

## SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Join us for OBT2's annual spring performance at Sherwood Center for the Arts!

**FAMILY MATINEE: OBT2 | March 21 at 3:00 pm | \$7/ticket | Tickets are available on our website and at the door**

Oregon Ballet Theatre is the largest professional ballet company in Oregon, employing nearly 329 people and attracting artists from around the globe with our reputation for excellence. The company is rooted in the traditions of classical ballet, with a repertoire that ranges from the great classics to premieres from some of the most exciting choreographic voices in the field today, including our own Artistic Director, Dani Rowe. Our mission is dedicated to the vitality of, and access to, world-class ballet performance and training in our region. OBT seeks to inspire beauty and excellence in the hearts and minds of Oregonians through the creation and preservation of the highest quality classical and contemporary ballet performances.

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### SUMMERTIME IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Registration is OPEN for this summer's ArtSmart day camps—when the Arts Center goes wild with creativity and laughter!

Choose from half-day and full-day options, with classes ranging from painting to theatre to fairy houses to Legos to rockets to STEM to castles to guitar and MORE! We cannot wait to see you here for an epic summer adventure with our

professional, caring staff. Teens! Are you interested in serving as a camp counselor? Contact Arts Center staff: [arts@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:arts@sherwoodoregon.gov)

### MONDAY MIC NIGHT | March 23 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm | April 27 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

We provide the mic; you provide the talent! Open Mic Night is the time to share your talent with a supportive audience. Try out a new musical number, sing your latest song, share a reading or original composition. Not into performing? Come be a part of our enthusiastic audience and discover established and emerging artists in our own community. Snacks, inspiration, hilarity, and connection are guaranteed.

Sign-ups begin at 6:30 pm with open mic starting at 7:00 pm. This is free and open to the public.

Please visit [sherwoodcenterforthearts.org](http://sherwoodcenterforthearts.org) for information about events, programs, ticket sales and facility rentals. You may also call 503.625.4ART.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Come volunteer at our Senior Center!*

We have shifts from 1.5 to 4 hour, Monday through Friday. We are currently recruiting for:

- Kitchen Assistants
- Servers
- Drivers (meal delivery & shuttle)
- and more!



**APPLY NOW**

For more information and to apply: [www.SherwoodOregon.gov/Volunteer](http://www.SherwoodOregon.gov/Volunteer)

## MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR CENTER

**Let's Talk Aging | 10:30 am the first Wednesday of each Month. Free.**

March 4 at 10:30 am - Decluttering - Why do we have so much stuff? Why do we hold on to it? Let's discuss decluttering our homes and why it is often so hard.

April 1 at 10:30 am - Families - Family relationships are often complex, whether referring to parents, children, or siblings. How do you get along with family? How do you talk to your adult children or grandchildren? Let's talk about the complexities of family relationships.

May 6 at 10:30 am - Learning Life Lessons - We all have had challenging times in our lives. What are some of these lessons? What have we learned? What are we continuing to learn? Let's talk about the school of life.

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.

### Wits Workout | Tuesdays at 10:00 am starting 3/3

We workout our body but are you ready for a workout for your brain? Join us for this peer-reviewed, pilot-tested, brain health weekly class. Intellectual challenge and social connectedness are two of several factors that contribute to brain health throughout life. Wits Workout® brings these two together for fun brain challenges that work toward maintaining brain health and acuity.

### Genealogy Club: Research, Stories, & Finding | 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm (3/4, 4/1, & 5/6)

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!

### Mind Over Matter | Wednesdays 3/4, 3/18, & 4/1 at 10:00 am

If you have issues with bladder or bowel control, you are not alone. More than half of women aged 50 or older experience urine or bowel leakage sometimes! The Mind Over Matter; Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder workshop is designed to give women the tools they need to take control of their symptoms.

Scientific studies show that attending this workshop reduces or even cures symptoms for many women! Even if you don't have leakage symptoms now, it's never too early or too late to think about your bladder and bowel health!

Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder is a 3-session workshop for senior women that include information, group activities, and simple exercises to do at home.

