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MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR CENTER

Summer is here at the Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center! If you're feeling the heat, stop on by or register for one of these great activities, make a lunch reservation, or just pop in and see what we're up to!

Coffee & Chat: Spanish! - First Friday of the month (7/11, 8/1, 9/5) at 10:30 am

¡Únete a nosotros! Join us the first Friday of every month for a Spanish conversation with some fun, snacks, and coffee along the way! This group is for fluent speakers as well as well as those who are looking to practice their Spanish skills. ¡Únase a nosotros el primer viernes de cada mes tendremes conversación en español llenas diversion donde ofreceremos refrigerios y café. Este grupo está dinigido tanto a peronas con dominion del idioms español, asi como a aquellar que deseen practicar sus conocimientos del idioma.

Scrabble - 2nd & 4th Friday of the month (7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 8/22) at 2:30 pm -

We had such a great time we decided to play Scrabble twice as much! Do you love the NYT Spelling Bee? Do you have a love of letters, words, and games! If you're not already a Scrabble fan, you soon will be! Join us the last Friday of each month for this fun brain teaser of a game!

Dungeons & Dragons - Fridays, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm -7/25 - 8/22 - \$15 or \$7 if participated in Dragon of Stormwreck Isle.

The Sinister Secret of Saltmarsh "Adventurers arrive to the town of Saltmarsh and are intrigued with the rumor of a nearby haunted house. Is the house occupied by an ancient alchemist? Have monsters taken the manor as their new home? Does unclaimed treasure protected by skeletons actually exist? An adventuring party with sharp eyes and combat skills will find out. The Sinister Secret of Saltmarsh is a Dungeons & Dragons 5.0 (2014) adventure for players levels 1-3." Mystery Monday - First Monday of the Month at 4:00 pm (In-person & Zoom)

Indulge your inner sleuth by joining our monthly mystery book club! Each month we'll go on a crime solving adventure with authors from near and far, covering a range of mystery interests. Get a jump on the next book for our August 4th meeting: The Cold Dish by Craig Johnson

Your Personal Safety with SPD Sgt. Kris Asla - August 11 at 11:00 am - Free

There are so many questions that we have these days about how to protect ourselves: How to protect our homes, our money, and our family. Join Sherwood Police Sargent Kris Asla to learn how to prepare, what to keep an eye out for, and what to do if you are in a threatening or concerning situation. Let's Talk

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.

Let's Talk About End-of-Life Decisions - August 6 at 10:30 am - Free

Considering end-of-life realities can be overwhelming and easily set aside. Let's talk about making plans and asking questions about these decisions. Note: This conversation will not provide legal advice but instead offers a safe environment to explore and share feelings, fears, and thoughts that surround end-of-life issues. Genealogy Club: Research, Stories, & Finding

Are you an ancestry sleuth or a genealogy hound? Have you traced your family through time to the Aztecs, the Huns, the Tudors? Are you just getting started in your quest to trace your family through history and are looking for ideas an inspiration? Gather to meet with others who are passionate about this work to share your excitement, roadblocks, and finds!

August 6th Guest Speaker: Adam Lewkosky from the Sherwood Library on how to use library resources to help build your family tree.

September 3rd Guest Speaker: Linda Meyer from the Genealogy Society of Washington County, Oregon on her journey through her family's history.

PLANNING NEWS Employment Area Brings Jobs, Growth, and Infrastructure to

Sherwood is in the midst of an exciting transformation, expanding beyond its residential roots into a regional economic and employment hub. Central to that vision is the Tonquin Employment Area (TEA)—a 300-acre planning district in east Sherwood designed to attract advanced manufacturing, high tech, and light industrial employers. With significant infrastructure investments and major developments already underway, the TEA is playing a leading role in job creation and long-term economic growth. The TEA was carefully planned to align with Sherwood's broader economic development goals-offering modern facilities, streamlined permitting, and a location that balances access to major transportation corridors with a high quality of life for work-

to attract interest from companies across Oregon and the West Coast. Two major industrial campuses have already anchored the area. Schnitzer Properties completed Phase 1 of its Sherwood Commerce Center (SCC), delivering three buildings totaling more than 500,000 square feet. The developer is now advancing Phases 2 and 3, which will add four additional buildings and 554,000 square feet of new flexible industrial space. Nearby, Panattoni Development has finished construction on its Rock Creek Corporate Center, a 407,000 square foot industrial facility that further enhances the TEA's capacity to serve growing businesses. Both projects were constructed by Perlo Construction, which will also lead the upcoming phases of the SCC.

