

SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Oregon Ballet Theatre 2 (OBT2) | May 3 | 3:00 p.m. | \$7/All ages
Join us for the final performance of our 2025 Family Matinee Series. We are excited for the return of Oregon Ballet Theatre's junior ensemble (OBT2), featuring dancers who are on the cusp of their professional careers. Enjoy traditional and contemporary pieces from this prestigious company's wide repertoire. This year's tour features work by George Balanchine, Ben Stevenson, Artistic Director, Dani Rowe, and OBT2 Director, Dominic Walsh. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. General seating.

Monday Mic Night | May 19 | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. | FREE | Sign-ups begin at 6:30 p.m.

Calling all poets, writers, actors, musicians and artists alike -- of all ages! Come share your talent(s) with a live audience. Are you a student in need of a live audience to rehearse your monologue or solo piece for an upcoming college audition or show? Are you a poet or writer in need of some feedback? Are you a musician wanting to share your next big hit/single, but need to work out the kinks? Are you a comedian with a handful of laughter to share? We would love to support you! Share your gifts in a safe and welcoming environment. Not interested in performing? That's fine too! Come support your community as part of the live audience and cheer for these emerging talents.

Gallery Exhibit: Sherwood Student Art Show | Gallery Opening Reception: June 9 | 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. | FREE
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. Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Summer Art Camps are FILLING UP!
Our Art Smart summer camps are perfect for kids who want to create, meet like-minded peers, and expand their imagination. We offer a choice of morning sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and afternoon sessions from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Your child can attend one session per day, or stay for a full day with a supervised lunch. 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 [SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org](https://sherwoodcenterforthearts.org) for the full ART SMART summer camp schedule.

SummerS 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 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. | FREE & Open to the Public
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 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 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.

MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR CENTER

Upcoming Activities at the Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center
The Marjorie Stewart is a place to have great food, meet great friends, and find needed support for Sherwood's older adult community. Here's a snippet of some things we have coming up!
Mind Over Matter - Friday, May 30, June 13, and June 27
If you have issues with bladder or bowel control, you are not alone. More than half of women aged 50 or older experience urine or bowel leakage sometimes! The Mind Over Matter; Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder workshop is designed to give women the tools they need to take control of their symptoms. Scientific studies show that attending this workshop reduces or even cures symptoms for many women! Even if you don't have leakage symptoms now, it's never too early or too late to think about your bladder and bowel health!
Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder is a 3-session workshop for senior women that include information, group activities, and simple exercises to do at home. Registration required. Free
Coffee & Chat: Spanish! - First Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m.
¡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 those who are looking to practice their Spanish skills. \$1 per session
¡Únase a nosotros el primer viernes de cada mes para una conversación en español con diversión, refrigerios y café durante el camino! Este grupo es tanto para hablantes fluidos como para aquellos que buscan practicar sus habilidades en español.
Scrabble - Final Friday of the month at 2:30 p.m.
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! Free
AARP SMART DRIVER - June 10 and 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
\$20 AARP member - \$25 Non-Member
When you take the AARP Smart Driver™ Class, you could be eligible for a multi-year discount on your auto insurance. Plus safer driving can save you more than just money. The course teaches proven driving techniques to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road. Registration required. Additionally, you'll learn:

- Important facts about the effects of medication on driving.
 - How to reduce driver distractions.
 - How to maintain the proper following distance behind another car.
 - Proper use of safety belts, air bags, anti-lock brakes and new technology found in cars today.
 - Techniques for handling left turns, right-of-way, and roundabouts.
 - Age-related physical changes and how to adjust your driving to compensate.
- Dungeons & Dragons**
Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 6/13-7/18 (no meeting 7/4) 7/25 – 8/22
Fridays, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. 6/13 – 7/18 (no meeting 7/4) 7/25 – 8/22 (Shadow Dark Campaign)
Join us for a summer of Dungeons & Dragons! Beginner? No problem! Dungeon Master Kent will help you learn the ropes and ways of DnD. Come together, have fun, and exercise your imagination. The goal is to have fun and create an immersive story – no one is a loser in this game!
All game materials provided including manuals, dice, and player sheets. Wander deep into caverns, tombs, and catacombs of gold and gems in the Shadowdark variation during the 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. session starting 7/25. Kids (10yo+), parents, and grandparents are welcome to play! \$15 per 5-week campaign.

