

SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
GALLERY EXHIBITION: FOUR EIGHTS | Now through December 15 | FREE



to build your personal art collection, support local artists, and find unique gifts for the holiday season.

ART CLASSES: November & December

Painting, ceramics, Santa's Workshops, and more! Check out the remaining spots in our November offerings, including youth painting classes, Family Clay Nights, and the always popular Vine Gogh Sip n Paint Nights. Registration for Winter Classes opens on 11/21! December will feature a festive lineup of holiday themed workshops, followed by the return of our regular painting, music, and ceramics programming in January.

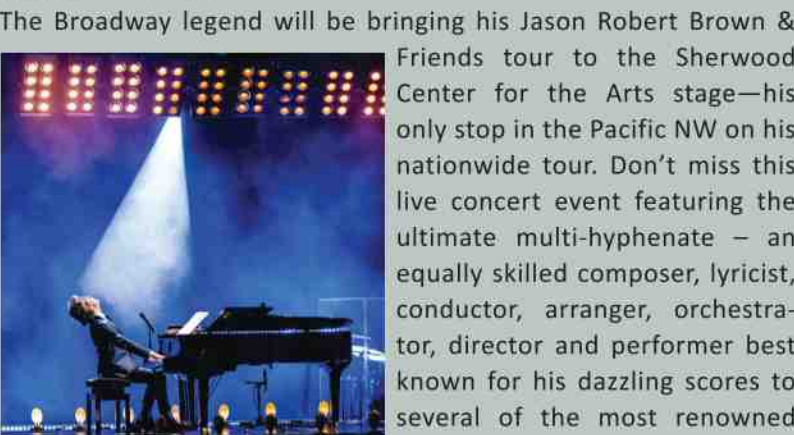
OLD TOWN SHERWOOD WINTER ART WALK | December 1 | 5:00 - 8:00 pm | FREE

The Old Town Sherwood Winter Art Walk kicks off a joyful season of City holiday events. This festive tradition pairs artists, vendors, and musicians with Old Town businesses, creating a lively winter market atmosphere throughout our historic downtown. Visitors may enjoy holiday performers sprinkled along the sidewalks, stop by Santa's Christmas Cottage, sip hot cocoa, and discover unique artisan creations perfect for the season.

CRAFTING WITH THE CLASSICS | December 8 | 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm (movie at 7:00 pm) | \$5

Join us for our holiday Crafting with the Classics event! We're filling the room with cozy crafters sipping tea, knitting, coloring, and enjoying Greta Gerwig's 2019 film Little Women. All are welcome! Bring along whatever project you're currently working on, settle in with a warm cup of tea, and enjoy a relaxing evening together. And don't forget — it's BYOT (Bring Your Own Teacup), so be sure to tuck your sweetest cup into your craft bag!

JASON ROBERT BROWN | December 14 | 7:00 pm | Ticket information on website



Broadway singers and his favorite professional musicians. Jason Robert Brown has shaped the sound of contemporary musical theater with songs that are intimate, restless, funny, and deeply human. A three-time Tony Award winner, he brings audiences inside the music and stories behind a career that includes Parade, The Connector, The Last Five Years, Songs for a New World, 13, and The Bridges of Madison County. Joined by special guests, Brown moves between performance and conversation with the same emotional precision and theatrical instinct that define his work. Personal reflections, behind-the-scenes stories, and special performances come together in an evening that is both expansive and remarkably close-up. This is a rare opportunity to experience one of musical theater's most influential voices in an intimate setting, where the distance between artist, audience, and song quietly disappears. CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG | December 21 | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm | FREE We're hosting a community caroling sing-along in Sherwood Center for the Arts' Meara Boughey Theatre on December 21. Hosted by Estela Schaeffer and Chanda Hall, all are welcome to join as we sing and ring in the season. Jingle bells and joy will be in ample supply!

