

## LIBRARY NEWS

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### Discover Culture @ Sherwood Public Library

This May, we invite you to your Library to discover culture, music and movement with a Chinese Lion Dance and Hawaiian Hula Dance in celebration of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. Diversify your library experience with materials in over 20+ languages available throughout the county, 60 languages to learn with Mango languages, or search for books by author's nationality, cultural identity, or for "Asian Americans" as a subject in NoveList Plus.

Selected programs are below and see more at [sherwoodoregon.gov/library](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/library). See you at the Library!

#### All Ages:

**Chinese Lion Dance** - Witness this energetic dance and live drumming. Sponsored by Stan and Diana Stanley in memory of Theresa Kaishin Stanley on Saturday, May 14 at 1:30 pm

**Hawaiian Hula Dance** - Lisa Chang and the Hula Hālau 'Ohana Holo'oko'a give a live hula performance and interactive lesson, followed by time to make a Hawaiian craft. Made possible by the Cultural Coalition of Washington County and the Oregon Cultural Trust on Saturday, May 21 at 1:30 pm.

#### Teens & Adults:

**TeenLAB** - Gain new skills and make friends at this volunteer club just for teens. Tuesdays, May 3 & 17 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm for grades 7-12.

**Friends of the Library meeting** - Learn about library activities, support, and the art of selling used books on Thursday, May 5, at 5:00 pm in Conference Room A.

**Spring Author Series** - Kelly Romo discusses her new book *Whistling Women*, selected as one of [PodSugar.com](http://PodSugar.com)'s "14 Reads for the Book-Loving Mama." Refreshments provided and books available for purchase on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 pm.

**Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Workshop** - Learn to recognize a mental health emergency and get a person at suicide risk the help they need. A light dinner will be provided by Sherwood Rotary and registration is required. Thursday, May 19, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, at Sherwood Center for the Arts, 22689 SW Pine Street for Ages 18+

**Teen Scene!** - Watch a movie, play ping-pong, Wii-U, or craft it up. Snacks provided. No other library services are available during this after-hours event. Enter through the parking lot lobby door on Friday, May 20 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm for grades 6-12.

**Adult Summer Reading** - Look for this annual program in June. This time with free books for the grown-ups, too, and lots more chances to win weekly prize drawings with your book reviews. June-August.

#### Youth & Family:

**Homework Help** - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. and on Wednesdays from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. through May for grades 3-12.

**Ultimate Builders Academy** - We're building rocks to celebrate Star Wars Day. Parents: we have bricks and blocks for your lil' busy builders on Wednesday, May 4, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm for grades K-5.

**Green Team Jr. Craft Club** - Make a "green" craft activity using recycled materials. Presented by Sherwood High School's Green Team on Saturday, May 7 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am for grades K-5.

**Summer Reading Program** - Our biggest program of the year is back June 1st and better than ever. Get a book at sign-up (wow!), attend performances from the likes of Reptile Man, Lucky Diaz, and Mad Science on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm, June 21 - August 16. Major sponsorship provided by Oregon State Library, Washington County Cooperative Library Services, and Friends of the Library. Ages 0-17.

The Library will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. Materials may be returned to Pine Street book drops. Find 24/7 access at [wcls.org](http://wcls.org).

*Note: All library programs are free to attend and open to the public. Unless otherwise stated, programs are held in our Community Room. See [sherwoodoregon.gov/library](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/library) for newly added events, follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, or call us at 503.625.6688. Sherwood Public Library is a Washington County Cooperative Library Services member library.*

## MAYOR UPDATES

### Spring has sprung in Sherwood

With the recent warm and sunny weather, Sherwood is abuzz as a community and there are a number of important updates and reminders I'd like to highlight from City Hall. Our first community garden project is moving into the construction phase with the irrigation being installed. As a reminder, the site is located between the Fire Station and Public Works facility. Reservations for plots are being accepted now and work parties for volunteers are being planned for May to construct the raised beds and garden amenities. You may recall that I set a goal last year as your Mayor to develop a community garden program (similar to many of other neighboring communities). We were fortunate to fund this new program through Metro's Community Enhancement Program instead of local property taxes or fees. If you are interested in volunteering at a work party in May or want to reserve a garden plot, please contact Tammy Steffens at 503.625.4213 or by email at [steffens@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:steffens@sherwoodoregon.gov)

It's budget time again! This month the Budget Committee will review and consider the City Manager's proposed budget for next fiscal year. The proposed budget was released in late April and you can review it online at the city website. More importantly, citizens can participate in the process by attending the Budget Committee hearings that are scheduled for May 12, 19 and 26. Public testimony is always encouraged by the committee as they review and consider the proposed budget. After the Budget Committee acts on the budget in May, the City Council will consider adoption at their meeting on June 21, 2016.

