe kitchen and practicing these safe cooking tips:

- Keep a watchful eye on what you are cooking — never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep your cooking area clean, including the stovetop, oven, and exhaust fan.
- Keep dish towels and pot holders away from the burners on your stove.
- Watch your sleeves to prevent them from catching fire or getting caught on pan handles.
- Cooking oil can ignite quickly. Heat oil slowly and watch it closely.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen. Store it in an easy-to-reach location and know how to use it. The discharge of a portable fire extinguisher only lasts between eight and 10 seconds.

#### Put a lid on it!

The easiest way to extinguish a small pan fire is with a pan lid. Turn off the burner and carefully slide a pan lid over the pan from the side. The lid will "smother" the fire, while turning off the burner removes the heat. Do not move the pan until the fire is completely extinguished and the pan is cool. If you do not have a pan lid, you may also use a baking sheet or pizza pan.

Never transfer a burning pan from the stovetop to the sink or out an exterior door. The fire may grow in size and burn you or spread to a countertop, cabinets, or curtains.

#### Grease and water do not mix!

Never pour water on a grease fire. Water causes these fires to explode as the burning material stays on top of the water, causing it to spread and putting you at severe risk of getting burned.

If the fire is large and/or continues to grow, do not attempt to extinguish it. Quickly get everyone outside and immediately call 911 from a cellphone or neighbor's house. For additional safety tips, visit [tvfr.com](http://tvfr.com).



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## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

We continue to see a high number of distracted drivers using their cell phones while driving through our city. We would like to take the time to remind the community of the importance of putting your phone in park before you put your car in drive. Although distracted driving comes in many forms, texting and cell phone use has become the most preventable type of distracted driving.

Not only do your Sherwood Police Officers look for distracted drivers in our community, but officers also work overtime shifts to specifically target distracted drivers using cell phones. The funds to work these overtime shifts are paid by grants provided by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Most people we contact on traffic stops for cell phone use don't realize the significance of the cell phone law. Under ORS 811.507, these are the fines within a 10 year period if you are convicted of using your cell phone while driving:

- 1st conviction: \$265
- 2nd conviction: \$400
- 3rd+ conviction: B Misdemeanor

Most people don't realize they can be charged with a crime for cell phone use and it's not worth going to jail over using your cell phone while driving.

Here's a look at some statistics as to why staying off your phone while driving is so important.

- According to NHTSA, 32,657 people died in distraction-affected crashes over the ten-year period from 2012 to 2021. A distraction-affected crash is any traffic crash in which a driver was identified as distracted at the time of the crash.
- In 2021 there were 3,522 people killed and an estimated additional 362,415 people injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes involving distracted drivers. This is an increase of 380 fatalities compared to 2020.

- Distracted-driving crashes accounted for 8% of all fatal crashes, 14% of injury crashes and 13% of all police-reported motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2021.
- Five percent of all drivers involved in fatal traffic crashes in 2021 were reported as distracted at the time of the crashes. Seven percent of drivers 15 to 20 years old involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted at the time of the fatal crashes.
- In 2021 there were 644 nonoccupants (pedestrians, pedal cyclists, and others) killed in distraction-affected traffic crashes.

#### Safety Tips for Driving

- If you are expecting a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location. Once you are safely off the road and parked, it is safe to text.
- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter." Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.
- Struggling to not text and drive? Activate your phone's "Do Not Disturb" feature, or put your cell phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of your vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

With your diligence, you can help us keep the roads safe in our community by putting your phone down. Don't let your last text become your last words.

## COUNCIL CORNER

#### Dan Standke, City Councilor

Hello Sherwood residents, friends and fellow baseball enthusiasts! As a proud City Councilor and a Minnesota Twins fan (with a soft spot for the Baltimore Orioles), I am excited to share some insights and highlights about our beloved city as we transition from the summer months into the colorful foliage of fall.

#### Back to School in Sherwood

September, the month that marks the end of summer vacation and the beginning of a new school year. We pride ourselves on the importance of education and the Sherwood School District understands that importance by providing top-notch education and a safe learning environment for our students. It is heartwarming to witness the commitment of our dedicated teachers, supportive caregivers, and enthusiastic students. Help our kids arrive to school safely - put down your phone in school zones, drive the speed limit and please practice patience.

