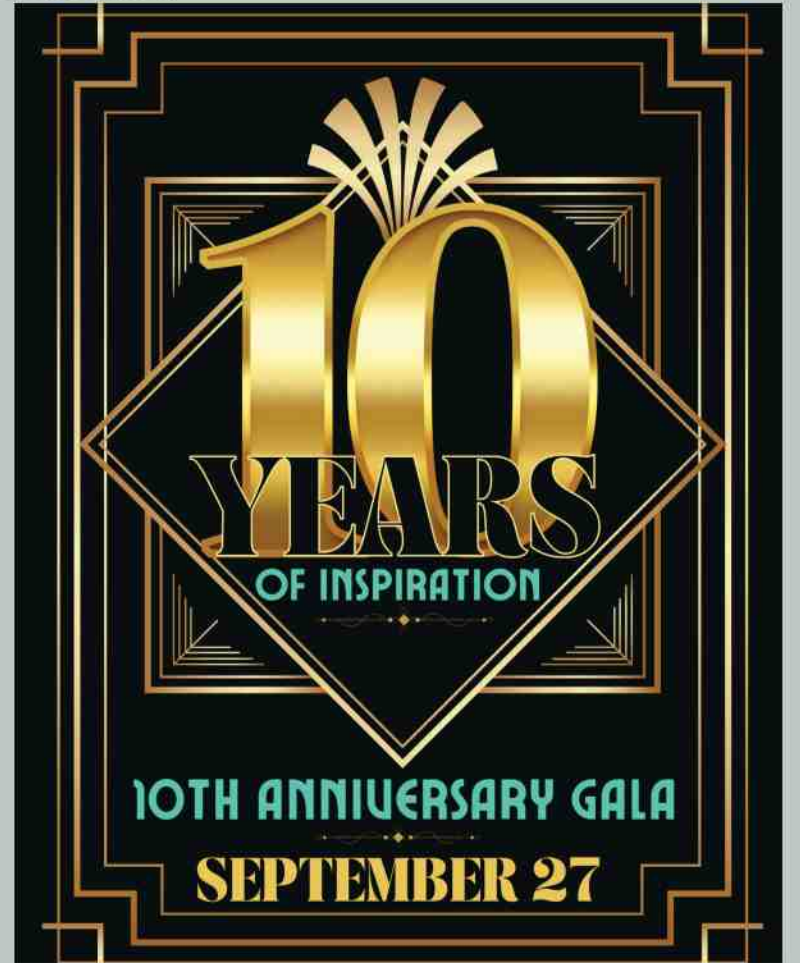


COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Sherwood Center for the Arts
Sherwood Center for the Arts is celebrating its 10th anniversary in style! Join the Friends of the Sherwood Center for the Arts for a swanky, art deco-themed affair on September 27—featuring live entertainment, delicious catering, a silent auction, dancing, and revelry. Celebrate 10 years of inspiration, creativity, and community! Individual tickets and full tables may be purchased at [friendsofthesca.com](#)



Join us for the annual Four Eights Art Gallery—one of the highlights of the year! Each artist was given four 8-inch square canvases in August, and they were tasked with creating four pieces of art around the theme of their choice. Come see this year's variety of pieces, using every medium possible. Meet the artists at the October 21 gallery opening, which is free and open to the public; and look for the perfect original piece of art to add to your collection.

Safer Routes to School: Working Together for Students

Last May, the City of Sherwood and the Sherwood School District partnered to celebrate Safe Routes to School (SRTS) with a highly successful Bike and Roll to School Day at Middleton Elementary. Students, parents, community volunteers, and City staff came together to promote active transportation - highlighting the benefits of biking, rolling, and walking - while raising awareness about traffic safety near schools.

Building on this momentum, the City and Middleton Elementary School finalized a Safe Routes to School Action Plan last spring. The plan outlines strategies and infrastructure improvements to make walking and biking to school safer and more accessible. A key priority identified in the plan is the installation of a pedestrian safety device at the intersection of SW Sunset Boulevard and Timbrel Lane, where traffic studies and community feedback have indicated a need for enhanced pedestrian safety. The City has committed to funding and constructing these improvements, which will include installing a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon, realigning an existing crosswalk, updating ADA ramps, adding school and speed feedback signs, and enhancing street lighting. Construction is scheduled from July to December 2025.

