

SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Art Walk: Holiday Gift Edition is BACK! Collect stamps from every participating business, and shop local from our small businesses and artisans, and enjoy live music as we kick off this festive season. Free holiday gift-wrapping is offered for gifts purchased at the Art Walk.

OLD TOWN SHERWOOD

ART WALK

HOLIDAY GIFT EDITION

DECEMBER 5 | 5-8 PM

LOCAL ARTISANS ❄️ LIVE MUSIC

FOOD & HOT COCOA ❄️ FREE GIFT WRAPPING

Save the Date for our annual holiday movie at Sherwood Center for the Arts!
THE MUPPET’S CHRISTMAS CAROL on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 6:00 pm.
Join us for this family-friendly event, which will include a costume contest, popcorn, and hot chocolate/hot apple cider bar.



CITY OF SHERWOOD

VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION BRUNCH

NOVEMBER 11, 2025 | 11 AM - 12:30 PM

SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
22689 SW PINE ST., SHERWOOD, OR

Join us for this annual event honoring all veterans for their service and dedication to our nation. We invite veterans, their guests, and community members to a light brunch with musical entertainment and remarks by Mayor Rosener. This event is free and open to the public.

PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING 503-625-4278
EMAIL: ARTS@SHERWOODOREGON.GOV
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR CENTER
We have a lot to keep you busy this winter!
Let’s Talk Aging
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.

Wednesday, December 3rd 10:30am - Giving Up the Keys
Quitting driving can be a huge loss of independence. What other activities have you given up? Let’s chat about how you feel about this and how you’ve adapted.
Circle of Friends | Thursdays | 11/13/25 through 1/22/2026
As it’s getting darker and harder to connect with people over the season, we’re starting another group. Are you feeling isolated or lonely? Are you new to the area and looking to connect? Have you gotten separated from your social life during Covid? The Circle of Friends group is geared towards older adults (62+) in need of more social support and connection to their community. The group will be initially structured to meet for 8 weeks, once-a-week basis with a facilitator who will guide the group in discussion, activities, and fun. Activities and discussions are based on participants’ interests.

Parlons Français | 3rd Fridays | 10/17, 11/21, 12/19 | 1:30 pm
Parlez-vous français? Do you speak French? Have you spoken French in the past but it’s been a while? Do you speak French regularly but are looking for a group to chat and hang out with? Are you just plain looking for an excuse to speak French? Rejoignez-nous ! Join us ! We’ll shoot the breeze, have fun, and hone our language skills.

Refresh & Renew | Wednesdays | 1/7 – 1/28 | 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
A class to start the new year off right! Take stock of your past with your eye on the future to help set you up for your best 2026! This four-week course uses principles of identification and problem solving for personal growth, helping you to find who you want to be. We’ll be working at what we want for ourselves this year, creating a cheat sheet to refer to over the next twelve months, and helping to keep you on track. After the four weeks there will be an optional monthly gathering to meet up with the Refresh & Restart coach and other participants.

Polio Support Team (PST) | 2nd Fridays | (1/9, 2/13, 3/13, 4/10) | 2:30 pm
Polio survivors are still here and still facing complications from this illness that wreaked havoc on communities. Survivors live with the late effects of polio—progressive weakness, fatigue, and respiratory problems—decades after infection. If you are experiencing complications from polio, join the team! Meet with others who live with the effects of this disease, compare notes, and learn from each other in an environment with others who get it. We’ll also have occasional presentations from experts in the field.

Mah Jong 101 (2026) | Wednesdays | 2/4 – 2/25 | 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm | \$25
Join Bev, Mah Jong teacher extraordinaire, as she breaks down how to play American Mah Jong into bite sized pieces as you learn to play this fun, challenging, and social game! American Mah Jong uses the tiles that you may be familiar with the solitaire version played on your computer, but this group game is more akin to canasta or gin rummy in its style of play. Includes current Mah Jong card.

