

# SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

**Four Eights Gallery Exhibit**  
Come enjoy the current gallery exhibit Four Eights on display at the Sherwood Center for the Arts. 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 used a wide variety of media as long as it fits on the eight-inch square canvases. The show features 39 artists from all across the county; 2022 and has been our biggest Four Eights show yet! All artwork is for sale and priced between \$25 and \$100. This show is on display October 10 – December 12, 2022.

**Arts classes are happening now**  
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 candlemaking, fiber arts, choir, ukulele, guitar, piano, cupcake decorating, upcycled arts, painting, acting, ceramics and MORE. With new classes offered each session, you are sure to find a class that inspires you!

**Join us for a week of Winter At The Center!**  
The second week of December is filled to the brim with holiday cheer, music, food and community. Kick off the holiday season with one or ALL of these fabulous and festive events hosted by the Center for the Arts. Bring the entire family!



**A Collecting Christmas Concert 12/5 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | \$7/ all ages**

Kickoff the winter season with some of your favorite holiday tunes -- with a twist! Local favorites Wendy Goodwin (violin, vocals), Nate Macy (guitar, vocals, multi-instrumentalist), and Aaron Pruitt (piano, vocals) present a musical journey to celebrate the holiday season featuring beloved Christmas classics and original music with a genre-bending energy that blends Celtic, Jazz, and Glitch Hop into a family-friendly concert experience. This night is a welcome return to a post-COVID sense of community, celebration, and joy. Visit our website to purchase tickets. Warm your heart and your insides: hot cocoa bar and spiced apple cider will be provided in the lobby during the concert.

**Swankified Christmas Sing-A-Long 12/6 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | \$5/ all ages**

Join celebrated Portland songstress Courtney Freed as she hosts a festive, sparkly, sing-along with professional pianist David Lerman. Get in the holiday spirit with special guests and community merriment. Food, beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks available for purchase, provided by 503 Uncorked. Visit our website to purchase tickets to this one-of-a-kind holiday event!

**Old Town Sherwood Winter Art Walk: Holiday Market**

Old Town comes alive with festive lights and free entertainment as you shop local this holiday season! Walk the route and view local art, chat with artists, participate in activities, listen to live music, and support our local downtown. Visit our website to view all of the participating businesses and artists, and follow us on social media for updates and fun sneak peeks.

# PLANNING NEWS

**Helpful Tips for Providing Testimony at Public Hearings**  
Providing testimony at a public hearing is a key way to be engaged in civic life and to help strengthen our Sherwood community. The Sherwood City Council and Planning Commission rely on testimony to broaden their knowledge about community-wide issues. Still, testifying at a public hearing can be intimidating, especially if you have never attended one. Below are some tips designed to help you prepare for and become familiar with the procedures of a public hearing.

- #1 – Know the Process**  
Review the Agenda and how the meeting runs. A typical public hearing item will have the following format:  
Public Hearing
- Presentation of staff report by City staff
  - Questions to staff by Council/Commission
  - Presentation by the applicant
  - Testimony from proponents
  - Testimony from opponents
  - General testimony
  - Applicant rebuttal
  - Closing of public hearing (no additional public testimony) and deliberation
- Arrive early. You will be asked to fill out a testimony card. To receive a copy of the final decision, you must provide your complete mailing address on the card.

**#2 – Be Prepared**  
Make sure you understand the issue that you are testifying about. Land-use decisions will need to meet the relevant approval criteria within the Sherwood Zoning and Community Development Code. The staff report contains facts and findings about the proposed site and proposal and states how it meets, does not meet, or can be conditioned to meet the approval criteria. Most importantly, it provides the reasons behind staff's recommendation to the Commission and Council to approve or deny a proposal.

**#3 – Tailor Your Testimony to the Relevant Approval Criteria**  
Only issues related to the approval criteria determine whether or not to approve or deny a proposal. The staff report contains the relevant approval criteria. Be specific and state how you think the proposal meets or falls short of meeting the approval criteria. Plan in advance how to tie each of your concerns to the specific language in the approval criteria. You will have only four (4) minutes for verbal testimony, and remember that substance, not length, is valuable.

