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MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR CENTER

Summer is sizzling at the Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center! We have a full schedule of regular activities but here are some of our special classes, activities, and adventures. Learn more at sherwoodoregon.gov/marjoriestewartcenter or call us at 503.625.5644.

Rightsizing Workshop: The How Tos - 7/1 at 1:30 pm AND 7/29 at 1:30 pm
Have you thought about moving to another home or simplifying? Join this two-part workshop to learn what to do next. What is important to ask yourself? What are the financial realities of changing where or how you live? How do you go through that closet that hasn't been touched in longer than you'd care to admit? Most people don't plan their housing transition — they react to it. This presentation teaches you how to evaluate your current home, explore future options, and begin planning before a decision becomes urgent. Attendees will leave with reduced anxiety, clarity, and a simple framework with what to do next. Over these two class times, we'll work together to come up with real answers, specific to you.

Galen McBee Park Nature Hike - 8/7 Leaving at 9:15 am
Step onto the soft, shaded trail of the Galen McBee Park in McMinnville to take a much-needed break from the summer heat. Enjoy the whimsy of the lush forest with bridges over the year-round creek on this mile-long out and back stroll. This charming hike may be just a hop, skip, and a jump away from the McMinnville Airport but feels miles away.

This walk is almost completely flat across soft surfaces, mainly compacted dirt and leaf litter. Transportation provided to and from the Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center. A signed shuttle waiver is required to be on file prior to trip.

Intersecting Lives
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. All ages are welcome.

The Silken Thread: Five Insects and Their Impacts on Human History - 7/16 at 10:30 am

Some of the history we never learned in school involves how insects have affected human history and have done so in ways that might be surprising. Silk, the Silk Roads and the Silk Moth; All Because of a Mosquito; Revisiting the Plague and the Black Death; The Flight of the Bumble Bee
Insects as Weapons - 8/10 at 1:30 pm

Long before gunpowder reached the West, insects were used throughout the world as weapons. In ancient times, insects were weaponized both for attacking castles and defending them, but the use of insect weapons continued even in modern wars. Even diseases caused by insects were used as weapons.

Let's Talk Aging
Summer Memories - 7/1 at 10:30 am - How did you spend your summers without cell phones and streaming devices? What did you do? What did you want to do that you couldn't? Are your memories happy? Let's Talk about past summers.

Moving - 8/5 at 10:30 am - It is often difficult to move especially when we age. Do we move in with family or a retirement facility? Do we have to consider the needs of others or are we alone? Let's Talk about our feelings and concerns about this change that might take place.

Healthy Aging - 9/2 at 10:30 am - There are steps we can take to thrive as we grow older. We cannot stop the aging process but can take important steps that will help. We call these the Four Pillars of Healthy Aging: Exercise, Healthy Diet, Active Mind, & Keeping a Positive Attitude. Let's Talk about how you can engage each of these pillars in your lifestyle.

AARP SMART DRIVER - 7/14 AND 7/15 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm - \$20 AARP member, \$25 non-member

When you take the AARP Smart Driver™ Class, you could be eligible for a multi-year discount on your auto insurance. Plus safer driving can save you more than just money. The course teaches proven driving techniques to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road. Registration is required.

PLANNING NEWS

City of Sherwood Recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA Community

The City of Sherwood is proud to be recognized as a Tree City USA community, reflecting the City's commitment to preserving and enhancing its urban forest. Trees provide numerous benefits, including cleaner air, reduced stormwater runoff, wildlife habitat, shade, and beauty that contributes to Sherwood's high quality of life.

Tree City USA designation recognizes communities that actively invest in tree care, maintain tree protection standards, and celebrate the value of urban forests. As Sherwood continues to grow, the City remains committed to balancing development with the preservation and planting of trees that will benefit current and future generations.

The City thanks residents, volunteers, and community partners who help maintain and improve Sherwood's tree canopy and contribute to a greener, healthier community.



