

# SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Family Matinee Series | The Glensiders | May 17 | 3:00 pm | \$7

The Glensiders is a Celtic folk band from Oregon forged by a decade of friendship and a mutual love of Irish and Scottish folk music, sea shanties and rebel tunes. The Glensiders put forth an exciting new take on traditional tunes, vocally driven choruses alongside whirling instrumentals, as well new songs of their own making celebrating times present and past.

Join us for a lively afternoon of foot-stomping rhythms and ear-catching sea shanties with this engaging trio! Enjoy vocal harmonies alongside wonderful Celtic instruments such as the Irish bouzouki, bodhran drum, classical guitar and more set the stage for stories of the Celtic nations.

A must-see family concert! Tickets are available online, at the door, or at the Arts Center; concessions will also be available for purchase. All ages welcome.

Family Matinee Series | Ballet Papatl | May 23 | 3:30 pm | \$7

Ballet Papatl boasts one of the largest repertoires of any Northwest folkloric troupe.

Performing traditional, regional folkloric dance from across Mexico, they incorporate traditional dress and adhere to authentic dance and choreography.

They have received multiple prizes and recognitions from the Grand Floral Parade (8 years in a row, 1st place as Best Native Costumed Group), Culture Keepers (Oregon Folklife Network), partnership with Consulate of Mexico, RACC (Regional Arts & Culture Council) Miracle Theater, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, featured in Oregonian, Tribune, and main TV channels in Oregon. Enjoy the world of Ballet Papatl!

A fundamental respect and passion for Mexican history is what drives Ballet Papatl to carry out presentations of Mexican folklore. The word folklore comes from the German word folk, which means people. Folklore is quite literally the legends and culture of the people. Through learning Mexican folkloric dance, we not only remember the history of the Mexican people, but also the values and traditions of our ancestors, as human beings.

Tickets are available online, at the door, or at the Arts Center; concessions will also be available for purchase. All ages welcome.

## SPOTS STILL OPEN in Summer ArtSmart Camps!

Register today for music, painting, theatre, digital art, STEAM,

crafting, hands-on science experiments, coding and more! Our popular series of half-day and full-day summer camps is filling up quickly. Spend your summer in the heart of Old Town at Sherwood Center for the Arts! Summer Day Camps will be held Monday through Friday, led by a skilled team of teaching artists, enthusiastic camp counselors, and professional camp staff. Campers may us for one week, two weeks, three weeks, or all

six! An unforgettable summer awaits. Our summer camp schedule is mix & match!

1. For a HALF day, choose a morning OR afternoon option
2. For a FULL day, choose a morning AND afternoon option!

Morning session: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Afternoon session: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
\*A supervised lunch period for Full-Day campers will be held 12:30 to 1:00 pm\* Details: [sherwoodcenterforthearts.org](http://sherwoodcenterforthearts.org)  
Scholarships available!

# MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR CENTER

Arabic Social Hour - Thursdays at 2:00 pm

Join host Amani to chat, socialize, and connect with other Arabic speakers, every Thursday at 2pm while enjoying coffee, tea, and small snacks.

First Friday Nature Walks - First Fridays

Transportation provided to and from the Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center. Meet in the lobby of the Center. Signed shuttle waiver required to be on file prior to trip.

Champoeg State Historic Area - 6/5 at 9:00 am

Journey across the Willamette to a taste of earlier times. We will stroll past fields and forest, and up to the banks of the river. A bit of history and a good sampling of nature will help us enjoy this nearby treasure. This walk is almost completely flat and on a variety of hard and soft surfaces. About two and a half miles total. Restroom at the parking, and a shelter and restroom at the turnaround point. Sun protection might be important if early summer weather makes an appearance.

MSSCC Men -2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1:30 pm - starting 5/12

If you are a man who would like to connect with other men, share experiences, and build supportive relationships in a relaxed welcoming environment, then our new Men's Group might be perfect for you. Meet twice a month to have thoughtful conversation, provide encouragement, and share different perspectives.