ers. The area is one of the most active employment zones in the region and continues



So far, more than a dozen companies have located in the Sherwood Commerce Center, including Olympus Controls, Maxco Chain and Studn, collectively employing hundreds f workers. Another key employer in ne TEA is NSI-Exentec, a high-tech anufacturer located just east of the C and Panattoni sites. NSI alone as nearly 100 employees and coninues to grow. Altogether, Sherwood has seen close to 700 new jobs cre-

ated in the TEA so far, with that number expected to at least double over the next two years as more buildings are completed and companies move in.

Adding momentum to this progress is the upcoming construction of Ice Age Drive, a key east-west industrial collector roadway scheduled to break ground this July. The new one-mile road will connect SW Oregon Street to SW 124th Avenue and serve as critical infrastructure to unlock large remaining parcels within the TEA. The \$15 million project, supported by \$3 million in federal funding, will bring essential utilities—including water, sewer, stormwater, and electric-to sites that are currently inaccessible. It will also include sidewalks and a regional stormwater facility.

Ice Age Drive is more than just a road—it's an investment in Sherwood's economic future. By improving east-west connectivity and reducing pressure on SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road, it positions the city to better serve regional employers and meet growing demand for industrial space.

"This project represents the next chapter of Sherwood's growth," said Erik Adair, Sherwood's Economic Development Manager. "We're creating the space and infrastructure to attract high-wage employers and give our residents access to new career opportunities close to home. The Tonquin Employment Area is unlocking long-term benefits for the entire community."

Looking ahead, the City continues to work closely with developers, regional partners, and state agencies to ensure the TEA remains a catalyst for job creation and invest-

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SPOTLIGHT ON CITY STAFF

Welcome back to Spotlight on City Staff! In this edition we want to not only put the spotlight on a member of Sherwood's hardworking City Staff, but also to highlight a program that makes us proud.

In this edition we want to introduce you to our Chief of Police, Chief Ty Hanlon and Assistant City Manager, Kristen Switzer.

Kristen Switzer

1. How long have you been with the City of Sherwood?

I've been with the City of Sherwood for 23 years. Prior to that I was in Lake Oswego for 7 years and spent 1 year in Newport Beach, California. 2. What does an average day look like for you?

Every day is different, but most are filled with a mix of meetings (many, many meetings), reviewing materials, and responding to emails. It's a constant balance between long-term strategic planning and staying on top of daily responsibilities and deadlines.

3. What are some of your favorite things about working for the City?

Definitely the people. I've had the opportunity to work with an incredible team and community over the years. I love that no two days are ever the same—there's always a new challenge or opportunity to tackle

4. What are some typical challenges of this position?

Balancing the wide range of needs and priorities across departments and the community—especially with limited time and resources. It takes creativity, flexibility, and constant coordination to keep things moving

5. What advice would you give someone who is just beginning in this career?

Be open to learning and say yes to new opportunities, even when they're outside your comfort zone. Build strong relationships—they are key to long-term success in local government.

6. What experience do you feel helped prepare you for your current role?

I've spent 30 years working in municipal government, starting in Parks & Recreation. That background has given me a strong foundation in public service, community engagement, and managing people and projects.

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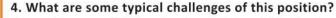
I've been with the City of Sherwood since 2009. Prior to that, I served with the City of Beaverton, building the foundation of my law enforcement career before bringing that experience to Sherwood.

