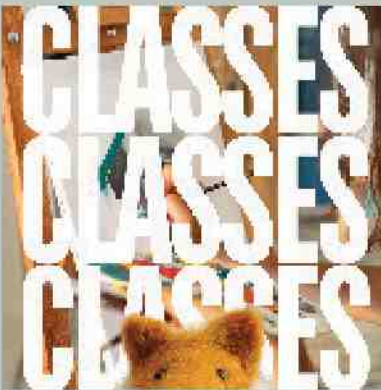


SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Fall Class Registration NOW OPEN!



Back to school = back to the arts! We are excited to introduce and welcome a handful of new instructors and classes. Come join us at the Center for the Arts for some in-person art time! We offer weekly small group classes, as well as fun interactive workshops for children, adults, and families. Revisit a hobby or try something new. Dive into candle making, ballroom dancing, 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.

Gallery Exhibit: Tiny, Whimsical Things



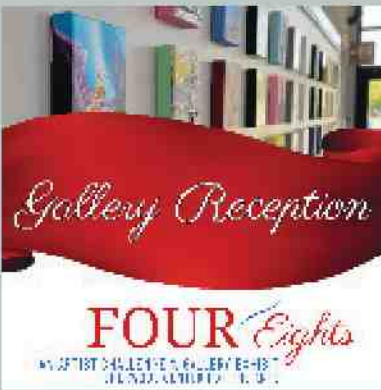
Gallery Opening Reception: Thursday, September 12 | 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. Join us for the Gallery Opening Reception! Enjoy live music, lights refreshments and chat with the artist. This event and exhibit is FREE and OPEN to the public. The Sherwood Center for the Arts is excited to present our first ever micro gallery exhibit, featuring beautifully handcrafted, miniature works by local artist, Lizzy Gass. Magnifying glasses will be provided through the gallery for interactive viewing! Get ready to be transported into a world of "tiny, whimsical things." Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday between 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday Mic Night



September 30 & October 28 | 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.

SAVE THE DATE - Four Eights Gallery Opening Reception | October 16 | 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. Participants are tasked with creating original artwork around a singular theme on four eight-inch square canvases. Artists may use a wide variety of media as long as it fits on the 8-inch square canvases. The show features 50 artists with 200 pieces of art on our gallery walls! All artwork will be for sale and priced between \$20 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 9.

SAVE THE DATE – UPCOMING FREE CULTURAL EVENTS hosted by the Sherwood Center for the Arts:

October 27, 2024: Diwali - Festival of Lights Celebration
October 29-November 1, 2024: Ofrenda – Día de los Muertos
February 1, 2025: Lunar New Year Celebration – Year of the Snake

MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR CENTER

We have a lot going on at the Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center! Call 503.625.5644 or visit our page at sherwoodoregon.gov to find out more. All classes and activities are free unless otherwise noted. Registration is encouraged. **Circle of Friends September 19 through October 31**

We had a great group for our first Circle of Friends and it's time to start another group! Are you feeling isolated, lonely or new to the area and looking to connect? The Circle of Friends group is geared towards older adults (aged 62+) in need of more social support and connection to their community. The group will be initially structured to meet for 6 weeks on a once-a-week basis with a facilitator **Arm Yourself with Knowledge – Alzheimer’s – Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.**

Alzheimer’s and Dementia touch our lives in many ways. From personal diagnoses to those of our friends, loved ones, and those around us, there are many reasons to learn more. We are partnering with the Alzheimer’s Association to provide a series of sessions for all connections to this ever-growing experience.

September 24 – Dementia Conversations

When someone is showing signs of dementia, it's time to talk. This class is designed to help you talk with your family about some challenging and often uncomfortable topics around Alzheimer's and dementia. Some of the most difficult conversations are deciding when it is necessary to stop driving, getting a diagnosis and what that means, medical care, planning for the future, and care costs. Join us to learn some tips for breaking the ice and setting the stage for meaningful and productive conversations about dementia.

October 1 – Effective Communication Strategies

Communication is more than just talking and listening – it is also about sending and receiving messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions, and body language. As people with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias progress in their journey and the ability to use words is lost, families need new ways to connect. This class explores how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer’s, how to decode the verbal and behavioral, message delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease.

