

SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Winter at the Center
Winter at the Center returns with four holiday themed events filled to the brim with 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!

Winter Art Walk: Holiday Market | December 5 | 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. | Free
We kick off our “Winter at the Center” festivities with the Old Town Sherwood Winter Art Walk. Old Town comes alive with twinkling lights and free gift-wrapping as you shop local this holiday season! View art, chat with artisans and artsits, participate in activities, listen to live music and bring the whole family to the merriest Art Walk of the year! With over 17 stops, you’re sure to find something special and handcrafted for a loved one. Collect your map at the Center for the Arts and be transported into our holiday artisan market, featuring 20 artisans and vendors. More information available on our website.

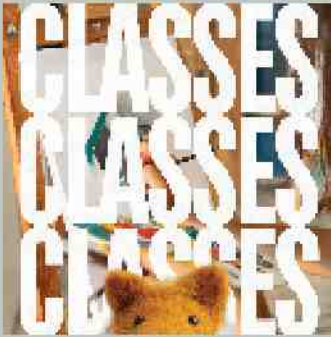
A Celtic Christmas featuring Katie Jane Band | December 6 | 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. | \$12/Students & Seniors \$17/Adult
Celebrate the magic of the season with the Katie Jane Band at our Celtic Christmas show. Get ready for an enchanting evening of high-energy Irish tunes, Celtic Christmas favorites, and beloved holiday classics. This family-friendly event will also feature a captivating performance by Irish dancers, adding an extra layer of festive spirit to the night. Food and beverage will be available for purchase in the lobby, provided by Cooper Mountain Ale Works.
Known for their dynamic performances blending traditional Celtic music with contemporary flair, they deliver all the fan favorites you love along with holiday melodies that will have you singing along. Whether you're a long-time fan or new to their music, this is a night you won't want to miss!

Christmas Classics Sing Along with Courtney Freed & Stephanie Smith | December 8 | 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. | \$10/all ages OR \$50/table - seats 6
Portland songstress Courtney Freed RETURNS as she leads our community in a Christmas sing-along with professional pianist Stephanie Smith. Come dressed in your holiday best and get ready for an evening of song, community and merriment. Limited tables available for purchase! Tables seat up to 6 people and may be purchased/reserved in advance. Food and beverage will be available for purchase in the lobby, provided by Cooper Mountain Ale Works.

Family Movie Night: Elf | Tuesday, December 10 | 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. | \$5/all ages | Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
“The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.” Don your North Pole apparel and settle in with some hot cocoa, and enjoy this holiday classic on the big screen. Snap a family photo with Santa before the film starts and participate in our costume contest.

Current Gallery Exhibit: Four Eights
Art is selling quickly! Come enjoy our current gallery exhibit highlighting pieces created during the Four Eights Artists Challenge, which tasked participating artists with creating original artwork around a singular theme on four eight-inch square canvases. The show features 50 artists from all across the county; 2024 is our largest Four Eights show yet with 200 pieces of art on our gallery walls! All artwork is for sale and priced between \$25 and \$100. What a great way to start or enhance your own art collection, as well as support local artists. This show is available for viewing October 10, 2023 – December 8, 2024. Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Fall Art Classes & Workshops
It's never too late to revisit a hobby or try something new! Come create a beautiful tablescape, custom scented candle, yummy desserts, art and home décor – just in time for the holiday season.
We are excited to introduce and welcome a handful of new instructors, mediums and classes this fall. Dive into candlemaking, ukulele, guitar, piano, baking, painting, acting, ceramics and MORE. With new classes offered each session, you are sure to find a class that inspires your creativity. We offer small group weekly classes, as well as interactive workshops for children, adults, and families. Visit our website at SherwoodCenterfortheArts.org to view the full fall class schedule and to register.



MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR CENTER

Secret Santas for Sherwood Seniors is back! 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 between December 19 and December 24. If you would like to participate this year, visit sherwoodoregon.gov/marjoriestewartcenter or call 503.625.5644 to select a senior’s gift wish. Bring your unwrapped gift with the gift wish ID to the Marjorie Stewart Center by December 16 so we have time for the elves 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 16.
The holidays can be a time of great joy but for many, it’s a season filled with conflicting emotions and sadness. This time of year, it’s important to make sure you are taking care of your well-being and checking in on others. If you are looking for some added support, please consider joining us for some of these programs:
Let’s Talk - November 6 at 10:30 a.m.
Let’s Talk offers a setting for open, honest, and facilitated discussion on topics unique to people over the age of 60. These interactive conversations provide a forum for discussion as well as an opportunity to explore new possibilities, resources, and connection. In partnership with Cascadia Health.
Handling the Holidays - December 4 at 10:30 a.m.
Don’t let the holidays become something you dread. Let’s share how to lessen or prevent stress and depression while learning to recognize your holiday triggers.
Battling the Blues - January 8 at 10:30 a.m.
Have you experienced feeling down, sad, or blue? Come and explore healthy ways to move through these feelings and to recognize when you may need extra support.
New Wisdom/ Life Lessons
Many challenges frequently accompany aging and sometimes increased wisdom is part of the process. Join us for a conversation about wisdom you have developed over the years and share with others what you have learned “the hard way.”
Program for Enhancing Rewarding Lives (PEARLS) - By Appointment - FREE
Have you been feeling down or blue? Have you lost interest in doing things? If you answered “yes” to one or both of these questions and are 60 years or older, there may be something we can do to help. PEARLS Coaches lead participants who meet the criteria through problem solving treatment to emphasize self-empowerment while being included in the supportive and caring Marjorie Stewart Center community. The PEARLS Program teaches you skills to manage the unpleasant feelings associated with depression. Local coaches meet with you individually to help you identify and solve problems that are linked to feeling the way you do. Learn ways to become more physically & socially active.
ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING - FREE
Life can be overwhelming at times and sometimes we just need someone to talk to. We are happy to partner with Pacific University to offer one-on-one therapeutic counseling to older adults in our community.
Hooks & Needles - Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. - FREE
If you’re a knitter, tatter, and - of course- crocheter, please join the newly named Hooks & Needles group. Hooks and Needles meets every Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Bring your project, your questions, and your company as we work and chat. Come along for the fun of it! Craft, chat, and have a great time! Just beginning but you can crochet a chain and a flat square? Come on down! This is a fun and open group to show off what you’re working on, ask advice on problem stitches, or just be with other crafters.
If you have questions about any of these activities, please call 503.625.5644 or visit sherwoodoregon.gov/marjoriestewartcenter. If you need resources or meals for an older adult, or have rental inquiries please call us at 503.625.5644 or email the Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center manager, Maiya, at burbankm@sherwoodoregon.gov.

PLANNING NEWS

City Kick’s Off Old Town Strategic Plan
In October 2024 the City kicked off a planning effort for Sherwood’s historic downtown. The objective of the Old Town Strategic Plan project is to promote the ongoing revitalization of Old Town as the traditional heart of the community through the development of a strategic action plan to be implemented over a 5-year timeframe. The plan will be guided by a Project Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, the Sherwood Planning Commission, and Sherwood City Council. Public open houses, engagement events, and community surveys will also be held for broad community input. The planning process is expected to occur through August 2025. Contact planning@sherwoodoregon.gov for more information.
Tonquin Employment Area Update
The City of Sherwood continues to see investment in the Tonquin Employment Area, approving over 900,000 SF of new employment space for business growth in 2024. The Tonquin Employment Area is an approximately 300-acre planning area near Sherwood’s eastern boundary that will help fulfill the City’s future employment and tax base needs. The employment area targets growth in specific industries such as clean technology, advanced manufacturing, and outdoor gear and active wear.

