

SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

FALL CLASS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The sun may be shining with final hints of summer, but we are thinking pumpkin spice and sweater weather over here! The Center for the Arts is excited to welcome a handful of new instructors and classes this season as well as some of our favorites. Come join us for some in-person art time!

We offer small group, weekly classes, as well as interactive workshops for children, adults, and families. Revisit a hobby or try something new! Dive into candle-making, choir, ukulele, guitar, piano, cupcake decorating, painting, acting, ceramics and MORE. With new classes offered each session, you are sure to find a class that inspires you! Visit our website at SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org to view the full fall class schedule and to register.

Gallery Exhibit: Threads - FREE & Open to the Public

Fiber arts return to the gallery walls as we highlight local artists in the latest exhibit, Threads. Just as unique threads run through our community and fill our lives with experiences and stories, so do the threads intentionally stitched or woven together to create the unique tapestries, baskets and quilted pieces featured in this show. Each piece conveys a story of the artist and the journey of their creative process. This show highlights various fiber art mediums, ranging from traditional quilting to modern mixed fiber arts.

We invite community members to participate in the unique, interactive portion of this exhibit. Join us as we continue to weave fabric as part of a community art project inspired by the summer solstice. Using ribbon, tulle, cording and more, we are weaving colors together to make unique fabric spheres of brilliant color. This project will remain on the gallery walls during the fiber arts exhibit. Pictured: *Fiber triptych by Hilde Morin*
This show is on display August 24 – October 6, 2022.
Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The Great Fall-O'ween Window Painting Contest is BACK!

A festive and spooky transformation returns this October! Old Town businesses collaborate with local families, students, employees, and artists to create fall and Halloween-inspired masterpieces on display for all to see. Bring your family and walk the decorated Halloween route. Winners will be announced online! To learn how to participate and how to vote online for your favorite window, visit SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org

Four Eights Gallery Exhibit - Gallery Opening Reception: Thursday, October 13 | 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This annual exhibit has become a community favorite, highlighting pieces created during the Four Eights Artists Challenge, which tasks participating artists with creating original artwork around a singular theme on four eight-inch square canvases. Artists may use a wide variety of media as long as it fits on the 8-inch square canvases. The show features artists from all across the county; 2022 will be our biggest Four Eights show yet! All artwork will be for sale and priced between \$30 and \$100. What a great way to start or enhance your own art collection, as well as support local artists! The show closes on December 12th, which is when purchased artwork may be retrieved. This show is on display October 10 through December 12, 2022.

SAVE THE DATE! - Winter Art Walk: Gift Edition - Thursday, December 8 | 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Save the date for the Winter Art Walk: Gift Edition. For more information, visit our website to view the participating businesses and artists.

PLANNING NEWS

Understanding Sherwood's Past is Key to Planning Sherwood's Future

Sherwood as it exists today did not just happen; it is the result of many years of small and big, individual and collective decisions. By understanding the history and pattern of growth in Sherwood, we obtain valuable insights into the local identity and values that help to guide future urban growth.

Prior to the arrival of immigrants, the Sherwood area was inhabited by the Atfalati band of the Kalapuya nation, who ranged across the valley in a hunter-gather style. They are known to have used deliberate burns to clear the valley floor to encourage the growth of the camas plant and to maintain habitat beneficial to deer and elk.

SMOCKVILLE

In 1885 founders James and Mary Smock settled on nearly flat pasture along the east bank of Cedar Creek. They platted "Smock Ville" in 1889, after donating a right-of-way across their property to the Portland and Willamette Valley Railway, providing access to the larger region for people and cargo. Unlike most newly-platted towns from this period, Sherwood's streets were platted with a 40 degree rotation relative to the cardinal points. The diagonal route of the railway explains the orientation of Sherwood's original nine block plat in Downtown Sherwood.