October 8 – Managing Money: A Caregiver’s Guide to Finances (2 hrs)

If you or someone you know if facing Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, or another life-altering chronic illness, it is never too early to put financial plans in place. Join us to learn tips for managing someone else’s finances, how to prepare for future care costs and the benefit of early planning.

Ukulele Play October 1 & October 15 at 9:00 a.m. – Free

Have you always wanted to learn how to play an instrument? Has the harmony of Hawai’ian melodies beckoned to you? Join Estella in unraveling the enchanting art of this cultural treasure. If you have a uke, feel free to bring it otherwise instruments will be provided.

Open Wood Carving 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Bring your tools and your wood carving project. Ask questions and share your work with others in this convivial group.

Let’s Talk Aging

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. Please call or go online to register.

October 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Living Solo as An Older Adult – As we age, some of us have family and friends who will provide care or support if needed, and some of us do not have those relationships. Even if we have children, they may not be able to provide need support. Discuss your feelings, experiences, and concerns surrounding aging without close family or friend relationships. Share ideas about ways to strengthen your social and safety networks.

PLANNING NEWS & CODE COMPLIANCE

Guidelines for Posting Signs during the Upcoming Election Season

This guide provides an overview of what the Sherwood Zoning and Community Development Code (SZCDC) refers to as “portable signs,” and specifically portable signs attached to a wood or wire h-frame stake driven into the ground.

Election Signs

During election season, we frequently receive questions about the City’s rules regarding election signs. However, because the City recognizes and values the right to freedom of speech, the City only regulates signs based on their physical characteristics, such as size, construction materials, location, etc.—not based on the message or content of the sign. Therefore, the rules for “election signs” are the same as the rules for any other sign and will depend on the physical characteristics of the sign.

Portable Signs - including election, garage sale, and real estate signs.

“Portable signs” are defined as “small movable signs no greater than twenty-four (24) inches in height and a sign face no larger than eighteen (18) inches by twenty-four (24) inches in size used for a temporary period of time. Portable signs include stand-alone signs, not attached to a building or any other permanent structure.”

Portable Sign Regulations

- Portable signs on private property do not require a permit and shall not be placed on private property without the express permission of the property owner.
- Signs shall not be illuminated and may not include pennant strings, balloons, streamers, spinners, propellers, searchlights, or other items that involve motion to attract attention.
- Signs shall not obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- It is the responsibility of the person posting a portable sign to remove it.
- No portable sign shall be placed in any publicly owned right-of-way except on Friday after 6:00 a.m. through Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
- Signs shall not create a traffic safety or maintenance problem, and the City may remove and dispose of any signs that constitute a problem.
- Signs shall be freestanding and shall not be attached to any structure or vegetation such as utility poles, traffic signs, street signs, trees, or similar items.
- Portable signs attached to a wood or wire h-frame stake shall be driven into the ground well clear of tree roots, irrigation lines, and any other underground utility that could be damaged by such stakes.

Limitations on Numbers of Portable Signs

- No more than four portable signs are allowed on any residentially zoned lot, except that properties over an acre in size that are developed with an approved nonresidential use may place one portable sign every fifty feet for the length of the site’s frontage along a public street.
- No more than one portable sign per business is allowed in all other zones (Commercial/Industrial), except the Institutional and Public (I-P) zone.
- Properties zoned Institutional and Public (I-P) may place one portable sign every fifty feet for the
- Length of the site’s frontage along a public street.

Portable Signs are Prohibited in the Following Locations

- Within any ODOT right-of-way, including but not limited to Highway 99.
- Within any Washington County right-of-way, including but not limited to Roy Rogers Road, Edy Road, and Tualatin-Sherwood Road (with limited exceptions).
- Within any clear vision area as defined in SZCDC Section 16.58.010.

Code Compliance

Code Compliance will generally conduct a sign-sweep at least once per week to remove all portable signs that are in violation of the sign code (SZCDC 16.100 through 16.102). If you did not pick up your signs by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday and they are missing contact Code Compliance at 503.625.4236 or codecompliance@sherwoodoregon.gov to find out if the city picked them up.

