

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Since 1958, National Library Week has been celebrated by libraries across the country. The Sherwood Public Library will be celebrating this April with displays, a prize raffle and programs highlighting the enduring value of the public library. Look for writing workshops for both kids and adults, a visit from Oregon's Poet Laureate, Paulann Petersen, an enchanting program on Beatrix Potter's Life and Works, the annual WCCLS "Art of the Story" Festival featuring hilarious stories from Bil Lepp, as well as other events and giveaways all week.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR 4th-6th GRADERS

Please join Teresa the Storylady every Thursday in April at 3:30 pm for a writing workshop using stories from her book "Cliffhanger Writing Prompts." These fun and interactive sessions for 4th to 6th graders meet in the Community Room and will get the imagination flowing and involve all kinds of creative writing, storytelling, and other adventurous activities. Come to one session or all four. Please register in advance, as space is limited. Bring a friend and a pencil!

SATURDAY FAMILY STORYTIME

Join us Saturdays at 10:30 am for stories, songs and a craft in the Community Room - all ages are welcome.

This month's theme: Some Bunny Loves You.

We meet every fourth Saturday of the month and often feature a live animal guest.

ADULT WRITING WORKSHOPS

Our popular writing workshops for adults return in April! Join us on Sundays in April from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room. Author Marie Buckley is offering another series of workshops for adults who want to write and exercise their creativity. Each workshop will offer prompts, examples, time for writing and sharing as well as constructive feedback in a relaxed atmosphere. No experience necessary. All genres welcome. Bring paper/laptop, pens and pencils.

The upcoming workshop dates and themes are:  
 April 27: Stripes  
 May 4: Fifteen  
 May 18: Running Water

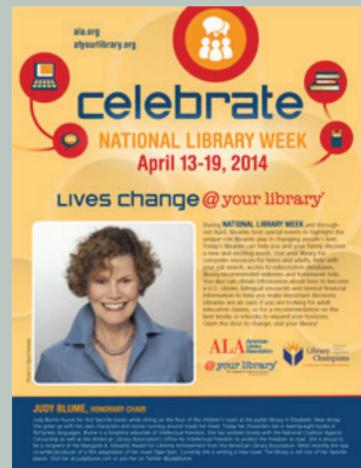
The writing workshops are generously supported by the Friends of the Sherwood Library.

BEATRIX POTTER'S LIFE & WORKS - DISPLAY & LECTURE

Terese Blanding will present an enchanting program about the English author & illustrator who wrote the beloved book "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" on Wednesday, April 16 at 3:30 pm in the Community Meeting Room. This event is open to the public.

DIY CRAFTSHOP - WOOD & TILE COASTERS

We'll be making personalized wood and tile coasters on Wednesday, April 23 from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Community Room. Ages 11-Adult are welcome. We will provide crafting supplies. Please call to register in advance for this workshop since materials are limited.



FEATURED PARTNER: TUALATIN RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge is a unique place, one of only a handful of urban wildlife refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Thanks to the combined efforts of local residents and the US Fish & Wildlife Service, this land was set aside as a refuge in 1992. Ever since, their staff has been working hard to turn the land back to a more natural state within the floodplain of the Tualatin River basin. They manage the Refuge to mimic the natural seasonal cycle, so whatever the season, you'll see many kinds of wildlife here. Their efforts are paying off! The Refuge has become a key stopping point on the Pacific Flyway as migratory waterfowl, shorebirds, and songbirds by the thousands discover this rich and varied resource. Several more species are appearing each year. The Refuge is an important part of the Sherwood community. Take the time to discover and enjoy the wildlife who live here, and the habitats that support them.

