

Meet Adrienne Doman Calkins, new Library Manager

Greetings, Sherwood! I am thrilled to be your new library manager. I look forward to bringing even more relevant library services and programming to this community. I am especially excited to partner with organizations in the city and to hear from the public about how the library can best help all of us to meet our potential. Contact me at AdrienneC@wccls.org with any comments or questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sherwood loves the library

Over 1,200 youth and 300 adults participated in the Summer Reading Program. We saw 1,859 participants at June & July youth programs. Last fiscal year, Sherwood Public Library patrons checked out 367,266 items—the 6th highest total of the Washington County Cooperative Library branches.

September is National Library Card Month

A library card lets you access 1.5 million items & 24/7 access to eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, language learning and test-prep tools, and other databases through Washington County Cooperative Library Services. Contact us at 503.625.6688 for advanced registration for group tours or customized classes.

Outside the Lines

The Library is participating in this national campaign designed to get people thinking and talking about libraries in a new way. Stop by September 14-20 to discover the innovation and creativity available in libraries today. Follow us on Twitter & Facebook for updates.

Writing Workshops

Author Marie Buckley leads each group with a warm-up exercise and thematic writing sessions. No experience is necessary in order to participate, other than an enjoyment of writing and interacting with fellow writers. Bring writing tools and expect a lively, fun atmosphere with plenty of positive feedback. Workshops are from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and the Dates and themes are as follows: Sept. 21 - Bugs, Oct. 5 - Fences, Oct. 19 - Dreams, Nov. 2 - Towns & Cities and Nov. 16 - being American. Sponsored by the Friends of Sherwood Library

Financial Literacy Seminar

Join CPA Korrin Fyall on Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 pm, in the Community Room to learn the importance of a budget, why you should have savings, and using technology to manage your finances. Special focus will be given to raising a family on one income. Come curious and bring questions!

Youth Programs

Busy Builders - Come play with Legos, Duplo blocks & puzzles on September 10 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, in the Community Room. Drop-in, ages 3+.

Storytimes - Interactive storytimes for three ages in the Community Room:

- Baby Time: Thursdays 11:00 am
- Toddler Time: Tuesdays 9:30 am and 10:15 am
Wednesday 11:30 am and Thursdays 10:15 am
- Preschool Storytime: Tuesdays 11:00 am Wednesdays 1:00 pm

Saturday Crafterday - Fall-themed coloring & crafting drop-in event. Saturday, September 13, 10:30 to 11:30 am, in the Community Room.

Library Scavenger Hunt - Put your sleuthing skills to the test, and you might even discover a prize along the way! Wednesday, September 17 at 3:30 pm, in the Children's Department. For students grades 3-6.

Stuffed Friend Sleepover - Join us on September 26 at 7:00 pm, in the Children's Department, for a "beary" special storytime & craft with your stuffed friend! Create a nametag for your friend before leaving them overnight at the library. On Saturday, pick them up with a special surprise including a photo of what happened during the night.

Saturday Family Storytime - All ages invited for stories, songs, and a craft. This month's theme is the popular author Mo Willems. We meet monthly at 10:30 am on the fourth Saturday, often featuring live animal guests

Note: All library programs are free to attend and open to the public.

SO WHAT IS THE REAL SCOOP ON FLUSHABLE WIPES?

Many new household cleaning products and sanitary wipes are being marketed as "disposable" or "flushable". While technically true, the item will flush, it doesn't mean that the item will disintegrate in the sewer pipes on its way to the treatment plant. In fact, it is very possible that the flushed items are still in your sewer pipes creating a potential clog or they may have moved on to become a part of a larger clog in the main system. Disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, mop refills, paper towels and more do not dissolve and can cause expensive and time consuming repairs for homeowners. These products also get tangled-up at the sewer pump station leading increased maintenance, higher costs and possibly to a much larger backup. A well-produced educational video has been provided by the City of Spokane Wastewater Division and can be viewed at our city website, www.sherwoodoregon.gov/utilitybilling/page/your-sewer-and-storm-water.

