
City of Wood Village Jan 2016

The Village News

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2015: YEAR IN REVIEW

By: Mayor Patricia Smith

The City of Wood Village is one square mile. As your Mayor, I get the opportunity to serve with a group of four other elected officials that are dedicated to making Wood Village a great town. We are calling ourselves the “Base Camp” for the Portland area, and have developed a catch phrase “Everything you could possible want in one square mile.” The City Council and our staff are proud to serve this community, the most diverse in the Portland region. We have worked hard in the year we have just completed, and we will try to hit some of the highlights of the year in this article.

The biggest story for our year is the sale of the Multnomah Greyhound Park. The Grand Ronde Tribe announced the acquisition of the property and the sale was finalized before the end of December. The new owners are working with the City in a collaborative effort to develop an updated master plan for the entire Town Center zone, and specifically for the acreage that has been purchased by the Tribes. Our Council met with the Tribal Council, and we are confident the new owners will provide a very positive change in Wood Village. They have no definite plans for the property, but said they would rule nothing out.



The next major story in our year is the announcement of the relocation of GROVTEC US, Inc., a family run, precision machining company currently located in Milwaukie. GROVTEC has acquired just over 8 acres at 23555 NE Halsey, the location immediately north of the Best Western Hotel. They will be bringing 65 employees to our community, expanding to 90 employees, and investing nearly \$5 million.

GROVTEC joins Pressure Safe, LLC. and Brasher's Cascade Auto Auction in making continuing

investments in Wood Village

and expanding employment for our town. All three firms now receive benefits from the Enterprise Zone in Wood Village, and our community receives the benefit of their employment and economic activity.

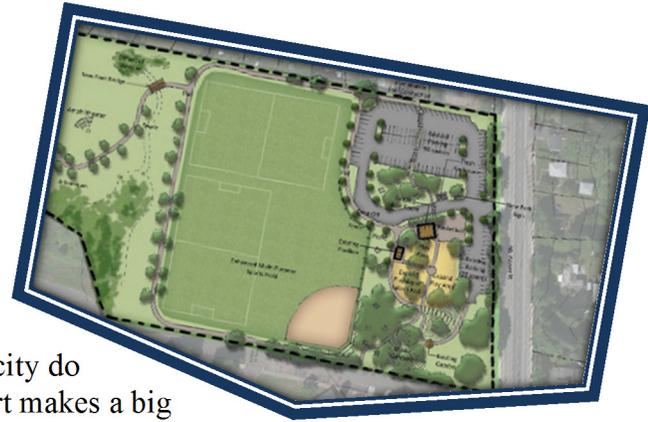




Other businesses in our community have also made major investments. Fred Meyer opened a Fueling Center and is just beginning a major reinvestment in the interior improvements in the store. WalMart and Travelodge have completed significant upgrades, and the Wood Village Kohl's has taken permits for a major remodel. Along with welcoming new small businesses in the Halsey business corridor, the Town Center, and in the Neighborhood commercial zone at Glisan and 242nd, the year has shown that the economy in Wood Village is improving dramatically.

Even housing starts in Wood Village improved in 2015, with four new homes built along Glisan, completing the development of the only fully approved subdivision in our community.

Along with great economic news in 2015, Wood Village completed the master plans for sewer and parks. While plan adoption is not very exciting to most residents, these guidelines will make sure we have all the key facilities we need to serve both the current and future population of our City. The residents in our city do make good use of our park. The new surface on the basketball court makes a big difference and on any given day, you will see people using it.



We added banners and a City flag to our image this year. Along with work on the Bike Hub concept and getting our name into the regional tourism documents, these pieces of identification will join the entry signs, flowering baskets, and similar features in making Wood Village a more recognizable location and a special place. We hope, in the future, to be able to work with Fairview and

Troutdale to make Halsey Street similar in design and attractions as you travel it from one city to another.

The fire service in Wood Village is provided by the City of Gresham through an agreement where Wood Village pays Gresham to provide the service. The contract with Gresham was set to expire in June of 2015. Hundreds of hours of evaluation, bargaining, and mutual work among the three cities of Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village resulted in an updated contract to continue an affordable level of service to our residents.