**#4 – Decide the Format of Your Testimony**  
You may provide verbal testimony, written testimony with maps and photos, or both. When you are called to introduce your testimony, you will be asked to state your full name and address for the record, and you will speak directly into the microphone. The Council/Commission wants to hear what you have to say – your testimony is important. Don't be intimidated by the microphones and dais. You can also provide testimony by phone during the meeting, however, you must contact Planning Department staff at least 24 hours in advance to receive dial-in instructions.

**#5 – Be polite and respectful to everyone in the room**  
Do your best to remain composed and keep your argument based on facts, not emotions. You can express contempt for the proposal or City development code, but please don't criticize the decision-makers (the Planning Commission is a board of seven (7) made up of community volunteers), the applicant, city staff, or proponents/opponents of the proposal.

# PLANNING NEWS CONTINUED

**#6 -- After the Hearing Closes**  
After all testimony, evidence, and rebuttal are submitted, the public participation portion of the hearing will close. This means the Council/Commission will accept no more oral or written testimony. After closing the public hearing, the Council/Planning Commission will deliberate and will vote to approve, deny, or approve the proposal with conditions. This may occur at the initial or later public hearing date – that date will be announced at the hearing. The decision is final and effective on the day the final decision is mailed out. The Planning Department will mail the final decision to the applicant, owner, appellant, recognized organizations, and persons who provided testimony, testified at the hearing, or requested notice of the decision. The final decision will also provide details it can be appealed.

**Sherwood West Concept Plan Re-Look**  
Thank you to all the community members who attended in person and participated in the virtual Sherwood West Re-Look Open House. The in-person open house took place at Ridges Elementary School on October 20, 2022, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The online virtual open house was open from October 20 through November 4, 2022. The open houses were advertised through a mailed postcard to all Sherwood West property owners, the project's interested parties email list, all City boards and commissions email lists, the City's utility email billing list, the City's social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor), and a printed flyer and the City's reader board. A total of 60 people signed in at the event, and an additional 20 to 30 people attended without signing in. The in-person and virtual open houses allowed attendees to review presentation boards and other information. The open houses provided the following information and sought input on the following through a survey:

- Background and Overview – Project purpose, vision/goals, and timeline.
- Plan Concepts – These boards summarized concepts related to trails, the Chicken Creek Greenway, Elwert Road design, housing choices, and mixed employment areas.
- Land Use Alternatives – These boards provided information about three alternative ways that land uses could be arranged in Sherwood West. The alternatives were presented and compared by subdistrict—North, Far West, West, and Southwest.
- Transportation Concepts – These boards provided a map and information about several key transportation improvements that are being studied through the Concept Plan Re-Look process.

For more information about this project and to read survey comments, please visit the project website at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov)



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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## Why Volunteer?

With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering can be immense. Volunteering offers important help to people in need, worthwhile causes, and the community at large, but the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer. The right match can help you find friends, connect with the community, learn new skills, and even advance your career.

Giving to others can also help support your mental and physical health. It can reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose. While it's true that the more you volunteer, the more benefits you'll experience, volunteering doesn't have to involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of time out of your busy day. Giving in simple ways can help those in need and improve your health and happiness.

We are looking for people to help one day each week with preparing and serving lunches for community seniors at our senior center. You would be joining a great, top-notch team in serving others. Shifts are 1, 2, or 3 hours.

Work side-by-side with a professional chef! Improve your cooking skills! You can show off to all your friends at your next dinner party, get some new ideas for picky eaters at home, or develop a new hobby! Either way - you're going to have a lot of fun. If you have kitchen experience, great! If not, don't let it stop you. We will train!

To apply visit [sherwoodoregon.gov/volunteer](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/volunteer) and click to submit an online application. Email Tammy at [steffenst@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:steffenst@sherwoodoregon.gov) with questions.



## CURBSIDE LEAF PICK UP PROGRAM

Since October 24, the City's Public Works Crews have been out in your neighborhoods collecting leaves. The Curbside Leaf Pick-up Program helps reduce flooding caused by leaves clogging storm drains plus provides homes a solution to clearing all of their leaves from their yards. Please note the dates that the crews will be in your neighborhood by referring to the map on the reverse. To address some suggestions by the city residents the dates have been moved earlier in order to meet the demand of Nature's whimsy. Visit [sherwoodoregon.gov/publicworks](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/publicworks) for a map of areas and dates and look for signs near the streets announcing our schedule.