Street Tree Removal and Replacement

Street trees are intended to be preserved whenever possible and may only be removed when justified by the condition of the tree or a significant public interest. Trees over five inches in diameter may be removed only if they are dying, severely diseased or infested, creating a safety hazard by obstructing travel or sight distance, damaging or interfering with utilities, or constitute a nuisance under City code. All removed street trees must be replaced, and the property owner is responsible for the costs of removal and replacement.

The review process depends on the size of the tree. Street trees less than five inches in diameter may be removed and replaced by the property owner without a permit. Trees between five and ten inches require a Tree Removal Permit and public notice, with additional arborist review if objections are raised. Trees over ten inches require a permit application, a certified arborist's evaluation, public notice, and documentation demonstrating that reasonable efforts were made to retain the tree before removal is considered. In all cases, replacement planting is required within six months of removal. The City has a recommended street tree list for replacement trees. In some cases, a Homeowners Association's will also have requirements for the type of replacement tree.

For questions on replacing a street tree, contact the Planning Department at 503.925.2308 or planning@sherwoodoregon.gov.

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Water Quality Report Now Available!

The City of Sherwood is proud to deliver water to over 20,000 people every day. We think it is important for our customers to understand where their water comes from, how safe it is, and what actions we take to ensure its continuing safety. The current annual edition of the Water Quality Report is available online and by mail upon request. Visit sherwoodoregon.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/2025_WaterQualityReport.pdf to read the test results of regulated and unregulated contaminants detected in your water.

Prepared in accordance with federal guidelines, the annual report includes information about the City's water sources, testing processes, and detected contaminants. While Sherwood's water supplies are tested for more than 200 regulated and unregulated contaminants, the report includes only those contaminants detected in 2025. All detected levels remain well below state and federal regulatory limits.

Also read about the many activities your Water Department perform to bring the highest quality water to your home and business.

If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please call the Utility Billing Department at 503.925.2315 or email a request to utilitybilling@sherwoodoregon.gov and provide your name and current mailing address.



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Interested in the latest and greatest? Wi-Fi 7 is available as an upgrade for only \$10/mo. Your newest devices will thank you with increased speed, performance, and ability to handle multiple connected devices at once without experiencing lag.

Come say hi to us at upcoming events:

- Music on the Green — starts Wednesday, July 8 — August 5
- 25th Annual Sherwood Forest Cup - July 15
- Robin Hood Festival — July 17 — 18
- Movies on the Green — starts Friday, August 7 — August 21
- Crusin' Sherwood — August 8

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July/August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 Parks & Recreation Board 7:00 pm	7 City Council 7:00 pm	8 Senior Advisory Board 5:00 pm	9	10	11
12	13	14 Planning Commission 7:00 pm	15 Library Advisory Board 6:30 pm	16 Youth Advisory Board 4:30 Police Advisory Board 7:00	17	18
19	20 Cultural Arts Commission 6:30 pm	21 City Council 7:00 pm	22	23 Traffic Safety Board 5:00 pm	24	25
26	27	28 Planning Commission 7:00 pm	29	30	31	August 1
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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 Building Permit Specialist, Kirsten Allen.

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

A. 21 years, 4 months?

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

A. My day begins by addressing inquiries from permit holders, staff, and the general public. I handle phone inquiries throughout the day to provide guidance and support. I monitor all activity via Oregon ePermitting and manage the full permit lifecycle—from initial application to final archiving in our DOD system via scanning or downloading files. My workflow follows the weather. During these slower months, I prioritize archiving and digital cleanup. However, as temperatures rise, permit inquiries and applications typically increase in volume. During the summer months I focus primarily on current permits. On occasion, I perform technical reviews for smaller-scale projects, such as wall signs, patio covers, and decks. At the beginning of a the new month or quarter, I generate monthly and quarterly building-centric reports. We recently completed a month-long initiative returning residential plans to homeowners. After meeting the state's retention schedule, we notified owners via postcard to collect their house plans.

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

A. The people, without question. I enjoy helping people and helping them understand the process of building a project which may include planning and engineering as well. We also have a group of good, dedicated professionals that I enjoy working with.

