

Library Holidays & Early Closures

The Library will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on December 24. On December 25 and January 1, the Library will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. On December 31, the Library will be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The drive-up book drop in the parking lot is locked during closures. Please return materials to the book drops located at the Pine Street entrance. Remember, you can always access your account online 24/7 at [www.wcccls.org](http://www.wcccls.org).

Check the Friends of the Library Book Shelves for Holiday Gifts

Next time you visit the Library make sure to take a look at the Friends of the Library Book Sale Shelves and Cart! The Friends keep these areas stocked with new and nearly-new books – some perfect as gifts for the holiday season. During December, the Friends will be making an extra effort to have holiday and gift books out. Books are priced as marked and all proceeds directly benefit the Library.

Saturday Family Storytime

Come in on Saturday, December 28 at 10:30 am and join us for stories, songs and a craft - all ages are welcome. This Saturday's theme is "Riveting Rodents." We meet every fourth Saturday of the month.

Wintery Weather

'Tis the time of year for inclement weather, so if the snowflakes are falling or the roads are slippery, please give the Library a call to find out if we are open or operating on an altered schedule.

Thank You!

December 2013 marked the eleventh year the Sherwood Library has sponsored Food for Fines Week to benefit Sherwood's local food pantries - Helping Hands, Willowbrook and St. Francis. Boxes, cans and bags full of non-perishable foods were donated in lieu of paying library fines – thank you, one and all!

Family Game Day

Come to the Library on Saturday, January 4 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm for Blocks! Board Games! Card games! Puzzles! In the Community Meeting Room. For families with children ages 3 and up. Join us to play games, meet new friends and families. Bring your own game, or use one of ours! No registration is required.

Pajama Time Storytime

Put on your pajamas, grab a bedtime friend, and join us for stories, songs and fun on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 pm in the Children's Department. For children ages 6 and under with an adult caregiver. We meet every second Wednesday of the month. No registration is necessary.

Get to Know LIBRARY2GO

Get Started using the library's downloadable eBook and audio services on Saturday, January 11 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room. Please Call the library for more information.

Wednesday Crafternoon

All ages are welcome to join us for space-themed crafting on Wednesday, January 15 at 3:30 pm in the Children's Department. This is a FREE drop-in event, so no registration is necessary.

January DIY Craftshop

This month's feature is a Zentangle Workshop on Wednesday, January 22 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Community Room. Ages 11 - Adult are welcome to join us make custom black & white Zentangle designs. We'll provide markers, pencils, & paper tiles. Please register in advance for this workshop since materials are limited.

Two Saturday Family Storytimes

Come in on Saturday, January 25 at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm to join us for stories, songs and a craft - all ages are welcome. We meet every fourth Saturday of the month in the Community Room. No registration is necessary.

FEATURED PARTNER: CLEAN WATER SERVICES

Clean Water Services (CWS) is a water resources management utility in the Tualatin River Watershed. More than 542,000 customers enjoy clean water and healthy rivers and streams through innovative wastewater and stormwater services, flood management projects, water quality and stream enhancement projects, fish habitat protection, and more. Their services are crucial to the region's public health, environmental protection, and economic vitality. CWS operates four wastewater treatment plants and 40 pump stations. They also work with our 12 member cities (including Sherwood) to build and maintain the public sanitary sewer and surface water management system. In 1970, Clean Water Services was formed as the Unified Sewerage Agency of Washington County by a 2-to-1 vote of the people to address serious health and pollution problems in the Tualatin River and its tributaries. They met that challenge by unifying 26 inefficient wastewater treatment plants into one coordinated system.

In 2001, Clean Water Services changed its name from the Unified Sewerage Agency to reflect their broader role in managing water resources.

Today they work to improve water quality in our

local streams, manage flooding, protect fish habitat, manage flow in the Tualatin River, and operate four award-winning wastewater treatment facilities. Their nationally recognized work in water resource management is an investment in clean and thriving waterways.