2. What does an average day look like for you?

My day is typically filled with a wide range of meetings—some focused on city business, budget planning, personnel matters, and upcoming events. I also regularly meet with other law enforcement leaders in the region to discuss legislative changes, policy updates, and best practices. Community engagement is a key part of my role, so I often connect with local business leaders and attend public events. And throughout it all, I prioritize engaging with our staff—looking for ways to support them, improve operations, and ensure we're delivering the best service to the community.

3. What are some of your favorite things about working for the city?

I truly appreciate the safety and livability of Sherwood—it's something our City Council has prioritized for years. I also enjoy the daily interactions with our officers, city staff, and community members. There's a strong sense of pride here and a shared commitment to making Sherwood a great place to live and work.



Law enforcement is constantly evolving. Adapting to new laws, policies, and public expectations can be challenging. One of the biggest hurdles we face today is hiring and retaining quality officers. Creating an environment where officers feel valued, supported, and see a future here is essential—not just for their well-being, but for the long-term success of our department.

5. What advice would you give someone who is just beginning in this career?

Stay balanced. This is an honorable profession, but it comes with significant risks and demands. Never lose sight of who you are. Prioritizing your health, your family, and your relationships is critical—it allows you to serve with clarity, strength, and for the long haul.

6. What experience do you feel helped prepare you for your current role?

There's no substitute for experience. You don't truly understand the depth of this job until you live it day in and day out. It's not like what you see on TV—it's demanding, and at times, dangerous. I was always driven by a desire to see justice served, especially for those who couldn't speak for themselves. Over the years, I was fortunate to work in a variety of roles and learn from both good and difficult experiences. Those lessons shaped my leadership style and helped me form a vision for how to lead a department with integrity, purpose, and compassion.



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LIBRARY NEWS Sherwood Public Library Announces Adjusted Hours

New open hours at Sherwood Public Library began June 30 in response to recent budget reductions with the City of Sherwood's general fund.

This adjustment aims to maintain quality library service while adapting to the financial realities of reduced revenue and increased expenses.

Sherwood Public Library and the City of Sherwood remain committed to serving the community and ensuring access to reading materials, quality programming, early literacy, tech help, community events, and more.

New operating hours:

- Monday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Tuesday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Wednesday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Thursday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Friday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Saturday - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

The above schedule is a reduction from 60 open hours a week to 53. Reduced hours were chosen carefully to preserve the busiest times and still offer seven-day service.

The Library is just one of the city departments seeing a reduction of staffing. Citywide, eight FTE (full time equivalent) positions are cut from the adopted budget. City Manager, Craig Sheldon, commented "Laying off employees is one of the most difficult decisions in local govern-

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ment. These reductions are the result of tough budget decisions as we realign our resources to match long term financial realities. The impacted positions include a mix of full-time, part-time, and on-call roles. We are extremely grateful for their service and are committed to supporting them through this transition while continuing to prioritize essential services and the long-term sustainability of City operations."

Meanwhile at the Library, Summer Reading events and free books are still planned as usual. Expect a reduction of storytimes in the fall from six sessions to four sessions, still for ages birth to PreK.

We understand these changes may impact our visitors and we appreciate the community's support as we navigate this transition. For the most recent information, see sherwoodoregon.gov/library.

To support the library, consider donating to the Friends of Sherwood Public Library and Sherwood Library Foundation at sherwoodoregon.gov/library/support.

Library Events & Activities:

Level Up with Summer Reading - Join us for events throughout the summer and enjoy free books and reading challenges for children, teens, and adults. Pick out your free book to keep. No registration required.

Bilingual Storytime in the Park / Hora de cuentos bilingüe en el parque - Enjoy storytime, free lunch, craft, free books, and an outdoor game at this camp-like experience for children and their families on Thursdays, July 3-24, 10:30 am to 11:30 am, at Stella Olsen Park. Los jueves, del 3 al 24 de julio, de 10:30 a 11:30 am en el parque Stella Olsen, Program is in Spanish and English.

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en Taiko - Join us for an interactive, cultural drumming experience. On July 15, 11:00 am to 11:45 am at Cannery Square, corner of SW Pine and SW Columbia for all ages.