MARJORIE STEWART SENIOR CENTER
First Friday in Nature: Tualatin Hills Nature Park - November 6, leaving the center at 9:00 am

Enter into the lush greenery at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park and enjoy a stroll through the firs, cedars, and deciduous forest. We'll make good use of the trail network to choose a mile long loop appropriate for the weather. Expect a boardwalk and a stream, and the peaceful sounds of nature deep within the bustle of Beaverton. This walk is almost completely flat with soft surfaces, mainly compacted dirt, and leaf litter. Because the rainy season is likely to have begun, expect a small amount of mud, and bring clothing appropriate for the weather. An indoor restroom and shelter is at the parking lot and trailhead. Shuttle leaves from the Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center at 9:00 am. Registration required.

Intersecting Lives: The Silken Thread - November 19 at 1:30 pm

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. 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.

ADHD & Aging - November 4 at 4:00 pm

ADHD: It's something that's often talked about but not always well understood. Pop-psychology can often leave people scratching their heads about just what exactly ADHD is. If you would like to know more about ADHD, feel free to join us on Wednesday November 4 for a presentation on what ADHD is and how it can look in adults over the age of 60.

Downsizing Support - 3rd Tuesday of the month (11/17, 12/15) at 1:30 pm

Thinking about downsizing? You don't have to figure it all out alone. Join a monthly conversation designed to help you keep moving forward, one small step at a time. Bring your questions, challenges, and even your frustrations. We'll talk about everything from sorting through a lifetime of belongings and navigating family conversations to figuring out your next steps and finding the right support. No pressure. No sales pitch. Just practical ideas, encouragement, and a supportive group of people navigating many of the same decisions. Come as you are and leave with a little more clarity and a next step.

ADHD Agers - Last Wednesday of the month, starting November 25 at 4:00 pm

Difficulty with time management? Trouble concentrating? Struggling with procrastination? Feeling overwhelmed by emotions or by others? If you have ADHD or if you think you might have ADHD, come join us for an hour-long ADHD support group at the start of each month. Diagnosis of ADHD is not required to join-all who have, believe they have, or have someone in their life with ADHD are welcome.

Let's Talk: Thankfulness & Gratitude - November 4 at 10:30 am

Thanksgiving will soon be here and, at this time in our lives, it can be a way to focus on the negative. Perhaps it is time to think about what we can be thankful for and some of the positives that we may have forgotten.

Let's Talk: Holiday Memories - December 2 10:30 am

We all have holiday memories from the past - some good, and some not quite so good. What do your holidays look like now? Are you stressed or saddened by what is happening around you and by memories of days past? Let's talk about the way you approach the holiday season.

PLANNING NEWS

2027 Business License Registration and Renewal
The City of Sherwood's 2027 Business License Registration and Renewal period is now open. We appreciate the critical role our local businesses play in our economy and community.

Whether you run a storefront, have a home-based business or operate another business in Sherwood, it's important to know when a City business license is required. Under Chapter 5.04 of the Sherwood Municipal Code, anyone conducting business in the city generally must have a business license unless specifically exempt. Advertising or otherwise presenting yourself to the public as being in business also creates a presumption that a license is required.

License Renewal

Business license renewals are now open for 2027. Existing businesses are encouraged to renew their licenses using their custom renewal link that have been sent via email, before the current license expires on December 31. Contact staff at the information provided below with questions or to receive a follow up email.

New License Applications

Business license applications are completed online and can be found on the City of Sherwood website under "Business & Development". You can access using this web site, sherwoodoregon.gov or the QR code.

Business licenses are valid from January 1 through December 31 each year. Businesses operating at more than one location must have a separate license for each location. The city offers a 10% fee reduction for businesses physically located or headquartered within Sherwood city limits.

A Sherwood business license is separate from other city, county or state permits, licenses and regulatory requirements. Business owners remain responsible for meeting all other applicable requirements.

Business License Questions and Support

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Community Development Department at businesslicensing@sherwoodoregon.gov or by calling 503.625.4237.

Thank you to all the businesses, entrepreneurs and organizations that are part of the Sherwood community. Your contributions help make Sherwood a great place to live, work and do business!