Clean water and healthy rivers and streams are a source of community pride. Working in partnership with their 12 member cities, CWS protects these resources by serving as your wastewater and stormwater utility. Although Clean Water Services maintains a close working relationship with Washington County government, they are a special service district that serves as a separately managed and financed public utility. Through their wastewater utility, they clean more than 64 million gallons of wastewater a day to among the highest standards in the nation before returning the water to the Tualatin River. Their Surface

Water Management (SWM) utility manages flooding and pollution, and protects fish habitat. They also maintain storm drain pipelines and ditches, sweep streets, and construct flood management and water quality projects.

Our river

Protecting public health and the Tualatin River is at the heart of their work. The 80-mile-long Tualatin River is unlike most rivers in the Northwest. It meanders slowly through relatively flat terrain, draining more than 700 square-miles of forested, agricultural and urban areas before joining the Willamette River. The Tualatin is Washington County's only river and an important resource to the region. The river is used for regional drinking water supply and agricultural irrigation. In addition, canoeing, fishing, and wildlife viewing draw thousands of outdoor enthusiasts each year.



MAYOR UPDATE

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Recently I was asked why I had voted against the Ice Age Tonquin Trail project that is partially located in Sherwood. As an avid hiker, Volkswalker, and Mazamas member, I have hiked nearly every trail around so I know their value. I am not against trails; I am against spending money the City does not have. In 2012, the City received a \$5.2 million federal grant to complete the trail segment, which totals \$5,697,287. The required local match for the grant is 10.27% plus any additional funds necessary to complete the project should there be cost overruns. These funds, a minimum of over \$500,000 will come from SDCs and our urban renewal agency.

The cost of the trail from Oregon Street to the Wildlife Refuge is estimated at over \$36 million with right of way, planning and administrative costs of over \$5 million. Also according to our Public Works Director, it will cost \$40,000 per mile per year to maintain Sherwood's trail segment that is a little over 4 miles long.

My question to the rest of your City Council was, "How we are going to pay for all this?" I asked the same question of staff, but to date, no one can answer the question.

When the City applied for the grant a few years ago, it should have been open and honest with our citizens about the full cost of the project and future maintenance needs and how these costs would be paid. Then people should have been allowed to vote to see if it was truly wanted by the residents given the expensive price tag, future maintenance needs, and inadequate revenue projections to cover everything. It would have been wiser to look into a much less expensive more realistic project as many suggested after realizing the full project costs. Unfortunately, others were not willing to take a broader view.

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

COUNCIL CORNER

Linda Henderson, Bill Butterfield and Robyn Folsom

On January 10, 2014 at 4:00 pm, the City of Sherwood will be holding a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Sherwood Cultural Arts/Community Center across from Cannery Square Plaza. This long-planned project has experienced a number of delays but will be well worth the wait. The facility will house not only retail space to be used as a revenue source for the operational costs of the center; but also 2 classrooms which could be used by varied artistic disciplines and other activities. The cornerstone of the facility will be a performance space which will have the flexibility to accommodate theatrical productions, fundraising events, banquets, and community gatherings for which their currently exists no venue large enough within Sherwood.

The budget was extremely tight for the project, but with vigilance by city staff and members of the center steering committee, the new facility can be used by many of the thriving programs already in existence in Sherwood as well as create a home and space for new opportunities. This project aligns with the mission of the urban renewal district to revitalize a blighted urban area--promising increased pedestrian traffic and visitors to Old Town that will certainly have a positive economic impact for businesses.

Council Corner articles are written by individual councilors and reflect their opinion, and may not reflect the opinions of the Mayor or any other councilor.

WINTER HOLIDAY TIPS by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

Smoke Alarms

Most fire deaths and injuries are caused by smoke, not flames. Working smoke alarms increase your chances of escaping a fire safely. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and between living areas and bedrooms (for added protection, install alarms in every bedroom). Test your smoke alarms regularly and develop and practice a fire escape plan.

Candles

- Trim candle wicks to ¼ inch before burning and use sturdy candle holders.
- Keep candles away from decorations and other combustibles.
- Always extinguish candles before going to bed or leaving your home.

Holiday Trees

A dry holiday tree is extremely flammable, so it's important to keep your tree fresh.