Q. What are some typical challenges of this position?

A. Some days are filled with interruptions. Some of them good, some of them not so much.

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

A. Be interested in what is being built around you. Look at house plans and find out what makes them interesting. Figure out the process from both sides of the counter so you can be as helpful as possible. Learn to multi-task.

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

A. I used to design houses and run permits for a developer. That meant figuring out what the jurisdiction wanted and problem solving how to accomplish it.



LIBRARY NEWS
Summer Fun at the Library

22560 SW Pine Street 503.625.6688 www.sherwoodoregon.gov/library

It's time for our seventh annual Miniature Castle Contest! Make a little castle no bigger than 7 inches by 7 inches by 7 inches and submit July 1-13th.

Castles will be voted on by library staff and the Maid Marian court. Make it by yourself and with a group. Winners will be announced on Friday, July 17th to coincide with the annual Sherwood Robin Hood Festival.

Thank you to all of our summer reading and event sponsors: City of Sherwood, State Library of Oregon, Washington County Cooperative Library Services, Sherwood YMCA, Helping Hands Food Pantry, Friends of the Sherwood Library, Stan and Diana Stanley, Rebekah Lodge of Sherwood, MudPuddles Toys, Sherwood Bookstore, and Cedar and Stone Home and Plant Shop.

Summer Reading is back for all ages!

- Join us for events throughout the summer and enjoy free books and reading challenges for all ages.
- Everyone—pick out a free book to keep!
- Kids and Teens—Choose your reading goal and pick up a



prize book when you reach it, through August 31, and enter the grand prize drawing.

- Adults—Submit book reviews through August 31. Each review enters you into weekly drawings for coffee shop gift cards. Grand prizes include book lover's gift baskets and \$50 Powell's Books gift cards.

Events

Tuesdays at Cannery Square

- July 7 – Hula Hoop Harvest
- July 14 – Andy Z and WCCLS 50th Birthday Bash! Celebrate Washington County Cooperative Library Service's 50th birthday with food, fund, and music!
- July 21 – Lee's Association Lion Dance
- July 28 – Pokémon Party

Thursdays at Cannery Square

Bilingual Storytime in the Park / Hora de cuentos bilingüe en el parque, our 10th year running this event! Enjoy stories and songs in Spanish and English. Thursdays, July 2-30 from 10:30-11:30 am.

Free lunch for kids from the YMCA and Helping Hands Food Patry along with activities and crafts. Los jueves, del 2 al 30 de julio, de 10:30 am a 11:30 am en Cannery Square.

Tuesdays & Thursdays at Langer Park

Lunch & More. August 2-30 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Enjoy a free lunch from YMCA, storytimes on Tuesdays, craft on Thursdays, and free books.

All Ages Storytime

Wednesdays 9:30 am and 10:15 am. Designed for youth, ages 0-6 years, and their caregivers.

For Tweens & Teens

- Registration required for ages 12+.
- Smash Bros. Tournaments—Saturday, July 25, and Tuesday, August 4 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- Mini Porcelain Animal Workshop— August 1 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

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 at sherwoodoregon.gov/library.

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

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.

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 and Sun 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The library will be closed on July 4, for Independence Day. Materials may be returned to the book drop located at the Pine Street entrance. Access your library account 24/7 at wccls.org.

MAYOR UPDATE

MAYOR UPDATE Tightening Our Belt, Together

Have you found yourself pausing at the grocery store lately, putting something back on the shelf? You're not alone. Across Sherwood, families are feeling inflation at the gas pump and every trip through the checkout line. Sherwoodians are watching their spending and tightening their belts. I want you to know your city is doing exactly the same thing.

On June 4, the City Council and our Budget Committee met to review our finances, and the picture will feel familiar to anyone managing a household budget: costs rising faster than income. Under Oregon law, the assessed value of existing homes and businesses can grow only about 3% a year, our property tax revenue is essentially capped. Meanwhile, the same costs squeezing your family, wages, insurance, fuel, and materials, are climbing faster than 3%. When income is capped and expenses aren't, the lines drift apart. Nearly every Oregon city faces this inevitable math.