Rendering of Sherwood Commerce Center Phase II
In addition to bringing high paying jobs to Sherwood, new development in the Tonquin Employment Area will help balance the City’s tax base over the long term. Attracting new business investment to Sherwood is one strategy the City is taking to ensure high quality public services including parks, police, schools, library, and the arts can continue to be offered to Sherwood residents.
Land use approvals in the Tonquin Employment Area in 2024 include:
• LU 2023-017 SP/CUP Rock Creek Industrial (Panattoni) – under construction
• LU 2024-009 SP/CUP Sherwood Commerce Center Phase II – permits in review
• LU 2024-011 SP Sherwood Commerce Center Phase III – land use approval received
Zoning Code Update to Allow Food Carts in Sherwood
In October 2024 the Sherwood City Council approved Ordinance 2024-004, amending the Development Code to allow Food Cart Pods in the General Commercial and Retail Commercial zones. The City does not have any specific proposals for a new Food Cart Pod at this time, but the code update allows interested property owners and developers to apply for approval, which requires a public hearing before the Planning Commission. Food Cart Pods are subject to minimum standards including:
• Minimum of five (5) food carts required
• Permanent restroom sized for the site
• Minimum 1,000 square foot enclosed building or pavilion
• Permanent utility connections (water, sewer, electricity)
• Design Standards for the proposed building or pavilion
• Minimum setback standards for permanent structures and food carts
• Screening from residential properties
• Vehicular and bicycle parking
Contact the Planning Department with questions at planning@sherwoodoregon.gov.

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Sherwood's Transition to Oregon's ePermitting Software

A New Era for Local Permitting
The City of Sherwood is excited to announce a major step forward in streamlining our permitting processes with the upcoming transition to Oregon's ePermitting software.
Starting November 18, 2024, our residents, contractors, and business owners will benefit from a more efficient, user-friendly platform for submitting and tracking building permits and applications. This new system will provide 24/7 access to online permit applications, inspections scheduling, and real-time status updates, making it easier than ever to navigate the permitting process.
The ePermitting platform will increase transparency and reduce processing times, contributing to our commitment to enhancing customer service and supporting Sherwood's continued growth.
As we prepare for this transition, we encourage residents and contractors to explore the new system ahead of the launch at BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov. Please note that you will need to register for an account to apply for permits online, but you do not need to register to search for information, schedule inspections or pay fees on an existing permit.
If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. Together, we are taking steps

to make Sherwood’s building and development processes faster and more accessible. In anticipation for the conversation to this new system, no new permits will issued on November 14-15, but inspections will be performed. Permits will be issued the following week in Accela.



SPOTLIGHT ON CITY STAFF

Welcome back to Spotlight on City Staff! In this edition we want to not only put the spotlight on a member of Sherwood’s hardworking City Staff, but also to highlight a program that we are proud of. In this edition we want to introduce you to our Customer Service Supervisor, Amy Jollett and Police Officer, Nicole Mitchell.

Amy
Q: How long have you been working as a Customer Service Supervisor?
A: It’s been so long, I’m not entirely sure but I believe it was 2010 (the title was different back then, but the job was the same).
Q: How long have you been with the City of Sherwood?
A: I started in March, 2005.
Q: What does an average day look like for you?
A: Every day is new and different from the day before. In addition to overseeing the Utility Billing and Public Works administrative staff (aka the best team in town!!), I do contract management and procurement for the department and help all with coordination of training and the various certifications they need to meet their job requirements.
Q: What are some of your favorite things about working for the city?
A: Staff – all throughout the City, staff work hard for the citizens of this community and people take a lot of pride in their work. Days more enjoyable when you share it with people who are happy to be here.
Q: What are some typical challenges of this position?
A: Hiring staff has been a challenge, especially over the last 5 years. Certain positions in Public Works require certifications. I provide support to our entire department and there are times when everything is due at the same time. Prioritizing the needs of multiple parties can be difficult – my goal is to make sure everyone gets what they need.
Q: What advice would you give someone who is just beginning in this career?
A: Government work is not flashy “get rich quick” work, it is an investment in yourself, family and the community you serve. I believe that to be successful in any job you need to feel valued by your employer and you need to provide value to your employer. If these are not in alignment, whatever job you are doing may not be the right job for you. We spend more time with our coworkers than our families – hopefully you really like what you do!



