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NEWLY REDESIGNED SHERWOOD ARCHER!

In response to our goal to communicate more effectively with the community, we have been working for a couple months to produce this newly designed *Sherwood Archer*. This newsletter, to be distributed 10 times a year, is only one of our communication tools that we are attempting to improve. In addition, we have completed this project within the similar budget that we have spent this past year, which is why we have reduced distribution to 10 times per year versus 12 times per year. Hope you enjoy the new Archer!

Sherwood Archer edited by Joseph Gall and designed by Kendra Kurtz

Council Plans 2013 Goals and Projects

At a recent retreat held on Saturday, February 9th, the Sherwood City Council identified a series of goals and projects for the upcoming fiscal year. Although at press time of this newsletter, the Council had not yet formally adopted the goals and projects, there were a number of new projects and initiatives identified by Council members. Some of the more interesting include:

- Launching of a new series of summer neighborhood picnics where City Council and staff will get out into various neighborhood parks to meet and mingle with Sherwood residents. The schedule for the picnic series will be announced in the near future. In addition to city officials, important partners such as Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Sherwood Chamber of Commerce, and Sherwood YMCA will be invited to participate in this new activity.
- Although the City has videotaped City Council and Planning Commission meetings for many years, Council identified the need to take the next step in showing these important local meetings live. Initially, the meetings will be broadcasted live on cable television, but the city will eventually include live broadcasts on the city website.
- Researching the viability of creating a parks and recreation district in the future was also identified as a priority for the coming year. Although this

idea has been informally discussed within the community for many years, the City has never formally explored the pros and cons of creating such a special district.

- Soliciting a Request for Proposal process before July 1, 2013 to seek proposals for legal services for the city. By City Charter, the City Council selects the city attorney and the current law firm of Beery, Elsner, and Hammond has been serving the city for over a decade.
- Creation of a citizen Charter Review Committee to formally review the City Charter and provide recommended changes to City Council to potentially place on an upcoming ballot.

The full list of City Council goals and projects are available on the city website.



City Expands Landscaping Services to School Grounds

At their recent meeting on February 5, the Sherwood City Council voted to approve an agreement with our partners at the Sherwood School District to fully take over responsibility for grounds maintenance at all school campuses. This new agreement builds upon the successful existing partnership established in 2000 that has had the City maintain the many athletic fields at school campuses. Both City and School officials recognize the continuing challenges associated with tight budgets and the idea of expanding the existing partnership made sense.

This new partnership will allow the school district to continue to focus upon their District Goal: Every student will meet his or her individual growth targets in reading, writing and math, while the City can focus upon providing great landscaping services in the city parks and on school properties. "Taxpayers expect us to be creative and reduce duplication of services and this extension of our existing partnership with our school district was a natural next step" stated Joseph Gall, City Manager. "I applaud Superintendent Heather Cordie, her excellent staff and our school board members for being open to different methods of providing great public services to our shared constituents."

Old Town Street Construction Proceeding On Schedule

Construction is proceeding in earnest along SW Railroad Street in our Old Town area. Since the start of construction last month, SW Washington Street has only been accessible from SW 1st Street. The contractor expects to have SW Railroad Street completed in early April and then will begin reconstructing SW Washington Street. Once SW Washington Street has been reopened in May, the contractor will resurface the alleys. The City expects the project to be substantially complete by June 6, 2013.

All of our businesses are open during construction and we encourage your support of our local

businesses. As a reminder, long term parking is available on the south side of the railroad tracks between SW Main Street and SW Pine Street. Short term, on-street parking is available for customers and visitors. Please check the project website regularly for additional information, notices and to track progress. The website is located at www.sherwoodoregon.gov/downtownstreetscapesphase2project and the primary staff contact is Jason Waters in our Community Development Department. He can be reached by email at watersj@sherwoodoregon.gov or by phone at 503.925.2304.



Construction on Railroad Street, February 2013



Concept sketch for new Railroad Street

City Budget Approval Process Begins in April

Since January, departmental staff have been developing their proposed budgets for FY2013-14. Although the new fiscal year does not begin until July 1st, the internal process is nearing completion. The important public process will begin with the release of the City Manager's proposed budget on Monday, April 1st. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for review at City Hall and on the City website.

The Budget Committee will review and approve the budget over three consecutive Monday evenings: April 22nd, 29th and May 6th. This will be an opportunity for the Sherwood community to provide feedback and input on the proposed budget. The Budget Committee is composed of seven citizen members along with the seven members of the Sherwood City Council.