Wood Village has retained a major emphasis on community events. With one of the region's largest Easter Egg hunts, a Nite Out event that draws literally thousands of area residents, and a very successful community clean up event, we offer significant activities to our residents. The Tree Lighting event, police academy, summer concerts in the park and training opportunities are all coordinated through our City, and are a big part of the fabric that makes Wood Village a special place. You can see our Christmas tree from the highway and beyond, a sparkling welcome home to our residents and travelers.

The City Council this year also elected to become directly involved in providing nutrition to area residents. In a partnership with the Wood Village Baptist Church, Reynolds School District and Multnomah County, a summer program to assure kids in our area have a nutritious meal became a part of the services our City

offers to residents. This great program joined the recreational tuition offset program offered for Troutdale recreation programs. The Church served over 1100 lunches to children and their mothers. This really made a difference for a lot of families.



Once again this year, we had the Multnomah County Sheriff Department put on the Citizens Academy and also the Teen Academy. This is a program like no other that lets people experience the real side of policing, not the newspaper or television version. This has been a very successful program and, if you haven't signed up for one yet, it will happen again next year.

Other key accomplishments in the year include successfully bargaining a labor contract, revising the Charter for the City, adopting Marijuana permit regulatory systems, painting our water reservoir, updating and repairing a sewer lift station, completing park improvements and beginning on trail improvements at the park, and a series of transportation system improvements and pending transportation investments in Arata and Sandy. The improvement project on Arata road is scheduled to begin next summer. It will be wonderful to finally have sidewalks on that street.

There are lots of other accomplishments in 2015, made possible by the hard work and dedication of our city staff, and a number of opportunities for 2016. We hope each of you will join us in working to make Wood Village a home town to be proud of in the year ahead.

It seems the older I get, the faster time flies. I hope you are able to make the most of the time you are given and give back to the people around you. Volunteering for city events makes you feel more a part of the community and helps us give back more to our citizens.



I am proud to be your Mayor and to serve Wood Village with four honorable men on your City Council. Thank you!

UPDATE: WOOD VILLAGE TOWN CENTER MASTER PLAN AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

What is Happening?

Starting in August of this year the Wood Village City Council, Planning Commission, and Administration launched one of the most important planning processes focused on expanding development in the Town Center zone and improving transportation in the city. During November and December, the city hosted two Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings, composed of public agency advisors to the project, and a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting. Both groups discussed current progress and future activities focusing on the vision and goals for the Town Center.

The current vision for the Town Center zone is:

“...a variety of services, retail shops, office space, entertainment and residences with a public gathering place...” (from 2008 adopted Vision Statement)

The city’s consulting team, led by Parsons Brinkerhoff, recommended some goals and objectives for the future of the Town Center based on opinions expressed during interviews with community members and development/land owner stakeholders. These draft goals address:

Goal 1: Economic Development: *Strengthen the economic/tax base of the community.*

Goal 2: Accessibility, Safety & Mobility: *Provide safe and convenient transportation access to, and within, the center for all modes.*

Goal 3: Healthy Community: *Make Wood Village Town Center a vibrant, local destination that serves as a regionally recognized commercial center.*

Goal 4: Equity: *Build on Wood Village’s identity as a diverse, family-oriented, and friendly community.*

Goal 5: Natural Environment: *Enhance the natural environment.*

What is Next?

The city will host a major community engagement visioning workshop. The workshop will provide community members the opportunity to express their opinions on the strengths and weaknesses of the current Town Center, discuss the goals and objectives, and discuss community needs and desires that can be addressed by Town Center development. We expect that the workshop will be a fun and educational event for all. ***Please watch for the date!***

Prior to this workshop, the consulting team will conduct some focused outreach to diverse communities in Wood Village based on regional analysis of the languages spoken in the city. We will report on these meetings at the community workshop

News of the Greyhound Park

The purchase of the Greyhound Park by the Grand Ronde Tribes has been completed and title to the

property is now held by the Tribes. Representatives indicate that the future development of the property will be informed by the process now underway to define the Town Center Zone and create a Master Plan for the entire site, including the lands in the over thirty acres identified as the Greyhound Park site.

Adjacent to the site, developer Greg Michelson has submitted an application to amend the existing Town Center Zone and Master Plan to permit residential housing. The Planning Commission has authorized hearings on the proposal that will begin in February.

Have Your Say and Be Involved

The City Web Site at www.ci.wood-village.or.us has specific information about the Town Center and a survey we are using to gather citizen opinions. Please visit the site, complete the survey, and plan to join us for the meetings in January and February. You can be a part of guiding the future master plan for the site by actively participating.