Pool Noodle Pony Races - Inspired by the Finnish Hobbyhorse Championships, participants will make a horse out of a pool noodle and navigate an obstacle course. On July 22, 11:00 am to 11:45 am. at Cannery Square, corner of SW Pine and SW Columbia for all ages.

Intro to Watercolor - Just the introduction you need to grow your love of watercolor painting. Registration required. For ages 10 and up on July 23, 2:00 pm to 3:30

Repair Fair - Volunteers with "fixing" skills help others fix broken items. Sign up to see if volunteers can help fix your item, or volunteer to fix items for others. On August 2, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

More about Visisting the Library

All library events are free and open to the public. Library cards are not required. More events and activities, including book groups, and registration information, at sherwoodoregon.gov/library. Sherwood Public Library, a Washington County Cooperative Library Services member library and department of the City of Sherwood, is located on the first floor at 22560 SW Pine St., Sherwood, OR. All parking is free in downtown Sherwood.

Holiday hours: The library will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The Pine Street bookdrop will be open and e-books and accounts are available at wccls.org.

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at sherwoodoregon.gov/ <u>library/newsletters</u> to learn about even more events and get reading recommendations delivered to your inbox. Contact us at askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov or 503-625-6688.

SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS



The tradition continues! Come view this beloved gallery exhibit at the Sherwood Center for the Arts. The Sherwood Student Art Show continues to be a tremendous success and a positive experience for students and teachers alike, with student artists from public schools, private schools, and independent studios participating. Come support our students and their artistic efforts and achievements. This show will be on display May 21 - August 24, 2025. Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday between

Summer Art Camps Are FILLING UP!

Summer camps are filling up! Our Art Smart summer camps are perfect for kids who want to create, meet likeminded peers, and expand their imagination. Each week we offer a choice of morning sessions from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and afternoon sessions from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Your child can attend one session per day, or stay for a full day with a supervised lunch break.

We are offering some of our FAVORITE RETURNING CAMPS such as Northwest Children's Theater, Engineering for Kids, Metropolitan Performing Arts' Hogwarts and Percy Jackson Experience, Ukulele: Island Vibes, as well as some

new and exciting summer camp opportunities! Visit our website at SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org for the full ART SMART summer camp schedule.

Summer Camp Counselors!

TEENS! Consider joining us this summer as a DAY CAMP COUNSELOR! We are looking for creative, outgoing students ages 15+ who want to grow their leadership skills and make a difference as a volunteer this summer. Email us at: arts@sherwoodoregon.gov or come talk to a Center for the Arts staff member.

SAVE THE DATE: Summer Art Walk | July 10 | 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm | FREE & Open to

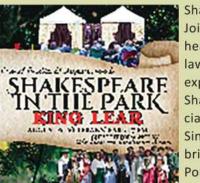


Kick off the season with the Old Town Summer Art Walk! Head to Old Town for an art-filled stroll on Thursday, July 10 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Enjoy delicious treats and cuisine from downtown, groove to live music and support local artisans.

More festivities will be scattered throughout six Old Town Sherwood blocks for families and friends to enjoy. Art Walkers are encouraged to begin their stroll at the Sherwood Center for the Arts and make their way around to participating businesses. Collect a stamp at each stop and enter to win a fabulous, locally curated

prize basket. Visit our website to view all of the participating businesses and artists.

Shakespeare in the Park: King Lear | August 9 | 7:00 pm | Veterans Park



oin us for FREE Shakespeare in the Park - in the heart of Sherwood at Veterans Park. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic dinners for this one-of-a-kind SHAKESPEARE experience, with skilled actors from Original Practice Shakespeare (OPS Fest). Come early and enjoy a special guest performance by the Sherwood Renaissance Singers! OPS Fest is a non-profit theater company that brings no-cost Shakespeare to parks in and around rtland. View their full summer schedule at www.

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GUIDELINES FOR POSTING SIGNS

This guide provides a limited overview of what the Municipal Code refers to as "portable signs," which are typically attached to a wood stake or wire frame driven into the ground. They must be freestanding and cannot be attached to any structure or vegetation such as utility poles, traffic signs, street signs, trees, or similar items.