Cognitive Impairment Conversations - 5/7 at 10:30 am

Symptoms of dementia include changes to memory, behavior, thinking, problem solving, and alertness, which can be difficult for the individual with dementia and their loved ones. Learn about dementia symptoms, what to expect, and treatments as well as ask questions and share experiences.

May Mindfulness - 5/21 at 10:30 am

Join Clinical Psychology graduate student Kaylia for a mix of brief psychoeducation, guided mindfulness exercises, and group conversation. It's open to anyone curious to learn more and perhaps give it a try!

Be 2 Weeks Ready: Staying Prepared - Thursdays at 10:30 am. Beginning 6/18 - 8/13 with no class 7/2

Being 2 Weeks Ready means having an emergency plan and enough supplies for you and everyone in your household to survive for at least two weeks following a disaster. Preparing for a catastrophic emergency can seem like a daunting prospect, but this program from the Oregon Department of Emergency Management will help you start from where you're at and build your self-reliance and community preparedness step-by-step with the help of your guide, ex-firefighter David. Prepare yourself and your household for power outages, wildfire evacuations, even a large-scale earthquake or tsunami.

Genealogy Club: Research, Stories, & Finding - 5/6, 6/3, & 7/1 at 1:30 pm

Are you an ancestry sleuth or a genealogy hound? Have you traced your family through time to the Aztecs, the Huns, the Tudors? Are you just getting started in your quest to trace your family through history and are looking for ideas an inspiration? Gather to meet with others who are passionate about this work to share your excitement, roadblocks, and finds! 5/6 - Changing Names & Surnames, 6/3 - Searching Vital Records, 7/1 -Military Service

Intersecting Lives - Varying Days and Times See below

An entomology series that brings bugs into the light, as the agents of agriculture, sculptors of history, weapons, and art. Presented by Robert Wiedenmann, PhD., retired professor of entomology.

Upcoming:

- Pollen, Pollinators and Pollination - 6/18 at 10:30 am
- The Silken Thread: Five Insects and Their Impacts on Human History - 7/16 at 10:30 am
- Insects as Weapons - 8/10 at 1:30 pm
- Insects and Art - 9/24 at 10:30 am

# PLANNING NEWS

Planning a Home Improvement Project? Don't Forget the Building Permit

As the weather warms up and the days get longer, many homeowners in Sherwood begin eyeing their "to-do" lists. Whether you are dreaming of a new backyard deck, a kitchen remodel, or finally installing that lawn sprinkler system, there is one crucial step you must take before the hammers start swinging: checking for a building permit.

In celebration of Building Safety Month this May the City of Sherwood is reminding residents that building codes and permits aren't just bureaucratic hurdles—they are essential tools designed to protect your family and your most valuable investment.



## Why Building Codes Matter

We all rely on the safety of the structures where we live, work, and play. Building codes provide a standardized set of safeguards that reduce risks to your family and guests. When projects are built to code, they are significantly more resistant to:

- Fire hazards
- Structural collapse
- Water damage and mold
- Electrical issues and disease

## Protecting Your Investment

Your home is likely your largest financial investment. Skipping the permit process might save a little time upfront, but it can cause major headaches down the road:

1. Resale Value: If you sell a home that has been modified without a permit, you may be required to tear down the addition or perform costly repairs to bring it up to modern standards before the sale can close.
2. Insurance Coverage: Many property insurers will not cover claims related to work performed without the proper permits and inspections.
3. Safety Assurance: A permit ensures that a professional inspector reviews the work, providing an extra set of eyes to make sure the job was done right.