**Coffee & Chat: Spanish! - First Friday of the month at 10:30 am (3/6, 4/3 & 5/1)**  
 ¡Únete a nosotros! Join us the first Friday of every month for a Spanish conversation with some fun, snacks, and coffee along the way! This group is for fluent speakers as well as those who are looking to practice their Spanish skills. ¡Únase a nosotros el primer viernes de cada mes tendremos conversaci3n en espa1ol llenas diversion donde ofreceremos refrigerios y caf3. Este grupo est3 dinigido tanto a peronas con dominio del idioma espa1ol, asi como a aquellos que deseen practicar sus conocimientos del idioma.

All equipment is provided for onsite activities. If you'd like more information or to register for any of the activities, please call us at 503.625.5644 or email [burbankm@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:burbankm@sherwoodoregon.gov).

## PLANNING NEWS

**Old Town Sherwood Strategic Plan: A Roadmap for the Next Five Years**

Old Town Sherwood is one of the community's most recognizable and beloved places—serving as Sherwood's historic heart, a gathering destination, and a key economic and cultural hub. To build on Old Town's strengths while addressing long-standing challenges, the Sherwood City Council directed staff to prepare the Old Town Strategic Plan. The planning effort commenced in late 2024 and will be considered for adoption in Spring 2026. The plan is designed to guide coordinated public and private investment, strengthen local businesses, improve access and wayfinding, and support redevelopment in a way that respects Old Town's historic character.

### Why This Plan Matters

Old Town is more than just Sherwood's historic downtown—it reflects the community's identity and the values residents and businesses hold dear. As Sherwood continues to grow, Old Town must also evolve in a way that preserves its character while contributing to the city's long-term economic, cultural, and civic vitality. The Strategic Plan provides a unified vision and framework for decision-making so future efforts—whether related to infrastructure, development, incentives, or branding—are aligned with community expectations.

### What the Plan Focuses On

The Strategic Plan is centered on three focus areas intended to guide decisions and investment over the next five years:

- Sense of Arrival (helping residents and visitors find and experience Old Town more easily)
- Business Health & Growth (supporting existing businesses and attracting new complementary uses)
- Infrastructure & Development (making key sites "development-ready," especially City-owned properties)

Together, these priorities provide a practical approach to improving access, supporting local businesses, and strengthening Old Town's role as a place where tradition meets progress.

### Looking Ahead

The Old Town Strategic Plan is intended to be more than a vision document—it is a practical roadmap that positions Sherwood to move from planning to implementation. With a clear set of priorities, the plan is designed to support Old Town as a place where Sherwood's history and future come together: a vibrant, walkable destination with thriving local businesses, housing opportunities, and community gathering spaces.

For more information: Contact the Planning Department at [planning@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:planning@sherwoodoregon.gov) or 503.925.2308



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### Sherwood and the Willamette River

April and May are important months for fish spawning and migration. The State established fish flow targets in the Willamette River, which vary throughout the year. In April and May, the fish flow target is to protect high flows to help juvenile fish with out-migration. Since much of Sherwood's water supply comes from this source the City encourages its customers to conserve water and help fish.

#### Quick Facts

- Sherwood's water sources are ground-water and surface water, including the Willamette River
- The Willamette River has several fish species listed as threatened by state

and federal agencies including; Winter Steelhead trout, Spring Chinook salmon, Coho salmon, Bull trout and Oregon chub.

The Willamette River supports a variety of native fish species, including Pacific lamprey, northern pike minnow, mountain whitefish, and resside shiners

#### What can you do to conserve water?

The most gains in water conservation in April and May will likely be found indoors. A variety of options are available to help you conserve more water indoors. For example, take shorter showers, check for water leaks, and install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators. Indoor conser-

vation items and information are available for free at the Utility Billing Department.

For more ideas and details, check out: [sherwoodoregon.gov/water-conservation/willamette-river-fish-and-you/](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/water-conservation/willamette-river-fish-and-you/) and [conserveh2o.org](http://conserveh2o.org)

While water conservation is important year-round, it is especially important when fish flow targets are not being met. As a condition of Sherwood's permit to use the Willamette River, the City is required to provide its water customers with this information.

If fish flow targets aren't met, Sherwood may need to reduce the amount of Willamette River water it diverts.