- To experience the full benefit of the program and assist the crews in collecting as many leaves as possible please follow these guidelines:
- Please have loose leaves at curbside on the first day of your scheduled pick up area. Leaves that have been trampled or crushed by traffic or have been sitting for a long time cannot be sucked-up by the machinery and will be left.
  - Loose leaves, if placed in the street, should be raked into rows instead of a single pile and must be 12" away from the curb to allow for water drainage to the storm drains.
  - Crews will not walk onto private property to retrieve leaves.
  - We ask citizens to not use bags for curbside pick-up.
  - There will be no curbside pickup on Private Streets.
  - To be most efficient we ask citizens not to park vehicles or place refuse/recycling bins on or near leaves at curb. The equipment is big and bulky and cannot reach tight areas between obstacles.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that piles of leaves in the street are tempting to young kids to play in and motorists to drive through. Parents, please inform your children of the dangers of playing in or around roadways at all times and encourage street smarts and safety with your family and neighbors. The City's Street Sweeper will NOT pick up piles left behind when he rolls down your street. Please do your best to ensure that the City crews can gather as many leaves as possible.

Only leaves will be picked up. Yard debris, lawn clippings and garbage will not be collected. Any items other than leaves will be left at curbside with the homeowner responsible for disposal. Contact Pride Disposal for more information on disposing of leaves and most plant materials from your yard or garden.

If you missed your scheduled pick up dates, or want to dispose of your leaves early, the City will have a Central Drop-off at the Public Works Yard at 15527 SW Willamette Street (next to the Field House). With a donation of 2 or more cans of non-perishable food for the Helping Hands local food bank you can bring your leaves on Saturday December 10 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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## MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

### Circle of Friends Returns

We had a great group for our first Circle of Friends and it's time to start another group! Are you feeling isolated or lonely? Are you new to the area and looking to connect? Have you gotten separated from your social life during Covid? The Circle of Friends group is geared towards older adults (aged 65+) in need of more social support and connection to their community. The group will be initially structured to meet for 6 weeks on a once a week basis with a facilitator who will guide the group in discussion, activities, and fun. Activities and discussions are based on participants interests. Our next session will start Tuesday, December 6. Please call 503.625.5644 or email [burbankm@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:burbankm@sherwoodoregon.gov) with questions or to register.

### Renaissance Singers Senior Serenade

The Sherwood Renaissance singers return to the Marjorie Stewart Senior Center to perform their interactive holiday program on Monday, December 5 at 11:15 a.m. Come to sing-a-long for some holiday favorites or sit back and enjoy the beautiful music. We are lucky to have such wonderful local music!

### Celebrate the Holidays & Dance!

We're so excited to be together for the holidays, we could just dance! Join us Wednesday, December 14 at 1:30 p.m. to Line Dance for the holidays! Kathy, Laverna, & Cynthia will be on hand to lead the party and teach some of us with two left feet how to move and groove in this great dance style. All abilities and activity levels are welcome!

### Sherwood Secret Santas for Seniors

Be a Secret Santa for one of our local seniors! We're excited for the return of this wonderful holiday event spreading cheer for all of Sherwood to hear. Santa and his elves are looking forward to delivering gifts with our meals during the week of December 19. If you would like to participate this year, visit our website at [sherwoodoregon.gov/marjoriestewartcenter](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/marjoriestewartcenter) or call 503-625-5644 to select a senior's gift wish. Please bring your unwrapped gift with the gift wish ID to the Marjorie Stewart Center by December 14th so we have time to wrap and deliver it. You can also have items sent directly to the senior center as long as they have the gift wish ID and are received by December 14. We're excited to bring the cheer to our Sherwood seniors!





## LIBRARY NEWS December at the Library

22560 SW Pine Street 503.625.6688 [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/library](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/library)

### 19th Annual Food Drive

We are partnering with local food pantries for our 19th Annual Food Drive to feed our neighbors. Bring donations of canned and non-perishable food to the library December 4-10.