When is a Permit Required? While minor cosmetic changes like painting or carpeting usually don't require a permit, many common summer projects do. You should generally seek a permit for:

- Adding a shed or a deck
- Remodeling a kitchen or bathroom
- Replacing major appliances (like water heaters or HVAC units)
- Installing lawn sprinkler systems
- Any structural, electrical, or plumbing changes

## How to Apply: Skip the Trip and Go Online

Getting a permit is easier than ever. While you are always welcome to visit the City of Sherwood Building Department (located on the second floor of the Library at 22560 SW Pine Street), you can also manage your project from the comfort of home. Oregon homeowners can now apply for permits, upload plans, and track inspections online through Oregon ePermitting. This digital system streamlines the process, making it faster and more transparent for residents.

For more information, visit the Building Department or call us at 503.625.4226. Let's work together to keep Sherwood safe, one project at a time.

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## Sherwood Broadband Launches New Products

Sherwood Broadband is excited to announce the launch of two new products you can add to your plan, Outdoor Wi-Fi and Wi-Fi 7!

Outdoor Wi-Fi: With good weather on the horizon, now is the perfect time to extend your Wi-Fi beyond the walls of your home. With Outdoor Wi-Fi, you can host outdoor gatherings, work comfortably outside, and keep your outdoor smart devices running smoothly - all powered by fast, reliable fiber internet.

Premium Wi-Fi 7 Router: Take your Wi-Fi to the next level with cutting-edge technology. Wi-Fi 7 delivers faster speeds, lower latency, and the ability to support more devices than ever before. It's an ideal upgrade for households that rely on seamless video conferencing, online gaming, and multiple connected devices at once.

Call us at 503.625.4236 or email us at [Info@SherwoodBroadband.com](mailto:Info@SherwoodBroadband.com) to inquire or upgrade your Wi-Fi experience today.



# BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS VACANCIES

The City Council recognizes the importance of the public involvement process, and the contributions citizens can offer. As the recipients of government services, citizens may best be able to identify where efficiencies and improvements may benefit the city. Council has therefore created a system of boards and commissions designed to foster the relationship between the city and its citizens and ensure that the city considers and appropriately weighs the needs and interests of all Sherwood citizens. Recruitment begins in June each year with many terms expiring in June of 2026.

To apply, submit a Board and Commissions Application on our website. Vacancies occur due to term expirations or resignations. The appointment process can take several months. The interview is an opportunity for the Council Liaison, staff representative, and the applicant to visit informally about the community and board appointment. After the interview process is concluded, a selection is made based on application questions, interview, and a willingness to serve and attend the meetings, and if a suitable vacancy is available. Applicants will be contacted after the appointments are official.

If you would like to learn more about the boards and commissions or about current vacancies, please visit [sherwoodoregon.gov/government/city-council/boards-and-committees/](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/government/city-council/boards-and-committees/).

### HELP SHAPE YOUR COMMUNITY

The City of Sherwood has several openings on a variety of citizen boards and commissions and is seeking applicants to serve their community.

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

PLANNING COMMISSION

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

BUDGET COMMITTEE

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Information about these boards and commissions, as well as application materials are available at [SherwoodOregon.gov/hc](http://SherwoodOregon.gov/hc) or by emailing [CityRecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:CityRecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov).

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR							May/June 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 Parks & Recreation Board 7:00 pm	5 City Council 7:00 pm	6	7	8	9	10	11 Planning Commission 7:00 pm	12 Senior Advisory Board 5:00 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18 Cultural Arts Commission 6:30 pm	19 City Council 7:00 pm	20 Library Advisory Board 6:30 pm	21 Youth Advisory Board 4:30 Police Advisory Board 7:00	22	23	24	25	26 Planning Commission 7:00 pm	27	28 Traffic Safety Board 5:00 pm	29	30
31	June 1 Parks & Recreation Board 7:00 pm	2 City Council 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Planning Commission 7:00 pm	10 Senior Advisory Board 5:00 pm	11	12	13
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## 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 IT Director, Brad Crawford.