Home of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

SPOTLIGHT ON CITY STAFF Continued

Q: What experience do you feel helped prepare you for your current role?
A: My background in contracts was very helpful to me in this position. Before joining the City, I directly supported Directors and/or Vice Presidents of larger corporations. I learned a lot about what it means to be a good manager (and a bad one) from their examples.
Nicole
Q: How long have you been working as a Police Officer?
A: Just over 7 years.
Q: How long have you been with the City of Sherwood?
A: 5 years.
Q: What does an average day look like for you?
A typical day involves patrolling the city, responding to calls, which range from minor disturbances to more serious incidents. Documenting incidents, writing reports on arrests, traffic crashes, or calls I've responded to is a large part of the job. Depending on the situation, I may collect witness statements, secure crime scenes, or gather evidence for detectives.
Q: What are some of your favorite things about working for the city?
A: I love the strong sense of community in a small city. Building relationships with residents lets me take a more personalized approach to law enforcement. It's rewarding to know people by name and see the direct impact in the community. I enjoy the variety of duties—whether I'm on patrol or attending community events—it makes the job both challenging and fulfilling.
Q: What are some typical challenges of this position?
A: One of the biggest challenges is the need to quickly shift gears from routine calls to high-stress situations. You might go from a simple call to a critical, fast-moving situation in a matter of minutes. This mental switch can be tough, but it's essential for handling unpredictable circumstances.
Q: What advice would you give someone who is just beginning in this career?
A: My advice is to stay adaptable and be ready for the unexpected. Police work is unpredictable, and things can change in an instant, so being able to shift gears quickly is crucial. I'd also emphasize the importance of communication. Learning how to talk to people calmly and respectfully, especially in tense situations, will make a big difference. And don't overlook report writing—it's a skill you'll use daily and is key to effective police work.
Q: What experience do you feel helped prepare you for your current role?
A: Working as a reserve police officer helped prepare me for this role. The training is similar to full-time officers, and it gave me hands-on experience through ride-alongs with firsthand exposure to law enforcement. Even though it's volunteer-based, it provided a strong foundation for stepping into a full-time position.



LIBRARY NEWS

Support the Library and Invest in Our Community

Donors help us to meet the needs of our community. As you plan your year-end giving, we invite you to find a way to support the library that means the most to you:

- Support bookclubs and summer reading for all ages with donations of funds or used books and media to the Friends of the Sherwood Public Library (sherwood-fol.org), a private, Non-Profit 501c3 corporation.
- Improve our facility with a study room. Sherwood Library Foundation (sherwoodlibraryfoundation.com) has been established to complement public funding with private donations for capital improvements.
- Help our patrons most in need. Purchase from our Amazon Wishlist (a.co/dVZycYJ), to be delivered to Sherwood Public Library.
- Double your impact and be eligible for tax credits. Donate matching funds to the Oregon Cultural Trust (culturaltrust.org).

More at sherwoodoregon.gov/library/SupportDonate-Partner.

Free Events and Activities :

Celebrating our Heritage: Jingle Dress Dance

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with us! Keeli Littleleaf Kotchik will perform a Jingle Dress Dance, representing healing and pride. This event is made possible through the Cultural Coalition of Washington County and the Oregon Cultural Trust. On November 16, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

22560 SW Pine Street

503.625.6688

www.sherwoodoregon.gov/library

Digital Literacy Workshops / Talleres de alfabetización digital

Join us for workshops in English and Spanish at the SHARE Center [21920 SW Sherwood Blvd.] about mobile devices and Google Docs. Free dinner and childcare provided starting at 5:30 p.m. Prize drawing for participants. Clases made possible in part from Friends of Sherwood Public Library and Sherwood School District. Sign-up is required. November 20 and January 15, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Únase a nosotros para talleres que se ofrecen en inglés y español en el Centro SHARE [21920 SW Sherwood Blvd.] Conceptos básicos de los dispositivos móviles y Google Docs. Se proporciona cena y cuidado de niños gratis comenzando a las 5:30 p.m. Premios para los participantes. Clases posibles en parte gracias a Friends of Sherwood Public Library y Distrito escolar de Sherwood. Se requiere registro. Las clases se impartirán los miércoles 20 de noviembre y 15 de enero, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Citizenship Classes / Clases de ciudadanía

Volunteers from Mission: Citizen offer free citizenship classes in English, and presenters can answer questions in English, Spanish, and other languages. Each drop-in class covers a different topic. 6:00 p.m. Thursdays through November 21.

Voluntarios de Mission Citizen ofrecerán un curso gratis. El curso es en inglés y los presentadores pueden responder preguntas en inglés, español, y otros idiomas. Cada clase cubre un tema diferente. Las clases tienen en persona lugar todos los jueves desde el 12 de septiembre hasta el 21 de noviembre.