Help make Wood Village the home town you are proud to call your own!

Free Tenants' Rights Workshop

Taller de derechos de inquilinos gratis

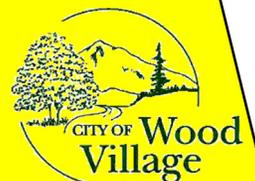
Права Арендатора – Бесплатный Класс

Come learn about your rights and responsibilities as a renter in this free, fun, and interactive workshop



Venga y aprenda sobre sus derechos y responsabilidades como un inquilino en este gratis, divertido, y interactivo taller

Придите и узнайте о ваших правах и обязательствах как арендатора в этом бесплатном, интересном и интерактивном классе



All Members of the Community Are Welcome

- **Wednesday, February 3rd 6-7:30 pm**
- **Wood Village City Hall: 2055 NE 238th Dr**
- **Free Childcare Provided!**

Todos los miembros de la comunidad son bienvenidos

- **Miércoles, Febrero 3 de 6:00-7:30 pm**
- **En Wood Village City Hall: 2055 NE 238th**
- **Cuidado de niños gratis!**

Открыто для всех желающих

- **Среда, 3его Февраля 6:00-7:30 вечера**
- **Здание муниципалитета города Wood Village: 2055 NE 238th Dr**
- **Бесплатное присматривание за детьми во время класса!**

Por favor llame a Cristina al 503-460-9702 su número de extensión es x3 antes del 29 de enero si necesita interpretación en español

Если вы нуждаетесь в русском переводчике позвоните Кристине до 29^{ого} января по телефону 503-460-9702 и нажмите цифру 3



Basic Money Management Workshop

- \$ Learn to use Money Crisis Management Tools, an Income Planner, and Credit Inventory
- \$ Learn how to Make Informed Decisions about Competing Financial Priorities, and How to Address Short-Term Financial Short Falls
- \$ Reduce your Anxiety About Household Finances, and Take Steps Towards Establishing a Degree Of Financial Stability

Topics include:

1. Attitudes and Money
2. Needs, Wants and Priorities
3. Juggling Priorities and Cash Flow Management

Wednesday, February 10th 6-8pm

Wood Village City Hall

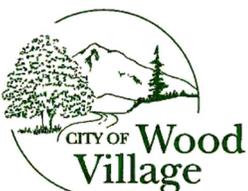
2055 NE 238th Dr

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Registration is Required, so Signup Soon as Space is Limited

Contact Greg Dirks to learn more, and to Register

503-489-6854 or GregD@ci.Wood-Village.or.us



**Registration Deadline:
February 5, 2015**

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The 48-hour training includes skill development in communication, listening and conflict resolution. Experienced instructors offer theory and techniques in an interactive learning environment. You will learn how to help others resolve conflict and gain valuable skills that can be applied in all facets of life - from the workplace to the home and community. Attendees will learn how to mediate people that are in conflict to help them reach a resolution. This course meets State of Oregon training requirements for community mediators.

Now pending 42 hours of Continuing Legal Education including 1.5 hours of ethics.

WHEN Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., February 09,11,16,18,23,25, 2016

Friday's and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m., February 12,13,19,20,26, 2016

WHERE Gresham City Hall, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, Oregon

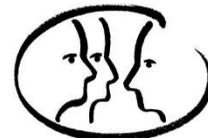
COST OPTIONS

- 1) \$775 general public
- 2) Up to six individuals who are willing to volunteer at East Metro Mediation for two hours each week for one year will pay a reduced fee of \$75. Two full scholarships are available.
- 3) Community leaders in east Multnomah County pay a reduced fee of \$500.

TO APPLY Applications are available at www.GreshamOregon.gov/mediation or mediate@GreshamOregon.gov or 503-618-3247. Applicants will be chosen based on interest, ability and willingness to learn - no prior experience is needed. The deadline for applications is January 16, 2015. Applicants will be contacted for interviews. Successful applicants will be notified two weeks prior to the training.

“This class has changed how I deal with my friends. Listening and resolving conflicts make for such better friendships.”

-Participant in Basic Mediation Training



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NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Wood Village local government received great service from Mark Gunter as our Public Works Director from September of 2012 to October of this year. Mark provided positive leadership to our department, and we all hope he will be successful as he advances his career by taking the Public Works Director position in Canby.