#### September in Sherwood

September in Sherwood brings a unique blend of nostalgia for summer and anticipation for fall. Our beautiful parks, such as Stella Olsen Park and Snyder Park, provide the perfect setting for picnics, outdoor activities, and the last few warm days of the year. I encourage everyone to make the most of this pleasant weather and explore the natural beauty that surrounds our city - including the Cedar Creek Trail and Sunset Blvd.

#### October in Sherwood

As September transitions into October, our city gets ready for the harvest season. The local farms offer fresh produce and go-to spots for picking out the perfect jack-o'-lantern candidate. At the end of October, be sure to check out Pirates of Pinehurst ([PiratesOfPinehurst.org](http://PiratesOfPinehurst.org)) located on the corner of Woodhaven and Pinehurst, as well as Old Town Halloween Trick or Treat located in, well, Old Town. Visit [oldtownsherwood.org/old-town-halloween-sherwood](http://oldtownsherwood.org/old-town-halloween-sherwood) for more details.

#### The Baltimore Orioles' Adley Rutschman

You might wonder why I'm mentioning a Baltimore Orioles player in our local update. The Baltimore Orioles' Adley Rutschman, a native of our city, will be playing in the Major League Baseball postseason this October. Adley Rutschman, a native of our city, will be playing in the Major League Baseball postseason this October. Adley Rutschman, a native of our city, will be playing in the Major League Baseball postseason this October.

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## FEATURED PARTNER: SHERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Back to School in the Sherwood School District

It's back to school time and we are ready to start the 2023-24 school year. It is a start filled with gratitude to parents and community members -- gratitude that has filled the hearts of our teachers and staff with a feeling of being valued and respected. Our schools are fully staffed and we have all six principals returning to lead the charge at our campuses. We have a great team in place and are excited to welcome close to 5,000 students!

Speaking of leaders, we are also grateful to our Board of Directors, both our returning members as well as our newest members elected in May 2023. This team of dedicated leaders represent you, the Sherwood community, and have demonstrated the importance of providing both support and accountability to our district administration. These individuals have shown a great commitment to serving the students and families of our district, and are always at the ready to hear from members of the community on matters related to our schools.

We have a theme for this school year, one we are excited to share with all members of our community: "Celebrate Sherwood Schools." We plan to do a lot of sharing about the great things Sherwood students are doing throughout this year, as well as highlighting the programs and services that make our schools such great places for Sherwood kids. Celebrating Sherwood Schools is also about embracing partnerships with our stakeholders - particularly parents - and strengthening those relationships as we navigate the year ahead. In addition to our parents, the citizens, businesses and organizations in Sherwood are an essential part of our school community. It is through these partnerships that we are able to provide so many incredible opportunities for our students -- from strong academic courses, to our varied offerings in career and technical education, not to mention our award-winning athletics and extracurricular programs.

While this year will be focused on celebrating all of the good things happening in our district, we also remain diligent and responsive to parent and community feedback about areas for growth. For example, this past summer provided an opportunity to address important feedback about our high school campus, particularly on the topic of campus access. Our gates on the west side access road between Kruger and Haide will now remain open outside of school hours, and we have added speed bumps to that road to facilitate the safest driving conditions possible. Additionally, we have added ADA parking spots closer to the athletic fields and stadium to provide greater walkability for event attendees who may have mobility concerns. We will continue to add signage to help visitors navigate the large high school campus, as well as painting within our parking lots to help create more safety for pedestrians. These improvements at our high school are just a few examples of our ongoing efforts to make sure our campuses are welcoming and inviting places for ALL community members to be.

Over the course of this year, there will be more opportunities than ever to learn about and get involved with our schools. We encourage you to watch our website at [sherwood.k12.or.us](http://sherwood.k12.or.us), or follow us on social media (Facebook: [@sherwoodschooldistrict881](https://www.facebook.com/sherwoodschooldistrict881) / Instagram: [@sherwoodschooldistrict](https://www.instagram.com/sherwoodschooldistrict)) to stay up-to-date on all of the great things happening in our district.

Thank you to the Sherwood community for supporting our students!



# SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

## Fall Art Classes & Workshops

Back to school = back to the arts! We are excited to introduce and welcome a handful of new instructors, mediums and classes this fall. Come create a beautiful tablescape, personalized scented candle, yummy desserts, art and home décor - just in time for the new fall season. Revisit a hobby or try something new! With new classes offered each session, you are sure to find a class that inspires your creativity. Visit our website at [SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org](http://SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org) to view the full fall class schedule and to register.



## Broadway Master Class with Jack Sippel - September 23 | 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | \$25+

This workshop is geared towards intermediate and advanced musical theatre and dance students, ages 13 through adult. Broadway performer/dance captain JACK SIPPEL will teach a dance call/dance audition, leading you through some musical theatre choreography. This energetic, positive master class is perfect for those wanting to gain experience and finesse their audition technique - with constructive, real-time feedback from a Broadway pro.

## Monday Mic Night - September 25 | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. | FREE

Open Mic Night is becoming the place to be! Calling poets, writers, actors, musicians and artists alike -- of all ages! Come share your talent(s) with an appreciative live audience. We provide the mic - you bring the talent. Not interested in performing? That's fine, too! Come support emerging artists as part of the live audience and hear some exciting new work. Sign-ups begin at 6:30 p.m. Each participant will be allotted at least one four-minute slot.



## Current Gallery Exhibit: Transitions

Come view our current gallery exhibit "Transitions: an artist's journey through abstract expression." This vibrant show features the beautiful colors, textures and abstract styles of Deanna Schuerbeke. This show will be available for viewing August 24, 2023 through October 13, 2023. Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday between 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



## An Evening in Paris: Chopin & Liszt - October 7 | 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | \$20 Premium Floor Seats / \$15 Riser Seats

Enter the world of the Parisian salon, where the musical talents of iconic composers Chopin and Liszt are on full display. Join us October 7, for a virtuosic piano concert in an intimate setting with professional pianist Darin Niebuhr: An Evening in Paris. Witness the contrast between these two revered performers: the fiery theatricality and showmanship of Liszt, and the delicate simplicity and poeticism of Chopin. It will be an unforgettable evening of artistry celebrating two of the most brilliant pianists to ever live—don't miss this!



## SAVE THE DATE - Four Eights Gallery Opening Reception - Thursday, October 19 | 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This annual exhibit has become a community favorite, highlighting pieces created during the Four Eights Artists Challenge, which tasks participating artists with creating original artwork around a singular theme on four eight-inch square canvases. This show features 50 artists from all across the county; 2023 will be our largest Four Eights show yet with 200 pieces of art on our gallery walls! All artwork will be for sale and priced between \$30 and \$100. What a great way to start or enhance your own art collection, as well as support local artists! The show closes on December 18.



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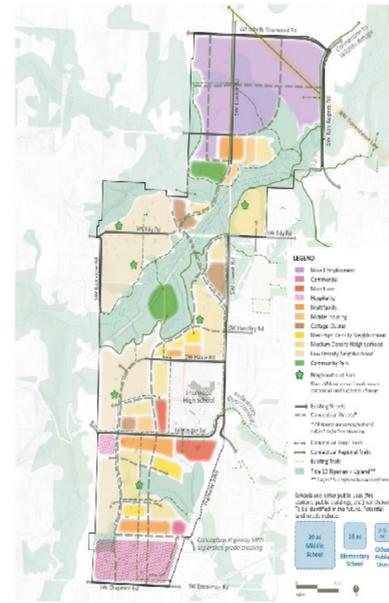
## Sherwood West Concept Plan

The Sherwood West Re-look project wrapped up in July, with the Council accepting the Sherwood West Concept Plan by Resolution 2023-060. The Concept Plan considered significant changes that have occurred in Sherwood and surrounding areas since the 2015 Preliminary Plan's approval: construction of the new 350,000-square-foot Sherwood High School, a major update to the City's Comprehensive Plan, completion of regional transportation studies, and new state rules related to the provision of a variety of housing types (Oregon House Bill 2001).

In 2021, the City began a public process to re-look at the Preliminary Concept Plan (accepted by Council in 2015) for Sherwood's next future growth area - Sherwood West. The 1,291-acre Sherwood West area is urban reserve land that will be added to the region's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and, over time, annexed into the City of Sherwood.