**Q.** How long have you been with the City of Sherwood?  
**A.** A little over 25 years.

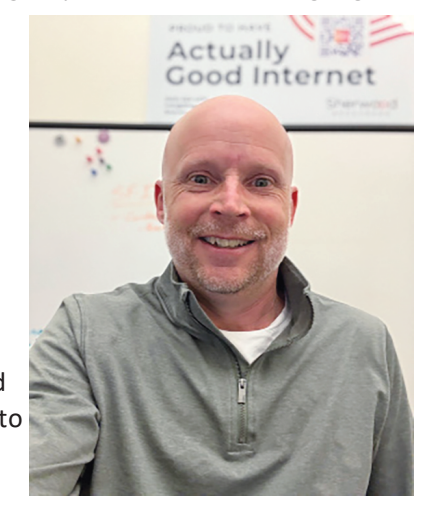
**Q.** What does an average day look like for you?  
**A.** A lot of meetings and a lot of emails, assisting with IT and Broadband projects, engaging with current and prospective broadband customers.

**Q.** What are some of your favorite things about working for the city?  
**A.** I love seeing our work make a direct impact on the community I call home. I'm especially proud of the work being done at Sherwood Broadband—building infrastructure that will serve our community for generations. It's incredibly rewarding to see how satisfied our customers are with the service. Just as important, I truly enjoy working with colleagues across the organization. We're fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people committed to making Sherwood a great place to live.

**Q.** What are some typical challenges of this position?  
**A.** Striking a balance between meeting daily operational needs and advancing new solutions that improve service for our residents, businesses, and staff.

**Q.** What advice would you give someone who is just beginning in this career?  
**A.** Having a solid understanding of how government or business works will make you a more valuable technology professional. Understand the drivers of your organization and see how you can play a positive role in those. Keep an eye out for AI and how it is impacting your career field. I see demand for traditional IT roles slowing over time, but demand for technology professionals with multidisciplinary skill sets (IT & Business/Finance/Marketing, etc.) will increase.

**Q.** What experience do you feel helped prepare you for your current role?  
**A.** First off, having a genuine interest in the work you do is essential. Joining professional organizations in your field is a great way to collaborate with your peers and grow your expertise. Lastly, having a mindset of continual learning, whether that means going back to school, learning a new technology, or talking with other departments in your organization to understand how they operate.



## LIBRARY NEWS New Public Meeting Space

Sherwood Public Library and Sherwood Library Foundation (SHELF) are proud to announce a newly created public meeting space, made possible through generous fundraising efforts and grants. The public is now invited to use the new space—a modular meeting pod designed to seat up to four people—which opened April 10.

The new meeting pod provides a previously missing asset to community members looking for free public access to study rooms and space for private meetings in Sherwood. Public libraries across the country routinely offer public meeting space as an amenity, which fits into the mission of providing space for public discourse and the exchange of ideas, as well as access to private space for virtual meetings such as for telehealth, participation in legal proceedings, distance education, tutoring, test proctoring, small business client meetings, and more.

“This project is a testament to what can be accomplished with teamwork and the dedication of people who believe in making the community a better place. SHELF has been hitting the ground running as a new non-profit dedicated to supporting the library,” said Adrienne Doman Calkins. “One of the most frequent questions we have had to say ‘no’ to here at the library, over the nearly 12 years I’ve been Library Manager at Sherwood Public Library, is whether we have a public meeting room or study room. I’m incredibly grateful and proud to be making such a meaningful addition to our facility.”

The meeting pod is a modular design made by Framery and sourced from a local firm, Harris WorkSystems. The unit is wheelchair accessible and equipped with a table

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and two padded bench seats that can be folded upright for more space. It includes power, adjustable LED lights, a built-in fan, and glass windows.

The project, with a final price tag of just over \$30,000, was funded through the fundraising efforts of Sherwood Library Foundation (SHELF), local donors, and grants. Special thanks to these contributors: the Keene Family Foundation, the Community Enhancement Program grant (funded through a partnership with the City of Sherwood and Metro, collected by Pride Recycling Company), Friends of Sherwood Library, Adam Lewkowsky, the family of Laura Baldschun in memorial, iQ Credit Union, and more.