PLANNING NEWS

Placing a sign this Spring or Summer?
Check out this quick guide to Temporary, Portable, and Banner Signs Regulations in the City of Sherwood.
Whether you're advertising a yard sale, promoting a business, or displaying a message, it's important to follow local sign regulations to ensure safety, visibility, and compliance with the City's zoning code. The following overview breaks down what types of signs are allowed, where they can be placed, and any permits you might need.
Temporary Signs
These are short-term signs often used for events or sales. In residential zones, they can be up to 6 feet tall and 3 feet wide, with a maximum sign face of 6 square feet per side. They must use a colonial post style and may include one small rider. In all other zones, they can be up to 8.5 feet tall and 4 feet wide, with sign faces up to 32 square feet.
Typically, only one temporary sign is allowed per lot. These signs are not permitted in public rights-of-way.
Portable Signs
Portable signs include A-frames and staked signs that can be moved easily. Residential lots can have up to four, while larger nonresidential properties can place one every 50 feet of street frontage. Most zones limit businesses to one portable sign.
Portable signs may only be placed in the public right-of-way between Friday at 6:00 a.m. and Sunday at 6:00 p.m. (or through Monday evening if it's a federal holiday). They must be freestanding, not attached to structures or vegetation, and placed at least 25 feet apart. Signs also require permission if placed adjacent to someone else's property.
In the Old Town Overlay District, businesses with a Sherwood license may display up to two portable signs without a permit, including in the right-of-way, as long as they have the property owner's permission and follow placement guidelines.
Banner Signs
Banner signs are flexible signs attached to buildings. They must be mounted securely to a building side, not fences, rooftops, or vehicles, and must avoid covering windows. Banners must be in good condition—no fading, fraying, or drooping—and made of all-weather material.
In commercial, industrial, and public zones, one banner sign per business is allowed, up to 32 square feet. Residential properties are also allowed one banner sign per tax lot of the same size.
Most banners require a permit. Permits are valid for 30 days and can be renewed up to three times per year.
General Rules for All Signs
Signs are prohibited in state and county rights-of-way, within clear vision areas, or on private property without owner permission. They cannot be illuminated or use attention-getting devices like balloons or spinners and must not block traffic. The person who posts the sign is responsible for removing it.
Violations
Each day a sign violates the code is treated as a separate offense. Illegally placed signs in the right-of-way can be confiscated by the city and held for 10 business days. If not retrieved, they'll be disposed of.
Questions or Sign Complaints?
For questions about signs, contact the Planning Department at planning@sherwood-oregon.gov or 503.925.2308.
To inform the City of a potential sign violation, contact Code Compliance at codecompliance@sherwoodoregon.gov or 503.625.4236.
You may also submit the potential violation through the City's online system at: sherwoodoregon.gov/form/code-compliance-complaint-form

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Sherwood Broadband Update

We're excited to share that we've officially reached the halfway mark—50% of our city now has access to fast, reliable fiber internet! If you've been thinking about making the switch to Sherwood Broadband, it's easy! Our friendly team is here to help every step of the way. Check out what our customers are saying online and read our 5-star Google reviews.
As your city-operated, locally based provider, we're not just focused on building a network—we're committed to creating a better internet experience for our entire community. We offer some of the lowest-priced internet packages in the area, without compromising on speed, quality, or customer care. With five residential plans starting at just \$30 per month, there is something for everyone! We also have no router fees, contracts or extra fees added on to your bill. When you choose a plan with Sherwood Broadband, the price you see is the price you will pay!
Our local team is easy to reach—whether by phone, email, or even a quick visit to our office.
If we're not yet available in your neighborhood, please know we're working hard to bring service to the rest of the city as soon as possible.
For updates and to check your address, be sure to follow us on Facebook and visit our website at sherwoodbroadband.com.