- Make a fresh cut at the base of the tree before placing it in your stand. Immediately add water and check the water level every day. Don't allow the water level drop below the base of the tree.
- Place your tree away from heat sources.
- Turn-off the tree lights when going to bed or leaving the house.
- When the needles begin to fall from your tree, it should be removed.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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www.sherwoodoregon.gov/policedepartment

Proud to Serve You

I am writing this article after having attended the funeral for Oregon City Reserve Police Officer Robert Libke, who was killed in the line of duty on November 4th 2013. While I didn't know Officer Libke personally, I was honored to attend his memorial service and honor his sacrifice. I am also compelled to write this article and point out the heroic sense of duty displayed by more than 900,000 police officers serving in the United States.

A total of 1,539 police officers died in the line of duty during the past ten (10) years, an average of one death every 57 hours or 154 per year. On average over the last decade, there have been 58,261 assaults against police officers each year. Since the first recorded police officer death in 1791, there have been over 19,000 officers killed in the line of duty and currently there are 19,981 names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial in Washington DC.

Police Officers are a unique breed of public servants. They begin every work day by putting on a bullet proof vest; they arm themselves with a gun

and other defensive tools and they wear a badge that represents everything good and offends those in society that would do us all harm. Make no mistake; there are people in society that would harm an officer if given the chance. From 2008 through 2012 there have been 265 police officers feloniously killed by assailants. According to preliminary statistics, so far in 2013 there have been 33 police officers murdered, including Officer Libke.

The following ideal comes from Dignity Memorial and is used with permission; "Many of us wanted to grow up to become police officers, capturing the bad guys after a robbery. Most people grew out of those dreams, but you proudly grew into them. You are the courageous men and women who risk everything--including your lives--to protect and serve us."

The families of police officers also sacrifice with the understanding that their spouse, son or daughter, mom or dad, brother or sister is in the line of duty to protect other people.

They stay up at night waiting for a safe return from duty, they pray when they hear something dangerous is going on, they silently endure the criticisms, knowing the sacrifice being paid by their loved one.

Your Sherwood police officers proudly serve you every day and are prepared to pay the price for your safety.

In your service-Chief Jeff Groth

**FREE Car Seat Check Up Event!**  
WHEN: Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
WHERE: Sherwood Police Department  
20495 SW Borchers Drive  
Please Bring With You:  
☑ Car Seat  
☑ Car Seat Manual  
☑ Vehicle Owner's Manual  
Sponsored by: Sherwood Police Department, OREGON Transportation Safety Division, Oregon Safe Kids Coalition, ACTS Oregon's Safety Seat Resource Center.  
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## WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION

### SIMPLE PREVENTION TIPS FOR FREEZING PIPES

Save yourself from the financial and emotional impacts of frozen pipes and interrupted water service by taking a few simple precautions this winter. Disconnecting your outside garden hoses and draining your irrigation systems is an easy start. Covering the outside faucets and any foundation vents with insulation, newspaper or cardboard will also help to keep the cold away from your pipes. Insulating any pipes in unheated areas (garage, crawlspace, attic, etc.) with heat tape or pipe insulation will minimize the chance of pipes freezing or breaking.

When freezing weather is forecast simply open the cabinet doors beneath the sinks to allow the air from the home to warm the water pipes. Take a moment to research how you would shut-off your water in case there is an emergency.

If you suspect that your pipes have frozen quickly check several faucets throughout the house. If water flows from any of the faucets the problem is with the household plumbing and not with the flow from the city. Directly apply hot air from a hair dryer or a closely monitored heat lamp or electric heater, moving the heat slowly back and forth along the pipes. Be ready to shut-off the water supply to the house if the pipes have split and a leak is evident.

You can call the City of Sherwood Public Works Department at 503.625.5722 to assist with shutting off your water at the meter.

### ICY WEATHER STREET SANDING

During the worst icy weather our Public Works Crews go into action to spread de-icer and/or sand on the major roads to make them safe for our residents. Review the Street Sanding Map at [sherwoodoregon.gov/publicworks](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/publicworks) to see which major roads will be treated and chart your course accordingly if you have to go out.