The meeting space is available by reservation for up to two hours at a time, up to twice a month and up to eight weeks in advance. Users must be ages 10 and older, or accompanied by a responsible adult or caregiver, and show a WCCLS (Washington County Cooperative Library Services) Library Card or photo ID. At the beginning, reservations must be made in person or by contacting library staff, with the goal of adding online booking in the future.

For more information, please contact Sherwood Public Library at 503.625.6688 or [askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov), or visit [sherwoodoregon.gov/library](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/library).

### More about Sherwood Library Foundation (SHELF)

Sherwood Library Foundation (SHELF) enriches the resources and services of the Sherwood Public Library by complementing public funding with charitable giving. They are looking for Trustees to join and help choose the next project. Donations can be made at [sherwoodlibrary.org](http://sherwoodlibrary.org).

[www.sherwoodoregon.gov/library](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/library)

[foundation.com](http://foundation.com), or a check can be mailed to P.O. Box 44, Sherwood, OR 97140.



## More About Visiting the Library

Sherwood Public Library, a Washington County Cooperative Library Services member library and a department of the City of Sherwood, located on the first floor at 22560 SW Pine St. Hours: Mon-Wed 10:00 am to 7:00 pm; Thu-Fri 11:00 am to 6:00 pm; Sat 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Sun 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. All parking is free in downtown.

All library events are free and open to the public. Library cards are not required to attend. Learn more at [sherwoodoregon.gov/library](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/library).

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at [sherwood-oregon.gov/library/newsletters](http://sherwood-oregon.gov/library/newsletters) to get reading recommendations and event information delivered to your inbox. Contact us at [askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov) or 503.625.6688.

## MAYOR UPDATE

Reflecting on Our State of the City and a Year of Progress

On April 15, I had the privilege of delivering the annual State of the City address. Looking back on that evening and the incredible year we’ve had, my overwhelming feelings are deep optimism and profound gratitude. Our community, our incredibly hardworking city staff, and our regional partners are the engine driving Sherwood's success, and together, your dedication is exactly what makes this the absolute best place to live in Oregon. We’ve worked tirelessly to ensure that our city remains proactive, safe, and connected, all while maintaining the unique character that defines us.

### 2025 Community Accomplishments

#### Community Spaces & Infrastructure

- Infrastructure:** Partnered with regional agencies to complete major projects, including the highly visible Pedestrian Bridge over 99W and the expansion of the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant (now processing 20 million gallons per day). Notably, these projects were completed without raising fees or taxes on our community.
- Character & Beauty:** Enhanced the beauty of our public spaces by adding architectural lighting to the pedestrian bridge, the deer sculptures at the Oregon Street roundabout, and holiday snowflakes in Old Town.
- Future Planning:** Purchased 8 acres of land in Sherwood West to guarantee dedicated space for future parks and outdoor recreation.
- Neighborhood Maintenance:** Completed vital street repairs on several major roads, resurfaced the Woodhaven Basketball Court, and replaced trails at Oregon Trail Park.
- Responsible Growth:** Secured \$3.2 million in state funding for the Brookman Road Sanitary Sewer Project to support our city’s long-term infrastructure needs.

#### Connecting the Community

- Sherwood Broadband:** Constructed over 40 miles of fiber optic cable, completing 50% of our Fiber to the Home project. We welcomed 500 new customers this year and now proudly serve over 2,000 residents.
- Digital Access:** Completed the migration of the city website to a more user-friendly platform with expanded online services and began testing a new mobile app expected to launch in early 2026.

#### Events, Arts, & Library Services

- Cultural Landmarks:** Celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Sherwood Center for the Arts, which hosted our biggest-ever Lunar New Year Celebration and the Winter

Art Walk.