## HYDRANT FLUSHING

### Unidirectional Hydrant Flushing

Beginning mid-April the Public Works Water Operations Crew will systematically open fire hydrants around town and allow the water to flow through the pipes. Our hydrant flushing program is very important to our water system. It is an integral part of our ongoing effort to deliver the safest and highest quality water possible.

#### How?

- It flushes sediments from mainline pipes (which enhances water quality)
- It verifies the proper operation of fire hydrants and valves
- It helps us find weaknesses in our water system
- It checks for closed valves and weak flows in the mainlines

We schedule our flushing program during the wetter months when water supplies are more plentiful. We flush from larger mains first, and then move to smaller mains. The flushing route is carefully planned, and valves are opened and closed to control the direction of the water.

#### Frequently Asked Questions:

##### How Will I Know They're in my Area?

Large signs will be posted in the areas being serviced. You can call 503 625.5722 or visit [sherwoodoregon.gov/hydrant-flushing-program/](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/hydrant-flushing-program/) for an updated schedule of service areas.

##### What Should I Do When They're Flushing Hydrants?

If you see a crew flushing a hydrant on your street, avoid running tap water and using the washing machine or the dishwasher until the flushing is done. If you see hydrant flushing crews working in the area, please drive carefully and treat them like any other road construction crew.

##### What Should I Do After Flushing?

If tap water is used during flushing, it could come out full of sediment that causes discoloration. If you encounter discolored water, shut the water off and wait several minutes. After waiting, check the clarity by running cold water for a few minutes, allowing new water to work its way into your pipes. If the water is clear, it's OK to use. If not, wait a few more minutes and check again. In some cases, there may be slight discoloration for a few hours. This discoloration only affects the appearance of the water; it does not affect water quality. There is no health hazard associated with discolored water. Avoid washing laundry during scheduled flushing times. Wait until the water runs clear at the tap, then wash a load of dark clothes first. If pressure or volume seems low, check your faucet screens for trapped particles.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March/April 2026

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

### 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 Human Resources Director, Lydia McEvoy.

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

I will celebrate four years with the City of Sherwood this May.

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

There really is no "average" day in HR—and that's one of the things I enjoy most about the role. I typically start my day catching up on emails and reviewing the meetings scheduled ahead. My role focuses on employee-related matters and risk, so my day might include designing job descriptions, reviewing candidates, conducting interviews, and preparing job offers. I also spend a significant amount of time meeting with managers and directors to plan workforce needs, address employee relations issues, support contract negotiations, coordinate employee appreciation efforts, manage performance concerns, identify training needs, oversee protected leaves and workers' compensation claims, and ensure the City remains compliant with employment and labor law requirements.

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

My absolute favorite thing is the people. I am fortunate to work with an extremely talented Senior Leadership Team, and our employees truly are the heart and soul of the City—they care deeply about the work they do and the community they serve. As a Sherwood resident, I take great pride in knowing that my work contributes to the wonderful city my family and I call home. I also love that no two days are ever the same.

#### Q. What are some typical challenges of this position?

Public sector HR comes with a unique set of challenges, especially as laws and regulations continue to evolve. In this role, I work closely with employees during both joyful milestones and very difficult personal or professional situations, which can require shifting gears quickly. Balancing compassion for employees, a positive workplace culture, and innovative HR practices—while remaining fiscally responsible—is both challenging and rewarding.

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

Make sure you truly understand what a career in HR involves. Find a mentor, attend networking events, and don't be afraid to ask lots of questions.

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

I am originally from the UK and have been fortunate to gain experience working in both the public and private sectors there, as well as in private-sector HR roles in Spain and as an HR consultant in Canada. This combination of public sector, private sector, and self-employed experience has helped me develop a well-rounded understanding of business operations, people management, and HR best practices.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Six Word Contest is Back!

22560 SW Pine Street 503.625.6688 [www.sherwoodoregon.gov/library](http://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/library)

sessions: 10:00 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. (Arrive 10 minutes early. No late arrivals.)

#### Reading Recommendations

Pick up our fresh 2026 booklists for adults at the library. Follow along with our monthly reading recommendations for all ages at [sherwoodoregon.gov/library/reading](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/library/reading).