In addition, the City conducted an Elementary School Crossing Assessment at Hawks View, the Ridges, and Archer Glen elementary schools to evaluate safety conditions at key crossing points. The findings will help guide future investments in crosswalk enhancements, signage, and traffic-calming measures to ensure students and families can travel to and from school safely. The assessment is expected to be finalized this fall.

Council will hold a work session this fall to review these projects and discuss the next steps for implementing the Safe Routes to School priorities.

Through this ongoing partnership, the City and School District are taking concrete steps to improve student safety, encourage healthy travel habits, and strengthen the community's commitment to safe, walkable neighborhoods.

MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR CENTER

With September comes a full return to all of our programing along with a few new activities to participate in. We're excited to welcome Washington County Veteran Services to present on veteran benefits as well as being available at the Center the 3rd Friday of each month to help answer benefit and enrollment questions. September also sees the return of our Frist Friday hiking series, the AARP Safe Driver workshop, and our much beloved Circle of Friends group. Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder workshop and SHIBA Medicare Open Enrollment Counseling are both back in October. Read on for details!

Let's Talk Aging - 10/1 at 10:30 am
Friendships as We Age - As we age, we experience the loss of friends for varying reasons and these losses can leave a hole in our lives. Let's talk about the process and challenges of making new friends in our senior years and the importance of having friends whatever our age.

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.

AARP SMART DRIVER - 9/16 AND 9/17 at 9:00 am
This course teaches proven driving techniques to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road. Learn important facts about the effects of medication on driving, how to reduce driver distractions, new technology found in cars today, age-related physical changes and how to adjust your driving to compensate, and more! \$20 AARP member, \$25 non-member. Attendance on both days required.
Circle of Friends - 9/18 – 11/6 OR 11/13– 1/22 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Are you feeling isolated or lonely? Are you new to the area and looking to connect? Circle of Friends is geared towards older adults (aged 62+) in need of more social support and connection. The group meets once-a-week for 8 weeks while guided in discussion, activities, and fun.

Veteran's Benefits – What Are They & How Do I Enroll - 9/19 at 10:00 am
Did you or someone in your family serve in the Armed Forces? Have you ever wondered what veteran benefits are available? Have you tried to apply for veteran benefits and got lost in the process? Washington County's Disability, Aging and Veteran Service Office is here to help.

Veteran Benefits Assistance - Every 3rd Friday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Have questions about veteran benefits available to you or your family members? Are you having a hard time navigating the federal VA system? We can help! Drop by for free one-on-one assistance from a knowledgeable and friendly Veterans Service Officer! This service is available at the Senior Community Center the 3rd Friday of each month to help answer your questions about Veteran benefits. First come, first served drop-ins. Please check in at the front desk.
Mind Over Matter; Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder - 10/3, 10/17, & 10/31 at 10:00 am.

If you have issues with bladder or bowel control, you are not alone. More than half of women aged 50 or older experience urine or bowel leakage! The Mind Over Matter workshop is designed to give women the tools they need to take control of their symptoms. Scientific studies show this workshop reduces or even cures symptoms for many women! Even if you don't have leakage symptoms now, it's never too early or too late to think about your bladder and bowel health. 3-session workshop for senior women that includes information, group activities, and simple exercises to do at home.

SHIBA Open Enrollment - Wednesdays 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm by appointment, 10/ 15 – 12/3.

Make an appointment with Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance volunteers to learn what Medicare plans are available and what plans might be best for your individualized needs. Appointments will take place at the Marjorie Stewart Senior Center but please call 503.846.3094 to schedule and learn what information to bring with you to your appointment.

PLANNING NEWS

Private Development and Construction Update – 2025 Year to Date
Summer is often a busy construction season in Sherwood, and this year residents may have noticed new commercial and industrial projects taking shape around town. These developments are part of the City's efforts, in partnership with the private sector, to support a vibrant local economy while maintaining the character and livability of our community. Every project is carefully reviewed to ensure it complies with the City's land use restrictions, zoning requirements, and development standards, so that growth is well-planned, consistent with our community vision, and designed to serve both current and future needs. Below is a list of projects that were under construction or received land use approval this year.

For questions about development projects, you can contact the Community Development Department at 503.925.2308 or [planning@sherwoodoregon.gov](#).