1889-1960

During the first decade, Sherwood's footprint on the landscape was largely contained within the original nine block town plat. In the later decades up to 1960, Sherwood grew modestly, but some expansion took place towards the southeast around the train depot and up the hill along Pine Street. All destinations in town were in close walkable proximity to each other. The population in 1960 was around 680 people.

1960-1970

Around 1960, the automobile started affecting urban settlement patterns across the nation, resulting in more dispersed settlement patterns that are also reflected in Sherwood's expanding urban footprint.

A series of annexations took place over the next 50 years that changed the landscape and the community. The first annexation accommodated growth along the east bank of Cedar Creek towards Highway 99W. In ten years' time, the population doubled to 1,396 residents.

1980-1990

Between 1980 and 1990, the pace of development dropped a little due to recession but the population still grew by about 700 people to 3,093. To accommodate this increase, the town continued to expand around Cedar Creek and, for the first time, north of Highway 99W. Employment areas were developed in the northeast, along the railway.

1990-2000

During the last decade of the twentieth century, Sherwood experienced a real boom in population and expansion. Fueled by a strong regional and national economy, the population grew by nearly 9,000 to 11,791 in 2000 for a 380% population increase. The physical imprint on the landscape expanded significantly with the realization of large subdivisions such as Woodhaven. During this decade, urban development also took place northwest of Highway 99W, and into the hills southeast and southwest of town.

2000-2010

The first decade of the twenty-first century saw continued but slightly more tempered growth. A 154% population increase over ten years added approximately 6,000 people to Sherwood, bringing the total

to 18,194 by the end of the decade. This growth is accommodated mostly in areas in the northwest area of town along Cedar Creek (Roy Rogers Road) and between the historic Old Town and Tualatin-Sherwood Road.

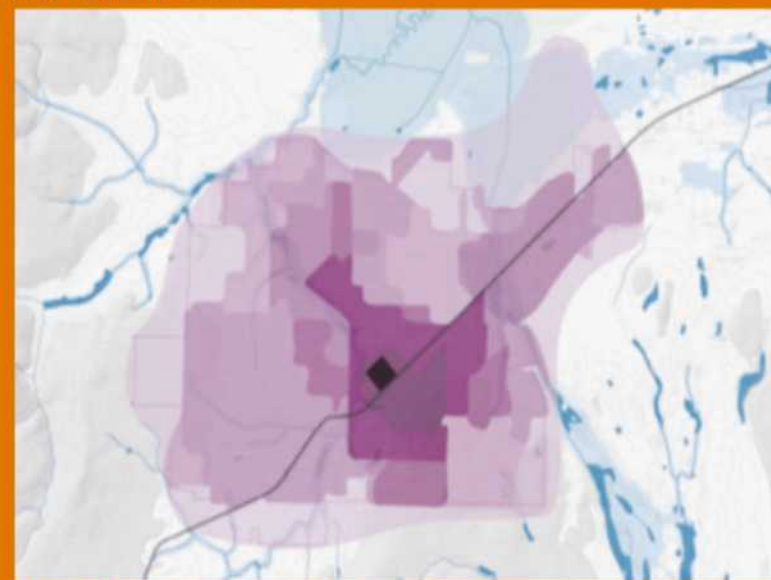
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2010-Today

Today, Sherwood hovers around a population of 20,400 with a lower population increase compared to the two decades prior, most likely as an effect of the Great Recession, and large areas that were once vacant, like the neighborhoods of Woodhaven and Mandel Farms, have developed. Most of the growth occurred along the ever-expanding edges of Sherwood in the north and southeast and the expansion area for the new Sherwood High School.

Growing a Bright Future

As Sherwood grows, how do we honor our small town feel? How do we provide needed housing to accommodate businesses and employers and maintain our quality of life? We do this through transparent and robust dialogue that considers where we are, what we are now, and most importantly, what we want to become in the future. The Sherwood West Concept Plan Re-look will help guide the future development of new neighborhoods and employment areas; when the time is right for our community to grow. For more information on the Sherwood West Concept Plan please visit: sherwoodoregon.gov/planning/page/sherwood-west-preliminary-concept-plan-re-look.