After the Budget Committee completes their process, the budget will go to the Sherwood City Council in early June for final adoption. Questions regarding the budget process and how you can participate as a citizen can be directed to the City Administration office at 503.625.5522 or by email at administration@sherwoodoregon.gov

Writing Workshops for Adults Continue!

Join us on Sunday, March 17 from 2 to 4 pm in the Community Meeting Room as author Marie Buckley offers another series of workshops for adults who want to write and exercise their creativity. Each workshop will offer prompts, examples, time for writing and sharing as well as constructive feedback in a relaxed atmosphere. No experience necessary. All genres welcome. Bring paper/laptop, pens and pencils. Theme for March are:

March 17 - Bread and Potatoes;
The staples of life

Family Board Game Afternoon

For families with children ages 6 and up - Join us to play board games and meet new friends and families on Wednesday, March 20 from 3 to 4:30 pm. Bring your own game, or use one of ours! No registration required.

Local Author Alan Howard

Please join us on Thursday, March 21 at 6 pm in the Community Meeting Room for a reading and discussion of "In Time" with Alan Howard. Alan has lived in the Tigard and Sherwood area since the early 1980's. He taught AP English and creative writing at Sherwood High School for 15 years. "In Time," an anthology of poetry and short stories is his first published book. It is a coming of age fiction of two brothers growing from adolescence to young adults in rural Oregon. Alan is retired and lives in Tigard.



Enter the Library's Six Word Story Contest

There's a literary legend that Ernest Hemingway, while having dinner with fellow writers of the famous Algonquin Round Table in New York City, bet he could write a story in just six words. They bet not. He grabbed a pen and a napkin and wrote, "For Sale: baby shoes, never worn." They paid up and Hemingway called it his best work.

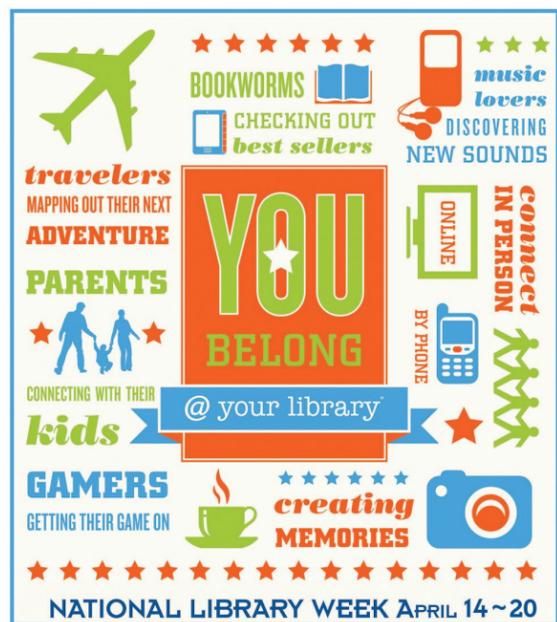
Now it's time for your best work! A Six Word Story is fairly self-explanatory - it is simply a story made up of only six words. The trick is writing a Six Word Story that will make the reader think about what happened before or after the situation. Here are the rules:

1. Your story must have six words. Stories containing more or less than six words will not be allowed.
2. Words such as I'm, can't, wasn't, etc. are allowed and count as one word. However, you may only use one of them per story.
3. Please do not use Six Word Stories found online. We will be checking for plagiarism and if we find your story somewhere else online, it will not be entered in the contest.
4. You may submit up to two Six Word Stories per contestant. If you want to only enter one, that's fine too, but two is the maximum.
5. Your Six Word Story must be submitted by March 29, 2013. Stories entered after that date will not be entered in the contest.
6. Send your Six Word Story in an e-mail to askusSPL@wccls.org using the Subject: Six Word Story Contest. Please include your full name and telephone number. Six Word Stories may also be left at the front desk of the Sherwood Public Library.
7. By entering the Six Word Story Contest you give the Sherwood Public Library the right to post your story and name on a display in the event you are a winner!

How will the winner be chosen? There will be a special team of Six Word Story contest judges who will judge all submitted Six Word Stories. They will choose their top three favorite stories in first, second and third place. Winners will be announced on Monday, April 15.