COMPLETED PROJECTS
Parkway Village South Self-Storage - Location: 15200 SW Century Drive
Description: Site Plan approval for a new 690-unit self-storage building. Site improvements include paved circulation and parking areas, site lighting and landscaping, trash enclosures, and public infrastructure extensions (franchise utilities, sewer, water, etc.).
BackNine Golf Facility - Location: 20345 SW Pacific Hwy
Description: A Conditional Use permit to remodel an existing tenant space for a new 3,755 square feet indoor golf training facility.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION
Parkway Village South Retail Buildings - Location: Southeast corner of SW Langer Farms Parkway and SW Century Drive
Description: Site Plan approval for approximately 32,408 square feet of retail space across four buildings. Various new local businesses and franchises will occupy the space.

Chic-fil-a - Location: 16280 SW Langer Dr
Description: Site Plan approval to construct a new 2,761 square foot drive-thru restaurant including an outdoor plaza with 28 seats. The site is located within an existing commercial center and will the development will provide new landscaping, parking, and public sidewalk.

Bearkat Brewing - Location: 20345 SW Pacific Highway
Description: A Conditional Use Permit to establish a new 2,481 SF brewery in the light industrial zone.

Chevron - Location: 21090 SW Pacific Hwy
Description: Site Plan approval to redevelop the existing Chevron site with a new including a new 3,600 square-foot convenience store, Underground Storage Tanks (UST), and other associated site improvements on an existing vehicle fueling station.

Parkway Village South: Dog Daycare
Description: A Conditional Use Permit to establish a new dog-daycare facility in the light industrial zone. The scope of the proposal includes animal boarding/kennels and pet daycare facilities.

AFP Systems - Location: 14842 SW Oregon St
Description: Site Plan approval for a new 22,500 square-foot industrial building. The site will be occupied by AFP Systems as their new headquarters.

Sherwood Commerce Center Phase II - Location: 13900 SW Industry Lane
Description: Site Plan approval to construct three new flex industrial buildings totaling 463,800 square feet. Site improvements include parking, landscaping, and underground utilities.

Sherwood Commerce Center Phase III - Location: 21895 SW Oregon Street
Description: Site Plan approval to construct a new flex industrial building equating to approximately 85,800 square feet. Site improvements include parking, landscaping, and underground utilities.

NW Property Management - Location: 20861 SW Olds Pl
Description: Site Plan approval to construct a new 12,198 square foot industrial warehousing structure, associated secondary office spaces, dedicated off-street parking, and general site improvements.

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FEATURED PARTNER: SHERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Welcome to the 2025-26 School Year!

We are thrilled to see familiar faces and excited to welcome new ones to the Sherwood School District! Last year our district crafted a shared vision question of “How do we inspire a joyful community of learners?” and this year we're delighted to share our School District theme for 2025-26 of “Be a Fan!” to support this vision question.

It's a reminder that whether it's a teacher inspiring a student in the classroom, a parent supporting their child's learning, or a community member cheering from the sidelines, each of us plays a vital role in our schools. Let's make this a year where

we all champion each other's efforts and successes!

New this year, Sherwood High School will be implementing a door to door cell phone free environment. We already practice this in our K-8 buildings and look forward to extending it to the high school this fall. We are excited to see new friendships blossom and encourage stronger engagement and focus with academics.

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a safe and nurturing environment for our students and staff, we have successfully installed a new remote video intercom system in our school vestibules. Families are an essential part of the Sher-

wood School District, and we remain committed to connecting with you in person at school. Please know that this new system still allows us to welcome the families, volunteers, and visitors that make this a joyful community of learners.

We are proud to be a part of the wonderful Sherwood community and love partnering together with businesses and community members. Here's to a school year filled with encouragement, joy, and learning! Let's all “Be a Fan!” for one another as we embark on this journey together.

Go Bowmen, Archers, Eagles, Hawks, Mustangs, and Wolves!
Dr. Aaron Downs, Superintendent

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 City Manager, Craig Sheldon.