STEAM Saturday / Sábado de STEAM

Drop in to work with 3D pens, Snap Circuits, robots and so much more. There is something for everyone at this station-based program. All ages. On November 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

¡Vuelven los sábados STEAM! Ven a trabajar con lápices 3D, Snap Circuits, robots y mucho más. En este programa basado en estaciones, hay algo para todos. Para todas las edades. Sábado, 23 de noviembre, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

More about Visiting the Library

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at sherwoodoregon.gov/library/newsletters to learn about even more events and get reading recommendations delivered to your inbox. Contact us at askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov or 503.625.6688.

November holiday hours: The library will be closed Monday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's Day. The library will close at 5:00 p.m. on November 27, and be closed November 28, and November 29, in observance of Thanksgiving. The Pine Street bookdrop will be open and e-books and accounts are available at wccs.org.

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

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

MAYOR UPDATE

Traffic Safety Around Sherwood Schools: Working Together for Safer Streets

Traffic safety has become a top concern around Sherwood, especially in school zones where high speeds and heavy congestion are putting our youngest residents at risk. We've heard from parents, school staff, and community members about these challenges, and we're actively working on solutions. One particular hotspot is the intersection at Sunset Boulevard and Timbrel Lane, a key crossing near schools where speeding has become a serious issue. There have even been incidents where crossing guards were nearly hit, underscoring just how urgent this problem is. The City of Sherwood is committed to making these areas safer through capital improvements and short-term reactive measures.

The intersection at Sunset and Timbrel, a critical crossing for students, is a prime focus of our safety improvements. In the short term we have used enhanced patrols by our PD and the use of our Speed Sign Trailer to remind people to slow down. We are also looking at long term solutions, the city has applied for a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant that would allow us to install enhanced safety features, including better lighting, more visible crosswalks, and a rapid-flashing beacon to alert drivers. These improvements are designed to increase pedestrian visibility and encourage drivers to reduce speeds, making the area safer for everyone. Washington County has already pledged \$38,187 to this project, and we've requested an additional \$333,643 through the SRTS grant.



Cut-through traffic along Sunset Boulevard is contributing to congestion in residential areas and school zones. The city is actively exploring solutions, such as enhanced signage, speed control measures, and even potential barriers, to reduce cut-through traffic and keep the roads around our schools safer.

In the short term, and in response to reports of high speeds around school zones,

Sherwood's challenges are tangible. Decisions on development, school safety, and even food cart pods have a direct impact. Unlike national politics, we can't retreat to echo chambers; we must engage with those who hold different views to find solutions that benefit everyone. Compromise isn't weakness, and disagreement isn't personal—they're opportunities for growth and can result in a better solution.

Last year, I spoke to Casandra Brooks' 8th grade civics class about food cart pods. At first, all of the students wanted food carts in Sherwood. Then we talked about what could be possible negative impacts like increased traffic and more garbage. Now several of the students were against food carts. We had a spirited discussion and they brought up several ideas that could lessen the impact of the negatives.

Our city council then had a couple of work sessions, examined other code from neighboring cities, had our Planning Commission develop and recommend new code, revised the code and finally, after a year, we adopted new codes to allow food cart pods in Sherwood. We even had several students and Ms. Brooks at our meeting to see

COUNCIL CORNER

Taylor Giles, City Councilor

As a Sherwood city councilor, I value the responsibility of serving a community that cherishes its roots while working towards a shared future. Sherwood is a town where local matters—our parks, trails, schools, businesses, and neighborhoods—are at the heart of our lives. More importantly, our strength lies in our citizens' ability to collaborate on important issues, even when perspectives differ.

Sharon McMahon, "America's Government Teacher," emphasizes civic engagement, understanding government, and respectful disagreement. Her approach highlights a key truth: Democracy thrives through productive and respectful dialogue, especially at the local level, where issues directly impact our neighbors and personal relationships intersect with political decisions.

When I ran for office, I had a vision for Sherwood's future. However, effective leadership involves listening, learning, and finding common ground. Local government isn't about ideology; it's about practical solutions and volunteer service.