We know that communities that plan for growth have the best chance of managing their destiny. Given that it is Sherwood's largest urban reserve area and its location near existing development and infrastructure, Sherwood West has been identified as the most logical direction for the City to look at next to plan for growth in the long term. The Concept Plan will guide that growth so that Sherwood West is a livable community and a compatible extension of the City.

Every six years, Metro reviews and reports on the region's land supply in an Urban Growth Report, which includes a 20-year forecast of regional population and employment growth. The next Metro review of regional population and employment growth will occur in 2024. Metro may adjust the regional urban growth boundary ("UGB") if necessary to accommodate the growth forecasted for the next 20 years. During this review cycle, cities generally request to have their urban reserve lands brought into the UGB if there are appropriate areas to be brought in.



The most recent Economic Opportunities Analysis and Housing Needs Analysis indicate that Sherwood has a land deficit for employment and residential needs. The City of Sherwood is considering a request for some or all of Sherwood West urban reserve area to be brought into Metro's UGB to accommodate future housing and employment needs. If the land is brought into the urban growth boundary, properties must still be annexed into the City boundary before City zoning can be applied. There are several ways for property owners to apply to be annexed, all of which will ultimately be reviewed by the

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Sherwood City Council for approval. Once a property's annexation is approved and a zoning designation is applied, a property owner can put together a development plan that provides for public infrastructure (roads, water, sewer, etc.) and plans for the area's overall design.

These processes - from the time a property is brought into the urban growth boundary to its annexation into Sherwood City Limits, and finally, to site planning development - can take many years.

Join us on October 4, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Ridges Elementary School to learn more about the Sherwood West Concept Plan and the next steps the City Council is considering for an urban growth boundary expansion. This is an opportunity for you to provide input on how Sherwood should grow in a planned and cost-effective way so that our community can remain the thriving and welcoming community we all love.

For more information, please visit the Sherwood West Re-look Project page at [sherwoodoregon.gov/planning/page/sherwood-west-preliminary-concept-plan-re-look](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/planning/page/sherwood-west-preliminary-concept-plan-re-look).

## Do You Really Need a Permit to Install a Furnace?

While it is common sense that permits are needed for large projects, it can be difficult to determine if permits are necessary for smaller home improvement projects. Furnace installation and replacement sometimes falls into this category. Many who need the work done are left wondering if this falls into the "permit zone."

The short answer - yes. A mechanical permit is required in order to fully replace a furnace, even like-for-like replacements. These are major home projects that require a great deal of work by contractors and installation teams. A permit helps ensure the contractors carrying out this work are licensed, insured and bonded. Additionally, a low-voltage electrical permit is also required for the control wiring and thermostat work that comes along with furnace replacement. Permits bring peace of mind to the project, as it can be dangerous if carried out by someone other than a licensed professional.

Furnaces, whether gas or electric, are vented appliances that must be properly installed to ensure safety. If not properly installed, furnaces can cause illness, injury or even death. Permits provide a 3rd party inspection that ensures the installation meets manufacturer's guidelines and code requirements for safety and proper operation.

In the case of a furnace installation, permits can also help in the event of a mishap. If you do not have the proper permit and have your furnace installed improperly, homeowner's insurance will most likely not cover the cost of damages, repairs or replacement. As you can imagine, this can be a very costly mistake.

Be wary of a contractor or individual who says a permit isn't necessary when it comes to installing a furnace, and do not be misled by a contractor who tells you a permit is going to cost hundreds of dollars extra. The cost for a mechanical permit to replace a furnace and/or heat pump is just under \$80, which pays for the permit and inspections, providing safety and assurance that your project is done correctly in a way that will keep you and your loved ones safe. Electrical permits are issued by Washington County or through the Oregon Minor Label program.

If you have any questions about the permitting process, feel free to contact the Building Department at 503.625.4226 or at [sherwoodoregon.gov/building](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/building).

## Streets and Sidewalk Tree Limb Clearances

It is the adjacent (closest property) owner's responsibility to maintain the trees in the public right-of-way (the planting strip between the sidewalk and the curb).