May 17 is Election Day here in Oregon and a number of important local, state and federal issues and races will be on the ballot. As always, I encourage Sherwood residents to vote and let your respective voices be heard at the ballot box.

As I write this month's article, I am still energized from yesterday's successful Trashpalooza event as part of our Earth Day celebrations. Over 140 volunteers came out to help clean up Sherwood in this fourth year of this event - our largest turnout yet! The list of individuals and businesses that helped contribute to this event is long and it reminds me of how much pride our citizens have for our environment and our Sherwood community.

On the heels of celebrating National Library Week earlier in April, we will be celebrating both National Police Week (May 15th through May 21st) and National Public Works Week (May 15th through 21st) in Sherwood. Both of these national recognition weeks honor the important local services provided by our outstanding staff members in both our Police Department and Public Works Department. Thank you for your service to Sherwood!

The next step in conducting a feasibility study for the City's recreational facility, currently operated by the YMCA of the Columbia-Willamette, is moving forward in May with the release of an RFP (Request for Proposals) for consulting services to assist city staff in conducting the feasibility study. This important study was identified as a City Council goal for this year. As we get closer to the end of the current 20 year agreement with the YMCA in 2018, it is critical that we choose a path forward that will ensure the best level of services for our citizens at this city-owned recreational facility.

Last month council accepted the police staffing study and this month, as recommended by the study, we formally gave direction to staff to make a request to Washington County Sheriff for a proposal to patrol our predominantly inactive night shift time. Council looks forward to reviewing this possible cost saving proposal to best serve the needs of our community by providing the highest quality service at the lowest cost.

Finally, I want to wish all of the mothers and grandmothers in our community a wonderful Mother's Day celebration on Sunday, May 8. Watching my own kids grow and develop over time reminds me each day how fortunate that I am to be their mother. I cherish this time I have with them and thank the citizens of Sherwood for electing me Mayor to share the gift of service with them. Together we are truly moving Sherwood Positively Forward.



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## VOTERS TO SEE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOND LEVY

BY TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE

### Measure 34-243 Would Replace and Upgrade Outdated System

Firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue rely on information from an emergency communications system (911) to answer the community's calls for help.

Whether it's a cardiac arrest, house fire, car crash or other emergency, vital details about the location and circumstances of a situation are relayed by dispatchers through a network, which includes transmission towers and radios.

Firefighters rely on this same system to communicate with each other once they're on a scene.

In the May 17 election, Washington County voters will be asked to consider a \$77 million bond measure to upgrade the emergency communications system TVF&R crews and all law enforcement and ambulance service providers countywide rely on. This system is run by the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency and staffed by 911 dispatchers who provide a

lifeline between those who call seeking help and first responders.

The system has worked for decades, but now manufacturers no longer make key parts, the technology is outdated, and the buildings and towers are not designed to withstand a major earthquake.

For these reasons, voters will be asked to consider Measure 34-243 to replace and upgrade the system. If approved by voters, the county would issue general obligation bonds to pay for capital costs associated with the following 911 equipment and facility enhancements:

- Convert the existing system to current technology.
- Improve countywide coverage by installing more towers.
- Strengthen facilities for earthquakes, storms, and other emergencies.
- Expand the 911 center and emergency facilities to meet future demands by a growing population.

- Replace about 3,000 aging, obsolete analog radios currently used by first responders countywide.
- The system has worked for decades, but now manufacturers no longer make key parts, the technology is outdated, and the buildings and towers are not designed to withstand a major earthquake.

A typical homeowner would pay about \$20 in 2016. This rate assumes an average assessed value (not market value) of a \$255,408 home.