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 we are proud of. In this edition we want to introduce you to our Executive Assistant, Angie Hass and Library Assistant II, Joy Redington.
Angie Hass
Q: How long have you been working as an Executive Assistant?
A: I was hired as an Administrative Assistant III-Confidential for Sherwood PD in 2007. Over the years, my responsibilities grew and changed. In order to be better aligned with my job duties, my job title changed to Executive Assistant in 2022.
Q: How long have you been with the City of Sherwood?
A: I have been with the Sherwood PD for 17.5 years.
Q: What does an average day look like for you?
A: One of the many things I love about my job is that no two days are the same. I show up each morning hoping to tackle my stack of "to-do's" but knowing that there is a good chance I may only get to a few of the tasks. In addition to my day-to-day duties, I provide admin support for the PD's leadership team. I am also supporting backup for the records/front office staff.
Q: What are some of your favorite things about working for the city?
A: Serving the Sherwood community! I am so grateful to serve such a supportive community, with the bonus of working with amazing people.
Q: What are some typical challenges of this position?
A: The most challenging aspect of this position, for me, is rarely ever feeling like I am "caught up". However, I prefer to be busy, so it really is more of a positive.
Q: What advice would you give someone who is just beginning in a Executive Assistant role?
A: When presented with a task or request, don't be afraid to ask when it needs to be completed by. Knowing how to best prioritize your work is extremely helpful when planning your day, week, month, etc.
Q: What experience do you feel helped prepare you for your current role?
A: In addition to being a Sherwood resident for many years, I had several years of experience working in different office environments. Raising four sons was definitely helpful in sharpening my multitasking skills.



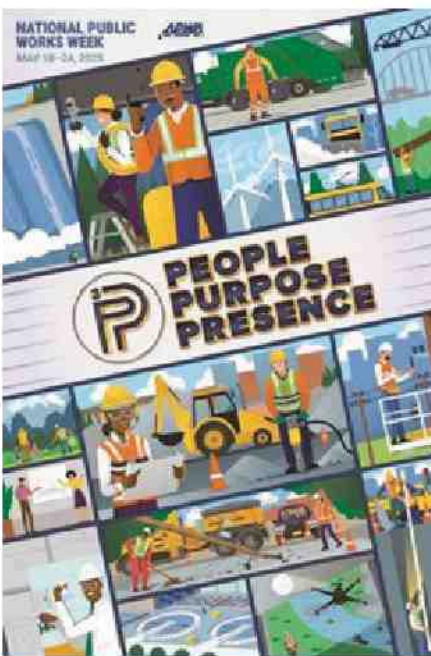
SPOTLIGHT ON CITY STAFF Continued

Joy Redington
Q: How long have you been working as a Library Assistant II?
A: I have been happily working as SPL's Library Assistant II for about 3 and half years.
Q: How long have you been with the City of Sherwood?
A: Would you believe I started as a Volunteer? I have had various positions within the library for 7 years.
Q: What does an average day look like for you?
A: Lots of variety. I get to do many different things which all help to support our library. As a Lead Worker I perform tasks like circulation, training volunteers and staff, assisting with scheduling, answering policy and procedure questions, give support with our programs/events, and reader's advisory.
Q: What are some of your favorite things about working for the city?
A: I enjoy cultivating relationships with our Patrons, Volunteers, and staff in other departments in the city. The library is such a hub in the community and I am grateful to be a part of it.
Q: What are some typical challenges of this position?
A: Finding the right book for someone who loves to read. It can be just as tricky for young reader as an established reader. Additionally, I love educating our visitors on how much libraries have to offer now with our different collections, computer access, programs, and events.
Q: What advice would you give to someone who is just beginning in this career?
A: Please ask questions. Get to know your coworkers and our library collections.
Q: What experience do you feel helped prepare you for your current role?
A: I would say my previous administrative work experience, education, and through volunteering in the community.



NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

National Public Works Week 2025 is May 18 through May 24.
This year's theme, "People, Purpose, Presence," highlights three cornerstone ideals that motivate public works professionals to serve in their communities every day.
Every year National Public Works Week gets bigger and better. The number of participating municipalities continues to grow, which means the number of citizens who are exposed to the value of public works grows.
Meeting the needs of people is what gives public works its sense of purpose. Many times, public works professionals will never meet those whose lives have been impacted because when things are going right, no one knows that public works is there.
Public works is constantly working in the background to advance quality of life for all by providing an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater, public buildings, parks, emergency management and so much more!
Thank you, Public Works, for making Sherwood such a great place to live!