### Events for Adults

#### Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Read a book in each of the challenges by February 28 for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to Powell's Books. 1) Read a book by a PNW author, 2) Read a mystery, 3) Read a magical realism book. Details at [sherwoodoregon.gov/library](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/library) and in the library.

#### Citizenship Class

Volunteers from Mission:Citizen cover U.S. history, the structure of government, civil rights, and basic civic concepts. Courses are in English, and presenters can answer questions in English, Spanish, and other languages. Each drop-in class covers a different topic. Thursdays through December 8.

#### Clases de ciudadanía

Voluntarios de Mission Citizen ofrecerán un curso gratis que cubrirá la historia de los Estados Unidos, la estructura de gobierno, derechos civiles y conceptos cívicos básicos. El curso es en inglés y los presentadores pueden responder preguntas en inglés, español y otros idiomas. Cada clase cubre un tema diferente. Todos los jueves hasta el 8 de diciembre.

## PUT A LID ON COOKING FIRES

Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires and fire injuries. Last year, more than one-third of the residential fires that Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue responded to, began in a kitchen.

TVF&R crews encourage you to minimize your risk of a fire by organizing a safe kitchen and practicing these safe cooking tips:

- Keep a watchful eye on what you are cooking — never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep your cooking area clean, including the stovetop, oven, and exhaust fan.
- Keep dish towels and pot holders away from the burners on your stove.
- Watch your sleeves to prevent them from catching fire or getting caught on pan handles.
- Cooking oil can ignite quickly. Heat oil slowly and watch it closely.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen. Store it in an easy-to-reach location and know how to use it. The discharge of a portable fire extinguisher only lasts between eight and 10 seconds.
- Put a lid on it.

The easiest way to extinguish a small pan fire is with a pan lid. Turn off the burner and carefully slide a pan lid over the pan from the side. The lid will "smother" the fire, while turning off the burner removes the heat. Do not move the pan until the fire is completely extinguished and the pan is cool. If you do not have a pan lid, you may also use a baking sheet or pizza pan.

Never transfer a burning pan from the stovetop to the sink or out an exterior door. The fire may grow in size and burn you or spread to a countertop, cabinets, or curtains. Grease and water do not mix.

Never pour water on a grease fire. Water causes these fires to explode as the burning material stays on top of the water, causing it to spread and putting you at severe risk of getting burned.

If the fire is large and/or continues to grow, do not attempt to extinguish it. Quickly get everyone outside and immediately call 911 from a cellphone or neighbor's house.

For additional safety tips, visit [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com).



20495 SW Borchers Drive 503.625.5523  
[www.sherwoodoregon.gov/policedepartment](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/policedepartment)

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

With the holidays around the corner, we'd like to remind the community about the importance of staying safe during the holiday season. The City of Sherwood remains a safe city with relatively few violent crimes. However, we can't let that cause us to let our guard down. Criminals love the holiday season because the holiday hustle and bustle can sometimes cause us to put our guard down. Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely.

#### If you are shopping

- Park in well-lit areas, and be sure to lock the car, close your windows, and hide all gifts and shopping bags in the trunk.
- If it's feasible, take your items home before going to the next store.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Carry your purse close to your body and put your wallet in an inside pocket or front pants pocket. Don't leave your purse or wallet unattended in the shopping cart.
- Shopping with the kids? Teach your kids to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated, and don't allow your kids to go off by themselves.

#### At Home

- Don't leave your vehicle running unattended (including letting it warm it up on cold mornings).
- Install security cameras, alarm systems, and ensure they are working properly.
- Ensure dark areas and entrances have outdoor lights that are turned on after dark or are activated by sensors.
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed so they do not conceal doors and windows. Remember, overgrown foliage can provide a hiding place for criminals.
- Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.