For more information, call 503.846.8685 or visit [wcemergencycommunications.blogspot.com](http://wcemergencycommunications.blogspot.com).



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## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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### Making Sense of the Police Staffing Study

As many of you know, the Police Operations and Staffing Study is complete, and the report is available online to view and/or download at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/police/page/city-releases-police-staffing-study](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/police/page/city-releases-police-staffing-study).

The report itself is 111 pages, but it contains a lot of information. There is an Executive Summary that is about six pages in length and provides a synopsis of the report. I would encourage citizens to read the entire report if they can make the time and investment.

To summarize and paraphrase the key findings of the report;

- Sherwood PD provides a high level of service
- Sherwood has the 2nd lowest serious crime rate in Oregon for cities of 15,000-40,000 population
- 94% of the 382 online survey respondents feel safe from crime in Sherwood, 85% feel Sherwood PD improves the quality of life in Sherwood and 91% agreed Sherwood PD was professional
- Sherwood PD officers have an average of 69% proactive time
- Response times are very good

Based on the above, and totality of the study, Matrix made thirteen (13) recommendations, some of which were to maintain existing practices and/or staffing, while others involved modifying and/or improving existing practices, and still others involved adding additional staffing. Ultimately, your City Council will be addressing any policy decisions regarding the recommendations.

The recommendations make sense to me and we will begin implementing those that address operational considerations, to include improving our community policing efforts by utilizing SARA problem solving, maintaining our current management practices and staffing, improving our case investigation tracking and expanding our volunteer opportunities.

There is much discussion today about what community policing looks like and experts agree it looks different in every community. As published in the March 2016 IACP Police Chief magazine, "For too long, the United States has relied on the yearly release of the Unified Crime Report-Major Crime Index to assess law enforcement success. While the Major Crime Index has value, it should not be the preferred measurement used."

Crime problems differ in every community and can vary within a community and as a result policing must fit the given community and police officers must be both "warriors" and "guardians" when policing any community, including Sherwood. The term warrior refers to officers being trained and equipped for battle and responding appropriately when they are defending human life and the community from violence. This is necessary even in Sherwood, when we have incidents like the Thanksgiving shooting in 2014, and is why we train to respond to active shooters. The term guardian refers more to the traditional beat cop who is co-producing safety with the community through relationships and problem solving. This is the preferred role and most of what Sherwood officers do, and it explains why we have high levels of proactive activity.

We are proud to serve as Sherwood's Guardians and are humbled by the support we continue to receive from Sherwood. As always, if you have any questions about this or other topics, I welcome your input and comments. You can always email me at [grothj@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:grothj@sherwoodoregon.gov).

In your service-Chief Groth

## COUNCIL CORNER

Sally Robinson, City Councilor

The Budget Committee ("Committee") has been gearing up for budget season and it is now upon us. The Committee consists of the seven (7) city councilors plus an equal number of citizens at large who are appointed by the Council. This year, the citizens on the Committee include Chair Andy McConnell, Vice Chair Meerta Meyer, Susan Claus, Andy Jensen, Amy Kutzkey, Paul Mayer and Kurt Studer. The Committee works with City staff to review and approve a financial plan containing estimates of expenditures and revenues for a single fiscal year. Our fiscal year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th. The budget must be adopted by Council before July 1st. In addition to outlining programs for the upcoming year, the budget controls the City's spending authority. The city may not, however, spend more than it receives so the budget must be balanced.

Sherwood is a Council-City Manager managed entity, whereby the Committee and then Council approve a budget on a broad scope basis. This means that Committee approves certain revenues and expenditures for the following categories: (1) the Administrative division; (2) the Police services division; (3) the Community Development division; (4) the Community Services division; (5) the Public Works division (all 5 categories of which fall within the General Fund); (6) the Debt Service Fund; (7) the Construction Fund for streets; (8) Operations Fund for streets;

(9) Capital Fund; (10) the Water Fund (including Operations and Capital Improvements); (11) Sanitary Fund (including Operations and Capital Improvements); (12) Storm Fund (including Operations and Capital Improvements); and (13) the Telecommunications Fund. The Committee and Council have no control over certain line-item expenses in the budget approval process.