Coming Soon: AARP Tax Assistance
Starting January 16, you can make your appointment for free tax preparation from trained AARP volunteers! Not available for all tax situations.
For More information call 503.625.5644 or visit sherwoodoregon.gov/marjorie-stewartcenter. If you need resources, support, 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
Sherwood University - Community Development Night
This Fall, the City of Sherwood re-launched Sherwood University, a six-week, in-person course designed to help residents learn how their city government works. Each week focuses on a different department, giving participants a behind-the-scenes look at city services and decision-making. For those unable to participate, this article provides a summary of what was shared during the Community Development session—highlighting how planning, building, and economic development work together to shape Sherwood’s future.
The Community Development Department oversees planning, building, and economic development activities to ensure new projects align with the City’s long-term vision. Its mission is to balance growth and preservation by maintaining Sherwood’s small-town charm while fostering opportunities for housing, business, and community investment.



Land use planning is central to the department’s work. Staff administer the Sherwood Zoning and Development Code, process land use applications, and advise the Planning Commission and City Council. They review residential, commercial, and industrial proposals for consistency with City design standards, infrastructure capacity, and environmental requirements. Public involvement is a key component, with neighborhood meetings, public hearings, and notice requirements ensuring community voices are part of every major decision.
The Building Division reviews construction plans, issues permits, and conducts inspections to ensure compliance with state safety and accessibility codes. Staff work closely with homeowners, contractors, and developers to support efficient, code-compliant construction. Code enforcement further helps maintain community health, safety, and property values by addressing issues such as property maintenance and zoning violations.
Sherwood’s economic development efforts complement these services by encouraging business retention, expansion, and investment. The City partners with local businesses and regional organizations to attract quality jobs, support entrepreneurs, and strengthen Sherwood’s commercial base. Together, these community development functions ensure Sherwood grows responsibly, supporting a thriving economy, well-planned neighborhoods, and a vibrant, sustainable future.
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Winterizing Your Home

It’s time to think about winterizing your home and protecting your pipes during future freezing weather. Below are steps you can take before and during cooler temperatures.
Outside of your home:
• Detach hoses from all outside faucets.
• Insulate your faucet with foam cap or insulating material.
• If your outdoor faucet has a shut-valve, turn it to the right to shut it off. Then turn on each outdoor spigot to drain the water from the pipes.
• Turn off and drain sprinkler systems and backflow devices. Wrap backflow devices with insulating material.

Inside your home:

- Insulate hot and cold pipes that are in unheated areas in your home (such as garage, crawl space, or attic).
 - Cover foundation vents with foam blocks, thickly folded newspaper, or cardboard.
 - If you find yourself in freezing temperatures, there are additional steps you can take to avoid a water emergency.
- During Freezing temperatures:**
- Turn on the faucet farthest from your water meter so it has a slow and steady drip. Unsure of where your water meter is? Turn on a faucet farthest from the street, like in the back of

your home or upstairs. This will keep water flowing in your home and make it less likely to freeze.
• Open bathroom and kitchen cabinet doors to allow warmer air to flow to pipes.
And last but certainly not least, familiarize yourself and household members with your shut-off valve! Everyone in the house should know where it is and how to use it in an emergency. They are typically in the garage, outside the home, or in the crawl space. As always, if you have an after-hours water or sewer related emergency you may call the Public Works line at 503.625.5722.

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 Kitchen Coordinator, Dominic Sachet.

Q. How long have you been with the City of Sherwood?
About 7.5 years

Q. What does an average day look like for you?
During the school year my typical day starts around 8:45 am to 9:00 am after dropping off the kiddos. During summer I tend to start around 8-8:30am. I do my ‘rounds’ getting the kitchen all set up, equipment turned on, logging temperatures, filling sanitation buckets, etc. Then I move on to getting soup going and prepping for lunch. My kitchen assistant and volunteers typically tackle getting the salad bar set up and getting the cold portion (salad, fruit, bread, dessert) assembled for our delivered meals. Then we dive full on into meal production for that day, prep for the next day(s) meals, and salad bar prep for the next day. Next we transition into meal service, which begins with one team doing in-house salad bar and soup service and another team packaging hot meals for delivery, followed by the plating and serving of the hot entrée for the day. After lunch service it’s all about washing dishes, clean up, and finishing whatever food prep didn’t get completed earlier. Throw into all of that mix are taking visual inventories of food and supplies in the cooler, freezer, and dry storage, ordering of food and supplies, off-site shopping for food and supplies, menu planning, and weekly scheduled cleaning and maintenance projects. The end of my workday fluctuates between 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm depending on carpooling schedule, shopping, etc.

