

City of Wood Village May 2013

# The Village News

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## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The City's 25th annual Easter Egg Hunt was not only the largest in City history, but it was also one of the largest in the Metro area. Over 25,000 eggs filled with candy and prize tickets greeted the nearly 3,000 people who showed up to take part in the festivities. Guests started to arrive as early as 8am to stake out their spot on the field. Volunteers passed out candy and Easter Baskets full of goodies while the children waited for the Easter Bunny to arrive. The Easter Bunny arrived by a helicopter at 9:30 and the hunts started at 10am sharp. There were separate hunt areas for children aged 3-4, 5-6, 7-9, and special needs. By 11am the kids had gathered up all the eggs, and collected over 1,100 prizes.





This event was made possible because of the support and generosity of over 100 volunteers, and numerous businesses which donated money and supplies. We would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their support: Wal-Mart, Advanced Metal & Wire, 76 Gas Station, the Fairview-Troutdale Eagles, Beanarino's Coffee, Brasher's Auto Body, The Chapel, The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Reynolds High School National Honor Society, Cub Scout Troop 717, the City of Fairview, and everyone else who helped before and during the event. This was a great year for the event, and we could not have asked for better weather, support, and attendees. We're all looking forward to seeing what the next 25 years has in store for this event.



## COMMUNITY BANNER WINNERS



The winners of the City's Community Banner Contest are Christina Mckvold and Carlos Barrios-Mata. Both Christina and Carlos are students at Reynolds High School, and created the banner as part of a project for their graphic design class. The Council selected their banner design out of the several artful and creative entries based on the unique eye catching color scheme, and the incorporation of the City's logo design. Brackets for the banners were fabricated by Jim Mott of Advanced Metal and Wire in Wood Village. Comcast Cable has generously donated their time and equipment to install the banners and brackets throughout the City. The new banners will be installed along Halsey, Wood Village Blvd, and at City Hall before summer. Our goal is to add more banners every year to help create a sense of place and pride. Thank you to everyone involved, and we hope you all enjoy the new look of Wood Village!

# WATER/SEWER LINE EXTENSION COMPLETE!

If you've been caught in the recent traffic delays or simply wondering what the construction was that occurred between the Mountain View Apartments and the Ukrainian Bible Church, the City began construction on the waterline and sanitary sewer extension project. The work extends water and sewer lines from the north end of the existing Wood Village Blvd. at Arata Rd. to Halsey St. The City contracted with CG Constructors LLC from Salem to perform the work.



Arata Road from 238<sup>th</sup> to 223<sup>rd</sup> will be reconstructed next summer (2014). Before a new roadway is built, we wanted to make sure the underground utilities are in good shape and complete. The extension of water and sewer lines from Arata to Halsey are identified in the City's *Wastewater Master Plan* and *Water System Facility Plan* to make sure there is adequate capacity to allow the full development of the Multnomah Kennel Club site and surrounding properties and to provide a looped waterline system in this area.

Since Wood Village Blvd. is a Multnomah County owned right-of-way and future street but within the city limits of the City of Fairview, Wood Village coordinated work with the County and Fairview to complete the installation of these utilities prior to the roadway and storm water construction next year. This project installed approximately 650 linear feet of 8-inch waterline, the construction of approximately 650 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer line including connections and manholes, construction of a diversion manhole in Arata Rd., erosion and sediment control, traffic control, private utility protection, and asphalt and concrete sidewalk surface repair.



The City solicited bids in January of this year and awarded the contract to CG Constructors, LLC of Salem, Oregon in the amount of \$128,780.00 and work began March 7<sup>th</sup> with mobilization of equipment and material. The deadline for this project's completion was May 28, 2012. Except for the additional cost for flaggers during the traffic delays on Halsey St. and extra cost for over-excavation as a result of large boulders found while digging the trenches, the project came in well below the budgeted amount and close to the bid amount.

## SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL CITY NITE OUT

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual City Nite out is schedule for Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-9pm. This event held at the Wood Village Baptist Church on Arata focuses on public safety, disaster preparedness, and having a good



time with the people and businesses of our community. There will be free food, music, vendors, and police demonstrations. We will also be hosting a Red Cross blood drive. The event will kick off with an emergency vehicle parade, and the landing of at least one helicopter. Look for more information on the City's webpage, or in the July newsletter. See you on July 19<sup>th</sup>!