Q. How long have you been with the City of Sherwood?

A. It will be 26 years in November. Prior to that I worked for other local governments for 10 years.

Q. What does an average day look like for you?

A. An average day is fast-paced, diverse, and centered around leadership, communication, and coordination. My mornings usually begin with reviewing emails, texts, and voicemails from community members, businesses, elected officials, department heads, and regional partners. I often start the day with briefings from key staff to stay updated on operations and emerging issues. The rest of the day is typically a mix of internal and external meetings, covering everything from budgets and development projects to personnel matters and regional coordination. I carve out time to connect with staff, review upcoming City Council agendas, and stay on top of high-priority items. Every day requires flexibility, sound judgment, and a strong ability to lead through a variety of situations.

Q. What are some of your favorite things about working for the city?

A. Some of my favorite things about working for the city are the sense of purpose, the variety of work, and the opportunity to make a real impact in the community. Every day brings something different, whether it's helping solve a resident's concern, collaborating on a major infrastructure project, or supporting the professional growth of our team. I also enjoy working with passionate, dedicated employees who care about public service. There's a real sense of teamwork and pride in what we do, and it's rewarding to see the tangible results of our efforts. Being part of a mission-driven organization that helps shape the future of the community is something I value deeply.

Q. What are some typical challenges of this position?

A. One of the key challenges is balancing a wide range of expectations, from the City Council, community members, and staff, while staying focused on the long-term, professional management of the organization. It's important to provide sound, politically neutral guidance and ensure that the Council's goals are implemented effectively. Limited resources can also pose a challenge, especially when there's a strong public demand for



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high-quality services despite budget constraints. Leading a diverse and talented workforce requires thoughtful attention to personnel matters, labor relations, and staff morale. Additionally, you must communicate clearly with the public and navigate misinformation, all while guiding the City through growth and development in a way that reflects community values and evolving needs.

Q. What advice would you give someone who is just starting out in this career?

A. One of the most important pieces of advice is to build strong relationships, with your City Council, staff, community partners, and the public. Trust and communication are the foundation of effective leadership in local government. It's also important to listen more than you speak, especially early on. Take time to understand the organization's culture, history, and the needs of the community before making big changes. Be patient, but proactive. Learn how to manage competing priorities, and don't be afraid to make tough decisions when needed but always explain the “why” behind them. Stay calm under pressure, be transparent in your communication, and remain committed to public service. Finally, surround yourself with talented, trustworthy staff, and invest in their success. You'll only be as strong as the team you lead. Local government is challenging, but incredibly rewarding when you're focused on service, solutions, and steady leadership.

Q. What experience do you feel helped prepare you for your current role?

A. My 20+ years as Sherwood's Public Works Director played a major role in preparing me for my current position. Leading a team in a department that impacts daily city operations gave me a deep, hands-on understanding of how local government functions and what it takes to deliver high-quality, reliable services to the community. That experience taught me how to manage people, budgets, and complex projects at scale, while also responding to emergencies, meeting community expectations, and planning for long-term needs. It also gave me the opportunity to work closely with other departments, elected officials, and regional partners, helping me build strong leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills that I rely on every day in my role.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September/October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8 Parks & Recreation Board 7:00 pm	9 Planning Commission 7:00 pm	10 Senior Advisory Board 5:00 pm	11	12	13
14	15 Cultural Arts Commission 6:30 pm	16 City Council 7:00 pm	17 Library Advisory Board 6:30 pm	18 Police Advisory Board 7:00 pm	19	20
21	22	23 Planning Commission 7:00 pm	24	25 Traffic Safety Committee 6:00 pm	26	27
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SHERWOOD PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Save the Date! Join us on September 27, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for the Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Event celebrating Sherwood's new pedestrian bridge.

The event will begin on the high school entrance side with ribbon cutting and remarks, followed by a celebratory walk across the bridge. On the other side, enjoy cookies, refreshments, activities, and community fun, along with the chance to tour the bridge with the company who built it.



LIBRARY NEWS
September is Library Card
Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when we join the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind everyone about the valuable resources available with a library card.

A world of learning awaits, thanks to these resources from Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS)!

- Read e-books from your device, listen to downloadable audiobooks, stream videos, and access live online homework help in English, Spanish and French through the Brainfuse HelpNow service.
- Get unlimited online access to more than 7,000 of world's top magazines and newspapers powered by PressReader, and even more magazines from Libby.
- Get started at wccls.org.
- Visit us in person to access the 1.5 million items available to you through the member libraries of WCCLS. Borrow books, games, gadgets, movies, and more.
- Can't make it to the library? Let the library come to you with Library Mail Service for people with a physical/visual disability or mobility challenge, and their caregivers. Call 503.648.9785 or go to wccls.org/library-mail-service to apply.