We began recruitment for a new Public Works Director, and received a number of outstanding applications, including well qualified local residents. As we worked to narrow the field of candidates, it became apparent that we had a qualified applicant already working for our City. We stopped the recruitment and named Scott Sloan, then our Engineering Technician, as our Public Works Director.

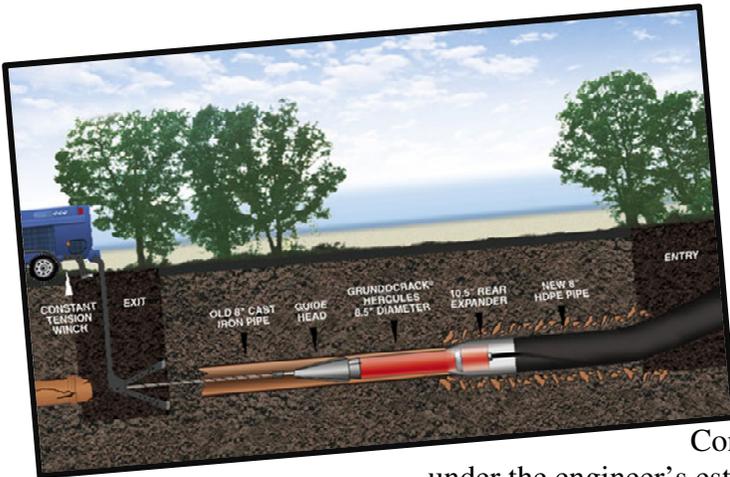
Scott has worked for the City of Wood Village since October of 2008. He has been responsible for the development, management and oversight of all capital projects, grant writing and administration, and has provided excellent service throughout his years with Wood Village.

Welcome Scott as our new Public Works director, and feel free to contact Scott for any needs or concerns about our water, sewer, storm drainage, building inspection, or community development activities.



HALSEY STREET: SANITARY SEWER CAPACITY UPGRADE

The Halsey St. Sanitary Sewer Capacity Upgrade project is underway at this point. The City has awarded the contract to Jesse Rodriguez Construction out of Silverton, Oregon. Once permits have been issued from Multnomah County, work on the bursting project should tentatively begin in mid-January.



This project includes the replacement of the 8" line with 12" line located in Halsey St. from Wood Village Blvd. to just west of the City Hall property with the installation of two new manholes and 13 refitted laterals to the new mainline.

Designed with contract administration assistance from the City's consultant, Century West, the project was let to bid in early November and the seven bids received were all under budget with the lowest responsible bid going to Jesse Rodriguez

Construction in the amount of \$347,019.00, nearly \$53,000

under the engineer's estimate.

This project is to accommodate the expected growth of the Town Center and future plans for residential and commercial development. The high priority project comes as No. 1 from the City's 2015 Waste Water Master Plan's list of capital improvement projects which details the need for increased capacity from this part of the City to the main interceptor line just south of the of Union Pacific Rail Road right-of-way and extending to 223rd Ave. and on to the Gresham Treatment Plant.

TREE OF LIGHTS

City Hall was once again transformed into a winter wonderland this past December. On December 5th the lights to an 85' tree, as well as several smaller street trees were turned on to celebrate the 6th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. It was a cold and wet evening, but guests were invited inside City Hall where all the children received a free book and stuffed animal from Kohl's. Free cookies and candy canes were provided by Brasher's Auto Body, and U.S. World Class Taekwondo provided free hot chocolate. The Reynolds High School Expressions Choir sang songs of the season before Santa arrived. The City took a new approach at lighting the big tree this year, and the results really paid off. The lights survived the winds, rain and ice, and were visible for miles around. This event would not have been possible without the help from Kohl's, Brasher's Auto Repair, Reynolds High School, Barlow High School, Gresham Fire, and NW Arbor Culture.



GET INFORMED - BE PREPARED

Wood Village and the surrounding communities saw record rainfall last month. With all that rain came some localized flooding in the City, and wide scale flooding and damage in other communities. Preparing for large rain events can help keep you and your family safe, as well as help prevent property damage.

- Clear storm drains and leaves that are in front of your home. The City's crew works tirelessly to keep roads and storm drains clear, but you can help. Before a large rain, remove leaves that accumulate near the curb. This will help the rainwater move to the closest storm drain.