- Library Resources:** Installed a new meeting pod in the library to provide a modern, quiet workspace for residents.
- Civic Engagement:** Successfully relaunched Sherwood Citizens University and created a new Youth Advisory Board to give our next generation a stronger voice in local government.

#### Senior Services & Volunteerism

- Support for Seniors:** Served almost 16,000 meals and hosted nearly 11,000 residents for activities like Bingo, mental health, and other services at the Marjorie Stewart Senior Center, while providing over 1,500 local shuttle rides.

#### Public Safety

- Operational Innovation:** Launched a fully operational Police Drone Team to improve real-time situational awareness and rapid search capabilities.
- Crisis Coordination:** Acquired a new Police Incident Command Vehicle, funded by grants, to better coordinate large community events and critical incidents.

#### Local Economy & Growth

- Strategic Investment:** Neared completion of the Old Town Strategic Plan to guide long-term investment while welcoming new commercial growth at Parkway Village South and the Sherwood Commerce Center.
- Local Control:** Successfully defended our Sherwood West land use decisions at the state level, protecting our community’s right to shape its own future.

#### Responsible Stewardship

To ensure we maintain this momentum, we have transitioned to a two-year biennial budgeting process. Last year, our five-year financial forecast revealed that revenue and expense trends were moving in opposite directions. To protect the health of the city’s finances, we made the difficult decision to make proactive adjustments now, including a 5% workforce reduction, to avoid larger crises in the future. While these decisions are never easy, they were essential to ensure we can continue to deliver the high-quality services our community expects and deserves.

Thank you for your continued trust and for the thousands of hours of input you provide. It is your engagement that allows us to lead with community intelligence. Let’s continue to work together to keep Sherwood, Sherwood.

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

## YOUR MAYOR & CITY COUNCILORS



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## NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

BY TVF&R

The City of Sherwood is proud to recognize National Public Works Week, May 17–23, 2026, and this year’s theme, “Rooted in Service, Powered by Community.” Public works plays a vital role in shaping the places we live, work, and gather. From highly visible projects like park and road maintenance, to essential services happening behind the scenes - such as water, sewer, and stormwater systems - these efforts form the backbone of a safe, functional, and thriving community.

Public works professionals are driven by a commitment to serve and support the community every day. Whether responding to emergencies, maintaining critical infrastructure, ensuring reliable services, or preparing our city for seasonal changes, their work keeps Sherwood running smoothly.

National Public Works Week is an opportunity to recognize and thank these dedicated individuals whose efforts help make Sherwood a great place to live.



## Annual Shred & Food Drive Event

*Protect yourself from identity theft while we work together to restock our community’s food pantries.*

Just in time for **spring cleaning!** The Sherwood Police Department and Pride Disposal are holding their **annual Shred and Food Drive Event:**

**Saturday, May 30**  
**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Sherwood Police Department**  
 20495 SW Borchers Drive

*Two boxes of shredding maximum and a minimum of two non-perishable food items, please.*

**Call 503.625.5523, #2 with questions.**

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[www.sherwoodoregon.gov/policedepartment](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/policedepartment)

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

We just finished an observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month during the month of April. You may have noticed blue ribbons and pinwheels showing up around our police department. The Blue Ribbon had its early beginnings in 1989 when a Virginia grandmother tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her car as a tribute to her three-year-old grandson who died as a result of abuse – symbolizing the blue of her grandson’s bruises. This was her way to honor him and bring awareness about his tragic story and the overall issue of child abuse. The Blue Ribbon Campaign has since expanded across the country and remains a symbol of child abuse prevention today.

Every day millions of children face neglect, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse in our country. Abuse and neglect can have a long-lasting impact, but many times, it can appear almost invisible. Every child deserves a safe childhood. Spreading awareness and prevention efforts are vital to enhancing public safety for children and families.

This occurs in every town, city and community, and ours is no exception. Our detectives, SROs, and patrol officers are investigating potential child abuse on a weekly basis and sometimes multiple cases simultaneously.