So how do we respond? The way any careful household would. First, we look ahead. Each year our finance team builds a five-year forecast, projecting department by department what we expect to earn and spend. It isn't a snapshot of today's bank account; it's an early-warning system that catches trouble while it's small. This year it flagged a roughly \$750,000 gap if we're to hold our policy of a 20% General fund ending balance.

Our City Manager, Craig Sheldon, and the Finance Department are already working to close the gap.

Let me be clear: the city is not in trouble, and we can pay our bills. That 20% isn't a reserve or a rainy-day fund; it's the working balance we hold on July 1st, the start of our fiscal year, that pays for daily operations until property tax revenues start arriving in December.

Second, we stretch every dollar by bringing state and federal funding to Sherwood. Part of my job as Mayor is to lobby our State and Federal lawmakers for funding, we have had a lot of Success:

- \$5M from the EPA to clean up the old Tannery site, our future Public Works home; \$4M for the pedestrian bridge, from the state.
- \$3M for sewer infrastructure in the Brookman area;
- \$3M for Ice Age Drive in the Tonquin Employment area.

Third, we're trimming our own overhead, to close the gap and fix financial problems while they are small. A dollar saved today is worth five dollars tomorrow.

Fiscal discipline isn't flashy, it's how Sherwood families weather hard stretches, and it's exactly how your city manages its finances. Many cities around us have additional property

tax levies to fund these challenges. I am very proud of our city staff, and council for their commitment to sound fiduciary practices over the last 8 years that have averted the need additional levies on our citizens.

If you'd like a seat at that table and be part of the conversation, we have openings on the Budget Committee, please apply.

As always, thank you for making Sherwood a wonderful place to call home.



Ice Age Drive under construction

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

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IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN HOW TO SWIM

BY TVF&R

It's never too late to learn how to swim, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue encourages parents to ensure their children learn this life skill and how to stay safe in and around water. Both adults and children can enroll in swimming lessons taught by qualified instructors. As people head to the water to cool off and enjoy the outdoors, TVF&R advises you to plan ahead for possible risks, learn about water safety, and know how to respond to a water emergency. A drowning or near-drowning can happen in a matter of seconds. It typically occurs when a child is left unattended or during a brief lapse in supervision. Some may be surprised to learn that drowning is silent — there can be very little splashing, waving, or swimming to alert parents and bystanders to a swimmer in distress. Make safety a priority when in or around water by following these tips:

- Always supervise children, giving them your undivided attention. Keep young kids within arm's reach of an adult and make sure older children swim with a partner.
- Use the buddy system — even adults should never swim alone, especially in open water such as lakes, rivers, and streams.
- Know your swimming limits, and keep an eye on weaker swimmers.
- Watch for the dangerous "toos." Take frequent breaks if you are feeling too tired, too cold, too far from safety, exposed to too much sun, or experience too much strenuous activity.
- Don't dive in shallow water or unfamiliar areas. The American Red Cross recommends 9 feet as a minimum depth for diving.
- Young children should always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when in or around open water. Weak or non-swimmers should also wear a life jacket in pools.
- Do not use air-filled swimming aids in place of life jackets or life preservers with children. "Water wings" can give parents and kids a false sense of security. These air-filled aids are toys that are not designed to be personal-flotation devices.
- It's the law to have a life jacket for everyone on a boat or paddlecraft (canoe, kayak, stand-up paddle board, etc.); children ages 12 and younger must wear a life jacket when on a boat or paddlecraft.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs.
- Have a charged cellphone nearby in the event of an emergency.
- Learn CPR and basic water rescue skills.