Residents have probably seen construction crews working at intersections in town. These crews from D&T Excavation of Wilsonville are completing work on replacing fire hydrants. Due to age and construction practices at the time of installation, some fire hydrants that have been serving the City for a long time no longer conform to current standards. The Fire Department for Wood Village, Gresham Fire Department, also has requirements for standardization of attachment ports on hydrants that some of the hydrants in Wood Village could not meet.

This project was originally drafted by City engineering staff prioritizing 11 hydrants deemed below standard. This work included the removal of surrounding material, the actual hydrant assembly and replacement of soil and landscaping. The new hydrants are also equipped with Storz adaptors for quick connections by firefighting apparatus. All subsequent new hydrants will be so equipped

## HYDRANTS REPLACED!

and the City will also pursue acquiring these fittings for older, though standard, hydrants

After requesting bids from a selected list of qualified contractors, the City contracted with D&T Excavation out of Wilsonville to do the work per the City's Design & Construction Standards for Public Works Facilities. The Notice to Proceed was March 12<sup>th</sup> and following insurance and contract authorization, work began April 1<sup>st</sup> and was completed April 9<sup>th</sup>, well prior to the contracted completion date of May 28<sup>th</sup>. The project was also under the budgeted amount of \$45,000 which included a change order for unanticipated waterline depth. The original bid amount was \$33,400.

Documentation and inspection was performed by City staff.




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## CHANGES TO STREET & STORM DRAINAGE FEES

Our City Council acted in April to reduce the scheduled increase to the street/storm water utility rates that will be on your bill in July of 2013. City Council Member Scott Harden posted the following on his blog:

"Last year Wood Village adopted a Street and Storm Water Utility Fee. Along with each month's water bill payment residents of single family homes pay 7.33. We charge 5.00 per apartment and condo, 3.77 per mobile home and 1.97 for assisted living residents. Businesses pay the other half of the fund. The fund is directed to nine different repair or maintenance goals including crack seal and slurry seal on our roads and storm water pipe cleaning/repair. In 2014 the payments were scheduled to go 11.62, 7.93, 5.98 and 4.12. As it turns out, projects have cost less than we anticipated and we have accomplished more projects than we thought we

might by this time. Therefore, our city staff has brought a resolution to the council to lower next year's fees to 9.50, 6.44, 4.87 and 2.54.

You should come to the meeting tonight because you have an opportunity to see something historic. An elected government body might say, "Hey, we are doing better with your money than we thought we might. Therefore, we are going to charge you LESS going forward!"

Oregon Live also picked up the City Council action with the following story:

### Wood Village council trims utility maintenance fee increase; by – Eric Apalategui Oregonian



The Wood Village City Council voted to reduce a planned increase in homeowner utility maintenance fees for works such as roadway sweeping street crack sealing and keeping storm drains clear.

Wood Village homeowners will see their street and storm-water utility maintenance fees increase in three months - but by far less than previously planned.

A typical homeowner will pay about \$25 less in the coming year than he or she would have under larger rate increases originally set to take effect July 1.

The Wood Village City Council voted last week to set the monthly fee charged to single-family residences at \$9.50, which is a \$2.12 monthly savings from the \$11.62 originally planned.

The council established the fee in 2012 and planned to phase the increased fees in over two years. The fee pays for maintenance work such as roadway sweeping, street crack sealing, storm-water pipe upkeep and similar work.

The council also softened fee increases for apartments, mobile home parks and assisted living centers. Overall, the council action spared residents from paying about 50 percent of the originally planned increase.

The fee increase drew little opposition in previous meetings and no residents showed up at the meeting last week to oppose the fees.

City Administrator Bill Peterson said the smaller increase is possible because actual maintenance costs have come in below projections and gas tax returns have been larger than expected.

Much of the savings was in the costs of roadway crack sealing and coating work, which was nearly 30 percent less expensive than predicted.

Single-family homeowners have paid \$7.33 per month since last July and will see an increase of a little more than \$2 this July. Fees for other types of housing have ranged from \$1.97 to \$5 per month and will increase between \$1.11 and \$1.58 per unit in July under the revised fee schedule.

– Eric Apalategui

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We are hopeful that the costs we have experienced to date for our maintenance activities will remain low, and that we can continue to upgrade our transportation system and storm water system without any changes to the fee other than the municipal cost index over the years ahead.

## PROGRAM REVISED

A revised Brush Up Wood Village program and application process has begun. As you may remember, the Brush Up Wood Village home beautification program was started to help lower income homeowners in the Original Village repaint the exterior of their home. Unfortunately we did not receive any applications. We revised the application process in order to open the program up to more people. Homeowners in any part of the City can apply for the program as long as they meet at least one of the following criteria: at least 60 years old, disabled, or within HUD's income guidelines.