Join Friends of the Refuge

Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge is an all-volunteer, community non-profit organization that is dedicated to the protection and restoration

of the Refuge for the benefit of fish and wildlife, and for public education and recreation. The Friends of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge have been awarded the 2014 Friends Group of the Year award by the National Wildlife Refuge Association. For more information on this organization, check out www.friendsotualatinrefuge.org

Get Involved at the Refuge

Second Saturday Work Parties have returned and it is a perfect opportunity to volunteer at the Refuge! May 10, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm - Clearing Invasive Plants from the Public Trails

Help clear invasive plant species and overgrowth from the public trails just in time for Tualatin River Bird Festival. These invasive plants out-compete native plant species. Removing invasive species, can help keep them from spreading, and potentially gives native species the opportunity they need to grow and thrive. Meet at the Wildlife Center parking lot. Please bring gloves, clothing you are willing to get dirty, and a water bottle. Application not required. Questions? Email Mike at [michael\\_lotspeich@fws.gov](mailto:michael_lotspeich@fws.gov).

June 14, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Removing Tree Tubes from Garry Oaks Oleson Property.

This work party will focus on completing the removal of tree tubes from our Oleson location. We need to remove the Garry oaks planted under the power lines to be in compliance with BPA right-of-way requirements. This will be the last chance to complete tree tube removal before the BPA deadline. A caravan will meet in front of the refuge visitor center at 8:45 am. A map will be made available to those who can't arrive in time to join the caravan. Please bring gloves, clothing you are willing to get dirty, and a water bottle. Application not required. Questions? Email Mike at [michael\\_lotspeich@fws.gov](mailto:michael_lotspeich@fws.gov).

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 Office: 503.625.5944 Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm; Friday 9:00am-3:30pm  
 Wildlife Center: 503-625-5945

SHERWOOD COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY SERVICES FAIR TO BE HELD IN MAY

On Saturday, May 31, the Sherwood Fire Station will be hosting the annual Community Services Fair from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This has been a successful and fun event for many years, and we hope you will take the time to come down and enjoy it!

**FUN ACTIVITIES!!** See a helicopter touch down, squirt water from a fire hose, ride in a gator or backhoe, see police cars, fire engines, motorcycles and more!

**FIRE SAFETY HOUSE** Learn how to exit your home safely in the event of a fire.

**HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION** Dozens of public and non-profit agencies on hand to answer your questions and keep you informed!

**FREE FOOD** While it lasts...

The fair is co-sponsored by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and the City of Sherwood.



CITY TO HOST TRASHPALOOZA

On April 26 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, the City of Sherwood will be hosting Trashpalooza, an Earth Day event, at Cannery Square Plaza in Old Town. This event will be one of over 200 SOLVE IT projects taking place state wide that day in celebration of Earth Day.

Volunteers will be sent out in teams, on a mission to pick up as much litter as possible. Fun prizes will be awarded! Even if you are not able to volunteer, come down and enjoy the activities at the square. This event is free! Enjoy educational entertainment, including activities from the following:

- \* Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge
- \* Washington County's Master Recyclers
- \* Clean Water Services
- \* Sustainable Sherwood
- \* Blue Plume Art Studio
- \* Radio Disney's Green Team
- \* and more!

Over 6000 volunteers take part in SOLVE IT Earth Day clean-ups. [www.solveoregon.org/get-involved/events/city-sherwood-trashpalooza](http://www.solveoregon.org/get-involved/events/city-sherwood-trashpalooza)



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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POPULAR PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT RETURNS

On Saturday, April 26 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm the Sherwood Police Department will host another collection event

Do you have unwanted medications around your home? Help protect your family, your community, and the environment by properly disposing of them.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE COLLECTION:

- Expired or unwanted prescription medications
- Un-needed over-the-counter medicines
- Drugs that didn't work for you, a family member, or pet
- Drugs that are no longer used
- Medicine from deceased family members
- Unknown tablets and capsules

Leave all medicines in their original containers if possible.

Please do NOT bring thermometers, needles, or medical waste of any type.

CAR DONATION

A big thank you to Dave Jachter of Wilsonville Toyota for doing what only partnerships accomplish.

Our police chaplain, Wilson Parrish, responds day or night alongside officers to provide assistance to families in need during a critical incident. In some cases, that service involves follow up with the family for weeks, months and in some instances years to ensure they are receiving the support and help they need.