Attentive management of the Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) that could otherwise find its way down the drains is another easy way to keep your sewer pipes clean and clog-free. About 30 percent of what we eat is considered a FOG - meats, sauces, gravies, dressings, dairy products and deep-fried anything. Over time, allowing these cooking by-products and food scraps to flow down the disposal, sink or dishwasher drain while cleaning our plates, pots and pans, the FOG will solidify and build-up on the walls of your sewer pipes potentially blocking the entire flow.

A blocked sewer pipe is a big problem not only for you, but for the entire neighborhood. Raw sewage that cannot flow out will find its way back into your home through a floor drain. It can also seep up through manholes and into the streets, known as a sanitary sewer overflow, which both unpleasant and expensive to clean-up.

Fortunately, prevention is easy.

- Dispose of all wipes and cleaning products in the trash, not the toilet.
- Choose cleaning items that can be washed and reused
- Avoid putting fat, oil, grease, dairy products or greasy foods down your drain.
- Collect liquid grease into a can or other container and dispose in your trash once it solidifies.

Everyone is encouraged to do their small part in keeping the City's waste water flowing cleanly back into our environment.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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School begins again here in Sherwood in just a few short weeks. It is time for us to be prepared for the commuting that our children do to and from school. Here are a few reminders to consider as we prepare for the return of the school year.

In Oregon it is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals to motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.

Oregon requires that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus. The area 10 feet around a school bus is where children are in the most danger of being hit. Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus. Be alert. Children are unpredictable.

Children walking to or from their bus are usually very comfortable with their surroundings. This makes them more likely to take risks, ignore hazards or fail

to look both ways when crossing the street. Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

All drivers need to recognize the special safety needs of pedestrians, especially those that are children. Young, elderly, disabled and intoxicated pedestrians are the most frequent victims in auto-pedestrian collisions. Generally, pedestrians have the right-of-way at all intersections; however, regardless of the rules of the road or right-of-way, you as a driver are obligated to exercise great care and extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians.

Drivers should not block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn. Do not stop with a portion of your vehicle over the crosswalk. Blocking the crosswalk forces pedestrians to go around your vehicle and puts them in a dangerous situation.

In a school zone you must stop to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk. Always stop when directed to do so by a school designated crossing guard.

Children are the least predictable pedestrians and the most difficult to see. Take extra care to look out for children not only in school zones, but also in residential areas, playgrounds and parks.

School zones in Sherwood are clearly posted with signs and a few have flashing yellow lights. The school zone speed is 20 miles per hour. Fines may be doubled in school zones, so please be careful when driving around our schools. This includes the school zone for the Sherwood Charter School on SW Main St.

Let's have a safe return to school season this year. Remember, we all need to be a part of safety in our community, and together we can have a significant impact on making our community safer for everyone. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns with community safety. We can be reached at 503.625.5523, on the City's website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Mark Daniel, Captain
City of Sherwood Police

FEATURED PARTNER: SHERWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As an important partner with the City of Sherwood, we feel it is our duty to gather the history of our town and preserve it. In return, the City of Sherwood has given us custody of, and helps us maintain, two of the oldest houses in town, the Morback House (museum) and the Smock House (a living history center), and the land on which they sit. Together they form the Sherwood Heritage Center.

Every year our all-volunteer staff hosts Old Town festivals with an open house of our buildings. We open our doors to special events throughout the year, and host many groups from the Chamber of Commerce members to paranormal investigators. We enjoy the sense of wonder as visitors young and old come to the Heritage Center for a peek into the past.

Our Mission: "The Sherwood Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history of Sherwood and Oregon, linking past events to an enhanced understanding of the present, and presenting it in diverse educational formats."

In the past twelve years, we have reincorporated our status as a historical society, refurbished the Morback House, moved and restored the Smock House, made enjoyable grounds surrounding the buildings,

collected and inventoried artifacts and documents, documented our past with two history books, and developed many exhibits.

We have made big strides in education for Sherwood school children with the fall "Our Community" and the spring "Pioneer Days field trips. We host Girl Scout and Boy Scout walking tours around town and every year we invite the Japanese students from Edogawa for a day of American history. Our spring Cultural Exhibit also brings groups together to learn about historic arts and crafts.