Ongoing and Upcoming Long-Range Planning Projects

- Transportation System Plan
- Housing Capacity Analysis
- Tree Code

Learn more about each project at sherwoodoregon.gov or by emailing planning@sherwoodoregon.gov

City of Sherwood – Community Development Contact Information

Department	Phone	Email
Planning	503.925.2308	planning@sherwoodoregon.gov
Building	503.625.4226	building@sherwoodoregon.gov
Economic Development	503.625.4206	AdairE@sherwoodoregon.gov

Department Functions:

- Planning: Land use applications, zoning, development review, and long-range planning.
- Building: Building permits, plan review, inspections, and building code compliance.
- Economic Development: Business assistance, expansion, relocation, and investment opportunities.



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Winterizing Your Home

It's time to think about winterizing your home and protecting your pipes. Below are steps you can take to make sure you are prepared.

Before Freezing Temperatures:

Outside of your home:

- Detach hoses from all outside faucets.
- Insulate your faucet foam cap or insulating material.
- If your outdoor faucet has a shut-valve, turn it to the right to shut it off. Then turn on each outdoor spigot to drain the water from the pipes.
- Turn off and drain automatic sprinkler systems and backflow devices. Wrap backflow devices with insulation.

Inside your home:

- Insulate hot and cold pipes that are in unheated areas in your home (such as garage, crawl space, or attic).
- Cover foundation vents with foam blocks, thickly folded newspaper, or cardboard.

If you find yourself in freezing temperatures, there are additional steps you can take to avoid a water emergency.

During Freezing temperatures:

- Turn on the faucet farthest from your water meter so it has a slow and steady drip. Unsure of where your water meter is? Turn on a faucet farthest from the street, like in the back of your

home or upstairs. This will keep water flowing in your home and make it less likely to freeze.

- Open bathroom and kitchen cabinet doors to allow warmer air to reach pipes.

Don't forget to familiarize yourself and household members with your shut-off valve! Everyone in the house should know where it is and how to use it in an emergency. They are typically in the garage, outside the home, or in the crawl space.

If you have an after-hours water or sewer related emergency you may call the Public Works line at 503.625.5722.

CYBER SECURITY TIPS FROM SHERWOOD BROADBAND

With technological advancements like AI, it's more important than ever to protect yourself against bad actors. Attacks on networks of all sizes grow each year and so do the number of devices we use - even devices like security cameras and smart doorbells can put your network at risk.

10 Tips to Help Keep You Protected:

- 2 Factor Authentication - If a hacker gets your password, they will still need your phone to get into your account with 2 factor authentication.
- Software Updates - Updates contain security patches that will help keep your devices safe. Check for updates if they aren't automatically turned on.
- Password Hygiene - Strong, unique passwords without personal information. No matter how good this password is, refrain from reusing it to help keep your account secure.
- Scams - Beware of phishing scams and don't click on links or attachments in emails or texts from untrusted sources.
- Social Media - Be cautious of what you share online. Things about you can be used for social engineering to gain access to your accounts.
- Identity Protection - What shows up if you google yourself? Ensure your personal information doesn't show up online.
- Network Monitoring - Use antivirus software. Sherwood Broadband has *ProtectIQ (included with WiFi-Pro) to give your network extra security from viruses, malware, and bad actors.
- Verify Messages - Verify the sender by looking up the company's website and contacting them directly.
- Back Up Data - Keep your data physically backed up so it can't be held for ransom by hackers.
- Public Wi-Fi Networks - Public networks are not as secure as your home network. Use a VPN to add security.

Sherwood Broadband offers high-speed fiber internet, which provides a more secure and reliable connection than traditional copper-based networks and has your back with ProtectIQ. If your plan doesn't already include it, ask us about adding ProtectIQ for just \$5 today!