Until just recently, our chaplain has utilized his personal vehicle to store supplies and respond. That is where Mr. Jachter comes in. Wilsonville Toyota has partnered with the City of Sherwood to loan a late-model used car on a one year agreement for use in the chaplaincy program

Look for your Chaplain around town! What you won't see is a trunk-full of gear, most of which has also been donated by local partners. What you will see is a vehicle bedecked with sharp-looking graphics courtesy of PDX Wraps, another great local company to contribute to this effort.



New Chaplain Car

CAR SEAT CHECK-UP

The Sherwood Police Department has partnered with Kohl's to bring you their 2nd annual FREE Car Seat Check-Up Event. This event will take place at the Sherwood Kohl's on April 26 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. In order to ensure correct installation and faster service, please read and bring your car seat instructions and vehicle owner's manual. A certified technician will help parents and caregivers learn to install and use their child restraints properly. Each car seat check will take about 30 minutes

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		<b>Public Works (Ops.)</b>	503.625.5722
		<b>Utility Billing</b>	503.925.2315

## WATER CONSERVATION IS IMPORTANT IN SPRING TOO!

April and May are important months for fish spawning and migration. The State of Oregon established fish flow targets in the Willamette River, which vary throughout the year. In April and May, the fish flow target is to protect high flows to help juvenile fish with out-migration. Since much of Sherwood's water supply comes from this source, the City encourages its customers to conserve water and help fish.

### Quick Facts

- Sherwood's water sources are groundwater and surface water, including the Willamette River
- The Willamette River has fish species listed as threatened by state and federal agencies including:
  - o Winter Steelhead trout
  - o Spring Chinook salmon
  - o Coho salmon
  - o Bull trout
  - o Oregon chub
- The Willamette River supports a variety of other native fish species, including Pacific lamprey, northern pike minnow, mountain whitefish, and reddsides shiners.

### What can you do to conserve water?

If fish flow targets aren't met, Sherwood may need to reduce the amount of Willamette River water it diverts. The most gains in water conservation in April and May will likely be found indoors.



A variety of options are available to help you conserve more water indoors. For example, take shorter showers, check for water leaks, and install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators. Indoor conservation items and information are available for free at the Utility Billing Department.

For more water conservation ideas and details, check out:

- [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/utilitybilling](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/utilitybilling)
- [www.conserveh2o.org](http://www.conserveh2o.org)

While water conservation is important year-round, it is especially important when fish flow targets are not being met. As a condition of Sherwood's permit to use the Willamette River, the City is required to provide its water customers with this information.

### DEQ INFORMATIONAL MEETING-KEN FOSTER FARM

Ken Foster Farm is the name the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has given to a 40-acre site in the SE Sherwood area off of Murdock Road. Waste from the Frontier Leather Company tannery was placed on the site in the 1960s and early 1970s. The DEQ has conducted some studies on the site and will hold a public informational meeting to review the report and risk assessment for the Ken Foster Farm site on May 15, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at City Hall. For more information visit the website at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov).



## VOTERS WILL CONSIDER REPLACEMENT LEVY FOR SERVICES

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) provides firefighting, emergency medical, rescue, and fire prevention services for 454,000 citizens in nine cities and portions of Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah counties.

On May 20, voters will decide whether to continue funding for TVF&R that would take the place of a current levy which expires in June 2015. TVF&R's highest priority is to provide fast and effective emergency response and the levy supports that mission by:

1. Retaining 42 current firefighter medics hired since 2000. These firefighters help ensure each crew has enough personnel to enter a burning building without waiting for backup, and provide immediate life-saving care at medical and rescue incidents.
2. Adding up to 44 firefighter medics as well as apparatus and three new fire stations in areas where response challenges exist.

### Why are new personnel and stations proposed?

From the point firefighters leave the station, their objective is to arrive at an incident within 5 minutes/12 seconds or less. Increases in 9-1-1 calls, traffic congestion, and an aging population are resulting in longer response times and time spent on scene.