### SEASONAL REMINDERS FROM PRIDE DISPOSAL

#### Christmas Tree Disposal

If you have yard debris service with Pride and would like to dispose of your Christmas tree, you can put out your tree on your scheduled yard debris day. Put the tree out instead of your yard debris cart and have it picked up at no charge. If you put the tree out in addition to your yard debris cart there is an extra fee. If you do not have yard debris service, please call their office at 503.625.6177 to make arrangements for your tree removal. All trees over 5 feet must be cut in half. All lights, ornaments, etc. must be removed. Flocked trees are accepted. Wreaths are acceptable if all wiring and decorations are first removed. If you are having a non-profit organization pick up your tree, please do not schedule it on your Pride pick up day to avoid any confusion.

#### Street Tree Trimming

How low are the trees in front of your home? Pride Disposal's residential route trucks measure 13 feet tall, which is a legal height. Many neighborhoods that they service have street front trees that hang lower than 13 feet, which means it's likely that their trucks will run into these branches while picking up your materials. We are asking that you please make sure your trees are trimmed tall enough so as not to hit their trucks. If the trees are not trimmed, it's possible that their trucks will hit, and possibly break, the branches off of your trees. Not only can this cause damage to your trees, but if there is something underneath the tree the branch could fall off and damage what is underneath it. Please keep in mind that Pride's trucks are at legal height and any damage to trees that are not trimmed properly is not their responsibility.

## PLANNING NEWS

### Front Setback Change Proposal

The City has recently received an application to change the development code regarding front yard setbacks for three residential zones. If approved, the front yard setbacks requirements will change for new construction and additions within the City limits. The request is to create different setback minimums for the front porch and the front of the house. The garage setback minimum would remain twenty feet to the property line and continue to allow room for car or truck parking in the driveway. The request includes changing the front porch setback to ten feet to the property line and the front of the house to fourteen feet. The current code minimum is twenty feet to the front of the house.

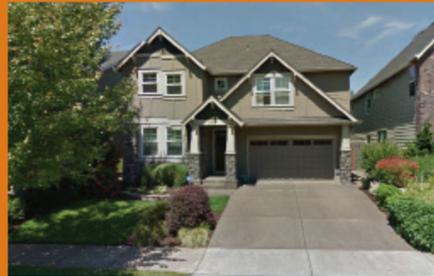
A public hearing date for this request has not yet been set. If you have an opinion about this proposed change, written statements are encouraged and may be submitted to the Planning Department, City Hall, 22560 SW Pine Street, Sherwood, OR 97140 or contact Brad Kilby, Planning Manager at 503.625.4206.



Example of 10 foot set back



Example of 15 foot set back



Example of 20 foot set back

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## BUDGET COMMITTEE OPENING

We are currently seeking to fill an upcoming position on the Budget Committee. Applications will be accepted for this position until 5:00 pm on January 17, 2014. Applicants must be Sherwood residents, registered to vote, and have an interest in the fiscal management of the City.

Questions regarding the committee may be directed Julie Blums, Finance Director at 503.625.4240 or [blumsj@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:blumsj@sherwoodoregon.gov) or you can contact the City Recorder's office at 503.625.4246 or [murphys@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:murphys@sherwoodoregon.gov).



SHERWOOD CULTURAL ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER

Ground Breaking Ceremony  
4:00 pm, Friday, January 10, 2014  
across the street from Carvery Square Plaza  
located in Old Town Sherwood

## CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE KICKS OFF THEIR WORK

The newly appointed Sherwood Charter Review Committee held their first meeting on December 5, 2013 after being created by the Sherwood City Council back in October. The committee consists of nine Sherwood citizens who will be meeting over the upcoming months to review the City Charter. After their review is complete, the committee may make recommendations to the Sherwood City Council about possible amendments to the City Charter. The City Council will consider their recommendations and could place any amendments on the ballot for voter consideration in 2014.