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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.

A perfect place to begin is to build an emergency kit. The most important supply you will need: WATER! 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.

- Water: one gallon per person per day for several days (for drinking and sanitation)
- Food & manual can opener (a several-day supply of non-perishable food)

- Battery-powered radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight/Extra Batteries
- First aid kit with Whistle and 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/backup battery
- All medications
- Infant supplies and pet supplies

For additional online resources please visit ready.gov/september and/or Regionalh2o.org/emergency-preparedness.

New Card Fees

Effective October 1st, 2024, the City of Sherwood will charge a 3% transaction fee to accept credit or debit card payments.

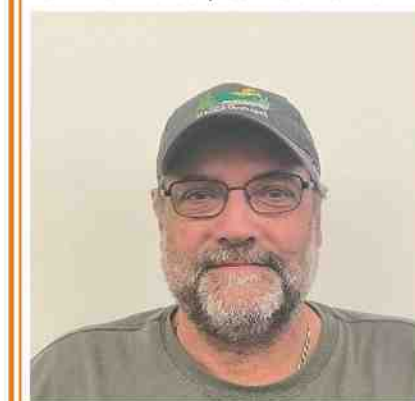
The fee will help offset the thousands of dollars the city has been paying each year in card transactions fees. If you wish to avoid the transaction fee, you may use your checking account (ACH) for payments.

We take one-time, online payments with a checking account or you can set up autopay with a checking account to pay free of charge.

We apologize for the inconvenience. If you have any questions, please reach out at 503.925.2315.

SPOTLIGHT ON CITY STAFF

In this edition we want to recognize two very important members of our team who will be retiring over the next couple of months! Recruitment for these positions is well underway and we look forward to welcoming new team members soon, but in the meantime wanted to recognize and thank our Building Official Scott McKie, who has been with us nearly 22 years and our Economic Development Manager, Bruce Coleman who has been with the city for 5 years. Both Bruce and Scott have been huge assets to the city and have helped steer Sherwood through a period of enormous change and growth. They will be greatly missed by city staff, our Elected Officials and the community.



Scott McKie - Building Official

a combination of field work, which includes inspections of new construction (residential and commercial) and anything that needs a permit. My remaining time is spent on office administrative work, plan reviews and interacting with contractors and members of the public.

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

Bruce: I enjoyed working in partnership with our residents, businesses, property owners, city staff and our many other partners to help create an even more prosperous future for Sherwood while maintaining the smalltown character of our town.

Scott: What I really liked is that it is still a somewhat small city. I was able to get to know some of the citizens, contractors and business owners on a personal level. I enjoyed working with the rest of the city staff, which is one of the reasons I worked here so long!

Q: What are some typical challenges of this position?

Bruce: Five years ago, the Sherwood City Council began to think differently about growth, recognizing housing needs to be balanced with economic growth. This turned the focus to encouraging the growth of high-quality jobs, as the city works to diversify our housing options consistent with Sherwood remaining a small town and creating a better balance of jobs and housing.



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SPOTLIGHT ON CITY STAFF Continued

Scott: Keeping up with the growth of the City and balancing the increased workload that brings. Having to make choices that are driven by law and code that is not always good news for the permit applicant.

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

Bruce: Economic development is an exciting profession focused on growing wealth and improving quality of life in a community. While the private sector creates jobs and wealth, the city’s role is to provide the policies, infrastructure, and stability businesses need to thrive. An economic developer must listen to diverse perspectives, quickly identify local challenges and opportunities, define target markets, and secure resources like financial, workforce, and technical support. Building strong partnerships with private, non-profit, and public organizations is key. Attend trade shows, network, and collaborate with city departments to create business-ready sites and recognize the contributions of others

Scott: Keep an open mind, while most requirements are straightforward, not everything has a clear-cut solution. There are many ways to interpret code and alternate methods that lead to the same result. There are a lot of steps, education and certifications required to become a Building Official and there is always continuing education to keep certifications active. Be willing to work hard. My first Manager gave me some great advice he said ‘remember that the community is our customer, we need to provide them with good service and help them throughout the permitting process and the completion of their project’.