Additional firefighters at new and existing sites within TVF&R's network would improve response times and increase the reliability of current stations to serve their immediate neighborhoods. Positions that support safe and reliable emergency operations such as fire prevention, training, and apparatus maintenance would also be funded.

### What steps has TVF&R taken to address response challenges?

The Fire District has employed several deployment tools and risk reduction measures including:

- Single-person paramedic units that respond to less severe incidents (serving 8% of calls).
- The targeted use of incident data to address community risks through education (e.g., fall reduction for senior care facilities, fire safety for apartment managers).
- Partnerships with businesses which have reduced false alarm calls by 28% since 2006.
- Partnerships with city, county and state transportation agencies to encourage improvements that facilitate rapid response.
- CPR education, smartphone technology and public access defibrillators to empower "citizen responders" to help cardiac arrest victims (before paramedics arrive).

### What happens to emergency services if this measure fails?

Response challenges would continue to degrade the speed and effectiveness of emergency response services. While maintaining emergency response services would remain TVF&R's priority, the current levy provides 14% of total District operating revenues. As a result, reductions in staffing and operations would be required. If the measure fails, property taxes on a typical home would decline by \$58/year.

### What impact would this have on a homeowner's property tax?

The replacement levy has a tax rate of 45¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value\*, a 20¢ increase over the current rate. This would result in a total levy cost of \$104 for a typical home with an assessed value of \$230,000, a \$46 increase over the current levy. The average homeowner would pay approximately \$3.53 more per month than the current levy.

For more information, visit [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com).

\*Assessed value is different from real market value.

\*\* This article provided by TVF&R

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## PROPOSED CITY BUDGET TO BE RELEASED

Spring brings budget time to cities and other public agencies in Oregon. On May 2, Sherwood City Manager Joseph Gall will release his proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget. This is the first step in the budget review and adoption process that needs to be complete by June 30, 2014. After release of the City Manager's recommended budget, the next step is review and approval of the budget by the Sherwood Budget Committee. This committee is a 14-member board consisting of the seven members of the City Council along with seven citizen members.

The Sherwood Budget Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 14, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm to begin reviewing the proposed budget. In order to provide additional opportunity for citizen input, a second meeting will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. This will be the first time the Budget Committee will meet on a Saturday morning as part of the budget review process.

If necessary, the committee will hold a third meeting on Wednesday, May 21 at 6:00 pm.

All community members are invited to attend and participate in the budget process. Please visit [www.sherwoodoregon.gov](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov) for regular budget updates and to review the proposed budget.

For more information, please contact Julie Blums, Finance Director for the City of Sherwood at 503.625.4245 or by email at [blumsj@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:blumsj@sherwoodoregon.gov)

## DOING BUSINESS IN SHERWOOD? DON'T FORGET YOU BUSINESS LICENSE!

The City of Sherwood, through our Municipal Code and On-Line Business License Registration System, supports the State of Oregon requirements and the Business Owner. Anyone conducting business in Sherwood, no matter the type of business or home business, is required to obtain a business license. To apply for a business license, go to <https://license.sherwoodoregon.gov/>.

In addition to simply being a requirement of the Code, there are multiple benefits and advantages of having a Business License, including (but not limited to):

- Creditability;
- Legitimizing the business for financial purposes
- Affirmation that the business complies with zoning and building code requirements
- Pride in ownership;
- Data record of business which enables public safety to be better aware of the business and help protect the business; and
- Access to resources and information to run and grow your business.

If you are looking at starting a business, our Economic Development Business Resource website provides the business owner great access to some of the many educational resources to assist anyone starting, doing and growing your business in or with the City of Sherwood. [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/economicdevelopment/page/business-resources](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/economicdevelopment/page/business-resources).

Questions or assistance regarding a new business license or renewal of a City of Sherwood Business License may be directed to Patti Ross at 503.625.5522 or 503.625.4205 or [rossp@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:rossp@sherwoodoregon.gov).