City Footprint Expansion, 1889-Present

Construction in the Tonquin Employment Area

Construction activity for a new industrial development located along SW Oregon Street is getting under way. Situated on 38 acres the Sherwood Commerce Center will have three separate buildings totaling 435,107 square feet. A conditional use permit was approved to allow a standalone warehousing and distribution facility over 150,000 square feet. Interim access is proposed from a driveway along SW Oregon Street, with permanent access from future streets including SW Ice Age Drive and SW Tonquin Court.



Sherwood Commerce Center Rendering

THE Sherwood ARCHER

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CALENDAR

National Prescription Take Back Event

Do you have unwanted medications around your home? Help protect your family, your community, and the environment by properly disposing of them. Bring your medications to the Sherwood Police Department October 29 from 10:00 a.m to 2:00 pm.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE COLLECTION:

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

• Unknown tablets and capsules
Leave all medicines in their original containers if possible.

Please do NOT bring thermometers, needles, liquids, or medical waste of any type. The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. We encourage all families, friends, and neighbors to participate. Go to dea.gov to find a collection site near your residence. For more information about this event call the police department at 503.625.5523, #2.

Sherwood Heritage Center

The Museum Open Wednesday and Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is free. Some upcoming activities are:
"Our Community" Field Trips - Oct/Nov 2022 for students in 2nd-3rd grade. Fulfill Oregon state standard for social studies reservations and information at 503.625.1236
"Columbus Day Storm Dinner at Mason" Fundraiser for Heritage Center the evening of Monday, Oct 10. Historically themed foods & entertainment. Hosted by Mason, 16065 SW Railroad St Old Town Sherwood. Tickets at Heritage Center & Mason prices are \$40 - 60 per guest.
For additional information on the Heritage Center email morbackmuseum@gmail.com.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month.

The City of Sherwood and the Regional Water Providers Consortium has put together a few tips to help you start your emergency preparedness efforts with water. Read on to learn four ways to prepare. Feel free to visit regionalh2o.org to explore more.

Store

Store what you can, where you can. Whether you purchase bottled water from the store or fill your own containers with tap water, storing one gallon of water per person per day for 14 days is your goal. You may need to get creative when finding places to store your family's emergency supply of water in your home, and we're here to help! Check out the graphic for some storage ideas.

Treat

The best time to prepare for any disaster is before it happens. For National Preparedness Month, gather a few supplies and learn a few techniques to make water safe to drink. The most cost-effective, no-power-needed way to treat water in an emergency is with unscented, household bleach. Plus, bleach is a great addition to your emergency kit for sanitation purposes as well.

Access

A source of potable water for use in an emergency may already be inside your home! Your water heater (gas or electric work, but tankless water heaters do not provide this option) could supply you with 30 - 80 gallons of water for drinking, cooking, and washing. Take five minutes to learn how to access water from your water heater during a disaster.

Shut Off

What do a basement, crawl space, garage, and utility room all have in common? If you said that they're all places to store an emergency supply of water, you're right, but the answer we're looking for is, "places where your emergency water shut-off valve may be located". Your emergency water shut-off is what you will use to turn off your home's water supply in an emergency, like an earthquake or burst pipes.

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BEFORE THERE'S AN EMERGENCY

Get ready. Get water.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September/October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30	October 1
2	3 Parks & Recreation Board 7:00 p.m.	4 City Council 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.	12 Senior Advisory Board 5:00 p.m. Via Teams	13 Police Advisory Board 7:00 p.m.	14	15
16	17 Cultural Arts Commission 6:30 p.m.	18 City Council 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.	26	27 Traffic Safety Committee 6:00 p.m.	28	29

MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Develop your "Life File" at the Sherwood Senior Center

The Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center is happy to partner with Washington County Disability, Aging, & Veterans Services to provide a series of workshops designed to help you plan for the legacy you want to leave as well as prepare all details for your friends and family for the end of your life. We make plans for big events in life. We can also ensure that we are well-planned and well-prepared for end-of-life. Through this series of workshops, learn from a variety of local experts to develop your "Life File", a tool that will help you make a plan for what's important.