- Make sure all doors and windows have secondary locks (deadbolts, window pins, dowls, etc) and make sure to use them!
- Lock your vehicle and remove all valuables
- Ask a trusted friend, family member, or neighbor to watch your home if you're leaving for the holidays
- Use timers for lights while you're away

#### Avoid Porch Theft

- Get a P.O. Box at your local Post Office
  - Schedule package delivery when you're home
  - Network with neighbors to make sure someone can pick up your package if you're not home
  - Have packages delivered to work
  - Leave specific drop-off instructions
  - Use a smart lock
  - Install security cameras and make sure they are working properly
- If you see or hear something that seems suspicious, and you're unsure if you should call, please call us.
- Non-Emergency Dispatch 503-629-0111: suspicious activity, persons, or vehicles, cold thefts, extra patrol requests, noise disturbances, questions for an officer, and anything out of place.
- 9-1-1: serious injuries, missing children, endangered persons, crimes occurring now, and immediate threat of harm or danger.
- The Sherwood Police Department wishes you a happy, safe, and peaceful holiday season.

## MAYOR UPDATE

Fall is here, Holidays are almost here!

I love it with leaves falling and blowing in the wind. The morning air is crisp to start your day. Heck, then before the end of the year, some snow would be great to see on the ground.

Construction on the Robin Hood Plaza will start in January and will be done before festivals start in early summer.

Engineering for the pedestrian bridge over 99W continues. Engineering should be done next spring and ready to go to bid/construction soon afterwards.

The same goes for Oregon Street from TVF&R station/railroad tracks to the roundabout at Murdock and the new industrial road connecting Oregon and 124th Ave.

Local economic development activity continues to be good. Commercial/Industrial activity keeps marching on. It will certainly be interesting to see how higher mortgage interest rates impact new home construction in the next year. Will homes be smaller, will home buyers need to pivot to variable rate mortgages, delay purchases or something else? One trend - we are seeing more new homes built with an ADU (accessory dwelling unit).

Sherwood continues to be in high demand for families. Just like it's been for the last 25+ years, individuals and families often make the choice to live here. They want the best - so they pick Sherwood. I did that back in 1996 when Sherwood was "way out there." If it was strictly a business decision or a financial decision, I would be in another city in another state. Sherwood is home!

Work on redoing the Sherwood West Master Plan is near an end. Community outreach and a feedback survey wrapping up - City Council will soon make a few choices and likely adopt this plan framework. I expect the new plan will have good mix of areas for manufacturing and service jobs, areas for housing, and areas zoned/envisioned for schools and park/open spaces. A plan is just that. Much more work and choices ahead, including when to ask Metro to bring some or all into Sherwood UGB (next regular asks are 2024 and then 2027 and cities can ask for non-residential expansions every year).

There is some additional work we need to do. A phasing plan - or toolkit for Sherwood City Council to adopt to manage pace of growth Sherwood West. A financing plan - how the needed infrastructure would be built to serve that area. New land zoning types - i.e. hospitality/tourism zoning, and much more.

Additional info on these topics can be found on the city web site.

In the next regular Sherwood Archer, mayor-elect Tim Rosener will be writing this column and I will write something every now and then as a member of City Council.

I want to thank you and our entire community for the honor to have been your mayor again. It has been an enormous privilege to be your mayor for 13 of the last 18 years and to have played a part in helping Sherwood be one of the best cities to live in Oregon (Oregon being the only state I would want to live in). We have a great city because so many people work to make it so. We are blessed to have hundreds and hundreds of volunteers that give of their time and resources to help the city thrive. They volunteer for the city, the school district, sports programs, arts programs, scouts, and in our churches and many non-profits. You are amazing!!

Sherwood is blessed to have an outstanding group of people working for us - once a person start working here for Sherwood, often they stay for many years - often spending the majority of their careers with us, with Sherwood. I know so many that have been with Sherwood 15, 20, 25+ years. Many live in or near Sherwood. They are incredible individuals who care a great deal about our town. Thank you for all you do!!

Tree lighting and The Robin Hood Festival Association winter festival is around the corner, the parade and singing in the Canary Square with Santa. Be sure to check it out on Saturday, December 3rd.

A big Thank You to city staff for decorating Old Town!

The City of Sherwood has several openings on a variety of citizen boards and commissions and is seeking applicants to serve their community. For more information or to see the current vacancies, please visit [sherwoodoregon.gov](http://sherwoodoregon.gov) or email the City Records office at [cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov).