#### More Events & Activities

##### Community Chess Drop-In

Connect with fellow chess lovers and enjoy casual games in a welcoming environment. Volunteer-led for all ages and levels. First Sunday of each month from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

##### Digital Navigator Tech Help

Drop-in for help with devices, tech questions, job searches, and more. Bring your own device or use the library computers. Provided in partnership with AmeriCorps and WCCLS. March 7, 14 & 28, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

##### Easy Genealogy

Join a local expert from the Genealogical Society of Washington County for a hands-on introduction to using the library's genealogy resources, including [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com). Registration required. March 12 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

##### Email Basics

This workshop is for those who are new to email or want to develop more confidence in email. Class size is limited. Registration is encouraged. March 21 from 8:30 am to 10:00 am.

##### Storytimes

Join us for an interactive session for youth and caregivers where we read books, sing songs, and play action rhymes for developing early literacy skills and kindergarten readiness. No storytimes March 24 & 25.

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

#### 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.

The library opens at 1:00 pm on March 13, to allow staff to attend training. Materials may be returned to the book drop located at the Pine Street entrance or in the parking lot.

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). Preview our space at [sherwoodoregon.gov/library/tours](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/library/tours).

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## MAYOR UPDATE

### Building Our Future: A Positive Path Forward for Sherwood West

At the time of writing this article, it is the second week of the legislative short session. By the time you read this article, it will be completed or close to ending. I wanted to provide our community with some background on the efforts that I, along with our city, have been making to lobby Salem in order to preserve local control.

For the past several weeks, the halls of the State Capitol have been a whirlwind of activity. My primary focus has been singular: advocating for our community's right to self-govern and ensuring that the decisions shaping Sherwood's future are made here by our residents, not by administrative mandates in Salem.

I approach this work with a deep sense of optimism. We have an incredible opportunity in front of us with the Sherwood West Concept Plan. This plan is the result of years of collaborative work by you, our residents, and it represents a vibrant vision for our future. It includes space for family-wage jobs that allow our neighbors to work where they live, a thoughtful mix of housing that welcomes the next generation, and the preservation of the natural beauty, trails, and character that make Sherwood special. My mission in Salem is to ensure that we have the freedom to implement this vision exactly as we intended.

#### Maintaining the Vision for Sherwood West

To move forward with our plans, we must continue to address Salem's trend of preempting local control. While the state and local governments share the goal of increasing housing, we believe the best results happen when the state provides tools rather than rigid rules. A one-size-fits-all pattern for how our cities look or how our borders are drawn simply doesn't account for the unique character of a community like ours.

The Sherwood West Concept Plan is our roadmap for high-quality, intentional growth. However, this vision is only possible if we maintain our local voice. In the current session, we have been closely monitoring measures like House Bills 4108 and 4037. HB 4108 mandates noncontiguous annexation without local approval. Meanwhile, HB 4037 seeks to limit the public's right to appeal land use decisions and put those decisions in dark rooms with no public input. Both move us away from the transparent, community-led process we used to build Sherwood West. My work in Salem highlights why these mandates are unnecessary when a community is already proactively planning for its future and is ready to deliver results.

#### Cities as the Solution

Throughout my meetings this month, I have delivered a clear, positive message: Sherwood

is ready to lead. The governor once said on OPB that cities are the problem when it comes to housing. I believe cities are the solution. We are the boots on the ground. We understand what works and what doesn't work. We need tools, not rules. We need partnerships, not mandates to solve regional challenges, but that partnership must be built on mutual respect for local planning. When we protect our local control, we aren't just saying no to a mandate; we are saying yes to the thousands of hours of community input that created our expansion plans. It is about ensuring that the commitment we made to each other during the planning of Sherwood West is honored and executed.

Our efforts are powered by the resounding mandate you provided in our special election on January 13. With over 94 percent support for Measure 34-347 and nearly 83 percent for Measure 34-348, you sent a clear signal that Sherwood residents want a seat at the table. This overwhelming support gives us immense leverage in Salem. It allows me to stand before legislators not as a lone voice, but as a representative of a community that is united in its desire to shape its own destiny. This level of engagement is exactly what makes Sherwood a leader in the region, and it is a powerful story to tell when lobbying for the tools we need to succeed.