TVF&R also reminds you that swimming in a natural body of water is different than a pool. More skills and energy are needed, along with an eye for potential hazards. Those heading to swim outdoors in open water need to be aware of uneven surfaces, river currents, ocean undertow, and changing weather. For more visit tvfr.com

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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The Sherwood Police Department expanded its photo enforcement program to include residential areas and school zones on May 25, 2026. The expansion builds on the city's existing photo enforcement program, which has operated at signalized intersections since 2010. The decision follows extensive review by the Sherwood Police Advisory Board and Sherwood City Council work sessions, both of which recommended implementation. Oregon Law (ORS 810.434-810.444) specifically authorizes photo enforcement in residential areas and school zones.

The City contracted with Verra Mobility, a leader in speed safety technology, to administer this safety program. The cameras will capture images of vehicle license plates, vehicle operator, and send them through secure video. Verra Mobility's automated enforcement cameras are not surveillance cameras. They are proprietary cameras programmed to execute specific requirements like speed violations. Verra Mobility does not own or share the data that is collected from the cameras. The data is owned by the City and is utilized within the specific scope of traffic enforcement. All data is permanently destroyed after 60 days if an event is found not to be a violation, and after 5 years if it is. The program will operate under the same legal framework that has guided Sherwood's intersection cameras for the last fifteen years.

"Our residents have consistently told us that speeding in neighborhoods and near school zones is one of their top safety concerns," said Police Chief Ty Hanlon. "We hear from our community on a regular basis about their concerns of speeding and distracted driving. This is a proven tool that gives us coverage where we can't always have an officer parked and the goal is simple: to slow drivers down and change driving behavior."

How the Expansion Works

- Photo enforcement units will operate in residential areas and school zones.
- The photo enforcement units will be clearly visible and remain in one location for a

minimum of 30 days. When the units are moved to a new location, information will be transparently posted on social media and the city's website each time.

- Each enforcement location will be marked with a "Traffic Laws Photo Enforced" sign 100 to 400 yards in advance, along with a real-time speed display board.

How the Cameras Work

- The cameras are configured to detect a vehicle driving 11mph or more over the posted speed limit, consistent with the signalized photo enforcement program since 2010. The City is considering lowering the speed limit threshold during school hours in school zones. If that is implemented, we will provide additional communication and outreach prior to any changes taking effect.
- A trained reviewer evaluates the captured images for accuracy and quality.
- A sworn police officer reviews and signs every citation.
- Citations will be mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle within 10 business days; recipients have 30 days to respond.

After the 30-day warning period, citations will be issued for all speeding violations, even if the mobile photo enforcement units move locations. The presumptive fine amount for each violation type is set by Oregon Law (ORS 811.111). A photo enforcement citation carries the same fine as a citation issued by a police officer in person and is processed through the Sherwood Municipal Court.

Speed limits in our residential areas and school zones exist for a reason — they reflect the reality that these are places where people walk, kids cross streets, and the margin for error is small. If you drive the posted speed limit, you will never receive a photo enforcement citation in Sherwood. This program is funded by speeding violators, not by taxes. The community controls the outcome; the less speeding occurs, the less revenue the program generates. Zero violations would mean zero revenue, and we'd consider that a successful outcome.

COUNCIL CORNER

Taylor Giles, City Councilor

As an individual Sherwood City Councilor, I have been thinking about what our city's logo says about who we are and whether it still reflects the Sherwood we know today. I believe this is a conversation worth having as a community.

A city logo is more than a design. It is the most visible way a city presents itself to residents, visitors, and potential business partners. It appears on websites, social media, newsletters, signs, vehicles, uniforms, and official materials. Over time, a logo becomes part of a city's identity. That is why I believe it is important for a city to have a logo that is current, authentic, and meaningful.

Sherwood's current logo dates back to the 1990's. While it has served us well for many years, it is complicated, expensive to print and it highlights a bird sanctuary that is not even within Sherwood's city borders. To me, that raises an important question: does our logo truly represent the city we are today and the future we want to build?

When I talk with residents about what makes Sher-

wood special, I hear a different set of themes. People talk about our trails, our charming Old Town, our festivals, and our great school system. These are some of the places and experiences that shape our identity and create pride in this community.