Q. What are some of your favorite things about working for the city?
There is a lot to like about working for the City of Sherwood. In many ways it’s a “feel good job” in that I feel good that the people we serve genuinely appreciate the work that we do and the service that we provide, and the food that I make...most of the time. I appreciate the family friendly schedule. I appreciate working with good people, both volunteers and city staff. One aspect of working with volunteers is that you know you have people that truly want to be there and are passionate about making a difference in their community. I appreciate having the creative autonomy to prepare pretty much anything I want as long as it is not too spicy or too salty, as it allows me to tap into my previous experiences working in different establishments preparing a wide variety of diverse cuisines. I like to rotate my menu offerings daily and weekly (proteins, grains, vegetable sides) and ethnic themes to keep things fresh and interesting. Don’t they say that variety is the spice of life?

Q. What are some typical challenges of this position?
Well let’s just ignore the monumental challenge that was operating through the pandemic...nobody wants to relive that and the challenges that had to be overcome. I think of the most typical challenges that I experience are not knowing for sure on a day to day basis how much help



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November/December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	10	11 Veterans Day City Offices Closed	12 Senior Advisory Board 5:00 pm	13	14	15
16	17	18 Planning Commission 7:00 pm	19 Library Advisory Board 6:30 pm	20 Police Advisory Board 7:00 pm	21	22
23	24 Cultural Arts Commission 6:30 pm	25 City Council 7:00 pm	26	27 Thanksgiving Day City Offices Closed	28 Thanksgiving Closure City Offices Closed	29
30	December 1 Parks & Recreation Board 7:00 pm	2 City Council (pending new Business) 7:00 pm	3	4 Quarterly Budget Meeting 6:00 pm	5	6
7	8	9 Planning Commission 7:00 pm	10 Senior Advisory Board 5:00 pm	11	12	13
14	15	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	24	25 Christmas Day City Offices Closed	26	27

LIBRARY NEWS
Support the Library and Invest
in Our Community

Join in the spirit of giving with our Annual Holiday Food Drive December 7 through 13. Donations will support local Sherwood food pantries, which are seeing an increased need for assistance. We encourage everyone to drop off nonperishable food items at the library during open hours. Every can, box, or bag of food helps make the holidays brighter for families in our community.

At the time of writing this, the November 4 election has not happened yet. Whatever the election results, thank you for your engagement in our community.

For those of you with room for year-end giving plans, we invite you to support the library in a way that means the most to you. Donations are tax-deductible.

- 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 (sherwoodfol.org), a private, Non-Profit 501c3 corporation.
- Contribute to an ADA accessible study room open to the public. Sherwood Library Foundation (sherwood-libraryfoundation.com, SHELFL) is a private, Non-Profit 501c3 corporation, established to complement public funding with private donations for capital improvements.
- Double your impact and be eligible for tax credits. Donate matching funds to the Oregon Cultural Trust (culturaltrust.org).
- Learn more at sherwoodoregon.gov/library/Support-DonatePartner.

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Events & Activities

After School Specials

Join us after school for rotating activities. Past sessions have included VR and crafts. Drop-in program for kids, tweens, and teens. Wednesdays, November 5 & 12, December 3, 10, 17, 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

Teen Volunteer Club

A club 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. Held on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Google Docs Basics

Join us before the library opens for a workshop geared towards those who are new to Google Docs or want to develop more confidence with this cloud-based service. Registration required. November 15 from 8:30 am to 10:00 am.

STEAM Saturday

Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math at the Library with hands-on learning.

Work with robots such as Cublets, Hexbugs, or Ozobots, make art with our rotating activities such as scratch art, paper roller coasters, and Shrink Art. For ages 3 and up. On November 15 and 20 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Storytimes

Our Fall schedule continues. Join us for an interactive

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session for youth and caregivers where we read books, sing songs, and play action rhymes for developing early literacy skills and kindergarten readiness.

- Baby Storytime: Tuesdays 9:30 am. For ages 0-12 months.
- Fun for Ones: Tuesdays 10:15 am. Forwalkers ages 12-24 months.
- All Ages Storytime: Wednesdays 9:30 am. and 10:15 am. For ages 0-6 years.

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.

Holiday hours: The library will be closed on Tuesday, November 12, in observance of Veteran's Day. The library closes at 5:00 pm on November 26, and is closed through November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. 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.