**ProtectIQ is designed to enhance network security and help protect connected devices from many common online threats. However, no cybersecurity solution can guarantee complete protection against all threats, vulnerabilities, or unauthorized access. Customers should continue to use safe online practices and maintain appropriate security measures for their devices and accounts.*



Home of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

SPOTLIGHT ON CITY STAFF

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 Payroll Financial Specialist, Mary Hando.

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

A. I've been with the City of Sherwood for a year and a half.

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

A. The average day for me is logging into our payroll software, running reports, working on spreadsheets, communicating with employees, and making sure everyone gets paid on time and accurately.

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

A. I enjoy the routine and consistency of payroll and finance. There's something satisfying about when things balance out at the end of the day.

Q. What are some typical challenges of this position?

A. Staying up to date on payroll and tax laws and implementing them in line with the union contracts and coordinating with our HCM software team what our needs are and how to meet them most effectively within their system. There is a lot of coordination, but it keeps things interesting.

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

A. It is better to be accurate than it is to be fast; no one celebrates a fast payroll mistake. However, everything is fixable. Double check your work and have someone else review if necessary.

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

A. I've been in payroll for about four years, and every role has been a little different depending on the system, the organization, and whether unions are involved. Attention to detail is key, but honestly, the most important skill is being able to work well with others.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November/December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Parks & Recreation Board 7:00 pm	3 City Council 7:00 pm	4 Senior Advisory Board 5:00 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10 Planning Commission 7:00 pm	11 Veteran's Day City Offices Closed	12 Youth Advisory Board 7:00 am	13	14
15	16 Cultural Arts Commission 6:30 pm	17 City Council 7:00 pm	18 Library Advisory Board 6:30 pm	19 Police Advisory Board 7:00 pm	20	21
22	23	24 Planning Commission 7:00 pm	25	26 Thanksgiving Day City Offices Closed	27 Thanksgiving Day Observed City Offices Closed	28
29	30	December 1 City Council 7:00 pm	2	3	4	5
6	7 Parks & Recreation Board 7:00 pm	8 Planning Commission 7:00 pm	9 Senior Advisory Board 5:00 pm	10 Youth Advisory Board 7:00 am	11	12
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LIBRARY NEWS
Support our Community and
Save Money at the Library

Help local families have gifts for their children this holiday season. Sherwood Public Library is a drop-off site for Sherwood School District's SHARE Center gift drive.

Looking to save money? The Friends of the Sherwood Library have an ongoing sale of used household items, clothing, and books with prices typically in the \$0.25 to \$2 range.

The ultimate money-savings is by borrowing books, movies, magazines, games, tools, and gadgets from the library. Use the Adventure Pass to visit local destinations, read e-books, stream movies, download digital magazines and newspapers, and more—a value in the hundreds of dollars each month, all for free.

For those of you with room for year-end giving, we invite you to support the library. Donations are tax-deductible.

- Support bookclubs and summer reading for all ages with donations of funds or used books and media to the Friends of the Sherwood Public Library (sherwoodfol.org), a private, Non-Profit 501c3 corporation.
- Help us update library furnishings by donating to Sherwood Library Foundation (sherwoodlibraryfoundation.com). SHELFI is a private, Non-Profit 501c3 corporation, and the group behind the library's new meeting pod.

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- Double your impact and be eligible for tax credits. Donate matching funds to the Oregon Cultural Trust (culturaltrust.org).
- Learn more at sherwoodoregon.gov/library/Support-DonatePartner.

Highlighted Events

Pop-Up Makerspace - We have a variety of equipment and supplies to explore creativity—including robotics, sewing machines, 3D pens, a button maker, Cricut machine, and more. This event is made possible in part from a Library Services & Technology Act grant administered through the State Library of Oregon.

OBOB Practice Session - Bring your Oregon Battle of the Books team and parent leader to this drop-in event. We provide questions and the space for you to practice competing with other teams.

Powwow Presentation of Fancy Shawl Dance--Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with us. Veronica Yellowhair will dance and share educational and cultural stories.