A directory of existing business licenses is also available on the city website.



Home of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April/May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 13	14	15 City Council 7:00 pm City Hall	16	17 Charter Review Committee 6:30 pm City Hall	18	19
20	21 Cultural Arts Commission 7:00 pm City Hall	22 Planning Commission 7:00 pm City Hall	23	24	25	22 Trashpaloosa 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Drug Take Back 10:00 am-2:00 pm
27	28	29	30	1 Charter Review Committee 6:30 pm City Hall	2	3
4	5 Parks and Recreation 7:00 pm City Hall	6 City Council 7:00 pm City Hall	7	8 SURPAC 6:30 pm City Hall	9	10
11	12	13 Planning Commission 7:00 pm City Hall	14 First Budget Meeting 6:00 pm City Hall	15 Charter Review Committee 6:30 pm City Hall	16	17

Dates, time, and location of events subject to change. Please check online at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov) for most recent events and details.

## GOOD SAMARITAN MORNINGS IN EARLY MAY

Twice a year, the first weekend in May and October, the Sherwood Faith in Action Program hosts Good Samaritan Day. Volunteers join with additional Good Samaritans from Sherwood and King City area churches and community agencies to provide spring and fall clean up chores for local seniors. Volunteers came from Tigard, Sherwood, St. Francis Catholic Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sherwood United Methodist Church, the Sherwood Countryside Community Church, Sherwood Community Friends Church, Rotary and many others. The Sherwood YMCA also sends a team of youth volunteers to serve the senior needs.

After a hearty breakfast at the Sherwood Senior Center, the generous volunteers move out to senior's homes to wash windows or trim hedges, weed gardens, rake leaves and plant flowers. Typically over 100 senior citizens request help with seasonal chores they find difficult to accomplish without assistance.

Providence Newberg Medical Center and a friendly alliance of local Sherwood churches, faith communities, and service organizations continue to support the operational structure of Faith in Action, the Sherwood interfaith volunteer program, now in its thirteenth year of operation.

Please mark your calendars for May 3rd and 4th. It's important to let them know ahead of time so they can build your work team. Please call at 503.925.0585 or by email at [Mark@FaithInActionSherwood.org](mailto:Mark@FaithInActionSherwood.org).

This is wonderful opportunity for volunteers to come together and help their senior neighbors. Faith in Action Sherwood collects the names of seniors and volunteers willing to help. The group has been coordinating these events for the last 5 years and is grateful for the opportunity to bring such generous volunteers together with seniors in need of a helping hand.

The day begins with a hearty breakfast at 8:00 am at the Sherwood Senior Center. The teams move out to the respective job assignments and all work is completed by noon. Good Samaritans have the rest of the day to enjoy knowing that they have made a huge difference in the lives of a few seniors.

To help as a Good Samaritan, please call Faith in Action Sherwood at 503.925.0585.

## MAY 20th PRIMARY ELECTION

The Sherwood City Council adopted Resolution 2014-013, approving 5 ballot titles and explanatory statements to be placed on the May 2014 Ballot. The ballot measures pertain to proposed amendments to the City Charter (Chapter III-Council and Chapter VII-Elections). The recommended amendments were the result of a City Charter review process by a 9 member Charter Review Committee comprised of Sherwood residents.

The target date for the mailing of ballots is May 2, and completed ballots may be returned via US Postal Service or can be placed in any Washington County election drop box. In Sherwood, a drive-up election drop box is located at the east end of the Sherwood City Hall parking lot. As a reminder, please be cautious not to place ballots in the library book drop box.

Questions may be directed to Sylvia Murphy, City Recorder at 503.625.4246 or [murphys@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:murphys@sherwoodoregon.gov) or the Washington County Elections Division at 503.846.5800.



## THE GRAND BARGAIN?

By now, you may have heard of the "Grand Bargain," but what does it mean to the citizens of Sherwood? The "Grand Bargain" refers to legislation recently passed by the Oregon Legislature and signed by Governor Kitzhaber because it effectively ended the urban-rural reserve land debate that had been up in the air because of a recent Oregon Court of Appeals decision.