And then there is History Camp, a week-long day camp for 1st through 7th grade students to learn how to be involved with history through investigation and re-enactment.

During History Camp week, we also visit City Hall and talk with the City Recorder, Sylvia Murphy, and the Planning Department staff to learn valuable lessons about the inner workings of our City government.

Many key buildings in Old Town are turning 100 years old. The first one coming up is the 100th anniversary of the Rollich Building on September 27th. There will be displays and a re-enactment of the lives and time that made Sherwood so great. Come visit at 9:00 or 11:00 am on that Saturday to see the pageant on 1st and Washington St. As many of our events, it is a free to the public.

The Heritage Center located at 22552 SW Park St., Old Town Sherwood, is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Visit our blog at: sherwoodhistoricalsociety.blogspot.com or call us at 503.625.1236 for additional information or to arrange a tour.



CITY FINANCIAL PICTURE STRENGTHENS

By Joe Gall City Manager

Since we have recently closed the books on our fiscal year, I would like to take a moment to thank City staff and my management team for all of their hard work in FY14 in managing our public resources. We ended the fiscal year on a high note related to the budget. Our General Fund is used for primary City services such as Police, Library, Events, and Development. The General Fund ending fund balance came in \$1.1 million higher than was budgeted. This is due to three main factors - our beginning balance was higher than budgeted from FY13, development revenue was higher than anticipated and our continued fiscally responsible management of expenses.

Moving into our new FY15, the adopted General Fund budget is estimated to increase approximately 12%. 11% of that increase is due to the funding of asset maintenance and one time expenditures that will increase efficiency within the City. Examples of such expenditures include replacement of the play structure at Stella Olsen park, IT equipment for the new Community Center, various long range planning projects, new audio visual equipment for the Community Room, and a new Financial computer system.

Only 1% of this increase is related to normal on-

going operations of the City. If you have questions about the financial aspects of your city government, please feel free to contact me directly at gallj@sherwoodoregon.gov or at 503.625.4200.

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CITY NEWS

When you hear “Engineering Department”, what does that really mean?

When you hear “Engineering Department”, does your imagination see a group of people known for having no sense of humor, and speaking only in scientific terms? Or do you identify them with City streets being torn up, noise and inconvenience? If these descriptions are true for you, we want the opportunity to enlighten you.

The City’s Engineering Department is a group of highly qualified and dedicated individuals working within the Community Development Division. This Department is responsible for planning, designing, and overseeing construction of the City’s Capital Improvement Projects. These projects include street construction, storm water and sanitary sewer systems, some water system components, and parks systems. The Department is also responsible for review and approval of all public infrastructure planned as part of private development. The Department’s main goal is to ensure that all the constructed public infrastructure meets the City’s standards for materials and installation quality, and ensure safe and cost effective public improvements. By ensuring public improvements are constructed to these standards, we are able to minimize long term costs to tax payers for maintenance.

On a smaller scale, for those residents who need to work within the public right-of-way (streets and sidewalks), the Department is also responsible for issuing right-of-way permits. The Department works hand-in-hand with other City Departments (i.e. Public Works, Planning, and Police) in resolving the many issues associated with working in the public right-of-way. The next time you’re at City Hall, stop by and find out what’s happening in Engineering, meet the people who work for your City. And yes, they do have a very refined sense of humor.

Citizen Input Needed on Dog Park

Over the summer months, preliminary design of the City’s first dog park has been progressing with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. We are now at a point in the development process where the committee would like to receive community input on the proposed design. An Open House is scheduled for Monday, September 8th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Community Room at Sherwood City Hall. We want to hear from the many dog owners who will use the new facility which will be located in the existing Snyder Park. For more information on the proposed dog park or the Open House, please contact Kristen Switzer, Community Services Director at 503.625.4210 or by email at switzerk@sherwoodoregon.gov.