Spotting signs of child abuse can save lives. If you have kids in your life, whether they’re family, neighbors, or friends, you can help by keeping an eye out for unexplained injuries, changes in behavior, and listening when they voice concerns. When you speak up for a child, you help create a safer community for our kids.

Here’s how you can help: keep a look out for the following signs in your children’s friends, and teach your children to look out for these signs and

symptoms in their friends...and if you see something, say something!

- Withdrawal from friends or usual activities
- Sudden changes in behavior, such as aggression, anger, and hostility
- Sudden loss of self confidence
- Sleep problems and nightmares
- An apparent lack of supervision
- Self-harm or suicide attempts
- Unexplained injuries, such as bruises, burns, or broken bones
- Injuries that don’t match the given explanation, or don’t match the child’s developmental ability
- Sexualized behavior or knowledge that is inappropriate for the child’s age
- Statements about being abused
- Poor growth or personal hygiene
- Lack of clothing or supplies to meet physical needs
- Hoarding or stealing food

Keep in mind that these are just warning signs, and by themselves may not indicate abuse or neglect. Trust your instincts, and if you see something, say something. Law enforcement and DHS can’t start investigating or ensure a child’s safety until we know something is happening, and that starts with you, the community.

If you or your child suspects child abuse or neglect, please let us know by calling our non-emergency dispatch at 503-629-0111 or call the DHS Child Abuse Hotline at 1.855.503.SAFE (7233). If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call 911.

## COUNCIL CORNER

Renee Brouse, City Councilor

### Building Our Future with Purpose and Partnership

I am honored to serve a community that continues to demonstrate resilience, thoughtfulness, and a strong commitment to shaping a thriving future. In every conversation, neighborhood meeting, and policy discussion, I see the same shared value reflected: we want Sherwood to grow in a way that strengthens the fabric of our city while protecting the character that makes it home. I’d like to share how our current priorities, orderly growth, engagement, safety, infrastructure, sustainability, and transparency guide the decisions we make on your behalf.

Sherwood continues to grow, and thoughtful planning is essential. We remain committed to aligning public facilities and services with established urbanization policies to ensure that development is not only responsible but also reflective of our long term vision. By coordinating transportation, utilities, parks, and housing needs with our land use decisions, we ensure growth that is intentional, balanced, and supportive of an appropriate mix

of residential, commercial, and public spaces. This approach safeguards the Sherwood we love while preparing for the Sherwood of tomorrow.

A successful city is one built with its community not just for it. That’s why Sherwood continues to prioritize meaningful opportunities for public involvement. Through our website updates, surveys, open houses, and active social media channels, we work to keep residents informed and connected. Your voice helps shape everything from zoning changes to park design, and I encourage all residents to stay engaged. When you participate, our decisions become stronger, more reflective, and more representative of Sherwood as a whole.

The safety of our residents will always be a top priority. Sherwood invests in well-coordinated police services so that we are prepared not only for everyday safety needs but also for the unexpected. We are currently looking at ways to ensure that responders have the tools and training they need to meet the growing demands of our community. When emergencies arise—whether natural or human caused—our city is committed to acting swiftly, effectively, and compassionately.

Quality infrastructure is the backbone of a healthy and vibrant community. Prioritizing improvements to our streets, sidewalks, public buildings, water systems, and parks. These investments support economic development, enhance livability, and ensure that Sherwood remains a community of choice. Maintaining strong, reliable infrastructure is one of the most practical and impactful ways we plan for the future.

Sherwood is also committed to sustainability. By collaborating with regional partners on waste reduction, green infrastructure, and energy saving strategies, we are helping shift our community toward more environmentally responsible practices. These efforts protect natural resources and strengthen our long-term resilience.

Finally, an informed community is an empowered community. Programs like Sherwood Citizen University help residents gain a deeper understanding of city operations and planning processes. We aim to keep our decision making transparent and accessible. Thank you for your trust, your involvement, and your continued partnership. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected Sherwood today and for generations to come.