Stay healthy, stay safe. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your family.

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](mailto:MaysK@SherwoodOregon.gov), or 503.625.4222. My contact info will not change in 2023.

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

## COUNCIL CORNER

Tim Rosener, City Council President

### Veterans Day

Every year we take a moment to remember those who serve or have served our great country. We honor veterans for their sacrifices and commitment to defending the freedoms we all enjoy today.

As a U.S. Air Force Veteran, I often think of my family's commitment to serving our country. It reminds me how resilient and dedicated our service members and veterans are.

My Great grandfather John Albert, six generations removed, served in the continental army with George Washington and played a vital role in the army's retreat from NY in 1776. John spent the winter at Valley Forge and endured the harsh conditions with his fellow soldiers and General Washington.

That winter, he lost both feet to frostbite. He was discharged in February with a \$2.96 pension. He made it back to his home, which is now in West Virginia, and made a living hauling cargo between mountain towns; he later married and had 13 kids, and lived to be over 90

years old. Like all of our veterans then and now, John was made out of some tough stuff.

I believe that part of his post-war success as a disabled veteran was due to the honor and respect his community showed for him.

Honor and respect went beyond praise and included a helping hand as he contributed to the welfare of his community.

Abraham Lincoln once said...

"Honor to the Soldier, and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor to him, who braves, for the common good, the storms of heaven and the storms of battle."

President Lincoln understood how important it was to pay tribute to those who sacrificed for our country and enabled the freedoms we have today.

Once a year, we celebrate Veteran's Day. We honor those that served and are currently serving. I encourage you to reflect on our veterans' sacrifices and how they made the freedoms we all enjoy a reality.

Take some time to thank the veterans that you know or run into. That affirmation and recognition is a small

token of gratitude that goes a long way in the lives of our veterans.



## FEATURED PARTNER: SHERWOOD HELPING HANDS

Sherwood Helping Hands, a community food bank offering assistance to those in need, started 35 years ago in the Sherwood United Methodist. With the support of the Oregon Food Bank, Helping Hands has grown in size and scope, serving hundreds of families in the local area annually with food boxes containing canned food, frozen meat, dairy, and produce.

In addition to the food boxes for families, Helping Hands also partners with the Sherwood school counselors from all six schools in the Sherwood School District in a weekend backpack meal program for families whose children are on the free or reduced school lunch program. Each Friday, Helping Hands provides these children with a backpack full of enough "kid friendly" food for the student and their siblings to enjoy nutritious meals over the weekend.

For many years, until Covid changed all of our lives, Helping Hands had the pleasure of assembling these weekend backpacks for the children with the residents of The Springs at Sherwood senior living facility. We are anxiously awaiting the time that we can once again work together on this task with our friends at The Springs. Until we are past the dangers of Covid, Helping Hands alone is packing the backpacks and delivering them to the schools every Thursday.

In keeping with our original mission, Helping Hands continues to distribute food boxes to families in need in the Sherwood area at the Sherwood United Methodist Church on the third Saturday of every month. Since Covid, this has been a no-contact drive-through process.

For six weeks every summer, Helping Hands partners with the Sherwood Library and Sherwood School District for their "Lunch and Learning" in the park every Thursday. Helping Hands provides lunch to moms and kids who come to the park for story time and art projects.

It wouldn't be possible for Helping Hands to do any of this without our dedicated volunteers who collect, sort, and distribute the food we need each year to keep our pantry stocked. In addition, the consistent support of several churches, scouting organizations, schools, service clubs, a host of local businesses, and residents of the greater Sherwood community play a vital role in the success of our mission.

How can you help to eliminate hunger in Sherwood? 1- Donate to a local food drive. 2-Support the annual "Give n' Gobble" 10K run or SK walk or run with your family, friends, and neighbors. A Thanksgiving Day morning tradition for 16 years, "Give n' Gobble" registration consists of an entry fee and a donation of non-perishable food. For more information on "Give n' Gobble," please visit [givengobble.com](http://givengobble.com)

To make donations of food or financial assistance to Helping Hands, please call Gerry & Dottie Edy at 503.625.7744



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