National Library Week April 14-20

Since 1958, National Library Week has been celebrated by libraries across the country. The Sherwood Public Library will be pulling out all the stops in April with displays and programs highlighting the enduring value of the public library. Look for our "Six Word Story Contest," an all-day Read-A-Thon, an OMSI Traveling Program for kids on "Identity - Fingerprints and DNA" and the annual WCCLS "Art of the Story" Festival featuring nationally-known storyteller, Patrick Ball.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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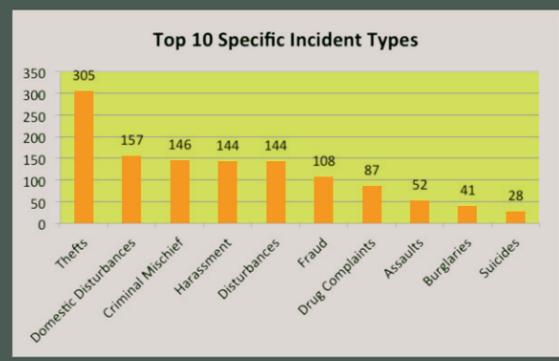
Chief Groth Releases his First Annual Report

Restoring a past tradition under former Chief Middleton, Chief Groth has completed his first Sherwood Police Department Annual Report. He hopes you find the report informative and interesting. The report attempts to capture what the department accomplished during 2012 and provides some insight into the everyday work your officers perform. Your support is important to the department, and the Annual Report is an opportunity to show what the department is doing with your investment.



The Sherwood community has every reason to be proud of its Police Department. In addition to the great work they do everyday, in April 2012, the Department received its first ever Accreditation Award. This distinction is professional recognition that your Police Department has sound policy and procedure and is adhering to Industry Best Practices. A copy of the report can be picked up at the Sherwood Police Department, or found on the city website.

The following graph is just one highlight from the Annual Report, showing the top ten reported incidents in 2012.



Strategic Plan Completed

The strategic plan establishes the department's purpose, establishes the prioritization of strategies and delivery of services, and sets the department's goals. A copy of the full plan can be obtained at the Police Department or on the city website.

A key part of the planning process included a review of the activities and data from 2012, and based on that review, the Chief has identified five key focus areas for the Police Department to address as a part of the 2013-2014 budget process:

1. Continue to address the growing issue and concern of Domestic Violence in Sherwood.
2. Address the growing incidence of drug activity and complaints in Sherwood.
3. Formalize and finalize a response to the problem of youth substance abuse in Sherwood.
4. Establish a police staffing sustainability plan to address the ongoing and future needs of police staffing in Sherwood.
5. Maintain department Accreditation status and begin work on re-accreditation.

FEATURED PARTNER: SHERWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Years ago, when the little farm was cleared from what is now Providence Hospital in Sherwood, a call came to the Chamber of Commerce, "What happened to the chickens?" For years, the farm's chickens frequently pecked around Edy Road, just past the Highway 99 intersection.

While the Chamber could not answer the "chicken question," it shows that the Chamber is the "go to" place for Sherwood information....no matter how off the wall the question!

For prospective businesses, tourists, and new and prospective residents, the Sherwood Chamber is often the first and only go to place to learn about the city.

Chamber members value this connection, so Sherwood's largest and home-based businesses as well as entrepreneurs and regional companies are members. This diverse membership—which exceeds 300—is strengthened by the Chamber's partner relationships.

Sherwood hosts a remarkable number of events. The largest, Sherwood's Cruisin' Car Show, enjoys the Chamber's partnership with city staff and leadership, from Cruisin's months-ahead planning to after show clean up.

Sherwood's Public Works staff blocks streets for show car parking and gets electricity to vendors, among other details making Cruisin' one of the region's best car shows.

Police officers help plan traffic flow, accommodating and managing the 20,000 visitors and then provide friendly, visible day-of security. The Chamber's Great Onion Festival also relies on the city's support, and its partnership with the Sherwood School District for their facilities and staff.

"A Chamber can't do everything alone. We appreciate our partnerships with members as they volunteer to Chamber committees and projects," Chamber Board President Leanna Knutson said, "Great partnerships with our school district and city officials go a long way in helping the Chamber serve its membership."

In striving to best serve Sherwood businesses and the community, Nancy Bruton, Sherwood Chamber Executive Director/ CEO, recently gradu-

ated from the Western Association of Chamber Executives Chamber Academy. Her certification in the interactive three-year Academy program required 18 three-hour classes and additional independent study.