Portable Signs - include garage sale, election, business, and real estate 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 are stand-alone signs, not attached to a building or any other permanent structure."

The city regulates signs based on their physical characteristics, such as size, construction materials, and location, not the message or content of the sign. The rules for "election signs" are the

same as the rules for any other sign.

Portable Sign Regulations

- Signs shall not be illuminated and may not include 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 am through Sunday at 6:00 pm.
- · Signs shall not create a traffic safety or maintenance problem, and the City may remove any signs that are a problem.

Limitations on Numbers of Portable Signs

- No more than four portable signs are allowed on residential lots.
- No more than one portable sign per business is allowed in all other zones, except the Institutional and Public zone.
- Properties zoned Institutional and Public may place one portable sign every fifty feet for the length of the site's frontage along a public street Code Compliance

Code Compliance will generally conduct a "sign-sweep" at least once a week to remove any portable signs that are in violation of the sign code.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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Did you know we have a Police Advisory Board? We currently have an opening and are seeking applications. The board is a component of the Sherwood Community, with the goal of promoting public safety.

The hoard is expected to establish and maintain coordinated and cooperative working relation residents, the business community, faith community, youth population, schools, other agencies, and the police

The board helps establish priorities for the delivery of police services, including types, levels, and quality. The board assists the police department with strategic planning, goals, and reviews police policies.

The board consists of nine members appointed to three year terms. Six members must be residents of Sherwood and the remaining must reside within the 97140 zip code, but need not be residents of the city.

The board meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Community Room and the Sherwood Police Department.

If you are interested in learning more about the board or interested in applying to be a member of it, you can visit <u>SherwoodOregon.gov/policeadvisoryboard</u> for more information.

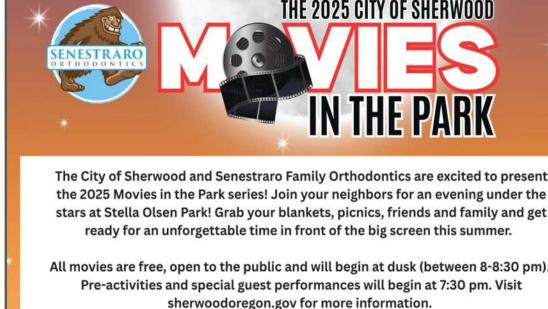
National Night Out

National Night Out is coming up quickly and we would love to see you there! This annual event is a communitybuilding campaign that gathers neighborhoods and local law enforcement together.

It is designed to inspire camaraderie and partnership while promoting safe and inviting neighborhoods. We are hosting National Night Out at Cannery Square from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 5.

We will have live music, food, drinks, and face painting. This year we added a dunk tank to the festivities! We hope you have a fun and safe summer!













CITIZENS UNIVERSITY RETURNS

Sherwood Citizens University Classes Return in October

vices the City of Sherwood provides as a public business.

In this six-week series of classes, participants learn how your city government operates. The classes are for Sherwood citizens who are interested in learning more about how their city government operates. Classes will be taught by various City Senior Leaders and staff with the goal of engaging Sherwood residents and helping them to prepare to serve in a range of civic leadership capacities within our city.

Topics covered will include how city services are funded, how the city plans for future growth and development, and learn about our Council-Manager form of government. The classes are designed to be interactive, participants learn about all the ser-

The classes are free to the public and will be open to up to 20 participants. Participants must be at least 18 years old; however, we are planning to hold two positions open for interested high school age students.

Sherwood Citizens University will kick off on Thursday, October 2, 2025 with additional classes to be held on the following Thursdays: October 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6. All classes will be held from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

The deadline to apply for this next series is Friday, September 5, 2025. Applications to participate in the Sherwood Citizens University will be available on the city website on July 15 and we encourage interested citizens to apply early as space fills up quickly. Participants must indicate on their application an ability to attend at least 80 percent of the scheduled classes.

You do not need any prior experience to participate. You only need to be a Sherwood resident, care about the community, and be willing to learn and share your

If you have questions about this program, please contact Kristen Switzer at switzerk@sherwoodoregon.gov.



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