The City Council will select one home this year based on the information contained in the application. There is no application deadline, so the earlier you submit an application, the better your chances are that your home will be selected. You can learn more about the program on the City's Website, or stop by City Hall. This program is made possible by Metro Paint, and dedicated community volunteers. Let's Brush Up Wood Village!

## NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON STATE REVENUE SHARING FY 2013-2014 BUDGET MEETING – MAY 2, 2013: 6PM

### Important Notice

The Wood Village Urban Renewal District Budget Committee will hold a public hearing to discuss the FY 2013-14 Urban Renewal District budget at City Hall, 2055 NE 238th Drive on May 2, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. The Committee will receive the budget message and invite questions and comments on the budget. A copy of the budget is available for review at City Hall.

Immediately following the above meeting, the Wood Village Budget Committee will hold a public hearing to discuss the FY 2013-14 Wood Village City budget at the same location. The Committee will receive the budget message and invite questions and comments on the budget and proposed uses of revenue sharing funds. A copy of the budget is available for review at City Hall.

## GOOD PEOPLE MAKING A GREAT DIFFERENCE!

The City has several volunteer boards and commissions which help guide and direct the future of our City. For quite some time these

boards and commissions were operating without full membership. We asked for volunteers to help fill these vacant seats, and the response has been great. Four dedicated residents have joined various boards and commissions.

Catherine Johnston, a Wood Village resident for over 26 years was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission in March. Catherine was interested in giving back to the community while trying something new. Five year resident Charles Rhoads PhD was appointed to the Budget Committee. Charles retired from the Reynolds School District as their CFO, and is also the current President of the West Columbia Gorge Rotary. Jimmy Frank, who was also appointed to the Budget Committee, has been a resident for over five years. Jimmy has over 20 years of experience in credit and commercial finance analysis. Last but definitely not least, Councilor Scott Harden was appointed to the Urban Renewal Board. Scott was interested in joining the Urban Renewal Board so he could be even more involved in the City's growth and development.



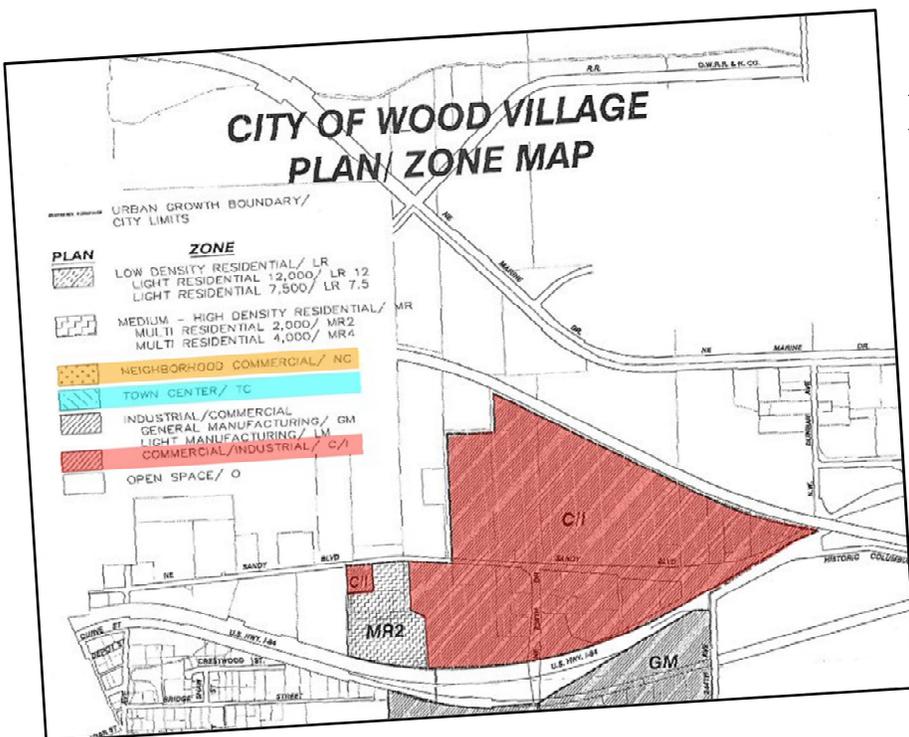
### WOOD VILLAGE COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Some might have thought it was an April Fool's Day joke, but the Community Garden in fact opened on April 1<sup>st</sup> this year. While the

garden traditionally opens on May 1<sup>st</sup>, this year it opened a month earlier to accommodate gardeners who wanted to get an early start on the season. There is still time to join in on the fun. Garden plots are 10' x 10' and rent for \$20 for the entire season which runs through October. Application packets are available on the City's website, or at City Hall.