Q: Do you have a favorite memory of working at the City?

Bruce: I remember clearly, receiving a call from a leading industrial real estate engineering firm in June 2021. The firm asked me “Can you keep a secret?” They asked if the City of Sherwood would be interested in seeing Lam Research open an advanced manufacturing facility in Sherwood, bringing nearly 300 jobs. I told them, without a moments heartbeat, that the city would be delighted to work closely to encourage this to happen. Attracting Lam Research to Sherwood helped Sherwood to begin it's journey to attract other semiconductor/advanced manufacturing companies.

Scott: The day we gave the certificate of occupancy to our new Sherwood High School. This was a complex project that went on for many years with many complications including ‘the Covid years’. With the cooperation of the school district, all the city departments and contractors, the school was able to open on time so that the kids and school staff, could enjoy the incredible building and facilities.

Q: Is there anything you will particularly miss about working at the City?

Bruce: There is so much I will miss from my 5 years in Sherwood. I will miss this fabulous community which is a very unique Oregon small town. I am very thankful for this experience and for the support of my wife, Tina of over 50 years, in being allowed to take on this exciting challenge.

Scott: A lot of the people at the city have been here for many years and I have seen them every day for years, so some have become like family. I will miss my everyday interactions with them.



LIBRARY NEWS

Celebrate the Freedom to Read Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week (Sept. 22-28) 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.

What is the difference between a challenge and a ban? A challenge is an attempt to have a book removed from a library, classroom, or other setting because a person or group objects to something in the book. Not all challenges result in the book being removed. If the book is removed, it is then considered a banned book (Oregon Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee).

At Sherwood Public Library, we adhere to the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read Act from the American Library Association, and do not stand in in place of parents, or loco parentis.

Here are some ways to talk about Banned Books Week with children, courtesy of Scholastic Books:

- What it means for a book to be banned. If a book is challenged and then banned, it is no longer available for anyone to use in that library or classroom.
- What might happen if every single challenged book was banned.
- Why authors might write about controversial topics.

Visit us in person or at sherwoodoregon.gov/library/BBW2024 for more information.

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Free events and activities:

Citizenship Classes / Clases de ciudadanía

Volunteers from Mission:Citizen offer free citizenship classes in English, and presenters can answer questions in English, Spanish, and other languages. Each drop-in class covers a different topic. On Thursdays Sept. 12 through Dec. 5 at 6:00 p.m. No class Oct. 31 or Nov. 28.

Voluntarios de Mission Citizen ofrecerán un curso gratis. El curso es en inglés y los presentadores pueden responder preguntas en inglés, español, y otros idiomas. Cada clase cubre un tema diferente. Las clases tienen en persona lugar todos los jueves desde el 12 de septiembre hasta el 5 de diciembre. No hay clase de 31 de octubre o 28 de noviembre.

Digital Literacy Workshops / Talleres de alfabetización digital

Join us for a series of workshops in English and Spanish at the SHARE Center [21920 SW Sherwood Blvd.]. Topics include cybersecurity, mobile devices, and Google Docs. Free dinner and childcare provided starting at 5:30 p.m. Prizes for participants. Classes made possible in part from Friends of Sherwood Public Library and Sherwood School District. Class size is limited. Registration is required. Classes are held on third Wednesdays, October 16, November 20, and January 15, 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: ciberseguridad, los dispositivos móviles y Google Docs. Se proporciona cena y cuidado de niños gratis comenzando a las 5:30 p.m. ¡Premios para los participantes! Clases posibles en parte

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gracias a Friends of Sherwood Public Library y Distrito escolar de Sherwood. El tamaño de la clase es limitado. Se requiere registro. Las clases se imparten los terceros miércoles, 16 de octubre, 20 de noviembre y 15 de enero, 6:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m.