#### A Bright Future Ahead

As the 2026 session concludes and we return to the daily work of our city, I am more confident than ever in Sherwood's future. The protections we've added to our City Charter represent a major step in the right direction. While they are part of a larger, ongoing effort, they serve as a powerful message to Salem about our community's intent to manage our own future. We are not just waiting for the future to happen to us; we are actively building it. We will continue to collaborate with our representatives, including Representative Courtney Neron-Misslin, who understands that cities should control their own destiny.

The work we do today is about making sure Sherwood is a great community 20 to 30 years from now. It is about ensuring our children have a place to live and work, and that our seniors can age in place in a community that values its heritage. By staying engaged and continuing to lobby for the right to implement our own plans, we ensure that Sherwood remains the vibrant, family-oriented place we all love. I am proud to be your mayor and to stand in Salem as the advocate for our shared vision. Thank you for your continued trust and for standing with me as we work 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.

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## SUMMER FIRE CAMP

BY TVF&R

### Young Women Have a Chance to Explore a Career as a Firefighter

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue invites young women ages 16 to 22 to apply to participate in this summer's Fire Camp. This camp is an all-encompassing introduction to a rewarding profession. The camp is designed to instill confidence while building leadership and team skills.

Participants will learn what it takes to be a firefighter while completing hands-on training in hose and ladder skills, vehicle extrication, search and rescue, ropes and knots, live-fire operations, aerial ladder climbs, forcible entry, emergency medical skills, and other firefighting tasks.



They will also receive instruction from professional female firefighters from multiple agencies on how to prepare for interviews and gain insight on what it's like to have a career in the fire service as well as the importance of good nutrition and physical fitness.

This free fire camp will take place June 26, 27, and 28 at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's Training Center at 12400 SW Tonquin Road in Sherwood.

Applications will be accepted beginning March 9, and TVF&R will select as many as 25 participants.

The deadline to apply for camp is May 18 at midnight. Space is limited. Applications and more information are available online at [tvfr.com/firecamp](http://tvfr.com/firecamp).



## COUNCIL CORNER

Kim Young, City Council President

### Strengthening Our Community Through Partnership: The City and the Chamber of Commerce

A thriving city depends on strong partnerships, and one of the most important in Sherwood is the relationship between the City and the Sherwood Area Chamber of Commerce. When local government and the business community work together, they help create economic vitality, community pride, and long-term success.

The Chamber plays a vital role in supporting the local economy by connecting businesses, promoting investment, hosting community events, and serving as a bridge between businesses, residents, and public leaders. In many ways, the Chamber serves as the front door for business engagement in Sherwood.

This year marks an exciting new chapter with the arrival of Executive Director Dave Murray, a Sherwood resident of more than 30 years with an extensive business background. It is also important to recognize the strong foundation built by former Executive Director Farrah Burke, whose leadership and dedication helped strengthen the

organization. Dave is building on that foundation while bringing fresh energy and new ideas.

One of Dave's top priorities is simple but powerful: our members are our customers. This means placing greater emphasis on customer service, responsiveness, and building strong relationships with the businesses the Chamber serves. He has committed to personally meeting with every Chamber member to listen to their ideas, concerns, and goals. This hands-on approach is continuing to rebuild trust, improve communication, and guide the development of programs shaped directly by member needs. The Chamber is also introducing a new meeting format that combines networking, business insights, and community connection.

An especially encouraging part of this new direction is the Chamber's focus on volunteer involvement. There are increasing opportunities for community members to serve in the Chamber office or on committees such as ambassadors, membership development, technology and advocacy, and support for major events like the golf tournament and Cruisin' Sherwood. These roles strengthen the Chamber while giving residents and busi-

ness owners meaningful ways to contribute and build connections.

From a City Councilor perspective, this renewed focus benefits the entire community. A strong Chamber supports successful businesses, which leads to more jobs, expanded services, and a stronger local economy. It also improves collaboration on workforce development, tourism, community events, and business advocacy.