Sign-up for your own library card during the month of September to be entered to win one of four \$25 e-gift cards. Sign-up is easy at Sherwood Public Library. Find out more at wccls.org/get-card. Restrictions apply. Must have a Sherwood address to be eligible for a prize.

22560 SW Pine Street 503.625.6688

Register to Vote

Proposed Measure 34-345 for Countywide Library Services is on the November 4, 2025, ballot. The last day to register in time for the election is October 14. Ballots are mailed to all registered voters October 15. Track your ballot status through BallotTrax. More information at washingtoncountyor.gov/elections.

Events & Activities

Storytimes

- Our Fall schedule begins! Join us for an interactive session for youth and caregivers where we read books, sing songs, and play action rhymes.
- Baby Storytime: Tuesdays 9:30 am. Designed for ages 0-12 months.
- Fun for Ones: Tuesdays 10:15 am. Designed for walkers ages 12-24 months.
- All Ages Storytime: Wednesdays 9:30 am. and 10:15 am. Designed for ages 0-6 years.

Teen Volunteer Club

This popular activity starts again in October (formerly known as TeenLAB) for 7th-12th grade teens who want to make a difference in their community. Projects include decorating the library, craft prep, creating displays, board game inventory, judging contests, and more! Reach out to askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov to let us know you're coming. 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Get FREE BOOKS for your child! Dolly Parton's Imagina-

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tion Library mails free high-quality, age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five! Sign up today at bit.ly/splddolly.

Easy Genealogy—Getting Started on Your Family History

Join volunteers from the Genealogical Society of Washington County for an introduction to using the library's genealogy resources, including Ancestry.com. Sign-up at <http://bit.ly/4fxNMdr>. On October 3, 9:00 am. to 10:30 am.

More about Visiting the Library

All library events are free and open to the public. Library cards are not required to attend. See more events and activities, including book groups, and registration information, at sherwoodoregon.gov/library.

Preview our space at Sherwood Public Library with virtual tours at sherwoodoregon.gov/library/tours.

Sherwood Public Library, a Washington County Cooperative Library Services member library and department of the City of Sherwood, is located on the first floor at 22560 SW Pine St., Sherwood, OR. All parking is free in downtown Sherwood.

Holiday hours: The library will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day. The Pine Street bookdrop will be open and e-books and accounts are available at wccls.org.

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.

MAYOR UPDATE

Bridging Sherwood's Future: The Highway 99W Pedestrian Bridge Nears Completion

Sherwood is on the cusp of celebrating the opening of one of the most anticipated infrastructure projects in our city's history—the Highway 99W Pedestrian Bridge. By the time you read this, the bridge may already be open, or just days away from welcoming its first users. Spanning nearly 900 feet, it provides the safe, seamless connection between neighborhoods, schools, and trails that our community has long needed.

For years, Highway 99W has presented a barrier to easy access between neighborhoods and the amenities our community values—such as the high school, YMCA, parks, and trails. Even with improved crossings, reaching these places on foot or by bike could be difficult. This new bridge changes that, offering a dedicated, grade-separated route that ensures amenities on both sides of 99W are safe, accessible, and inviting for all residents.

Identified as a priority in the 2021 Urban Renewal Plan, the bridge was selected after a feasibility study found it best met our needs for safety, accessibility, and trail integration. Design began after the high school opened, with teams working to create a structure that is both functional and a visual landmark, complete with graceful lines and welcoming lighting.

The project is funded through state lottery and Urban Renewal Funds, allowing us to deliver this improvement without asking voters for additional money, raising taxes, or impacting other city services. This responsible approach ensures we can invest in transformative projects while maintaining essential operations and services.

Construction began in February 2024. The most visible milestone came in March 2025, when the prefabricated arch was installed during a brief highway closure—completed ahead of schedule. As of this writing, crews are finalizing approaches, paving, railings, and lighting. A community ribbon-cutting is planned for late September, but residents may already be enjoying the bridge.