Northwest Classical Theater Collaborative presents The Year of Magical Thinking, by Joan Didion. Starring powerhouse actress, Diane Kondrat, and featuring an original violin score composed and performed by Michelle Alany, this story of unexpected loss examines the power of grief and how we can heal from its effects. Directed by Patrick Walsh. Friday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. This is an after-hours event. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. No other library services will be available. Tea and appetizers provided.

Tell me more about participating in events

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at sherwoodoregon.gov/library/newsletters to learn about even more events and get reading recommendations delivered to your inbox. Contact us at askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov or 503.625.6688.

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 sherwood-oregon.gov/library. Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at sherwoodoregon.gov/library/newsletters. Contact us 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

Keeping Sherwood, Sherwood.

As Sherwood prepares for the next chapter, the proposal to expand the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) has become a pivotal moment in shaping the city's future. This proposal, now under review by Metro, not only addresses the pressing need for housing and jobs but also ensures that Sherwood retains the unique character that has made it a desirable place to live.

Sherwood has long been a community that values thoughtful growth. Since the early 2000s, the city has navigated its expansion with a commitment to maintaining its small-town charm while accommodating new residents and businesses. The UGB, a line that designates where urban development can occur, has been a critical tool in this process. Metro, the regional government responsible for managing the UGB, periodically reviews and adjusts this boundary to ensure that the region's growth is both sustainable and deliberate.

Sherwood's approach to growth has always been proactive. The city has consistently worked to plan ahead rather than wait for external pressures from Metro or Salem to dictate its future. This foresight is now more crucial than ever, as the Portland metropolitan area faces significant housing shortages and an increasing demand for family-wage jobs.

Sherwood is a great community because of thoughtful leadership 20 years ago. The planning work we do today is about ensuring Sherwood is a great community 20 to 30 years from now. It's about planning for the inevitable growth in a way that preserves the qualities that make Sherwood special. If we do not take the initiative, we risk Salem imposing its own ideas that may not align with our community's values. In recent years, Salem has already imposed its own values on how communities grow at the expense of local control. Our best defense is to plan for our future before others do it for us. The Sherwood West Concept Plan, developed in anticipation of this, is a prime example of our commitment to local control. This plan ensures that new development complements the existing community rather than overwhelms it.

The concept plan introduces new zoning types specifically designed to promote middle housing, including options like duplexes and cottage clusters. This is crucial for creating a diverse and inclusive community. The housing options encourage affordable options for first-time homebuyers and opportunities for residents to age in place.

To put this in context, currently, Sherwood averages about 7 to 8 housing units per net buildable acre; the Sherwood West concept plan has 340 net buildable acres for housing and proposes 6.4 to 9.2 units per acre, which is consistent with the current look and feel of our community.

It should be noted that expanding the UGB does not mean growth will start today. We still have 4-5 years of planning before any annexation of land into the city limits could occur. Based on the history of growth in UGB expansion areas in Sherwood's past, we are looking at decades before we see significant development in Sherwood West.

Another key component of the Sherwood West Concept Plan is its focus on creating jobs within the community. The plan sets aside significant land to attract businesses that offer family-wage jobs. This approach not only strengthens Sherwood's economy but also reduces the need for residents to commute long distances for work, helping to maintain the city's tight-knit community feel.

As the Mayor of Sherwood, I am committed to ensuring that this growth does not come at the expense of our community's identity. We have all seen what can happen when growth is not carefully managed—traffic congestion, overcrowded schools, and the loss of green spaces. I am dedicated to working with Metro to ensure that any UGB expansion aligns with Sherwood's long-term vision. This includes opposing an expansion of the UGB if Metro attempts to impose high-density housing and urbanization requirements that we have seen in other parts of Washington County.

My goal is simple: to keep Sherwood, Sherwood. This means maintaining the character and values that have drawn so many people to our city while embracing the opportunities that growth can bring. By planning proactively and engaging with our community throughout this process, we can ensure that Sherwood remains a place where people want to live, work, and raise their families for generations to come.