The City and the Chamber ultimately share the same goal: making Sherwood a great place to live, work, and do business. By supporting the Chamber's efforts to evolve and improve—and by encouraging community members to get involved—I believe we are investing in the long-term health of our local economy and civic life.

I am encouraged by the Chamber's continued progress and grateful for the many volunteers, board members, past and present leaders, and business partners who help make it successful. Strong cities are built on strong partnerships, and the City-Chamber relationship is one I will continue to support and value.

## FEATURED PARTNER: SHERWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### SHERWOOD HERITAGE CENTER & MUSEUM

How did our Sherwood community evolve over time to bring each of us where and how we are now? We build on the communities that come before us, the history of homelife, farming, hard work, heartache and hope. Your Sherwood Heritage Center & Museum preserves stories and artifacts related to those that lived here before us: complex indigenous cultures, pioneering early settlers, untiring farming families, visionary railroad builders, bar tenders, entrepreneurs, educators, inventors and more.

In early days, Sherwood rebuilt itself from ashes at least twice after fires rampaged the Old Town blocks (1895, 1911). Our community is as resilient and resourceful as the early townspeople. We will continue to wisely grow and build. We will rise above difficult and destructive situations.

Although we cannot change history, we can and do gain amazing insight into who we are now. A stroll through the Heritage Center offers a glimpse into the past. It challenges us to learn, to question, to wonder; to understand the struggles and the triumphs of people not so different from ourselves.

Thanks to the City of Sherwood, we have a new chair lift at Morback House Museum. If you have trouble with stairs to the main floor, we can lift you up! Coming Soon!

Fourth Grade Pioneer Days (May-June): If you are a teacher, circle your wagons and register your class with us for this annual interactive field trip for all area schools, including homeschools. Space is limited. If you would like to volunteer at one of the field trip stations, passing along hands-on history, let us know!

Music on the Green in Stella Olsen Park (July-Aug): Volunteer to join the Historical Society MOG team to greet visitors on the bridge or help serve concessions. Info and training available.

Several volumes of the expanding Sherwood History series by June Reynolds, local historian, author, educator & activist, are available for purchase at the Museum. HISTORY DETECTIVE CHALLENGE

On your next visit to the Museum, see if you can find this artifact hidden in our treasures:

Tell us what you discover and what more you'd like to know!

SHERWOOD HERITAGE CENTER AND MUSEUM is located at the corner of First & Main in Old Town.

Contact us by email at [morbackmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:morbackmuseum@gmail.com) or by phone at 503.625.1236

Visit our website accessed on the Community page of the City of Sherwood website at [sherwoodoregon.gov](http://sherwoodoregon.gov).

Museum visiting hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Fun for all ages! Drop by! Free admission and donations welcome.

Special Arrangement: Group Tours/ Activities. Contact us for details.

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### City of Sherwood to Participate in Sherwood High School Career Fair

As part of the City of Sherwood's continued commitment to youth engagement and community connection, we are excited to participate in the Sherwood High School Career Fair on April 16.

Career fairs provide valuable opportunities for students to explore a wide range of professions, ask questions, and gain insight into potential career paths. The event is designed to help young adults learn more about the many opportunities available to them as they begin planning for their futures.

Representing the City at this year's fair will be our Human Resources Director, Economic Development Director, Communications Specialist, and Volunteer Coordinator.

They will be available to share information about career and volunteer opportunities within the City of Sherwood, as well as discuss the diverse and rewarding career paths available in public service.

We look forward to connecting with Sherwood High School students and inspiring the next generation of community leaders.



## PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT

Sherwood Police Department  
20495 SW Borchers Drive ♦ 503.625.5523, #2

Saturday, April 25 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Do you have unwanted medications around your home? Help protect your family, your community, and the environment by properly disposing of them.

#### WHAT TO BRING TO THE COLLECTION:

- Expired or unwanted prescription medications
- Un-needed over-the-counter medicines
- Drugs that didn't work for you, a family member, or pet
- Drugs that are no longer used
- Medicine from deceased family members
- Unknown tablets and capsules

Leave all medicines in their original containers if possible.

**Please do NOT bring thermometers, needles, liquids, or medical waste of any type.**