Register for those that work for you or all of them by calling 503.625.5644 or visit sherwoodoregon.gov/marjoriestewartcenter.

- Friday October 7th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Legal and Financial Planning w/ TBD
- Friday October 14th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Advance Directives with Vicki Horn
- Friday October 21st, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Funeral and Memorial Planning with Deborah Threadgill
- Friday October 28th, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Downsizing, estate planning and gift giving w/ Jill Williams
- Friday November 4th, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – The Dying Process with Elizabeth Johnson

Sherwood Senior Center Offers Depression Treatment & More

Are you or an older adult you know having feelings of depression, isolation, or loneliness? The Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center is offering in-person, in-center, in-home, telehealth, and phone interaction to help break the cycle of depression and isolation to older adults in the Sherwood community. The Pearl Room at the Marjorie Stewart Senior Center will house multiple mental health support programs that are free and available to all older adults in their welcoming community environment.

Through the peer-led, evidence-based PEARLS (Program for Encouraging Active Rewarding Lives), coaches will lead participants who meet the criteria through problem solving treatment to learn self-empowerment while including them in the supportive and caring Marjorie Stewart Center community. Coaches will be trained to guide participants in self-defining problems, working toward solutions, and engage in positive behavioral activation and experience planning.

The Pearl Room at the Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center will also provide one-on-one counseling led Pacific Universities PsyD. students with clinical oversight. The Pearl Room will also provide a comfortable and engaging environment for support groups and important conversations that are both peer and student facilitated.

The third Pearl Room program, Circle of Friends is an evidenced-based isolation & loneliness interruption program that has been studied and implemented in older adult communities for the past 22 years. This small, cohort-based program will bring together community members who have self-identified as lonely, isolated, and lacking social support. They will meet weekly while participating in bond-building activities and experiences. Studies of this program have repeatedly shown to not only drastically diminish feelings of isolation and loneliness, but also a decrease in hospitalizations, healthcare costs, and increased subjective health for participants.

LIBRARY NEWS

Sherwood Public Library celebrated Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week is an annual event from American Library Association celebrating the freedom to read and highlighting the value of free and open access to information. The theme this year is "Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us."

This year saw increasing demands nationwide to remove titles focused on racism and racial justice or titles that shared the stories of Black, Indigenous, or people of color. Books with LGBTQIA+ content continue to dominate the list.

What is the difference between a challenge and a ban?

A challenge is an attempt to have a book removed from a library, classroom, or other setting because a person or group objects to something in the book. Not all challenges result in the book being removed. In fact, many challenges do not succeed, and the challenged book remains in the library or continues to be part of the school's curriculum. If the book is removed, it is then considered a banned book (Oregon Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee).

At Sherwood Public Library, we have adopted the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read Act from the American Library Association, and do not stand in loco parentis. Parents and guardians have the responsibility and right to guide and direct the reading, listening, viewing and Internet browsing choices of their minor children.

Parents and caregivers, here are some ways to talk about Banned Books Week with children, courtesy of Scholastic Books:

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www.sherwoodoregon.gov/library

- Talk about Banned Books Week and celebrate the right and freedom to read.
- Talk about what it means for a book to be banned. If a book is challenged and then banned, it is no longer available for anyone to use in that library or classroom.
- Talk about what might happen if every single challenged book was banned.
- Talk about why authors might write about controversial topics.

Learn more and see links to articles referenced at sherwoodoregon.gov/library/BBW2022.