The nine citizen members of the committee include:

- Patrick Allen (Chair), Citizen-at-large
- Neil Shannon (Vice-Chair), member of Budget Committee
- Jennifer Kuiper, Citizen-at-large
- Bob Silverforb, Citizen-at-large
- Beth Cooke, member of Planning Commission
- Charlie Harbick, member of Urban Renewal Plan Advisory Committee
- Jack Hoffbuh, member of Library Advisory Board
- Brian Stecher, member of Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Alyse Vodermark, member of Cultural Arts Advisory Commission

Since about 1910 in Oregon, city charters have essentially been viewed as a city constitution. For this reason, city powers have generally been stated in general, comprehensive terms.

The city charter is intended to deal only with the basic, broad fundamentals of city government. An effective city charter should be as concise as possible, and adaptable to changing conditions to avoid the need for frequent amendment.

If you are interested in providing any input to the charter review process, the committee would like to hear from Sherwood citizens as they complete their process. At this time, the meeting schedule for the committee has not yet been approved for 2014. However, the City has created a specific page on our website to allow the public to obtain the latest information, including meeting agendas, minutes, and videos of previous meetings. This page is [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/othercommittees/page/sherwood-charter-review-committee-created](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/othercommittees/page/sherwood-charter-review-committee-created).

For more information on the committee or the charter review process, please contact Sylvia Murphy, City Recorder at 503.625.4246 or by email at [murphys@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:murphys@sherwoodoregon.gov)

TERM LIMITS?

CITY MANAGER RESIDENCY?

## City Charter Review

VOTE BY POSITION?

VOTE AT LARGE?

MAYOR TERM?



Home of the Umatilla River National Wildlife Refuge

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER/JANUARY 201

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 22	23	24	25 City Hall and Library Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31	January 1 City Hall and Library Closed	2 Charter Review Committee 6:30 pm City Hall	3	4
5	6 Parks and Recreation 7:00 pm City Hall	7 City Council 7:00 pm City Hall	8	9 SURPAC 6:30pm City Hall	10	11
12	13	14 Planning Commission 7:00 pm City Hall	15	16 TriMet Service Open House City Hall 6:30 pm Charter Review Committee City Hall 6:30 pm	17	18
19	20 MLK Day City Hall and Library Closed	21 City Council 7:00 pm City Hall	22	23	24	25 Car Seat Check-up 10:00 am-1:00 pm Sherwood Police Dept

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.

## WEB TIPS TO STAY ON TOP OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

With the economy heating back up, development activity in Sherwood is evident throughout the community. For our active, engaged citizens in the community, there are some simple tips to stay on top of future development proposals. Like in most cities, the Community Development Department is the primary department that works with the development process. The department is made up of three separate sections that deal with development: Planning, Engineering, and Building.

A good place to check on current proposed projects under review within Planning is to go to [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/projects](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/projects) and filter by the Department or you can go to the Current Land Use link found under more resources at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov). Once an application is considered to be complete, city staff creates a separate webpage to share specific project information with the public. This page only lists projects that are subject to public comment. Smaller projects such as individual single-family homes, street tree removal permits, and minor modifications are not placed onto the City's website. When a more substantial development requires a

land use hearing, public notice is also provided to owners within 1000 feet of the project location. The notice is also posted in five different locations around the City including Albertsons, the Senior Center, the YMCA, the library, and upstairs at City Hall.

To look at all projects under the Engineering Department's review, check out [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/projects](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/projects) and filter by the Department or look for the projects tab at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/engineering](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/engineering). At this time, our Building Department does not publicize building projects within the city. For more information on current building permits, contact Building directly at 503.625.4226.



## Library Updates and Expands Computer Services

The Sherwood Library recently replaced all of its public Internet terminals and catalog computers giving patrons better access to library and Internet resources. The computers were replaced with new units which included new 20" monitors. In addition to replacing the existing computers, the Library also added 7 new units which provide our library a total of 17 public computers, 13 for Internet and 4 for catalog access. All of the Internet terminals also now have the latest version of Microsoft Office installed on them as well as other basic productivity applications. We hope our customers enjoy the enhanced computer resources in the library.