## FEATURED PARTNER: SHERWOOD ROBIN HOOD FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

The Sherwood Robin Hood Festival Association (SRHFA) is actively planning the 73rd annual Robin Hood Festival, one of the oldest and most unique events in Oregon. Festivities will fill the streets of Old Town Sherwood on the evening of July 17 and will continue all day July 18. The festival offers plenty of fun for all ages, drawing 25,000+ attendees from near and far. Make plans now to join us for the 2026 Robin Hood Festival brought to you by Langer’s Entertainment Center.

Festivities will begin on July 17 at 5:00 pm. Both medieval and modern merriment will be highlighted. The Main Stage will offer a continuous line-up of popular musical groups including Baz Moto Band on Friday evening and Hit Machine on Saturday night. A vendor village with approximately 100+ booths will offer a wide variety of crafts, services, activities and food booths to explore. Family Stage entertainment will begin on Friday night at 6:00 pm at Veterans’ Park with the traditional Knighting Ceremony. Each year several Sherwood area residents are honored for their services to the community. The Sherwood Renaissance Singers begin singing at 5:45 pm. Family entertainment and a teen dance will follow. Local groups and entertainers are scheduled for Saturday on the Family Stage including Spencer Sprocket. Medieval entertainment and demonstrations will take place, including those at the Medieval Village located on 1st Street adjacent to Veterans’ Park and our Sherwood Village located 1st Street close to Main Street. Kids’ crafts and activities will be available. Festivities will also include a beer, wine and cider garden.

On July 18, the festivities begin with the traditional and popular community festival parade. The parade will begin at 10:00 am at the SW Langer Farms Parkway roundabout, welcoming family-friendly entries from Sherwood and beyond. The parade weaves its way to downtown Sherwood, drawing a large number of spectators. The parade offers a perfect opportunity to show your community spirit, commemorating our 2026 festival theme: “Robin Hood Festival, the People’s Choice”. Festival activities continue on the

festival grounds. Sherwood residents are welcome to demonstrate their creativity and skill and enter their creations in the Saturday Castle Building Contest that takes place at Veterans’ Park. Schedule times for festival activities will be made available at our festival souvenir booth and on our website at [robinhoodfestival.org](http://robinhoodfestival.org).

Archers will compete at Sherwood High School on Saturday and Sunday, July 18 and 19 for Sherwood’s portion of the International Archery Match with Nottingham, England. This year marks the 20th anniversary of this contest of skill that was originated by the SRHFA. The Sylvan Archers, Inc. host, organize and represent Sherwood in this tournament. Anyone interested in participating may visit [sylvanarchers.com](http://sylvanarchers.com).

The SRHFA hosted a Maid Marian Coronation Celebration on April 18 at the Sherwood Elks Lodge. The 2026 Maid Marian and her Senior and Junior Courts were introduced at this event. Attendees enjoyed savory snacks, a wassail ceremony, desserts, medieval musical and theatrical entertainment. Maid Marian and her courts will reign over our July festival and will represent Sherwood at events in town and in neighboring communities throughout the year.

The SRHFA is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization in service year-round to the Sherwood community. We proudly offer two annual scholarships. Potential sponsors, vendors, archers, parade entrants, volunteers or anyone interested in the festival may visit our website at [robinhoodfestival.org](http://robinhoodfestival.org), email [robinhoodfestival@gmail.com](mailto:robinhoodfestival@gmail.com) or leave a message at 503.625.4233. The Robin Hood Festival was honored as the 2025 Gold Medal winner as Best Community Event or Festival in Sherwood by the readers of the Valley Times. We want to take this opportunity to thank our Title Sponsor, Langer’s Entertainment Center, and all of our generous sponsors, numerous volunteers, vendors, participants and event attendees. All mentioned greatly contribute to the success of our annual festivals, community events and projects.

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