Events & Activities at Sherwood Public Library

Baby Storytimes [In-person]

Introduce your child to the love of reading and books. We lead parents and caregivers in an interactive experience that will have you bouncing, tickling, singing, and enjoying books together with your baby. For children ages 0-12 months, and their grown-ups. Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

Toddler Storytimes [In-person]

Are you ready to sing, dance, play and listen to interactive stories? Then you're ready for Toddler Storytime! We will create an experience for you and your child to grow the love of books and reading at this in-person event. Designed for youth ages 12-36 months. Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.

Two Sentence Terror Tales

Can you write a scary story using just two sentences? Ev-

eryone may submit two stories in person, online through Facebook message, or via email at askusSPL@sherwood-oregon.gov. The top three winners get prizes. Winners announced on Halloween, 2022! October 1-22.

Citizenship Classes / Clases de ciudadanía [In-Person]

Volunteers from Mission:Citizen will offer a free citizenship course that will cover U.S. history, governmental structure, civil rights, and basic civic concepts. Thursdays, October 6 through December 8, 6:00 p.m. No class on November 24.

Voluntarios de Mission:Citizen ofrecerán un curso gratis que cubrirá la historia de los Estados Unidos, la estructura del gobierno, derechos civiles y conceptos cívicos básicos. No hay clase de 24 de noviembre. Los jueves desde el 6 de octubre hasta el 8 de diciembre, 6:00 p.m.

Teen Book Club [In-Person]

Are you a teen who loves reading? Register and get a copy of *Lovely War* by Julie Berry to read before our first meeting. Free copy of the book at registration while supplies last. Books read in Teen Book Club may contain mature content. Sponsored by Friends of Sherwood Library. Grades 9-12. Wednesday, October 12, 3:30 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public. See sherwoodoregon.gov/library for more events and services. 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, a Washington County Cooperative Library Services member library, is located at 22560 SW Pine St., Sherwood, OR, and always online at sherwoodoregon.gov/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

Wow – so much for summer. I hope everyone had a chance to do some fun and/or relaxing things with family and friends.

Fall has arrived, days are getting shorter, nights are cooler, school has started, fall sports have as well.

Everyone, please continue to drive like you are driving by your home and your kids are out and about. Slow and safe is always best.

Pedestrians, bicyclists, and the odd forms of transportation not in vehicle - stay out of the roadway - yes that means use bike lanes, sidewalks and if nothing else road shoulders - use lights, bright colors and or reflective clothes – so you can be seen. Don't assume drivers can see you.

Yes - roads near/in front of schools have school zones - which means slower speeds - which will also mean much more traffic in the hour school starts and the hour after school ends as school buses and parents drop off and pick up students. Also, students crossing roads almost continuously - which slows things down as well. So, please adjust your commute time or travel route and don't be that guy that gets the extra special ticket from Sherwood Police for being stupid.

If you haven't already, be sure to check out the Cedar Creek trail extension from Stella Olson Park to 99W. We will dedicate the new trail section in late September. We are planning more segments to the Cedar Creek trail as well as other trails in town. I want to thank city staff, volunteer members of our Parks Board and Planning Commission for their help with this project. It was funded mostly with a 2012 federal grant awarded by Metro.

During the road construction on T-S Road and Roy Rogers Road, truck drivers might get the urge to cut through town on city streets. This is illegal. Sherwood has designated freight routes that they must use. If delivery is to a Sherwood address, they must take shortest route from a freight route to get there. We are very supportive of economic development activity, but we are very protective of the livability/safety of Sherwood neighborhoods. If you think someone is driving freight illegally through town, please call the Sherwood Police Department at 503.625.5523 (office) or 503.629.0111 (non-emergency dispatch).

Local economic development activity continues to be strong from applications in process to businesses reaching out to the city with dreams and ideas. A Sherwood address is in demand.

Fall is also a great time to visit our Refuge - The Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. Its visitor's center is along 99W just north of town. Kids at heart (young, old and in between) won't regret the visit.