City Eliminates Need for Alarm Permits

Similar to many cities in Oregon, Sherwood has had an alarm permit registration program for property owners since 1989. The original purpose for the alarm registration process was to mitigate the number of false alarms that public safety officers were required to respond too, thus taking them away from more pressing calls. City staff recently completed a cost benefit analysis related to the number of false alarms received each year and the revenue that was generated to offset staff costs. Our conclusion was that the small number of false alarms generating a fee did not warrant the amount of work for staff to handle the registration process.

City staff requested through the ordinance process for the City Council to alter the program by removing the need for alarm users within the City limits to register their alarm systems with the City. In addition, the new ordinance changes the fee structure for false alarms to be a code violation rather than a fee set by the fee schedule. This new ordinance was approved on August 5th by City Council and as a result, Sherwood property owners are no longer required to register their alarms. If you have questions about these changes, please contact the Finance Department at 503.625.4243.

PLANNING NEWS

The ABCs of Comprehensive Planning

Did you know that Oregonians have a long history of helping shape how land is planned and developed in our community, region and state?

Land use planning in Oregon began to change fifty years ago when concerns about rapid and uncoordinated suburban growth in the 1960s became more pressing in the Willamette Valley, on the Coast, and in Central Oregon. Many Oregonians complained that Oregon was losing its quality of life when they saw valuable farm and forest lands transformed into homes and businesses on the fringes of cities without much forethought or concern on the long term impacts to our environment, natural resources and farmland. Hearing this call for action, the State enacted legislation to reduce property taxes to protect farm and forest lands, instituted a clean water act, and guaranteed public access to the beaches along the Coast.

In 1973 the Oregon legislature adopted Senate Bill 100 with broad bi-partisan support and established a statewide land use-planning program to be carried out by local jurisdictions. It was intended to provide all Oregonians a predictable and sustainable development process by designating land for residential, commercial, industrial, agriculture, and transportation uses. The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), a state level planning agency, and a seven-member volunteer citizen board known as the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) were also created at this time. The LCDC adopted a set of Statewide Planning Goals, currently 19 of them, expressing the State’s policies on topics such as citizen involvement, land use planning, urbanization, energy, forest lands, and coastal areas (www.oregon.gov/LCD/Pages/goals.aspx). Cities and counties implement these goals by creating comprehensive plans (often called Comp Plans).

Comprehensive plans are intended to guide the future growth and development of a community. A local jurisdiction, like Sherwood, engages citizens in a community-based process to identify a vision of the future and evaluate existing conditions and policies to determine how it is best achieved. For example, a community may look at the amount of available open space area within the city boundary and compare that to how much open space the community wants to see in the future and develop policies that support more acquisition of parkland.

Collectively, local city and county comprehensive plans form a statewide guide for growth and development in Oregon. Local comprehensive plans must be consistent with all state laws, Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), and are reviewed for consistency by the LCDC. Once acknowledged by the LCDC, the comprehensive plan becomes the controlling document for land use in the community and is implemented by the adopted zoning map and the Community Development Code regulations. Sherwood’s Comp Plan, adopted in 1991, can be found on the Planning page of our website at www.sherwoodoregon.gov.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 24	25	26 Planning Commission 7:00 pm City Hall	27	28	29	30 Saturday Market 9:00 am-1:00 pm Cannery Square Plaza
31	September 1 Labor Day City Hall and Library Closed	2 City Council 7:00 pm City Hall	3	4 SURPAC 6:30 pm City Hall	5	6 Saturday Market 9:00 am-1:00 pm Cannery Square Plaza
7	8 Parks and Recreation 7:00 pm City Hall	9 Planning Commission 7:00 pm City Hall	10	11 SURPAC 6:30 pm City Hall Blood Drive Police Dept 10:00 am	12	13 Saturday Market 9:00 am-1:00 pm Cannery Square Plaza
14	15 Cultural Arts 6:30 pm City Hall	16 City Council 7:00 pm City Hall	18	18	19	20 Saturday Market 9:00 am-1:00 pm Cannery Square Plaza
21	22	23 Planning Commission 7:00 pm City Hall	24	25	26	27 Saturday Market 9:00 am-1:00 pm Drug Take Back Event 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Dates, time, and location of events subject to change. Please check online at www.sherwoodoregon.gov for most recent events and details.