Learn more about the Sherwood Chamber of Commerce membership, events and benefits at www.sherwoodchamber.org.

MAYOR UPDATE

Bill Middleton (503) 822 5121
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Since this is my first article as Mayor, I thought I would update you on progress I have made on my campaign agenda. With the help of City Manager Joe Gall and other City staff, I have been able to hit the ground running. I have established a very positive working relationship with our City Council, and have been working hard on issues I heard about from our residents and businesses. In addition, I am responding as soon as possible to your questions to make sure you get quick, accurate responses.

The City Council and staff want Sherwood to be a great place to locate a business. The City is looking at its fees to see if they can be reduced to make it more attractive and competitive with surrounding cities. If you know of anyone who is interested in starting a business in Sherwood, please invite them to call Assistant City Manager Tom Pessemier at 503-925-2302. And, as always, be sure to support our existing businesses by shopping in Sherwood.

I have been sharing with the Police Department the ideas that I heard during my campaign. I am sure the Department wants feedback from the public on how it can maintain a positive relation-

ship with residents and businesses. To better serve you, the Police Department will soon be resuming the Police Log, the CERT program (or a similar volunteer program), and the Police Reserve Program.

In working with our schools, we have increased the City's participation through the appointment of Councilor Bill Butterfield as liaison to the School Board. Councilor Butterfield will be working hard to assure that we are working together in this time of constrained budgets. As the City develops its draft budget, I am working with Joe Gall to make any necessary budget cuts. Every dollar must be used responsibly to keep the City fiscally solvent now and in the future.

Finally, I am scheduling a series of informal neighborhood meetings. The next one will be at AJ's Pub and Grub at 4 pm on March 18th. Please stop by to say hello, ask questions, and let me know how the City and I are doing in addressing your concerns.

Thank you for making my first few months as your new Mayor so enjoyable!

COUNCIL CORNER

Linda Henderson, Council President

Did you know that our City has 6 Boards and Commissions advising our Council and Staff? These boards are the Budget Committee, Cultural Arts Commission, Library Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Planning Commission, and the Urban Renewal Planning Advisory Committee. Over the past 13 years I have had many residents ask how I got involved in local government. I started on the Parks Board in 1999, and one of my fondest memories was being involved in the design and subsequent construction of Snyder Park.

If you have a passion for getting involved and want to help shape the community we live in, please visit the city website to learn more about these Boards and Commissions. There you will find applications and previous meeting minutes. The terms of these volunteer appointments are 2, 3, or 4 years, and the monthly time commitment is 2-6 hours per month depending on the board.

The City Council values the input and recommendations we receive from our citizen members. Please get involved!

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Code Compliance	503.925.7106	Municipal Court	503.625.4225
Economic Dev./URA	503.925.2302	Planning	503.925.2308

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Police (after hours)	503.629.0111
Public Works (Ops.)	503.625.5722
Utility Billing	503.925.2315

BRICKS & MORTAR

Highway 99W Paving Project Looms

Have you noticed the poor condition of Highway 99 as you travel here in Sherwood? As spring approaches, improvements are on the horizon. In April, ODOT will begin a project to grind and pave Oregon Highway 99W in both directions from the Tualatin River Bridge to Sunset Boulevard, a distance of approximately 4.65 miles. This stretch of highway travels through King City, Tualatin, unincorporated Washington County and Sherwood.

Once construction begins, any work that requires lane closures on the state highway will occur at night. This is due to high traffic volumes and the backups that would occur if travel lanes were closed during the day. When more details become available over the coming weeks, the City of Sherwood will post up-to-date project information on the city website.

Machine Works Building Demolition Scheduled

The planned demolition of the former Machine Works Building across from Cannery Square in Old Town Sherwood has been delayed a few weeks due to the discovery of additional asbestos in the building roof. Originally scheduled for demolition during the week of March 11-15, the revised schedule is now for the week of March 25-29. The delay is due to the legal requirement to release an addendum to the bid documents for the project. The site will be the location of a new Community Center building to be built later this calendar year that will be home for various cultural and community events.