Sherwood has again been recognized as being a great city. That Oregon Life has named Sherwood as the 3rd Best Place to Live in Oregon, but Sherwood is the #1 Oregon city under 100,000 population (as Hillsboro was listed first and Bend second). Pick a type of awesomeness ranking for a city and Sherwood is almost always in the top 5. A wonderful thing that each Sherwood family and business and non-profit organization can be proud of for helping make possible. Of course, when they ask me, Sherwood is always #1.

Sean Garland resigned from City Council last month after almost 6 years in office. I want to thank Sean for his service to our city, to our community. I enjoyed working alongside Sean since I took office again in 2018. Sherwood is a wonderful city to live, work and raise a family and Sean has helped that to not just continue, but to improve during his time in leadership.

If you want to take in a few awesome minutes of zen (or whatever words you like) - watch the sunset from Snyder Park on a clear or partly cloudy day. I just Love It!! Continue to support local: Shop and dine in Sherwood; Volunteer your time with Sherwood organizations; Donate to local groups!

Please reach out to me with ideas, questions, or concerns you might have. I'm happy to talk over coffee, over the phone or via email: MaysK@SherwoodOregon.gov or 503.625.4222.



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

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COUNCIL CORNER

Taylor Giles, City Councilor

Our schools are an important part of why Sherwood is one of the most desirable places to live. All five of my children have attended Sherwood schools over the last 19 years. My wife has also been a teacher, coach and counseling administrator in the Sherwood School district. I count many teachers, staff and administrators among my friends. This close relationship allows me to see into our schools while still being an outsider.

I often hear about the support that our teachers feel from the community and especially parents. However, I also hear about interactions and confrontations that could perhaps be handled differently. I would like to suggest 3 things Sherwood citizens could do to make back to school better... for teachers and staff

- 1. Treat them as professionals.** Nearly all of the teachers in the Sherwood School district have at least master's degrees. That means 6 years of not only studying subjects that they intend on teaching, but studying how to teach. The field of education, like any other, is one that is constantly changing and

evolving. In the last 40 years, other fields have learned why dinosaurs went extinct, what a black hole looks like, and how to map the human genome. Why would we expect there to be no developments in how education is best delivered? Additionally, these teachers get additional endorsements such as basic life-saving skills, English as a second language, conflict resolution, and classroom management.

When your student is on early release, our teachers are in class getting continuing education. Not to say that teachers are always right, but if you approach them with respect for their background and education they are more likely to partner with you to find solutions.

2. Teach children to respect teachers and schools. A few years ago our city passed a bond that built a new high school and improved all of our other schools. The citizens of Sherwood know that good schools attract new citizens who value education. As the chair of the bond oversight committee, I was impressed at the lengths the school officials went through to make sure they got the best prices on everything and made every dollar stretch. We intend these buildings to meet our needs for many

years to come. Unfortunately, there are some disturbing trends on TikTok that challenge students to destroy property. Not only does this put an additional burden on already overworked staff, it is an unnecessary burden on the school budget. Encourage your students to have pride in their schools and use positive peer pressure to avoid destruction of school property. Our students have done a better job than previous generations in expressing kindness to those who are different and recognizing when someone is in need. Encourage your students to extend this kindness to their teachers and schools.

3. Thank the staff at our schools As we are approaching Thanksgiving, perhaps consider making it a tradition to write a thank-you note for a member of our school staff who perhaps goes unnoticed. Make it a challenge for your students to deliver it to the custodians, nutrition staff, office workers, coaches, and administrators. Let them know the impact that they are having on the lives of our students. Many of our teachers could be earning higher salaries doing other jobs. I am so grateful for the ones who have made a positive difference in my children's lives, and in turn my life.