For more information please go to the City of Sherwood's website at sherwoodoregon.gov/planning/page/sherwood-west-preliminary-concept-plan-re-look

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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TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

BY TVF&R

It's that time again — when Sherwood students head back to class. For many students, this may be the school year they will be trusted to be home alone after school. TVF&R encourages you to review fire and life safety tips with them. Talk to your kids about how and when to call 911 in the event of an emergency. Children should know their address, phone number, and your contact information so that they can provide the information to an emergency dispatcher.

It's also a good idea to have phone numbers for family and neighbors posted on the refrigerator, near the phone, or designated area in the event kids need assistance but it's not an emergency. This is also a good time to set house rules on using the stove, oven, or microwave. Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires and most start on the stovetop due to food or oil being left unattended while being heated or having items placed too close to the burners.

The following tips may help your child avoid a fire:

- Allow cooking privileges based on age and maturity. Consider allowing younger children to only use a microwave or oven to heat food (versus the stovetop). If allowed to use the stovetop, never leave food (especially oil) unattended — even for a moment! Pre-teens and teenagers enjoy many activities that can cause them to be distracted and/or forget they're cooking. Remind them to stay by the stovetop when cooking. If they need to leave the room, turn off the burner.
- Keep things that can burn or catch on fire such as potholders, dish towels, and food boxes away from the stovetop.
- Water and oil do not mix! Never throw water on a grease fire or try to move the flaming pan. Either action can cause the fire to spread or cause burns to a body.
- If a fire occurs, leave the home and call 911 from a cellphone or a neighbor's home.

Other safety tips to share include:

- Never use matches, lighters, or candles. Keep these items away from children and remind them that they are not to be touched by anyone other than an adult.
- Know two escape routes from every room in the house. One of those could be a window. Create and practice a home fire escape plan.
- Do not place items that can burn such as clothes, blankets, or scarves over a lamp or near a heater.
- Do not play with or overload electrical cords, and do not insert anything other than a plug into an electrical socket.
- Never mix cleaning products together. Each product has a job to do, but together could cause harm, off-gassing, or an explosion.
- Know where first-aid supplies are located. Consider signing up older children for a first-aid, home alone, babysitting, and/or CPR class.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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The Sherwood Police Department invites you to participate in the #9PMRoutine, a national social media campaign to prevent crime and protect your property.

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. The criminal element is still drawn to Sherwood, particularly for thefts of items inside vehicles, garages, mailboxes, on the property, or the vehicle itself.

Security footage from doorbell cameras show vehicles or subjects creeping down the streets in the middle of the night, checking for unlocked cars, open garages, and valuables left on the porch / front yard. After finding an unlocked car, the suspects can quickly grab valuables and be gone in seconds. Sometimes the vehicles themselves are being stolen, most often without forceful entry.

The same videos of prowlers in our neighborhoods show them leaving empty handed when they encounter closed and locked doors. They are looking for a quick, easy score — not wanting to draw attention to themselves by breaking windows or otherwise make loud noises.

Sherwood Police Officers do actively patrol through neighborhoods overnight, waking up community members every week to close their garage door. Officers have been successful with catching these suspects in the act but it's rare because of how quickly they can come and go without being seen.

Washington County and surrounding counties have recently seen a huge increase in residential burglaries that could've been prevented from doing the #9PMRoutine; Suspects enter an unlocked vehicle and open the garage using the garage door opener found in the vehicle. At that point, they have access to all valuables inside the garage, including expensive tools, toys, and firearms/gun safes. Then the suspects will enter the house itself through the unlocked entry door inside the garage. The suspects will

quietly walk throughout the house while the family is sleeping, taking valuables like jewelry, wallets, and vehicle keys. Most people leave their wallets and keys in an easily accessible area like the living room or near the front door. The suspects quietly load numerous valuables into a vehicle and steal the homeowner's vehicle out of the driveway using the set of keys found inside the home.

We have also seen an increase in mail theft overnight. Suspects will pry open or drill out the locks in community mailboxes while residents are asleep, hoping the mail wasn't checked during the day. They will steal all the mail and use whatever information gathered for identity theft and credit card fraud.