I also believe our beautiful new pedestrian bridge deserves attention in this discussion. The bridge is an iconic piece of architecture and a symbol of connection. It gives us a powerful way to tell Sherwood's story: we are the bridge to wine country; we are the bridge to the Silicon Forest; our students are the bridge to the future. It reflects movement, opportunity, and the role Sherwood can play in connecting people, places, and possibilities for years to come.

I also think a more up-to-date logo could help Sherwood better position itself for economic opportunity. If we want to attract new businesses and encourage higher-paying jobs locally, we should present ourselves in a way that feels modern, confident, and distinctly Sherwood.

A strong logo alone will not create jobs, of course, but it can be part of a broader message that our city is forward-looking and ready for the future.

Just as importantly, I do not believe this has to be an expensive process. Sherwood is home to talented designers and artists who could help provide direction and guidance. With community input and local creative talent, I believe we could approach this thoughtfully and cost-consciously.

Any change can happen gradually. The old logo would not need to disappear overnight. For a period of time, it could remain prevalent while new digital communications begin using a new logo. Then, as new uniforms, vehicles, and other materials are ordered over time, the new logo could be phased in naturally. In that way, the current logo would move into a retro status, honoring an earlier chapter of Sherwood's history while making room for what comes next.

What matters most to me is beginning the discussion. What should Sherwood's logo say? What should it enable? I invite residents to share their ideas at sherwoodbigideas.com or email me at gilesta@sherwoodor.gov. I would love to hear from you.

FEATURED PARTNER: SHERWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In Sherwood, collaboration is more than a value — it is a way of doing business. Our city thrives because the people who serve it, from local entrepreneurs to public officials, understand that progress happens when we work together. The Sherwood Chamber of Commerce is proud to be part of that tradition. Whether we are coordinating business development, supporting community events, or helping new businesses navigate local processes, our relationship with the City is built on open communication and mutual trust. This partnership allows us to respond to emerging needs, share information efficiently, and ensure that Sherwood's business community has a clear and reliable connection to City Hall. At the same time, the Chamber maintains an important and independent role as an advocate for local businesses.

One of the greatest strengths of our community is the positive, respectful relationship between the Chamber and Sherwood's elected leaders. Our City Councilors and Mayor Rosener have demonstrated a genuine commitment to understanding the needs of local businesses and engaging directly with the people who drive our local economy. In the last few months Council President Kim Young has attended our board meetings as an ex-officio member, contributing valuable insight into our stability and growth plans. That type of support from the city — the willingness to attend Chamber events, participate in discussions, and stay connected to the business community reflects a shared belief that good governance depends on good partnership.

These relationships do not mean we always agree — nor should they. Healthy civic partnerships include room for different viewpoints, thoughtful debate, and honest dialogue. What matters is that we approach these conversations with the same spirit of collaboration that defines Sherwood. When the Chamber raises concerns or proposes new ideas, it is done with respect for the City's responsibilities and appreciation for the complexity of municipal decision making. Likewise, when the City seeks input from

the Chamber, it does so with an understanding of the real world challenges facing local businesses. This mutual respect is the foundation of our shared success.

As Sherwood continues to grow, the importance of this partnership will only increase. New development, infrastructure needs, workforce challenges, and the evolving landscape of small business all require coordinated effort. The Chamber is committed to being a proactive partner — offering data, insight, and community feedback — while also standing firm in our role as an independent advocate for the businesses that fuel our local economy.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities before us. The Chamber will continue to expand programming that supports entrepreneurs, strengthens local networks, and celebrates the businesses that make Sherwood unique. We will continue to work closely with City staff and elected leaders to ensure that Sherwood remains a place where businesses can thrive. And we will continue to champion the values that define our community: collaboration, integrity, and a shared belief in the power of working together.

The Chamber is honored to be part of Sherwood's growth and we look forward to continuing this important collaboration in the year ahead. If your business would like to become a member of the chamber let us know.



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