Located just north of Sunset Boulevard/Elwert Road, the bridge links the Sherwood Family YMCA and high school to neighborhoods, trails, and the future Sherwood West expansion. High school students can now walk safely to after-school programs, families can stroll together to Friday night football games, and cross-country teams can extend training routes to trails and parks on both sides of the highway. These are just a few of the everyday and seasonal traditions the bridge will help grow.

Beyond these immediate uses, it will reduce vehicle-pedestrian conflicts and encourage walking and biking. From fun runs to weekend trail adventures, from quick errands to community celebrations, the bridge will make countless moments in Sherwood easier, safer, and more connected.

This investment also prepares us for the future, serving as a key link in an expanded trail network as Sherwood West develops. It's a project shaped by vision, persistence, and collaboration with the community, city staff, design teams, and contractors—delivered on time and under budget.

As we embrace this new chapter, I encourage every resident to cross the bridge at least once—whether on foot, by bike, or simply to admire the view. It stands as a symbol of how Sherwood grows thoughtfully, invests wisely, and prioritizes safety and connection.

On behalf of the City, thank you to all who made this possible. Together, we have built more than a bridge—we have strengthened the heart of our community. And we are not done. Planning is already underway for an additional crossing at Cedar Creek, which will connect east and west Sherwood at that point and continue building a stronger, more connected Sherwood.



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BROOKMAN SEWER CONSTRUCTION

BY CLEAN WATER SERVICES

The City of Sherwood is about to get an infrastructure boost as construction started on the Brookman Sanitary Sewer Project in July. CWS and the City of Sherwood are working together to provide necessary sewer services for Sherwood High School and future planned growth in the Brookman and Sherwood West expansion areas.

Since opening in 2020, Sherwood High School has been using a temporary pump station to pump sewage into an existing line. The Brookman Sanitary Sewer Project will provide the high school with a permanent gravity sewer connection. This line will also be available as future properties in the area are brought into the City of Sherwood for development, and to private residences that currently are not connected to a sewer line.

Analysis of sewer alignment possibilities began back in July 2019. In the years since, there have been a number of changes to the construction timeline and to the financing approach for this complex and unique project.

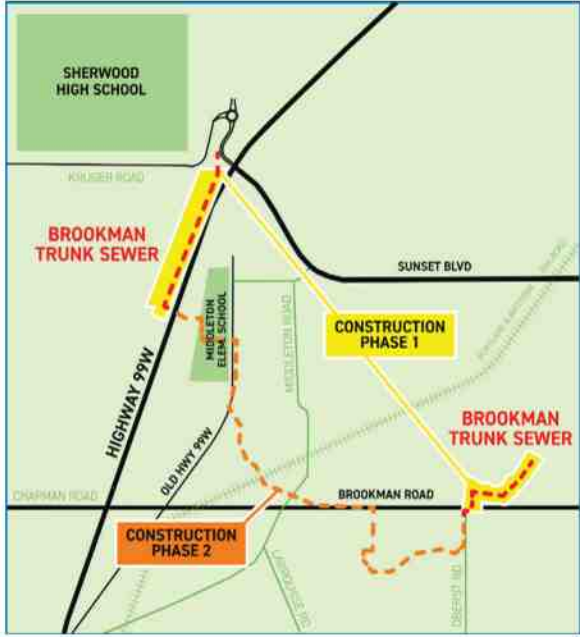
CWS had previously sought to establish a Reimbursement District because in most cases the cost of sewer construction is the responsibility of the property owners who directly benefit from the new infrastructure. However, the Brookman Trunk Sewer Project is now being entirely funded by the City of Sherwood and CWS through System Development Charges (SDCs).

Property owners' concerns about the reimbursement costs were among several factors considered as the City of Sherwood and CWS explored alternative funding methods.

The journey to construction getting underway has reinforced why community involvement is so important for projects like the Brookman sewer.

Leading to the start of the project, CWS and the City of Sherwood hosted several community meetings. On June 25, there was an open house to update the community on the construction timeline. The first phase of construction is expected to run from July-December 2025; a second phase is slated for March-December 2026. Both phases include periods of ecological restoration work. The construction cost for this project is nearly \$9 million.