Every night at 9:00PM we encourage the community to do the following:

- Remove all your valuables from your cars including firearms, key fobs, spare keys, and garage openers
- Lock your cars, doors, and windows
- Check for mail and packages
- Check to make sure valuables like bicycles and packages aren't outside
- Close your garage door
- Turn on your outside security lights or have motion activated security lights
- Turn on alarm systems

This campaign has had substantial success throughout the country, and we have already seen great results here in Sherwood!

Follow us on the Sherwood Police Department Facebook Page and Instagram Page for more information and weekly reminders.

COUNCIL CORNER

Dan Standke, City Councilor

Embracing Fall in Sherwood

As September and October arrive, our lovely city of Sherwood transforms with the vibrant colors of fall and refreshing crisp air. It's a time when the outdoors welcomes us to explore, enjoy, and take in everything our community has to offer. Whether you're out for a relaxing stroll or getting excited about Halloween, there's something for everyone to look forward to.

Enjoying the Trails and Parks

One of the best ways to immerse yourself in the beauty of the season is by exploring our fantastic trail system and parks. The Cedar Creek Trail offers a peaceful escape into nature right from the heart of town (located near Stella Olsen Memorial Park). It's a perfect spot for a leisurely walk, a brisk jog or even a bike ride, providing a calming retreat from the busyness of everyday life.

Sunset Blvd is another standout this time of year, offering picturesque views as the leaves change colors. It's a great reminder of what our city planners are capable of. Snyder Park is also a favorite, with views that are par-

ticularly stunning in the autumn months. These parks and trails are more than just outdoor spaces—they are places to relax, unwind, and connect with nature.

And while you're out on the trails, why not try something a little different? Walking backward might seem a bit unusual, but it's an excellent way to boost knee health. Research shows that backward walking strengthens and activates muscles that aren't typically engaged as much when walking forward, helping to balance muscle development around the knee joint. So, as you enjoy the trails this season, consider giving it a try—just be sure to stay aware of your surroundings to stay safe! Personally, I typically use the public works parking lot during off hours for my backward walking and up Lincoln St. when I want an extra challenge.

Pirates of Pinehurst

As we move into October, one of Sherwood's most exciting and unique events is almost here—the Pirates of Pinehurst! This event is a perfect way to dive into the Halloween spirit, with a fun pirate twist that's sure to delight both young and old.

A highlight of the event for me is the gold doubloon

hunt, where anyone can embark on a treasure hunt throughout the trails and parks of Sherwood. It's fun activity that many look forward to each year. So, dust off your pirate hat, grab your map, and get ready to join in on the fun! For more details, visit PiratesOfPinehurst.org.
Enjoy the Season

Having called Sherwood my home for years, I am excited to share this wonderful season with all of you. Let's make the most of these beautiful fall days by coming together as a community and taking full advantage of everything our city has to offer. Whether you're exploring the trails, enjoying the parks, or participating in local festivities, there's no better time to celebrate the charming spirit of Sherwood.

FEATURED PARTNER: SHERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! We are thrilled to see familiar faces and excited to welcome new ones! The start of the school year is a time for fresh beginnings, renewed goals, and boundless opportunities. Whether it's a student eager to learn, a teacher passionate about inspiring, or a parent dedicated to supporting, each of us plays an important role in the Sherwood school community.

We are delighted to welcome three new principals to the district: Sarah Woofter at Archer Glen Elementary School, Natasha Edinger at Middleton Elementary School, and Andy Van Fleet at Sherwood Middle School. Their leadership will contribute to the ongoing success of our schools.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Sherwood Community for their support of the first-ever local option levy, which will help us maintain class sizes and co-curricular activities. The 5-year levy will raise an estimated \$6 million for the 2024-25 school year, benefiting all corners of the district. Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

We are committed to continuing strong community partnerships with Sherwood businesses and city officials. Collaborations between the school district and community organizations open the door to numerous opportunities that can enrich the educational experience for all our students.

At Sherwood Middle School, we're excited to offer more spaces for our kids to be kids. We have a brand-new game room and have painted lines for pickleball, foursquare, and flag football! These additions will provide students with fun and engaging activities during their free time.

Here's to a joyful school year filled with growth, learning, and community spirit!

Please visit sherwood.k12.or.us for information.



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