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

MAYOR UPDATE

Sherwood's Right to Shape Its Own Future

In Oregon, home rule (the principle that cities govern themselves on local matters) is not symbolic. It was enshrined in our Constitution in 1906, when voters amended Article XI to give cities the power to write their own charters. That change shifted authority from the state to the people, affirming that those who live in a city should decide how it grows and governs.

Over time, Salem has chipped away at that foundation. Laws such as HB 2001 (2019), SB 1537 (2024), and SB 974 (2025) have steadily eroded cities' ability to manage growth and ensure meaningful public participation in land-use decisions. What were once local choices made after public hearings are now dictated by state statute. Preemption of local authority is no longer rare; it is routine, and cities across Oregon are feeling the effects.

For Sherwood, this trend is wrong. Cities experience the impacts of growth firsthand: in neighborhoods, schools, traffic, and natural areas. Our residents deserve more than closed-door decisions made in Salem without their input. They deserve a seat at the table. That is why I support a series of Charter amendments to safeguard citizen voices and reassert Sherwood's home-rule rights over land-use decisions and annexations.

These amendments do two essential things. First, they make public participation a permanent part of Sherwood's land-use process. No major development could move forward without at least one neighborhood meeting and one public hearing before the City Council or a delegated body. Appeals would also require a public hearing. Notice of all meetings must be given in a way that ensures those most affected have a fair chance to understand and comment. This guarantees transparency and gives residents confidence that decisions shaping their neighborhoods will always include their voices.

Second, the amendments reaffirm Sherwood's exclusive authority over annexations. Setting city boundaries is not a bureaucratic act; it is a core expression of local self-government. The amendment states that Sherwood alone determines when and how to expand, following fair procedures adopted by ordinance. This authority "shall not be pre-empted by state laws that modify or eliminate this authority," because annexation defines a community's political identity. Protecting this power in our Charter ensures growth occurs at a pace and scale that matches Sherwood's capacity to provide services and maintain quality of life.

The timing matters. Over the past decade, the Legislature has repeatedly undermined local control. SB 1573 (2016) forced cities to approve certain annexations without a vote, even when local charters required one. SB 1537 and SB 974 went further, eliminating public hear-

ings and appeals for housing-related projects. These laws were passed in the name of solving Oregon's housing crisis, but instead of building consensus, they silenced communities and sidelined public trust.

Oregon's own Statewide Land Use Goal 1 calls for citizen involvement in all phases of planning. Yet recent legislative actions directly contradict that principle. The proposed Charter amendments aim to restore what the state has taken away, making citizen involvement not just a policy goal but a constitutional right within our city.

This is not opposition to growth. Sherwood has long embraced thoughtful, collaborative planning. Our expansion into Sherwood West, developed in partnership with Metro, demonstrates what happens when community vision leads the process. That plan, shaped through extensive public engagement, focused on hospitality, jobs, and attainable housing, balanced development that strengthens neighborhoods. Without strong home rule protections, our ability to ensure Sherwood West grows consistent with that shared vision could be diminished or lost.

These amendments matter because they preserve the foundation of our local democracy. They declare that Sherwood's structure, procedures, and the relationship between its government and citizens belong to its people. Our city can meet housing goals and support regional solutions without surrendering our local voice. We can promote affordability while maintaining transparency and trust.

Through this Charter process, we reaffirm a timeless idea: government in Sherwood remains of the people, by the people, and for the people. These amendments will not alter existing development processes or delay housing production. What they will do is draw a clear boundary between local democracy and state overreach.

If the Council chooses to send these amendments to voters, the people of Sherwood will decide whether citizen involvement and annexation control deserve constitutional protection at the city level. I believe they do, Sherwood has shown that collaboration and public input lead to better results.

When Salem asks us to trust them, my response is simple: I trust our people. I trust our residents to shape their own future and uphold the values that make Sherwood the vibrant, family-oriented community it is today.

Finally, I want to thank Senator Courtney Neron-Misslin, who represents Sherwood in Salem, for consistently defending home rule. She has been one of the few voices in the Legislature who believes cities should control their own destinies.

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

COUNCIL CORNER

Taylor Giles, City Councilor

Stronger Together

Walking across our new pedestrian bridge, I noticed the stainless-steel webbing that covers the side of the walkway. It is made of weak individual strands that are woven together with their neighbor strands into a strong mesh. This mesh not only provides safety, but reflects the fantastic colored lights to illuminate the darkness. This reminded me of what makes Sherwood special, not our buildings or even our new bridge, but the connections between us.