LIBRARY NEWS
Summer Fun with the Library

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 starting June 1 at the Library. No registration required.

Summer Events for All Ages

- The Fossil Team comes to Sherwood for our kick-off event on Saturday, June 1, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Meet a real paleontologist for a hands-on learning experience with fossils and bones.
- Get ready for fun on Tuesdays, June 24- July 22, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for live events at Cannery Square Plaza in Old Town Sherwood with a Goat Party, Science Heroes, en Taiko, our first ever Stick Pony Obstacle Course, and more.
- 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 a.m. a 11:30 a.m., at Stella Olsen Park. Los jueves, del 3 al 24 de julio, de 10:30 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. en el parque Stella Olsen. This program is in Spanish and English.

For Adults-Free Events and Activities this May

Oregon Humanities: Parenting in a Noisy Time (Virtual program)
Parents are under pressure from social media, peer judgement, and the changing world. Join facilitator Ari-

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adne Grace to learn strategies to see the distinct individuality in each of our kids and navigate these pressures with our own internal compass. Register to get the Zoom link. On May 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Digital Navigator Tech Help

Need help with devices? Have technology-related questions? Want help with job searches? Bring your own device or use library computers. On Mondays through July from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the library. Reservations can be made for 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Drop-in hours are 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (and if no one signs up for reserved time). This free program is provided by a visiting Digital Navigator and is in partnership with American Connection Corps & The Washington County Broadband Action Team.

For Youth & Families--Free Events and Activities this May

Hands to Hearts Universal Drum Playshop—Kids will be introduced to Djembe drums, floor drums, and more percussion instruments, then get to create music together. On May 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Designed for ages 4-12.

Storytimes

- Join us for fun and interactive reading, rhymes, music, and movement. Storytimes take a break May 27-29.
- Toddler Storytime: Tuesdays 10:15 a.m. Designed for ages 2-3 years.
 - All Ages Storytime: Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

- Baby Storytime: Thursdays 9:30 a.m. Designed for ages 0-12 months.
- Fun for Ones: Now on Thursdays 10:15 a.m. Designed for walkers ages 12-23 months.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Get FREE BOOKS for your child! Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails free high-quality, age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five! Sign up today at bit.ly/spldolly.

More about Visiting the Library

Holiday hours: The library will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day, and Thursday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth. The Pine Street book-drop will be open and e-books and accounts are available at wccls.org

Preview our space at Sherwood Public Library with virtual tours at sherwoodoregon.gov/library/tours. All library events are free and open to the public. Library cards or ID are not required to attend. See more events and activities, and registration information, at sherwood-oregon.gov/library. Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at sherwoodoregon.gov/library/newsletters. Contact us at askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov or 503.625.6688

Sherwood Public Library is a Washington County Cooperative Library Services member library. Hours: Mon-Thu 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Fri-Sat 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sun 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

MAYOR UPDATE
State of the City 2025, Where Innovation Meets Tradition.
A Night of Celebration, Vision, and Purpose

On Wednesday, April 16, Sherwood came together for our annual State of the City event – a vibrant evening that showcased not only the pride and unity of our community but also our shared vision for the future. Held at the Sherwood Center for the Arts and kicked off with incredible performances by our Sherwood High School Drumline.

Vision-Driven Leadership: Council Goals for 2025 and Beyond

Each year, the City Council holds a visioning and goal-setting session where we align our goals and values. This session lays the foundation for everything we do, from budgeting to program development. Our 2025-26 goals reaffirm our commitment to fiscal responsibility, transparency in government, community engagement, and innovation.

Our six strategic pillars guide every decision we make

Economic Development promotes diverse growth opportunities and attracts businesses that bring family-wage jobs to Sherwood. The goal is to enable residents to live and work in the community they call home, while also diversifying our tax base.

Infrastructure supports safe and connected growth by investing in key pedestrian connectors, expanding broadband access, and planning for critical public facilities. These projects ensure long-term sustainability and improve quality of life.