PARKS & RECREATION

As Recreation Coordinator for our city, I always get excited during this time of year. As we spring forward into some more daylight and better weather, there are many recreational opportunities going on in our great city. As you read this, most all of the spring sports will have completed their tryouts and evaluations for the upcoming season. This means as you stroll through town, you will see hundreds of the community's youth involved in a variety of spring sports. Baseball, softball, lacrosse, youth track and spring soccer will all be practicing and playing games. All of our school fields and Snyder Park will be filled with children playing and learning from the numerous volunteer coaches from each league. I want to send a big shout out and thanks to the Public Works staff for getting the fields ready for the season and the continued maintenance of the fields throughout the year.



I would also like to thank all the volunteer members of each youth board and all the coaches that step up to give so many opportunities to the youth of our community. There is always a shortage of these people so if you have the time and feel inclined talk to a board member and get involved. And when you see them around town, stop and tell those volunteers thanks.

I encourage you to stop by and take in a game or practice - lacrosse or soccer at Snyder Park, baseball at Hopkins Elementary School or Snyder Park, or softball at Sherwood Middle School.

Lance Gilgan, Recreation Coordinator

PLANNING NEWS

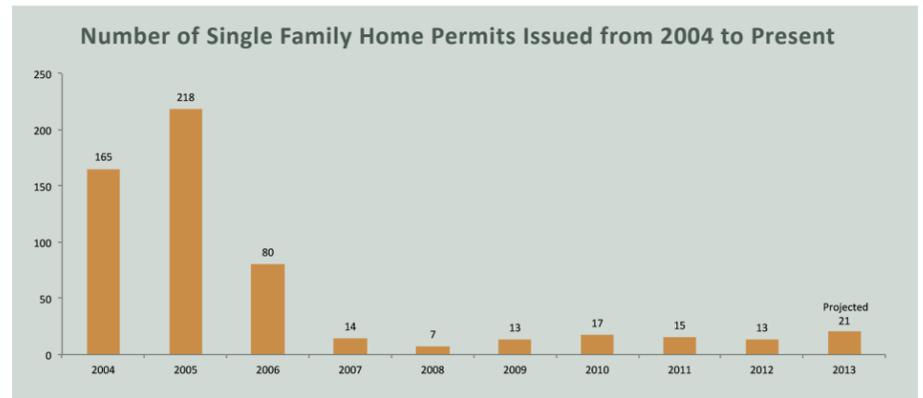
Residential Development Begins to Awaken in Sherwood

Residential home building has slowed in the nation since 2007 and Sherwood is certainly no exception. Since 2008, only 39 single-family residential lots have been approved by the City, whereas a total of 502 lots were approved in the previous five years. Many homebuilders that have continued to build in Sherwood have been building one or two houses in a subdivision at a time. Building permits for new single family residences have been low, but permits for remodels and additions has been steady.



Nationally, building permits for new housing units were up 30% in 2012 from 2011. Here in Sherwood, we are beginning to see the increase as well. The vacant lots at Sherwood View Estates are starting to see activity and City Council recently approved a 26 lot subdivision for Renaissance Homes off of Edy Road. Renaissance Homes is currently in the process of preparing the site for building. The Planning Department has also received a new application for a residential subdivision, for 35 lots, on SW Elwert Road north of SW Handley Street and South of SW Edy Road and continues to field questions from people interested in additional residential development opportunities.

To stay on top of current land use projects in the City, check out the "Current Land Use" link found under More Resources on the city website. This is the most up-to-date information for current land use and building projects in our community.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March/April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 17 Adult Writing Workshop 2-4 pm Community Rm.	18 Mayor's Informal Neighborhood Meeting 4:00 pm AJ's Pub & Grub	19 City Council 7:00 pm City Hall	20	21 Sherwood Main Street General Meeting 4:00 pm Rebekah Lodge	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
School Spring Break						
31	April 1 Parks & Recreation Board 7:00 pm City Hall	2 City Council 7:00 pm City Hall	3 Library Advisory Board 6:30 pm City Hall	4 Cultural Arts Commission 6:30 pm City Hall	5	6
7	8	9 Monthly Chamber Brkfst 7:15 am Police Station Planning Commission 7:00 pm City Hall	10 Sherwood School Board 7:00 pm SHS	11 SURPAC 6:30 pm City Hall	12 Family Friday in Old Town 5 - 8 pm	13 Cash Mob Sherwood
14	15	16 City Council 7:00 pm City Hall	17	18	19 Arbor Day Celebration	20 Family Board Game Afternoon at the Library 3-4:30 pm
National Library Week						

Dates, time, and location of events subject to change. Please check online at www.sherwoodoregon.gov for most recent events and details.