The Budget process actually begins in January when the City Manager seeks department budgets from his Senior Management. The City Manager then reviews and critiques the individual budget requests, confers with his Senior Management team and compiles one formal Budget to present to the Committee for consideration. This year, the proposed Budget will be available to the public on April 29, 2016. Two (2) public hearings have been scheduled to accept public comments, on May 12 and May 19, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A third date has also been reserved for May 26, 2016 in the event the Committee does not finish it's collaboration on and approval of the Budget on May 19th. If you are unable to make these meetings to provide public comments, another opportunity is available when the Council officially considers the Budget at its meeting on June 21, 2016. Please come join us at one of these meetings and weigh in on your City Budget.

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## FEATURED PARTNER: THE ROBIN HOOD FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

This summer's Robin Hood Festival promises to be a very special event, with both Sherwood and Nottingham, England celebrating the 60th anniversary of the annual archery tournament. Sherwood's portion of the tournament will take place at Edy Ridge Elementary on July 16-17, accompanying Old Town Festival events July 15-16. The theme of this year's parade on July 16 at 10:00 am will be Sherwood vs. Nottingham: 60 Years of Archery, with community groups and businesses encouraged to come up with creative family friendly entries.

The annual archery tournament was set in motion in February 1956 when the President of the Robin Hood Festival Association issued an archery challenge to the yeomen of Nottingham, England. The Mayor of Sherwood has sent a challenge every year since, with an engraved silver Tiffany bowl the traveling trophy, as well as medallions awarded to archers in both locales. Nowadays, the archery tournaments take place on different dates, with multiple archers traveling back and forth over the years as visitors. Visiting archers from Nottingham are often "knighted" when arriving here in Sherwood.

Many preparations are underway for this year's Festival, with dedicated community volunteers partnering with the city to create a memorable weekend attracting approximately 20,000 attendees. The community is invited to the Sherwood Public Library on Thursday, April 28 at 6:00 pm to celebrate the Maid Marian Court coronation ceremony. Entertainment will be provided by the Sherwood Renaissance Singers and light refreshments served. The Maid Marian Court is a cherished Sherwood tradition which began in the early 1950's, with Junior and Senior Court members actively engaged in community service projects throughout the year. The Maid Marian Court will be recognized at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 7. The Court

will also be assisting at the annual Community Services Fair on Saturday, May 21 at the Sherwood Fire Station and is involved in creating Sherwood's mini-float entry in the Portland Rose Festival parade held on Saturday, June 11.

The Robin Hood Festival will once again provide opportunities for businesses and non-profits to feature their products and activities through participating in the parade, a vendor village of 100+ booths and through sponsorship and volunteer opportunities. Popular musical groups will be featured on the Main Stage, as well as entertainment for the entire family on the Family Stage, beginning with the pageantry of the traditional Knighting Ceremony on Friday, July 15 at 6:00 pm. Families can also enjoy a Voices for the Performing Arts musical production.

People young and old can demonstrate their creativity in the annual Castle Building Contest and participate in the Flower and Plant Show. Festivities include a teen dance, kid's crafts and play areas, plus plenty of delicious food, with a beer and wine garden featuring selections from local wineries and breweries.

Performers, vendors, sponsors, parade entrants and archers interested in the Festival and archery tournament should visit [www.robinhoodfestival.org](http://www.robinhoodfestival.org) for applications and details. The Festival is always in need of more volunteers. Even just a couple of hours of time can be of help. The Robin Hood Festival Association is a 501(c)4 non-profit organization that has been serving the Sherwood community since 1954. Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Masonic Lodge in Old Town Sherwood. Email [robinhoodfestival@gmail.com](mailto:robinhoodfestival@gmail.com) or call 503.625.4233 for more information.

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The Family Matinee Series presents A Wacky Circus with Kazüm & Friends. Watch and be amazed by this wacky and wonderful performance of circus arts – featuring Portland’s own acrobatic, high-flying spectacle: Kazüm! There will be barrels full of laughs, shouts of shock and gasps of amazement. The fun begins at 2:00 pm, with doors to open at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$5/ all ages, and can be purchased over the phone at 503.625.4ART or at the door. This performance concludes the 2015-16 Family Matinee Series. To learn more about the Matinee Series schedule, visit [www.SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org](http://www.SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org) or stop by the Center, located at 22689 SW Pine Street in Old Town Sherwood.