We all have felt isolated or stressed about the world. Some of our neighbors are unemployed, hungry, or tired. Some feel like the government is failing them. I have felt this way at times and sought ways to help. My search led me to Robert D. Putnam's "Bowling Alone," which highlights why strong communities are vital to good government: "... the government works more efficiently in the presence of social capital. Police close more cases when citizens [know their neighbors]. Child welfare departments do a better job of "family preservation" when neighbors and relatives provide social support to struggling parents. Public schools teach

better when parents volunteer in classrooms and ensure that kids do their homework. When community involvement is lacking, the burdens on government employees - bureaucrats, social workers, teachers, and so forth - are that much greater and success that much more elusive."

Sherwood isn't perfect. We know neighbors struggle with money, loneliness, and uncertainty. Recognizing these challenges isn't negative or divisive; it's caring. Our greatest strength is standing with our neighbors and facing problems together.

Community strength comes not from grand gestures, but from small connections: a neighbor checking on an elderly person, a parent volunteering, friends meeting for a walk on our wonderful trails, strangers becoming friends. These moments create "social capital"—the trust, cooperation, and networks that enable us to support each other and solve problems.

Yet, these connections can feel harder to maintain. We're busy, tired, and isolation feels easier. But withdrawing deprives us of connection and the strength of knowing we're not alone.

How do we strengthen these bonds? Here are three ways:

First, participate. Attend city meetings (sherwoodoregon.gov/government/city-council/meetings-and-agendas), join a local group, volunteer sherwoodoregon.gov/government/departments/community-services/volunteer-opportunities/. Your presence shows others that Sherwood is worth investing in, and creates meaningful connections for you.

Second, connect with different people. Reach out to neighbors of different ages, backgrounds, heritage, religion, or viewpoints. These "bridging" relationships, as Putnam calls them, help us see beyond our own experiences and build empathy.

Third, create opportunities for others. Host a block party, organize a cleanup, or invite someone new for coffee. Small acts of kindness can have unforeseen ripple effects.

The challenges we face are real, but so is our ability to meet them together. Sherwood has always been a place where people care for one another. This tradition continues only if we actively build the community we desire.

Next time you see the pedestrian bridge, I hope you notice the stainless steel thin wire that forms a strong mesh because it is connected to its neighbors. In Sherwood, we are stronger together.

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COOKING SAFETY TIPS

BY TVF&R

Put a Lid on Cooking Fires

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

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

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

Put a lid on it.

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

Never transfer a burning pan from the stovetop to the sink or out an exterior door. The fire may grow in size and burn you or spread to a countertop, cabinets, or curtains.

Grease and water do not mix.

Never pour water on a grease fire. Water causes these fires to explode as the burning material stays on top of the water, causing it to spread and putting you at severe risk of getting burned. If the fire is large and/or continues to grow, do not attempt to extinguish it. Quickly get everyone outside and immediately call 911 from a cellphone or neighbor's house.

For additional safety tips, visit tvfr.com.

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Holiday Safety Tips.

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

If you are shopping

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

At Home

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

- Make sure all doors and windows have secondary locks (deadbolts, window pins, dowls, etc) and make sure to use them!
- Lock your vehicle and remove all valuables
- Ask a trusted friend, family member, or neighbor to watch your home if you're leaving for the holidays
- Use timers for lights while you're away
- **Avoid Porch Theft**
 - Get a P.O. Box at your local Post Office
 - Schedule package delivery when you're home
 - Network with neighbors to make sure someone can pick up your package if you're not home
 - Have packages delivered to work
 - Leave specific drop-off instructions
 - Use a smart lock
 - Install security cameras and make sure they are working properly
- If you see or hear something that seems suspicious, and you're unsure if you should call, please call us.
 - Non-Emergency Dispatch 503-629-0111: suspicious activity, persons, or vehicles, cold thefts, extra patrol requests, noise disturbances, questions for an officer, and anything out of place.
 - 9-1-1: serious injuries, missing children, endangered persons, crimes occurring now, and immediate threat of harm or danger.
- The Sherwood Police Department wishes you a happy, safe, and peaceful holiday season.