The urban reserve and rural reserve designation process began in 2007 after the legislature adopted new rules that authorized a new way for the Portland Metropolitan area to consider land for potential Urban Growth Boundary expansions. The purpose of that process was to determine how much land was needed to accommodate future population and job growth over the next forty to fifty years and designate a reserve of land from which Metro could consider Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansions. The rural reserve designations restrict urban development for 50 years.

Sherwood is on the southwestern edge of the metro UGB, and had a keen interest in participating in the process because under the prior criteria used to determine the best locations for expanding the UGB, the City would have been a prime candidate for

a significant growth given the amount of marginal farmland surrounding the City.

The urban and rural reserves process was a partnership between Metro, Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas County as well as local jurisdictions, state agencies, and multiple interest groups and organizations. The outcome was that each property outside of the UGB was categorized as either "urban reserve," "rural reserve," or "undesigned." The lands were classified by evaluating: (a) how much land overall would be needed to serve the expected population and job growth for the entire region, (b) where local communities could best serve the new urban areas and (c) which rural or natural resource lands warranted the most protection.

When it is time to expand the region's UGB to keep up with the twenty-year land supply, Metro will look first to the urban reserves for expansion for the next fifty years. Sherwood's nearby urban reserves include areas west of SW Elwert and south of Brookman Road. The rural reserves, on the other hand, are lands that must be preserved and will remain outside of the UGB for the next fifty years. The rural reserves include areas like the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge and other natural resource land outside of the

existing UGB. In the event the reserves are utilized more quickly than anticipated, it is possible that un-designated land may be considered; the area south of Sherwood in Clackamas County is undesignated.

For the most part, the "grand bargain" affected the urban and rural reserves around Hillsboro, but did not directly affect any of the designated lands surrounding Sherwood. The Grand Bargain resulted in a reduction in the total urban reserves. Because future decisions related to expansion of the UGB will look to the remaining urban reserve areas, it could result in Sherwood's urban reserve areas being brought into the UGB more quickly than may have otherwise occurred. Sherwood Planners will continue to closely follow the development and decisions related to the Urban Growth Boundary and will continue to plan for and advocate that UGB expansions around Sherwood be timely, completed in an orderly manner, and allow for the efficient provision of service. If you have any questions about the urban and rural reserves around the City of Sherwood, please contact the Planning Department at 503.925.2308.

## SPRING BRINGS HYDRANT FLUSHING SEASON

Beginning in mid-April, the Water Operations Crew will systematically open fire hydrants around town and allow the water to flow through the pipes. Our hydrant flushing program is very important to our water system. It is an integral part of our ongoing effort to deliver the safest and highest quality water possible. How?

- It flushes sediments from mainline pipes (enhances water quality);
- It verifies the proper operation of fire hydrants and valves;
- It helps us find weaknesses in our water system; and
- It checks for closed valves and weak flows in the mainlines

Flushing program are scheduled during the wetter months when water supplies are more plentiful. We flush from larger mains first, and then move to smaller mains. The flushing route is carefully planned, and valves are opened and closed to control the direction of the water.

### What Should I Do When They Are Flushing Hydrants In My Area?

If you see a crew flushing a hydrant on your street, avoid running tap water and using the washing ma-

chine or the dishwasher until the flushing is done. If you see hydrant flushing crews working in the area, please drive carefully and treat them like any other road construction crew.

### How Will I Know They Are In Our Area?

Large signs will be posted in the areas being serviced. Call 503.625.5722 or visit [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/hydrant-flushing](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/hydrant-flushing) for an updated schedule.