Sound Bath Meditation - Enjoy a relaxing sound bath presented by Melissa Felsenstein of Inner Sounds Meditation. Participants are welcome to bring a yoga mat if they prefer to lay down.

Noon Year's Eve Party! We're ringing in the New Year at a reasonable hour. We'll have juice and cookies, party

hats, party whistles, and a whole lot of fun! Enjoy crafts, games, and dancing as the time leads up to 11:55 am. At 11:55 am. we'll get ready for the 10-second countdown to 12:00 pm.

More about the Library

See events and activities at sherwoodoregon.gov/library. All library events are free and open to the public. Library cards are not required to attend.

Sign up for our e-newsletter at sherwoodoregon.gov/library/newsletters to learn about even more events and get reading recommendations delivered to your inbox.

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.; Sun 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Holiday hours:

Veteran's Day—Closed November 11.

Thanksgiving—Early closure at 5:00 pm on November 25, Closed November 26, and November 27.

Christmas—Early closure at 2:00 pm on December 24, Closed December 25.

New Year's—Early closure at 5:00 pm December 31, Closed January 1.

E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS

Sherwood Police Department Reminds Residents of E-Bike and E-Scooter Rules

As electric bicycles and electric scooters become increasingly common on Sherwood streets, sidewalks and paths, residents are reminded where these devices can be legally operated, who can operate them, and safety requirements.

Know Your E-Bike Class, E-Scooter and Powered Micro-Mobility Devices

Oregon law recognizes three classifications of electric-assisted bicycles. Legal e-bikes must have functioning manual pedals and an electric motor of no more than 750 watts. Class 1 E-bikes provide electric assistance only while the rider is pedaling and stop providing assistance at 20 mph.

Class 2 E-bikes have a throttle that can propel the bicycle without continuous pedaling. Assistance stops at 20 mph. Operators must be at least 16 years old (14 beginning January 1, 2027).

Class 3 E-bikes provide pedal assistance up to 28 mph and must have a functioning speedometer. Operators must be at least 16 years old.

E-scooters are motorized and designed for a single operator. They have handlebars, a footboard or seat, and an electric motor of up to 1,000 watts. Operators must be at least 16 years old (14 beginning January 1, 2027).

Understand Sidewalk Restrictions

E-bikes may not be operated on pedestrian sidewalks in commercial zones or high-density business districts. E-scooters are prohibited on sidewalks in residential and commercial areas. E-bike and E-scooter operators must use public roadways or designated bicycle lanes or paths where allowed and follow applicable traffic laws.

Pay Attention to Parks and Trails

Sherwood prohibits e-bikes and e-scooters on unpaved trails, bark-dust paths, single-track trails, open lawn areas and environmentally sensitive natural zones. Riders should remain on designated pavement where allowed.

In high-pedestrian areas—including parks, plazas, playgrounds and picnic shelters—riders must dismount and walk their devices.

On designated paved regional multi-use trails, Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes and legal e-scooters may operate where permitted, but riders must maintain a cautious speed below 15 mph and yield to pedestrians.

Helmets and Safety Equipment

E-bike operators and passengers under 16 must wear an approved, securely fastened helmet. All E-scooter operators, regardless of age, must wear a helmet. During nighttime or limited-visibility conditions, riders must use required lighting, including a white front light and rear red light or high-visibility reflector.

Parents and Riders Should Check Their Equipment

Parents and guardians must ensure minors comply with applicable micro-mobility laws. Riders should ensure their equipment meets legal requirements. The guidance warns about modified or high-powered vehicles, including E-motorcycles without pedals. Vehicles without operational pedals, exceeding the 750-watt motor limit or exceeding applicable speed thresholds may be classified as unregistered motor vehicles, which may result in penalties and impoundment.

Residents who observe reckless riding, damage to soft-surface areas or safety hazards on municipal park paths can contact Sherwood Police Dispatch at 503-629-0111. For emergencies, call 911. When reporting an incident, provide the vehicle type, operator description, direction and time.