FEATURED PARTNER: SHERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Sherwood Community,
As we start to see buses, backpacks, and kids on bikes throughout the community, we all recognize the signs of "back to school" season! As the 2022-23 school year kicks off, the Sherwood School District is welcoming over 4,700 students back into our buildings. While the start of every school year is a time of renewal, this year that theme takes on a particular importance as the pandemic, thankfully, continues to fade. We finally have the opportunity to get back to teaching and learning in safe environments, filled with activities and events. We have learned some hard lessons during the pandemic, but the number one takeaway for most educators is that nothing can replace the teacher-student relationship -- it truly is the center of our universe in schools! Watching students return to our six schools this year was a joy, and is something our staff do not take for granted.

As we think about this school year, our goals are very straightforward:
-We are committed to doing everything possible to operate safe and secure schools. Our relationship with the Sherwood Police Department is strong, and is a valued partnership. Additionally, this year every staff member has received safety training presented by national experts. We are focused on school safety every day.
-We want to renew our partnerships with parents and community members, including creating new opportunities to be present in our schools. We never had the open house we hoped for to celebrate the new high school, so this year we are planning an event to give community members an opportunity to tour the facility. We value parent participation, and each school is committed to working with parents to facilitate the role they can play in volunteering at our schools.
-We want the school year to look "normal", knowing that the pandemic has changed some things -- so we call it the "new normal." This is a return to all of those school activities that fell by the wayside over the last few years. School assemblies, choir concerts, sporting events, dance performances -- the list is endless! What we now understand is that our schools, fully engaged in learning and providing all of these opportunities, serve to bind our community to a common commitment to our children -- and it is wonderful.

Another area of renewal is a number of recent leadership changes within the district. We welcome Abby Hawkins as our new Board Chair and Krista Thorne as Vice Chair, and Jeff Lee has also been appointed to the Board this year. Our new Interim Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Lyon brings a wealth of experience and is very honored to join the Sherwood community. Mili Wilkinson is the new Middleton Principal and Amy Mitchell is taking over as Hawks View Principal. We also welcomed back former elementary principal Tim Smith, who will be joining Ridges this year as their new Associate Principal. All of these fine leaders are veteran Sherwood educators and are excited to be in their new roles this year.

While this energy of renewal provides an optimistic start to the school year, we also remain focused on the things that make our district strong -- hard-working staff, engaged parents, and the support of a community committed to the children of Sherwood. No school district can be successful without these elements, and we are fortunate to be part of a district that has all of the above! We are looking forward to an amazing school year and thank all of you for being a part of it.

TVF&R ENCOURAGES FAMILIES TO CREATE AND PRACTICE A FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

October is Fire Prevention Month, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue reminds you that "fire won't wait — plan your escape."

This year, the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal campaign, "Plan, Practice, Be Prepared with a Home Fire Escape Plan," focuses on the importance of knowing what to do in the event of a fire.

Fire is nothing like what you see on television or in the movies. It produces dark and toxic smoke that can fill your home in minutes and can confuse you to the point you never make it out. That is why every firefighter wears an air pack before entering a burning building and uses thermal imaging devices to search for anyone trapped inside a structure.

Working smoke alarms are designed to activate early to help ensure that you and your family have time to safely escape from your home. Smoke alarms should be installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home.

To create your escape plan, we recommend drawing a map of your home with all members of your household and marking two exits from each room and a path to your designated meeting place outside that is a safe distance from your home. One of those exits could be a window.

Once you have an escape map, have a home fire drill and practice using different ways out. Remember to get low and go. We recommend closing doors behind you as

you leave to help slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.

It's important to teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them. Families with infants, toddlers, and loved ones with mobility needs should make special plans to ensure everyone gets out safely.

Once outside, remain outside, and call 911. Never go back inside a burning building for anything.

For more fire prevention tips and tools to create a fire escape plan, visit tvfr.com



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In mid-2021, the South Cities area funded a dedicated team to focus on our area. The MHRT South Cities Team operates through a 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 11:00AM and 11:00PM.

Lifeworks NW's Clinician Crystal Fischer rotates every two weeks to a different city, partnering in Sherwood with Police Officer Adam Keesee, Tigard Officer Samuel Northcote, and Tualatin Officer Shawn 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.