### Center for the Arts Camp Registration!

The Center for the Arts is excited to present its 2016 summer camp schedule. Registration for summer camps is NOW OPEN! Experience the arts both indoors and outdoors this summer at the



Center for the Arts. The Center will be offering over 15 camps, from photography, painting and toddler princess tea-parties to drawing, digital arts and MORE! The Center has something for every age—REGISTER TODAY! For more information about camps and registration, visit [www.SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org](http://www.SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org) and click on the “Register for Classes” tab, call 503.625.4ART or stop by the Center.

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### Sherwood Altered Art Festival Returns!

Altered art [awl-ter-d art] = simply altering an object from its intended purpose to a new, creative one

The Sherwood Foundation for the Arts and the Sherwood Center for the Arts are excited to present the 4th Annual Altered Art Festival, on Saturday, June 4th! Join the festivities at Veterans’ Memorial Park in Old Town Sherwood from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

This event kicks off Sherwood’s bus outdoor festival season, and is dedicated to inspiring, nurturing, promoting, and supporting visual arts in and around Sherwood. Along with a wide variety of artists’ booths, there will be hands-on, make-and-take art projects for children and adults and an altered art competition. Check out the performance stage hosting a variety of music, dance, and summer play “sneak peek” performances. For more information about the festival and the altered art competition, visit [www.SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org](http://www.SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org).



### Summer Art Walk – Save the Date

Summer is approaching fast, which means it’s almost time for the Old Town Sherwood Summer Art Walk! Come explore the Art Walk stops throughout six Old Town Sherwood blocks on Thursday, June 23, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Participants get to view local art, chat with artists, participate in interactive activities, listen to live music, enjoy food and beverages from Old Town locations and purchase great, local art. Pick up a map of the route at any participating business, and visit each stop to get a stamp. Then, turn in a finished map to enter to win a fantastic prize basket! Prizes from many local Sherwood businesses will be up for grabs. For more information about the Summer Art Walk, visit [www.SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org](http://www.SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org) or call 503.625.4ART.

## PLANNING NEWS

### What is a Right-of-Way Permit and Why do I Need One?

If you plan on pruning or planting street trees, repairing a sidewalk panel or driveway, or installing a lawn sprinkler system, you are probably going to be doing work in the publically owned right of way. If you are working in the public right of way, you will need to first obtain a right-of-way permit from the Engineering Department. A right-of-way permit allows City inspectors to ensure that the public right-of-way is properly restored after you’re done and that the work meets City standards for maintaining public assets. The goal of the City right-of-way permit is to preserve the investments made in public infrastructure, including our streets, sidewalks, curbs, and other features. The permit also allows us to coordinate with other departments and agencies as needed if portions of the right of way need to be closed for a period of time.



Obtaining the permit is simple and only takes approximately three working days to obtain. The application can be found online at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/engineering/page/right-way-permits](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/engineering/page/right-way-permits). The web page lists the types of work that are exempt from fees, as well as information regarding permits that are currently open around the city. You can also contact Jeanette DeCastro at 503.925.2305 or by email at [decastro@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:decastro@sherwoodoregon.gov) should you have any questions about the permitting process.

Obtaining the permit is simple and only takes approximately three working days to obtain. The application can be found online at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/engineering/page/right-way-permits](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/engineering/page/right-way-permits). The web page lists the types of work that are exempt from fees, as well as information regarding permits that are currently open around the city. You can also contact Jeanette DeCastro at 503.925.2305 or by email at [decastro@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:decastro@sherwoodoregon.gov) should you have any questions about the permitting process.

### Portable Signs

As the warm weather begins and the political season gains momentum it’s a good time to talk about portable signs on private property. Below are some common questions we receive about portable signs.