For Sherwood's growing number of e-bike and E-scooter users, knowing the rules—and respecting pedestrians, parks and other riders—can help keep the community's streets and trails safe for everyone.

Different Classes of E-Bikes

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
These bikes are equipped only with pedal assist and are limited to a top speed of 20 mph.	Class 2 models come with both pedal assist and throttle assist and also have a maximum speed limit of 20 mph.	Class 3 electric bikes feature a speedometer and offer assistance up to speeds of 28 mph (45 km/h).

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Awards Are Now Open for Nominations!

One of Sherwood's most cherished traditions is back - the Annual Community Awards - sponsored by the Sherwood Chamber of Commerce. Awards are separated into two primary categories - Individual Awards and Business Awards. Every Sherwood resident is invited to nominate individuals, educators, and businesses for these awards. Whether through service, innovation or random acts of kindness this is your opportunity to recognize leaders in our community. A few of the most popular awards include Citizen of the Year, Golden Apple Award, and Business of the Year Award. There are many more awards so join in the process! It is easy for all residents to participate in nominations! Scan the QR code or log into the Chamber website. View or download nomination guidelines, and learn how to submit your nominations. Nominations close on November 11. Awards will be distributed at the Annual Luncheon on December 4, 2026.



Sherwood Transportation System Plan Update: Help Shape Our Future

The City of Sherwood is continuing its Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update, a community-wide effort to plan for Sherwood's transportation needs and priorities over the next 20 years.

Over the past year, the City and project team have completed significant work, including reviewing existing transportation conditions, identifying future transportation needs, evaluating walking, biking, transit, and roadway networks, and gathering input from the community.

In October, the City convened the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to review the work completed to date and discuss potential transportation solutions. In November, the project team will bring the TSP Update to the Planning Commission and City Council for work sessions to provide updates and receive feedback on the developing Preferred Solutions.

Virtual Open House

Community members are invited to participate in the TSP Update Virtual Open House from October 30 through November 20. The Virtual Open House provides an opportunity to learn about the work completed so far, review the transportation solutions being considered, and share feedback.

The Virtual Open House link is available on the City's TSP Update webpage at sherwoodoregon.gov/projects/2026-transportation-system-plan

Community input will help refine the Preferred Solutions as the TSP Update moves toward public hearings and adoption in 2027. We encourage residents, businesses, and community members to take a few minutes to learn about the TSP update and share their thoughts about the future of transportation in Sherwood.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Holiday Safety Tips

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

If you are shopping

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

At Home

- Lock your vehicle and remove all valuables and don't leave your vehicle running unattended (this includes warming it up on cold mornings)
- Ensure dark areas and entrances have outdoor lights that are turned on after dark or are activated by sensors. Install security cameras, alarm systems, and ensure they are working properly.
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed so they do not conceal doors and windows. Remember, overgrown foliage can provide a hiding place for criminals.
- Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- Make sure all doors and windows have secondary locks (deadbolts, window pins, dows, etc) and make sure to use them! Consider using timers for lights while you're away
- Ask a trusted friend, family member, or neighbor to watch your home if you're leaving for the holidays

Avoid Porch Theft

- Get a P.O. Box at your local Post Office, schedule package delivery when you're home or have packages delivered to your work. Also network with neighbors to make sure someone can pick up your package if you're not home or leave specific drop-off instructions
 - Use a smart lock and install security cameras and make sure they are working properly
 - If you see or hear something that seems suspicious, and you're unsure if you should call, please call us.
 - Non-Emergency Dispatch 503.629.0111 for suspicious activity, persons, or vehicles, cold thefts, extra patrol requests, noise disturbances, questions for an officer, and anything out of place. 9-1-1 for serious injuries, missing children, endangered persons, crimes occurring now, and immediate threat of harm or danger.
- The Sherwood Police Department wishes you a happy, safe, and peaceful holiday season.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE LIGHTING

You may have noticed that the new pedestrian bridge lights up at night—adding drama and beauty to an otherwise ordinary drive or bridge crossing. These special lighting designs are the culmination of many months of planning and collaboration between the Sherwood Cultural Arts Commission, City Council, and artist Vicki Scuri. Every night, the glow of the pedestrian bridge is seen by travelers on highway 99W, and each lighting design represents something special to Sherwood residents.