Livability aims to enhance community wellbeing by supporting diverse housing options, promoting walkability, and trails. Robust programming at our Senior Center and the Sherwood Arts Center. It's about creating a place where all residents can thrive.

Public Safety is committed to fostering a secure community through proactive policing, community engagement, and traffic safety initiatives. Our police department emphasizes relationships and trust.

Fiscal Responsibility means stewarding public funds with care, maximizing revenue opportunities, and planning efficiently for the future. Transparency and long-term forecasting are essential to our strategy.

Citizen Engagement strengthens the connection between the city and its people through effective communication, inclusive policies, and youth involvement in local government. It ensures everyone has a voice in shaping Sherwood's future.

These goals are anchored by our mission to deliver high-quality services to everyone in our community through strong relationships and a commitment to innovation.

Major Highlights: Progress in Every Direction

Sherwood is on the move. Among our standout achievements is the Sherwood West Expansion. We've brought 1,200 acres of new land into our urban growth boundary—opening the door to housing diversity, job growth, parks, and protected natural areas. Approximately 500 acres will be preserved for trails and open space. At the same time, specialty zoning will enable affordable housing and cottage clusters, allowing residents of all life stages to find their place here.

The much-anticipated pedestrian bridge connecting the YMCA to Sherwood High School is expected to be substantially complete by September. It's not just about safety—it's about uniting East and West Sherwood.

We were able to fund the cost of this bridge through outside funding sources, including lottery and tax increment financing. The bottom line is that we could do this without raising taxes or fees or compromising other future plans.

2025 marks the 10th anniversary of the Sherwood Center for the Arts, which welcomed over 41,000 visitors last year. Meanwhile, the Sherwood Public Library hosted over 400 events and facilitated more than 450,000 checkouts, a 5% increase from the previous year. At the Marjorie Stewart Senior Center, we served over 17,000 meals, expanded mental health services, and launched a popular senior shuttle—complete with spa day excursions.

Despite headwinds such as increased healthcare and PERS costs, our city's finances are strong and transparent. We have also secured over \$24 million in state and federal grants, including \$12.5 million for broadband expansion, \$5 million for the tannery site cleanup, and \$3 million for employment area infrastructure. \$4M for the pedestrian bridge and more.

Empowering Future Leaders

We launched a new Youth Advisory Board and took five local students to Washington, D.C., for the National League of Cities conference. Their enthusiasm reminded us that civic leadership begins early and thrives with opportunity and mentorship.

A Community That Cares

Whether it's funding safe routes to school, building inclusive housing, or enhancing trails and parks, Sherwood is a city that leads with heart and follows through with action. Our people—city staff, council, and residents alike—make this possible.

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

enchanted. So, grab your sunscreen, gather your loved ones, and dive into the magic of summer in Sherwood! It is an honor to serve this community and participate in planning for its future.



COUNCIL CORNER
Renee Brouse, City Councilor

I am so excited to see the signs of spring here in Sherwood! It is a promise that summer is just around the corner when our quaint city will transform into a vibrant hub of activity offering a delightful mix of outdoor adventures, cultural events, and family-friendly fun. There is truly something for everyone to enjoy.

Festival time begins with the much-anticipated Cruisin Sherwood Classic and Custom Car Show the third Saturday in June. Join hundreds of amazing cars, savory food booths and a number of interesting vendors in the streets of Old Town Sherwood.

One of Sherwood's most cherished traditions is the Robin Hood Festival held annually in the third week of July. This event brings the community together with live music, a parade, and even an international archery tournament. The festival hosted its kickoff with the recent Madrigal Feast!

Nature enthusiasts can explore the Tualatin Refuge, a gem and serene escape perfect for birdwatching, hiking, or simply soaking in the beauty of Oregon's landscapes.

The refuge is a haven for wildlife and provides a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Sherwood offers a variety of parks and recreational spaces. Snyder Park, with its playgrounds, sports fields, and water features, is ideal for a day of outdoor fun. Meanwhile, Langer Park provides a quieter setting for picnics and leisurely strolls and the YMCA provides swimming and recreation opportunities.

Art lovers and young creatives will find inspiration at our fabulous Sherwood Center for the Arts which offers age-appropriate summer camps to explore and participate in. Do not forget the spectacular Sherwood Library too! Step into a sea of books and dive into a new adventure.