FEATURED PARTNER: HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands is one of our Sherwood community food banks offering assistance to those in need. We have been serving our community for more than thirty years.

November is the month that starts the season of food drives, giving us the needed non-perishable food to not only take care of families over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays but to continue to assist families through the entire year. The cash donations we receive will help us provide the perishables like milk, bread, fresh produce and meat. When available we include hygiene packs in the family food box with toothpaste, floss, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant and other essential items.

Helping Hands also administers a backpack weekend meal program to children in the Sherwood school district. School counselors monitor families whose children are on the free or reduced school lunch program and if they feel that if there is even a chance of insufficient food for the weekend then we provide a backpack full of nourishing kid friendly food on Friday afternoon for the student and their siblings to take home for the weekend breakfast and lunch meals.

Helping Hands also sends home notes in both English and Spanish to inform parents on how to use the food pantry to help the entire family. With all the good work going on in our community we still have a lot to do in educating children and families on healthy food choices.

The community outreach and activities of Helping Hands has over sight, advice and direction from a board of directors who volunteer their time and knowledge to help manage the energy and resources and set the goals of making sure that no one in the Sherwood area goes hungry, emphasizing healthy food choices and being welcoming and gracious to all.

You can support Helping Hands by donating food to the various groups that will come knocking at your door this season. You can also support our work by joining your friends and neighbors in the 18th annual Thanksgiving morning Give n' Gobble 10K run and 5K walk or run.

So bring the kids, bring the dog and go for a 5K walk and we promise that if you participate you will have fun, you will be home in time to put the turkey in the oven, you won't miss any football games and you will feel better about eating 5,000 calories later in the day.

we've focused on police presence near Archer Elementary and other schools to monitor traffic and enforce speed limits, particularly during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. We also deploy speed trailers and radar units along key routes to remind drivers to slow down. This helps calm traffic and creates a safer environment for students walking or biking to school. These reactive measures help but are not long-term solutions.

Speaking of long-term solutions, thanks to \$14 million in funding from Washington County, significant improvements are planned for Edy Road, another area students use. This project will add sidewalks, bike lanes, and improved lighting to make walking and biking safer for students traveling to nearby schools. These upgrades support the Safe Routes to School initiative, helping children get to school safely and encouraging more active transportation options.

Some have asked why we don't use the funds designated for the new pedestrian bridge to make safety improvements in front of our schools. That's a great question! Unfortunately, the money allocated for the bridge cannot be used for other purposes due to state law. For instance, the funding comes from state Lottery money specifically designated for this project.

Safety improvements require ongoing funding. We continuously seek ways to secure financial support for Sherwood from the county, state, and federal governments, and we've had some success in this area. For instance, leveraging funding sources like MSTIP (Motorized Project) and SRTS (Safe Routes to School) helps us bring additional resources back to Sherwood. Sherwood sends a lot of tax dollars outside our city, it is only fair that some of that come back.

We invite community members to attend monthly Traffic Safety Committee meetings to keep everyone informed and involved. These meetings provide updates on current projects and allow residents to share feedback or raise new concerns. We encourage you to stay engaged, reach out with your ideas, and join us as we work to make Sherwood's streets safer for all.

Improving traffic safety is an ongoing challenge that requires continuous effort, resources, and strong community support. We can create safer school zones and neighborhoods that protect our children and all residents. Thank you for your partnership in helping make Sherwood a safer place to live, work, and go to school.

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

our government in action.

Informed engagement is crucial. Many disagreements about our city stem from misunderstandings or lack of information. As a councilor, I strive to provide our community with clear, accurate information, empowering citizens to make informed decisions.

My role isn't just about my own ideas, but about fostering an environment where everyone's voice matters.

I love to hear from those in Sherwood who have questions, comments, and even complaints. Civic participation is the cornerstone of democracy, and collaboration, even with those we disagree with, builds stronger communities.

In Sherwood, we face our challenges with respect, understanding, and a commitment to finding common ground, ensuring that everyone feels heard, valued, and proud to call Sherwood home.

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CURBSIDE LEAF PICK UP PROGRAM

Beginning on Monday, November 4 the City's Public Works Crews will be 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 our website. 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/page/curbside-leaf-pick-program 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.



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- 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.