We welcome these new volunteers to City service. If you are interested in playing a more active role in the development and future of the City, please check our webpage and click on the "Volunteer" tab for more information about volunteer openings. You can also stop by City Hall to learn more and receive a volunteer application. Remember, you can make a difference today.

The garden is located adjacent to City Hall and 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!



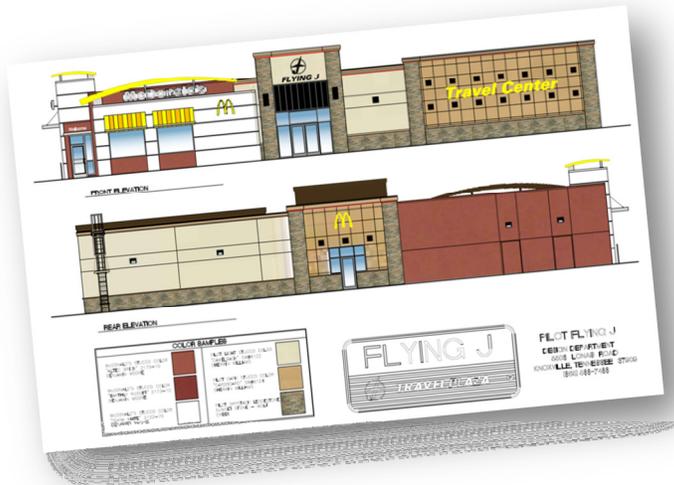
### NEW DEVELOPMENT IN WOOD VILLAGE

Before the reconstruction of the Banfield Highway (Interstate 84), Wood Village had a Shilo Inn motel and a Truck Stop located on the north side of exit 16. Many things have changed since those days, including the Commercial/Industrial Zone, however, with recent changes, there may be a new truck stop coming to the lands north of the interstate.

Wood Village has several innovative land use zone designations designed to foster development in the community. One of those zones, the Commercial/Industrial Zone, includes all of the Wood Village incorporated properties north of Interstate 84. This area has the largest inventory of potential industrial lands in Wood Village, with the purpose to accommodate both commercial and industrial land uses that complement the freeway.

In 2009, the City Council and the Planning Commission developed a vision for this area, and revised the zoning laws to limit land uses to those that will create the greatest investment in the land and the largest potential employment base. The result of the zone changes, along with a prolonged economic slump, has been little activity in the area.

In the last year, two changes have been made to this zone. Both changes allow land uses that are willing and able to develop now. These are land uses that are defined as Industrial service uses and are not the optimal long term land uses visualized by the City Council and Planning Commission of 2009. They are developers currently motivated to invest to create jobs in Wood Village. The first to develop was Allwood Recyclers, developing a parcel north of Sandy for fleet maintenance and offices for the Fairview based recycling & landscape materials company.



Now proposed is a travel center operated by Flying J/Pilot that would be constructed on the property east of Gresham Transfer. Proposed is a travel center and fueling facilities along with a convenience store and fast food franchise. A typical Flying J center is depicted above.

On the picture to the right, the travel center proposed for construction is located in the larger of the two outlined areas. Allwood Recycling facilities were constructed on the outlined parcel to the east.

These projects represent millions of dollars in private investment in Wood Village, and additional employment opportunities for our residents. It is our hope that both businesses will help Wood Village residents and businesses.



### PARK PRIDE

Few would argue that the Donald L. Robertson Park is anything but stunning. From the whimsical playground to the vast sports fields



and winding nature paths, the Park has it all. Known as the crown jewel of the City, the Donald L.

Robertson Park

is a place of pride, tranquility and enjoyment. The City’s staff and volunteers who look over and maintain the park take their duties seriously. Every morning the restrooms are cleaned, the playground area is picked up, and the natural areas are cared for.