### What Should I Do After Flushing?

If tap water is used during flushing, it could come out full of sediment that causes discoloration. If you encounter discolored water, shut the water off and wait several minutes. Check the clarity by running cold water for a few minutes, allowing new water to work its way into your pipes. If the water is clear, it's OK to use. If not, wait a few more minutes and check again. In some cases, there may be slight discoloration for a few hours. This discoloration only affects the appearance of the water; it does not affect water quality. There is no health hazard associated with discolored water. Avoid washing laundry during scheduled flushing times. Wait until the water runs clear then wash a load of dark clothes first. If pressure or volume seems low, check your faucet screens for trapped particles.



## HOME IMPROVEMENT PLANS: DON'T FORGET THE PERMIT

As the weather begins to improve and thoughts turn to home improvement projects, remember that some projects will require a permit. If you would like to add on, remodel, build a deck or put in a shed, a permit may be required. Lawn sprinkler systems require an approved backflow device which always requires a permit.

If you hire a professional, they should have a license and be bonded and insured. The City website includes links to the Construction Contractors Board and the Landscape Contractors Board where you can look up information on potential contractors. The Building Department page on the City website can offer some information as to whether you need a permit. The Building Department page can be found under the "Departments" tab. The website includes links to the Sherwood Property Maintenance Code, links to Permit Forms and related handouts, and websites for the State Building Code.

For a deck, a Typical Deck Details handout can be printed, filled out and used to submit for a permit. If you want to know where to put a shed or if you will need a permit for one, see the Accessory Structures for Residential Use handout, which includes basic guidelines for both Planning and Building.

If you need a permit, one can be applied for in

person or in some cases by fax. Forms are available online or at City Hall, which is located on the second floor at 22560 SW Pine Street. If you have any questions on what types of projects require a permit, or need help filling out your permit application, feel free to call the Building Department at 503.625.4226 or come in and one of the Permit Specialists will be happy to help you.



## PLANNING TO BUILD A FENCE

The city standards for fence construction can be found in Chapter 16.58 of the Municipal Code, which can be found on the City website. Generally, fences up to 6 feet tall are permitted in back yards and side yards (but not within 20 feet of the front property line). Fences up to 42 inches tall are permitted in the front yard, but no chain link in the front yard may be used. Please review the standards in the code prior to building you fence and contact the City at 503.925.2308 if you have any questions



## ARBOR DAY PLANTING EVENT

The City held the annual Arbor Day Planting Event on April 8, 2014. Trees and shrubs were planted at the swale located at the southeast entrance to Stella Olsen Park known as the Big Fir Trail Head. City staff, community members and Cub Scouts came together to plant forty plants after Councilor Krisanna Clark proclaimed the week of April 7-13, as Arbor Week in the City of Sherwood. AKS Engineering and Forestry, a local company, gave a demonstration on how to do the planting. A big thanks to everyone who helped!



## TEMPORARY SIGNS

Wanting to advertise a garage sale, a yard sale, or a service you provide? Want to announce a summer sport, or post signs around the City to advertise your home business? If you are planning to send a message with portable or temporary signs within the City of Sherwood, know the rules. The city website ([www.sherwoodoregon.gov/planning/page/portable-banner-temporary-signs](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/planning/page/portable-banner-temporary-signs)) has information on the definition and regulations for temporary and portable signs. Below is a quick synopsis of the rules, but be sure to check the website or contact the Planning Department at 503.925.2309 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday to make sure your signs are placed properly.

- Permits are required for banner signs, but no longer required for temporary (i.e. real estate signs) and portable signs (i.e. yard sale and election signs).
- Portable signs are not allowed in planter strips or public right-of-way (Which typically extends to at least one foot behind a public sidewalk) except on the weekend. Weekend hours begin at 6:00 am on Friday morning and end at 6:00 pm on Sunday evening.
- Signs are not allowed to be attached to util-

ity poles, light poles, trees, or similar objects. They must be placed into the ground using wood or metal stakes in a manner that does not damage property or utilities.

- Portable signs must be no taller than 24 inches and have a sign face no larger than 18 inches by 24 inches (approximately 3 square feet per sign face).

There are exceptions to the rules above for businesses in Old Town, and more permanent A-frame style signs. Be respectful of your neighbors. If you plan to place signs on private property, obtain the owner's permission first, and remember to pick up your signs once your event is complete.