Sherwood's Cultural Arts Commission worked closely with Seattle-based artist Vicki Scuri on these lighting designs. Each lighting theme was recommended to City Council and approved through their process.

Vicki Scuri is an interdisciplinary artist and designer, with over 32 years of experience working in public art. Her lighting designs can be seen on bridges and large structures all over the United States. She is passionate about promoting community identity and more livable public places through art, and bridging the gaps between disciplines to create a meaningful and engaging pieces for the public.

Her experience in design, fabrication, construction, collaboration, and digital tools were put to good use on this project. Besides designing lighting for each specific holiday and cultural event the City asked for, she also designed the custom concrete wall seen in front of the YMCA, visible to anyone traveling north on 99W. Using the medium of concrete, she designed a piece that echoes the curves of the pedestrian bridge, working with fabricators and the architecture team to bring City Council's directive to fruition.

A total of 22 lighting designs will dance across the bridge in the coming year, representing federal holidays, celebratory moments, and designs specific to our Sherwood community. Some designs are static, while other light shows are dynamic—making subtle gradient shifts and color sweeps as you watch. Did you notice the slow ripples of green ranging across the bridge during the Robin Hood Festival? Or the beautiful show of pastels over Easter? Keep your eyes out for special lights throughout the year, ranging from low bird-friendly lighting during peak migration time to Bowmen

colors during Sherwood High School football games.

This is truly Sherwood's bridge, connecting east and west, reflecting the community we love. Next up: more public art on the pedestrian bridge, in the form of cast bronze medallions. In the design of the bridge, eight spots were identified as places for custom medallions set into the concrete walkway. The Cultural Arts Commission has been working with artist Deann Garcia on a series of eight designs that help tell the story of Sherwood. These medallion designs were approved by City Council and are being fabricated at this very moment. Watch this space for info about these exciting additions to Sherwood, as well as news on upcoming public art projects. Thank you to the Cultural Arts Commission for their tireless efforts and vision for more public art in our community!



FEATURED PARTNER: SHERWOOD HELPING HANDS

BY HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands is a Sherwood food bank offering assistance to our community. Helping Hands was started 40 years ago in the closet of the Sherwood United Methodist Church and has grown in size and scope serving hundreds of families annually in our local area with food boxes containing nourishing food, fresh dairy products and produce.

In addition to the food boxes Helping Hands also partners with the Sherwood school counselors from all our schools in the district to implement a weekend backpack meal program for families whose children are on the free or reduced school lunch program. Each Friday Helping Hands provides these children with a backpack full of enough "kid friendly" food for the student and their siblings to enjoy a nutritious breakfast and lunch over the weekend.

In keeping with our original mission, Helping Hands continues to distribute food boxes to families in need at the Sherwood United Methodist Church on the third Sunday of every month. In the last year, at the Oregon food bank's request, we have added a second distribution on the first Sunday of the month.

Every summer, Helping Hands partners with the Sherwood library and the Sherwood school district for their "Lunch and Learning in the Park." We provide lunch to moms and kids who come to the park for story time and art projects.

It would not be possible for Helping Hands to do any of this without our dedicated volunteers who collect, sort, box and distribute the food we need each year to keep our pantry stocked. In addition, the consistent support of several churches, scouting organizations, schools, service clubs, local businesses and residents of the greater Sherwood community play a vital role in the success of our shared mission.

We can all help to eliminate hunger in Sherwood by donating and volunteering to any one of our local food banks. You can also support the annual Thanksgiving Day "Give N' Gobble" 10k run or 5k walk with your family, friends and neighbors. This year marks the 20-year anniversary of this Sherwood tradition. For more information, please visit givenogobble.com