#### What kind of sign can I place on my property?

- Portable signs are the most common type you see. They can be attached to a stake or wire frame are limited to 24 inches in height and a sign face no larger than 18 by 24 inches in size
- A-frame portable signs are also allowed as a portable sign, but they are limited to seven square feet per sign face and no more than four feet tall. An A-frame sign (aka sandwich board) is composed of two (2) sign boards attached at the top and separated at the bottom, (to form an “A” shape



#### How many signs can I have?

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

#### Where can I put the sign(s)?

- Portable signs are not allowed in the public right-of-way except from Friday at 6:00 am until Sunday at 6:00 pm. Otherwise, portable signs must be placed on private property.

#### Do I need a permit?

- Portable signs do not require a permit from the City. This is just a very brief summary of some of the regulations and does not address “temporary signs” which have different size, location and number restrictions than portable signs.

## PLANNING NEWS CONTINUED



A brochure summarizing the regulations for temporary and portable signs can be found at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/planning/page/portable-banner-temporary-signs](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/planning/page/portable-banner-temporary-signs)

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

### Want to know what development is occurring?

The City is seeing a variety of development from apartments to site plans for new industrial buildings. The first step in any development is to get land use approval. Notice is provided of upcoming land use decisions or public hearings to all property owners within 1000 feet of the subject property, posted on site, at five locations throughout the City and in the Gazette or The Times newspapers. You can also see projects that are being proposed throughout the City by looking at the City web site at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/projects](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/projects). To view proposed land use development filter by the Planning Department.

### Street Trees

Street Trees are an important amenity to the City. They provide shade, habitat, and beauty. Street trees in the right-of-way adjacent to the property are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain. Trees in medians and other public areas, such as Parks, City reservoirs, etc. are maintained by the City or, when applicable, the homeowners association.

The City of Sherwood preserves and maintains the urban forest by reviewing tree removal permits for street trees and trees subject to a land use approval like at a commercial or industrial site. Though the city does not encourage removal of trees, sometimes it is necessary. This is especially true when trees are considered hazardous or in poor condition. If you are unsure of the condition of your tree, we recommend that you have a certified arborist take a look at it.



Street trees are required to be trimmed to provide a minimum clearance of seven feet above the sidewalk or roadway. The right-of-way provides safe movement and parking for vehicles, as well as room for pedestrians and cyclists. To promote safety and protect the traveling public, the City requires property owners to remove obstructions that renders the right-of-way unsafe and creates a risk of damage or injury. Please do your part to maintain the vegetation adjacent to your property.

While the process to obtain a tree removal permit is fairly simple, a tree removal permit is required for most trees on private and public property. It is always a good idea to check with the city to see if a tree removal permit may be required. Contact Kirsten Allen with the City Planning Department at 503.625.4215 for more information or visit our website at [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/planning](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/planning)

# THE Sherwood ARCHER

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### NEW BUS SERVICE COMING

After hearing many requests from the community’s of Sherwood and Tualatin, TriMet will launch Line 97-Tualatin-Sherwood Road on June 6th. Line 97 will operate from approximately 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays only. It will connect with most WES arrivals and departures at the Tualatin WES station as well as lines 76-Beaverton/Tualatin and 96-Tualatin/I-5 to downtown Portland. TriMet, Sherwood and Tualatin are coordinating a line opening celebration for May 31, 2016. More details to come! We will provide details on the City’s web page and Facebook page.

### COMMUNITY GARDEN OPENS SOON

As you may have already noticed, work on the Community Garden is underway. Our Public Works Department is working hard to get the irrigation set up, plots marked, and fencing and product for plot frames ordered. We are now accepting reservation for plots. We will have three sizes of plots; 20’ x 20’; 10’ x 20’; 4’ x 8’. The 20’ x 20’ and 10’ x 20’ plots will be framed ground level plots. The 4’ x 8’ will be elevated approximately 3’ off the ground. The 20’ x 20’ and 10’ x 20’ plots should be available mid to late May. The product that will be used to build the 4’ x 8’ plots will not be delivered until early June so those plots won’t be available until later in June.

Check out the City’s Facebook page and website for a work party in June and for updates at [www.facebook.com/SherwoodOregon](http://www.facebook.com/SherwoodOregon) and [www.SherwoodOregon.gov/communitygarden](http://www.SherwoodOregon.gov/communitygarden).