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ROUND TWO OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS IN NOVEMBER

A second set of proposed amendments to the City Charter have been referred to the November ballot by the Sherwood City Council at their meeting held on August 5, 2014. The Council considered seven possible ballot titles as recommended by the Charter Review Committee and selected five for the ballot. These proposed amendments follow a similar process earlier this year when Sherwood citizens voted to approve five charter amendments in May 2014.

When you receive your ballot for the November election, please remember to

review the proposals for these five additional amendments to the City Charter. As a reminder, only city residents are permitted to vote on these charter amendments so if you are a non-resident with a Sherwood postal address, your ballot will not contain these proposed amendments.

For more information on the charter review process or these proposed amendments, contact the City Manager's office at 503.625.4200.



NEW PLAYGROUND COMING AT STELLA OLSEN!

The City of Sherwood Parks and Recreation Board is reaching out to the community in its pursuit to select a new playground structure for Stella Olsen Memorial Park. The current structure is the oldest currently standing in Sherwood and was originally installed in 1998. It has passed its standard life expectancy. Once a new design is determined the schedule for replacement has work beginning in late February 2015, weather pending, with the intention to be up and running by the end of March.

The Parks and Recreation Board and the Public Works Department initiated community voting on the 3 finalists at the Music on the Green on Wednesday August 13th. Voting is now available online for the next few weeks. Please visit www.sherwoodoregon.gov/parksrec to access a page with images of the 3 finalists and then to go to the voting site.

We thank you in advance for your participation to help select our new play structure at the popular city park.

Option C Modern



Option 1



Option D Traditional



POLITICAL SIGNS IN SHERWOOD

As the summer winds down, the political season is already underway and that may bring some questions about portable signs on private property. Below are some common questions we receive about portable signs.

What kind of sign can I place on my property?

- A-frame portable signs are limited to no greater than four (4) feet in height and seven (7) square feet per sign face. An A-frame sign is composed of two (2) sign boards attached at the top and separated at the bottom, (to form an "A" shape)
- Portable signs attached to a stake or wire frame are limited to 24 inches in height and a sign face no larger than 18 inches by 24 inches in size

How many signs can I have?

- Up to four portable signs are allowed per lot on residentially zoned properties.
- One portable sign is allowed per business in any commercial complex.

Where can I put the sign(s)?

- Portable signs are not allowed in the public right-of-way except from Friday at 6:00 am

until Sunday at 6:00 pm. Otherwise, portable signs must be placed on private property.

Do I need a permit?

- Portable signs do not require a permit from the City

This is just a very brief summary of some of the regulations and does not address "temporary signs" which have different size, location and number restrictions than portable signs. A brochure summarizing the regulations for temporary and portable signs can be found at www.sherwoodoregon.gov/planning/page/portable-banner-temporary-signs. In addition, there is a FAQ handout that is available on the City website. The City has already conducted an informational session with candidates and interested citizens which will be repeated in September.

The specific code regulating portable signs is located in Chapter 16.102 of the Municipal Code, which is available on-line. Any questions regarding sign regulations can be directed to the Planning Department at 503.925.2308. To inquire about sign code enforcement, contact the City's Code Compliance Officer at 503.925.7106

INTERESTED IN CITY BUDGET?

The Sherwood Budget Committee is currently accepting applications for three positions. Applications will be accepted for these positions until 5:00 pm on Friday, September 19, 2014. Applicants must be Sherwood residents who are registered voters and have an interest in the fiscal management of the City. The Sherwood Budget Committee meets periodically throughout the year and in April and May to review the annual City Budget.

Application can be found on the City's website at www.sherwoodoregon.gov under More Resources/City Board Applications

Questions may be directed to either Julie Blums, Finance Director, at 503.625.4240 or blumsj@sherwoodoregon.gov or Sylvia Murphy, City Recorder at 503.625.4246 or murphys@sherwoodoregon.gov.