To ensure safe passage for everyone, tree limbs must be a minimum of 10 feet above roadways and a minimum of seven feet above sidewalks.

# THE Sherwood ARCHER

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## National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness month. It's an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. Not sure where to begin in your efforts? A perfect place to begin is to build an emergency kit.

The most important supply you will need: WATER! Did you know we can survive weeks without food, but only a few days without water? Here is a guide to the items you should stock in your kit. Store your kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers (e.g. plastic bins or a duffel bag).

## Recommended items:

- Water: one gallon per person per day for several days (for drinking and sanitation)
- Food & manual can opener (at least a several-day supply of non-perishable food)
- Battery-powered radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery
- Prescription & non-prescription medications
- If applicable, infant supplies and pet supplies

You can find additional online resources at [ready.gov/september](http://ready.gov/september) and [regionh2o.org/emergency-preparedness](http://regionh2o.org/emergency-preparedness).

# MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

## 2023 Retirement Symposium

On October 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Are you thinking of retiring soon? Do you even have it scheduled? Have you recently retired and have some questions? I have gotten so many calls and questions on various aspects of retirement that I decided to throw a party - an information party! Join us on October 21 for a day of workshops, conversations, and classes on some of the following topics:

- Who Am I Now
- Changing Relationships
- Tending to Your Mental Health Through Retirement
- Decluttering and Downsizing
- What do I do Now?
- Attitudes on Aging
- Medicare 101, and more!

The event is free but sign up for an optional lunch for \$15 - Chef Dominic will be whipping up some of his famous favorites! Call 503.625.5644 or visit [sherwoodoregon.gov/marjoriestewartcenter](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/marjoriestewartcenter) for more information and to register.

## Fall Prevention Workshop

On October 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Free

One of the most common reasons for needing long-term care is falling. We know falls can be preventable. Let's talk about concussions, fall risks, medication interactions, home safety, nutrition, exercise, and more so we can try to minimize your risks of possible life-changing injury.

## Let's Talk Aging: Forgiveness & Reconciliation

Join us on October 4 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Free

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?"

## Mah Jong 101 - \$15

Every Thursday from October 5 through October 26 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.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



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September/October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.	27	28 Traffic Safety Committee 6:00 p.m.	29	30
October 1	2 Parks & Recreation Board 7:00 p.m.	3 City Council 7:00 p.m.	4	5	6	7
8	8	10 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.	11 Senior Advisory Board 6:00 p.m. Via Teams	12	13	14
15	16 Cultural Arts Commission 6:30 p.m.	17 City Council 7:00 p.m.	18 Library Advisory Board 6:30 p.m.	19 Police Advisory Board 7:00 p.m.	20	21
22	23	24 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.	25	26 Traffic Safety Committee 6:00 p.m.	27	28

## MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES Continued

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.

## Credit Check Assistance

Every Monday from October 2 through October 30 at 3:00 p.m.

Something that I get asked about frequently is the topic of scams. The recent information breach at the Oregon DMV has hit us close to home. More than ever, regularly checking your credit report is a part of healthy financial hygiene. If you've not done it before, the process can seem a little daunting. Call us to make an appointment to have one-on-one, private assistance to use one of the three credit bureaus Transunion, Experian, or Equifax for free.

## Model Makers

Friday from September 29 through November 3 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Calling all model building enthusiasts! Calling all future model building enthusiasts! Come to the Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center to learn from each other, share your projects, and work in a social environment.

This group is appropriate for beginners, experts, and everyone in between. Facilitated by former state of Oregon model builder. Magnifying lighting available. Bring your own project and supplies or purchase a model plane kit for \$35.

## SHIBA Medicare Open Enrollment

Every Wednesday mid October through early December from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Make an appointment with Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance volunteers to help you understand what Medicare plans are available and learn what plans might be best for your individualized needs.

Appointments will take place at the Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center but please call 1.855.673.2372 to schedule an appointment and learn what information to bring with you to your appointment.

# Sherwood Constituent Coffee

Join in the conversation with

Rep. Courtney Neron

Join us on

Saturday, October 7, 2023

12pm - 1pm

Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center  
21907 SW Sherwood Blvd, Sherwood OR