## CITY NEWS

### Community Services Fair - May 21

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) and the City of Sherwood are co-hosting the annual Sherwood Community Services Fair on Saturday, May 21, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Sherwood Fire Station 33, located at 15440 SW Oregon Street.

Community members of all ages are invited to attend this free community celebration. The festive event features fun activities and displays for the whole family, including gator rides, digging into the dirt with a backhoe, squirting water from a fire hose, and climbing inside police vehicles, TVF&R apparatus, and other service agency rigs. Young visitors will also have an opportunity to go through the Fire Safety House.

This annual event provides an important opportunity for the public to learn about the array of community services available in Sherwood and help neighbors and businesses prepare for emergencies. Several public and nonprofit agencies will have educational displays and provide visitors with information about crime prevention, fire and life safety, recycling and conservation, senior services, schools, health care, and more.

In addition, visitors can enter for a chance to win a fire engine ride with the Sherwood crew. Free lunch will also be provided (while it lasts). Please join us for an action-packed day of fun and community!



Home of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

### Proposed Budget Moves Forward

On April 29th, the first step in the budget process for next fiscal year (FY2016-17) began with the release of the City Manager’s proposed budget. Both the General Fund budget and Total budget in the proposed budget show decreases compared with the adopted budget for the current fiscal year.

General Fund spending is proposed to be \$12,066,777 compared to the current year budget of \$12,220,003, a small decrease of 1.2 percent. As a reminder, the General Fund serves as the main operating fund of the City, covering Administration, Police, Community Development, Community Services and Public Works. The proposed Total Budget (all funds) is \$26,103,745 compared to the current year budget of \$28,340,124, a decrease of 7.9 percent.

Citizens are encouraged to participate in the budget process by attending the Budget Committee meetings that are scheduled for three Thursday evenings (May 12, 19 and 26) at 6:00 pm at Sherwood City Hall. At these meetings, the committee will review the proposed budget in its entirety and public testimony will be received at each meeting. After the Budget Committee completes its work in May, the approved budget will be forwarded to City Council. The Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 21st before adopting the budget.

### Sherwood and the Willamette River

April and May are important months for fish spawning and migration. The State of Oregon established fish flow targets in the Willamette River, which vary throughout the year. In April and May, the fish flow target is to protect high flows to help juvenile fish with out-migration. Since much of Sherwood’s water supply comes from this source, the City encourages its customers to conserve water and help fish.

#### Quick Facts

- Sherwood’s water sources are groundwater and surface water, including the Willamette River
- The Willamette River has fish species listed as threatened by state and federal agencies including:
  - Winter Steelhead trout
  - Spring Chinook salmon
  - Coho salmon
  - Bull trout
  - Oregon chub
- The Willamette River supports a variety of other native fish species, including Pacific lamprey, northern pike minnow, mountain whitefish, and reddsie shiners

#### What can you do to conserve water?

If fish flow targets aren’t met, Sherwood may need to reduce the amount of Willamette River water it diverts. The most gains in water conservation in April and May will likely be found indoors. A variety of options are available to help you conserve more water indoors. For example, take shorter showers, check for water leaks, and install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators. Indoor conservation items and information are available for free at the Utility Billing Department.

#### For more water conservation ideas and details, check out:

- [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/utilitybilling](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/utilitybilling)
- [www.conserveit2o.org](http://www.conserveit2o.org)

While water conservation is important year-round, it is especially important when fish flow targets are not being met. As a condition of Sherwood’s permit to use the Willamette River, the City is required to provide our water customers with this information each year.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL/MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 24	25	26 Planning Commission 7:00 pm City Hall	27	28	29	30
1	2 Parks Board Meeting 7:00 pm City Hall	3 City Council 7:00 pm City Hall	4	5	6	7
8	9 Parks Board Meeting 7:00 pm City Hall	10 Planning Commission 7:00 pm City Hall	11	12 Budget Committee #1 6:00 pm City Hall	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Budget Committee #2 6:00 pm City Hall Police Advisory Board 7:00 pm SPD Comm. Room	20	21
22	23 Cultural Arts Meeting 6:30 pm City Hall	24 Planning Commission 7:00 pm City Hall	25	26 Budget Committee #3 6:00 pm City Hall	27	28