If you have questions on the project, please email Daniel Rittatore with CWS at rittatore@cleanwaterservices.org or Jason Waters, with the city at watersj@sherwoodoregon.gov.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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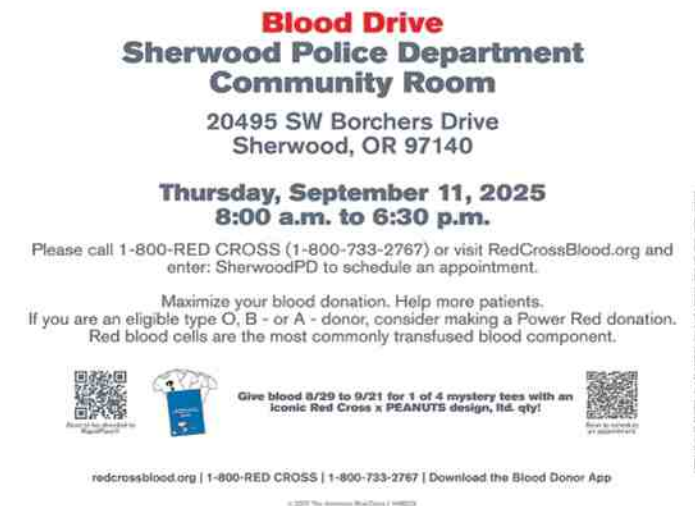
We know that donating blood can be very draining and you'll probably feel a pint low after you're done, but at least it's not all in vein! Our goal is to reach 100 donors at our 17th Annual 9/11 Commemorative Blood Drive. It's being held at the Sherwood Police Department on Thursday, September 11, 2025 from 8:00 am to 6:30 pm. Scan the QR code or visit redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive to sign up!

More from the Red Cross

The American Red Cross and PEANUTS® are once again joining forces to remind our donors and the public that a little good goes a long way. Blood Program Leaders and donors won't want to miss out on being part of the anticipated return of this exciting partnership!

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of PEANUTS, those who come to give blood, platelets or AB Elite plasma Aug. 29-Sept. 21, 2025, will receive an exclusive Red Cross x PEANUTS mystery bag with one of four special T-shirt designs, while supplies last. Each design is iconic, and donors won't know which one they'll get until they open the bag – bringing a little extra fun to this coveted collab!

In addition, there will be a number of golden tickets randomly in the mystery bags hidden throughout the country. Donors who find a golden ticket when they open their bag will have the chance to redeem it through an online form for all four T-shirts! More information will be shared soon.



COUNCIL CORNER

Dan Standke, City Councilor

Sherwood on the Move: New Paths, New Connections

As summer winds down and we look ahead to fall, Sherwood continues to change and grow in ways that make our city more connected, accessible, and engaged. From digital upgrades to physical infrastructure, there is a lot to celebrate and even more to look forward to.

A Website That Works for You

Sherwood's newly updated city website officially launched, SherwoodOregon.gov, and it is designed with residents in mind. Searchability has been one of the goals for the new site; whether you're searching for council meeting agendas, permit applications, or upcoming events, the updated site makes it easier than ever to find what you need.

With a cleaner layout, mobile-friendly design, and improved navigation, it is a tool built to serve our community more efficiently and transparently. Take a look and let us know what you think. It's your one-stop shop for staying connected and informed.

Bridging Sherwood, One Step at a Time

One of the biggest milestones this season is the opening of Sherwood's new pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Highway 99W. It officially opened just in time for the school year, and it's already making a big difference. The bridge stretches 900 feet and connects Sherwood High School to the YMCA, while also linking East Sherwood to our west-side trail system and the future growth of Sherwood West.

There's still a bit of finishing work going on, but the bridge is open and ready for use. A grand opening celebration is planned for late September, and we hope you'll come out and join us.

This project is a big win for Sherwood, seriously. It improves safety, encourages walking and biking, and helps prepare us for future growth. Best of all, it's being paid for responsibly, using a mix of state lottery funds and something called Tax Increment Financing, or TIF. That means we're using future tax growth to pay for today's improvements, without raising anyone's taxes. Thanks future tax growth!

CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP PROGRAM

The annual Curbside Leaf Pick-Up Program is right around the corner! Beginning November 3 the Public Works Crews will be out in your neighborhoods collecting leaves. The 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 online at sherwoodoregon.gov/publicworks/page/leaf-pick-boundaries. If you have any questions feel free to call the Public Works Department at 503.625.5722. or view information at <https://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/curbside-leaf-pick-up-program/>.

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 the 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.