## NEW FINANCIAL TOOL LAUNCHED ON CITY WEBSITE

In late March, the City of Sherwood and [OpenGov.com](http://OpenGov.com) announced the deployment of a new tool that visualizes the city's financial data. By leveraging the [OpenGov.com](http://OpenGov.com) open budget platform, citizens and staff can use the web-based software to enhance access, understanding, and analysis of the city's annual budget.

"Providing access and information to the residents of Sherwood has been a priority for our city," said Sherwood City Manager Joseph Gall. "OpenGov's software is a cost-effective way to promote understanding and build trust with our community." The public is invited to explore the tool on the City's web site at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov) or directly at [www.sherwoodor.opengov.com](http://www.sherwoodor.opengov.com).

"The City of Sherwood is raising the bar in local government and breaking new ground in the state of Oregon by being the first to bring their finances to life," said Zachary Bookman, CEO and co-founder of [OpenGov.com](http://OpenGov.com). "By making its financial data easily accessible for citizens and staff, the city deepens the bond with its community and gives meaning to the data."

Gall initiated the partnership after learning about [OpenGov.com](http://OpenGov.com) at the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA) Annual Conference in

Boston in September of 2013. "With our open budget site, Sherwood's expenses and revenues are available from anywhere at any time and easy to follow," Gall said. "We look forward to expanding our financial transparency with our new partners at [OpenGov.com](http://OpenGov.com)"

While the information being presented is currently limited to the General Fund only, the City plans on expanding the tool to other major city funds in the future. In addition, our goal is allow the public to drill down to actual year-to-date spending with this new tool.

Sherwood is the first city in Oregon to join the growing list of cities nationwide partnering with OpenGov to make financial information easier to understand for the general public.



## TRACKING CURRENT PROJECTS

The City is seeing a variety of development projects. The first step in any development is to get land use approval. Notice is provided of upcoming land use decisions or public hearings to all property owners within 1000 feet of the subject property, posted on site, at five locations throughout the City and in the Gazette or The Times newspaper. You can also see what is being proposed throughout the City by looking at the Current Land Use link under the More Resources tab found on the City website. If you would like to receive emails regarding new development projects received by the City, please send your email request to [planning@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:planning@sherwoodoregon.gov).



## BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

### Cultural Arts Commission

The City of Sherwood is currently accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the Sherwood Cultural Arts Commission. Applicants must be Sherwood residents and have an interest in developing Cultural Arts programs and activities. The Sherwood Cultural Arts Commission meets at 6:30 pm, the third Monday of each month.

### Parks & Recreation Board

The City of Sherwood is currently accepting applications to fill vacancies on the Parks & Recreation Board. Applicants must be Sherwood residents and have an interest in guiding the City in the management and development of parks, recreational areas, facilities, trails, and open space. The Parks & Recreation Board meets at 7:00 pm, the first Monday of each month.

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm, Friday, May 2. Questions regarding the Parks and Recreation Board or the Sherwood Cultural Arts Commission may be directed to the Community Services Director at 503.625.4210. Applications can be obtained on the City's website at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov), or by contacting the City Recorder's office at 503.625.4246.

## MAY BRINGS NATIONAL POLICE AND PUBLIC SERVICE WEEKS

Two important core services provided by the City of Sherwood are being highlighted next month with local recognition of national events. During the week of May 11 through 17, the City will be participating in National Police Week. This week, designated each year by the President and Congress, honors the men and women of law enforcement agencies around our nation who provide a vital public service by safeguarding the rights and freedoms of our citizens. For more information about National Police Week, check out the website at [www.policeweek.org](http://www.policeweek.org)



From May 18 through 24, the City will be participating in National Public Works Week. This week is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, the event calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The week seeks to enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society - the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication. For more information about National Public Works Week, check out the website at [www.apwa.net/discover/National-Public-Works-Week](http://www.apwa.net/discover/National-Public-Works-Week)