Storm drains also need to be kept clear. Leaves and other debris that wash to the drain often get caught in the grate. A simple swipe with a rake will help improve the water flow. Also, try not to park on or too close to a storm drain. Not only could this block the drain, but it prevents emergency access if there is a backup in the system. If you live near a storm ditch, call and let us know if there is a large accumulation of debris or garbage before it rains. City crews pulled out tarps, shopping carts and other large items during that last rain event. All these items blocked the water's flow, and created a huge mess for everyone.

- Avoid walking or driving through a flooded area. It only takes a few inches of moving water to knock you off your feet, and a few feet of water to move a car. Flooded streets and other areas may also be hiding a sinkhole or washed out roadway. When in doubt, turn around.
- As always, have your emergency kit handy. Large storms can knock out power, or restrict access to food and other services. An emergency kit should have at least enough food and water for each person for three days. You can learn more about how to prepare for an emergency, or what to include in an emergency kit on our webpage. Get informed and be Prepared.



238TH DR: ISLAND RENOVATION PROJECT



We have all driven 238th Dr. many times, perhaps not really noticing the islands north and south of Interstate I-84. The City is planning on an extensive make-over of the islands that were installed following the changes made to the interchange back in the 1990's. This project will not only rejuvenate the existing landscaping but include features that will add interest, color and appeal to both our residents and visitors heading our direction.

Following a competitive bid process, the Parks and Recreation Board recommended staff contract with a local company named Valley West for the restoration of the 238th islands. This contract includes a new overall design, demolition of the existing shrubs and malfunctioning irrigation along with the installation of new automatically timed, effective irrigation, boulder and rock elements and new regional, native landscape plantings.



Because these islands are frequently the introduction of our city to visitors, we desired to have architectural and textural features that would be remembered after leaving town. Granite rock facing similar to other Cascadian structures in the Columbia Gorge will be added to the raised entry sign location and annual, seasonal plantings will add much needed color and texture to the 238th corridor. All the trees will remain and continue to grow and add their beauty to the city landscape.

LET'S GET GROWING

While gardening may not be the first thing you think of during this cold and wet winter, you might want to because the Wood Village Community Garden is open for registration. All plots are free again this year, and measure 10 feet by 10 feet. The garden is located adjacent to City Hall, and you can get a registration form on the City's website, or at City Hall. The garden has all the materials you need to start growing a great garden. From quality soil to plentiful water, all you need to bring is a shovel, plants/seeds and garden dreams.

Being part of the Community Garden not only allows you to grow your own fruits and vegetables, but you get to meet great people as well. The plots fill up quickly, so act fast. There is a limit of one plot per household, and please see our website for full details and rules. Come into today to get your free plot, and Let's Get Growing!



DECLINE IN GRAFFITI

There was a decline in graffiti in 2015 compared to 2014. While there were still incidents of graffiti, we are all doing the right things.

Grffiti is being removed quickly from homes, fences and signs.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office actively identifies and investigates graffiti, and even installed a high-tech camera at a hot spot location. The City stocks the free graffiti removal kits, and has an online graffiti removal resource center. We are also

reporting and removing trash that has been dumped on sidewalks and roadways, as well as removing abandoned shopping carts.

While we were not graffiti free in 2015, we are taking the right steps. Remember, you can always report graffiti on our website using our online reporting tool. A big thank you to all those who took the time to clean up graffiti and our community, and here's hoping for even less graffiti in 2016!

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City Council Meetings:

Jan 14th 6:00 PM
Jan 26th 6:00 PM
Feb 9th 6:00 PM
Feb 25th 6:00 PM

Planning Commission:

Feb 22nd 6:00 PM

City Services:

Wood Village City Hall

Water & Sewer 503-667-6211
Building Permits 503-667-6211

Other Services:

Waste Management 503-249-8078
Frontier 800-921-8101
PGE 503-228-6322
Power outages 503-464-7777
Streetlight outages 503-736-5710

Emergencies

911
Mult County Sheriff 503-823-3333
Gresham Fire Dept 503-618-2355
Abandoned Vehicles 503-823-3333
DEQ Burning Info 503-618-3083
Animal Control 503-248-3066
Reynolds School District 503-661-7200
East Metro Mediation 503-618-3247

Multnomah County Commissioner:

NW Natural 503-226-4212 Diane McKeel, District 4 503-988-5213

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