Sherwood's summer scene would not be complete without its local wineries and vineyards. As the gateway to wine country, there are a variety to explore!

From festivals to nature trails, Sherwood's summer offerings are as diverse as they are

CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

The Sherwood City Council recognizes the importance of the public's involvement. As the recipients of government services, citizens may best be able to identify where efficiencies and improvements may benefit the city.

The City has created a system of boards and commissions designed to foster the relationship between the city and its citizens and ensure that the city considers and appropriately weighs the needs and interests of all Sherwood citizens.

One of the latest boards created is the Youth Advisory Board, giving young residents a meaningful voice in local government and community projects. The City is currently recruiting for this newly created board.

All recruitments generally begin in May each year with many terms expiring in June of 2025. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Vacancies occur due to term expirations or resignations. Applications are available on the Boards and Committees webpage on the City of Sherwood website. The application process may take several months.

The City of Sherwood has several openings on a variety of citizen boards and commissions and is seeking applicants to serve their community.

If you would like to learn more about the boards and commissions or about current vacancies, please visit sherwoodoregon.gov/bc.

HELP SHAPE YOUR COMMUNITY
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 PARKS & RECREATION BOARD	 TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD
 CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION	 POLICE ADVISORY BOARD
 SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD	 PLANNING COMMISSION
 LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD	 BUDGET COMMITTEE
 YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD	 Information about these boards and commissions, as well as application materials are available at SherwoodOregon.gov/bc or by emailing CityRecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov .

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Did you know that we have a dedicated officer to respond to behavioral health calls? The Mental Health Response Team (MHRT) is a team made up of a master's level crisis clinician and a law enforcement officer. Together, they respond to 9-1-1 calls that have a behavioral health component, and the team can respond anywhere within Washington County. The crisis clinician comes from the Mental Health Crisis Team at Lifeworks Northwest.

Lifeworks Northwest has a team of over 700 employees that includes PhDs, License Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), Registered Nurses (RN), Medical Doctors (MDs), and more, who are experienced mental health professionals and addiction specialists with a range of cultural, educational, and training backgrounds.

All Oregon police officers receive crisis intervention training during the police academy and at their home department, but those on MHRT receive much more advanced training. The clinicians receive training in police radio communications and attend defensive tactics training. Clinical staff also wear a ballistic vest at all times while riding with officers, as they may be exposed to volatile and dangerous situations.

MHRT has been serving people within Washington County for several years and was the first of its kind in the nation when it was created. It's not uncommon for individuals suffering from mental illness or in an emotional crisis to come in contact with law enforcement. This unique program provides a rapid response of optimum care to those in need. Services include face-to-face crisis assessment and evaluation, consolation with families and other professionals, psychiatric consultation, hospital diversion, referrals for medication evaluation, stabilization of services and follow-up care, flexible funding to assist with emergency housing, referrals to appropriate services, and transportation or other unmet needs contributing to the crisis episode.

In mid-2021, the South Cities area funded a dedicated team to focus on our area. The MHRT South Cities Team operates through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Washington County and the cities of Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood, and King City. The goal of the MHRT South Cities Team was to dedicate one clinician exclusively to Sherwood, Tualatin, Tigard, and King City between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Lifeworks NW's Clinician Crystal Fischer rotates every two weeks to a different city, partnering in Sherwood with Police Officer A. Lawrence, Tigard Officer K. Gregson, and Tualatin Officer S. Fischer. Regardless of the schedule, the team may be assigned crisis calls throughout the South Cities region as needed. When the South Cities Team isn't working, a team with the Washington County Sheriff's Office covers the whole county.

The team responds to calls that come through 911 or the non-emergency line that have anything to do with mental health. It could be anything from family members concerned about someone being in danger or someone is calling in just wanting some help. Some calls are more severe; a suicide attempt or someone needing immediate medical attention.

Law enforcement in general, responds to so many mental health calls and officers only have so many resources. So having a clinician to respond with an officer to someone in crisis is so beneficial. The clinician can not only do the assessments in the field, but connect them with specific resources and even health insurance. The clinicians have access to so many things right away that officers simply do not.

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