To help make everyone’s park experience the best it can be, we want to mention a few things you can do to show all your pride in our park. First, there is no smoking or tobacco use in the park. Litter from cigarettes and tobacco is not only a fire hazard, it takes staff hours to clean up. Those are hours that could be spent on other areas of the park. Second, we love it when you bring your four legged friends to enjoy the park. Just remember that they must be kept on a leash at all times, and their waste needs to be picked up. We have installed two doggy waste stations to help you pick up after your pets, and we are looking to install more this summer. Finally, please pick up litter you see around the park. We have several garbage cans, and it benefits everyone when we keep our park clean. You can also help us by letting us know what you think of the park, and what features or amenities you would like to see. Please stop by City Hall, or send us an email and let us know what you think.



### TREE TOP VILLAGE

After months of discussion and planning, the City will start the inaugural planting of the new arboretum later this month. While extensive work on the arboretum will not begin until later in the year, this initial tree planting is a huge milestone for the Park and the City. This arboretum will not only be a beautiful botanical garden, it will serve as an educational resource for our residents and guests of the City. While the bulk of the trees will be native to the area, there will be a few unique specimen trees. There are also plans to construct an edible grove as well. Over the next several years the arboretum will grow in size and diversity, with the goal of eventually becoming a large network of pathways, trees, shrubs, and educational opportunities. We are excited to begin this magnificent project that will serve the City and region for generations. Look for more information and updates to this project in upcoming newsletters and on our website.

### GRAFFITI FREE ZONE

Spring is here and has brought with it beautiful flowers, some showers, and an increase in graffiti. Over the past several weeks vandals have targeted the Donald L. Robertson Park, and areas along the City’s streets. Luckily, the City has been able to remove the graffiti shortly after it has been noticed which has most likely reduced further graffiti related incidents. Graffiti is less likely to reoccur if it is removed within the first 48 hours. If you have been a victim of graffiti vandalism, the City can help. Thanks to the generosity of Wal-Mart, the City has no cost graffiti kits that you can use. These kits have all the supplies you need to remove graffiti off of most surfaces. We also have an online graffiti reporting tool as well. Let’s ring in Spring with a graffiti free City.

## SMALL REFUSE CONTAINERS

Following a recent action where the City of Wood Village extended the license agreement with Waste Management, a resident contacted the City to find out the status of 20 gallon refuse containers. All the standard size containers were included in the update to the license agreement, but no comments were made about the small containers.

Waste Management responded to the question directly. Residents will be provided with smaller containers as well as with the 32 gallon and 64 gallon containers. Smaller container rates will remain approximately \$3.00 per month less than the 32 gallon containers, and the containers will be provided by Waste Management in the same manner as all other containers.



## MAINTAINING STORMWATER FACILITIES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Neighborhood stormwater facilities play a key role in preventing flooding, pollution and erosion. The phrase “stormwater facility” refers to any landscaped or structural feature that slows, filters or infiltrates runoff from your property after a rainfall. Stormwater facilities come in many shapes and forms – from simple swales to more complicated stormwater ponds. The ponds, ditches and depressions that you see every day may actually be neighborhood stormwater facilities. Without them, polluted stormwater runoff can rush into waterways or enter drinking water aquifers.

Stormwater facilities can also help prevent neighborhood flooding – a huge benefit during the rainy seasons. The City of Wood Village requires property owners to inspect and maintain stormwater facilities on their private property, including facilities located on commonly-owned land within a housing development.

### What’s the Problem with Runoff?

Whenever it rains, stormwater rushes along hard surfaces, picking up pet waste, oils, fertilizers, pesticides and other pollutants. This runoff flows into street drains and ditches. Eventually, the runoff ends up in waterways, or in the soil where it can seep into groundwater (our source of drinking water). Stormwater runoff is the leading cause of pollution in our state’s waterways.

### Catch Basins: Usually the First Destination

Stormwater runoff typically flows into “catch basins” (sometimes called “storm drains”). A catch basin is an underground concrete structure with a slotted grate that collects stormwater runoff. Stormwater gathers in the tank and sediments settle to the bottom. The cleaner water on top then flows through pipes to a variety of destinations: into a swale, a stormwater pond, or directly into a river or stream. Catch basins are usually found in streets and parking lots. Catch basins in private roads/lanes and on private property are maintained by property owners. Catch basins in the county or city road right-of-ways are maintained by the county or city.

### How Can You Help?

Clean litter and leaves from catch basin grates. If the street is privately owned, hire a professional to remove sediment buildup in the sump. Keep pet waste, oils, fertilizers, pesticides and other pollutants out of streets and gutters.



## GRESHAM VISTA BUSINESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN HOUSE

The Port of Portland and the City of Gresham will host a neighborhood open house for community members to learn more about future development at the Port of Portland's recently purchased Gresham Vista Business Park.

Gresham Vista is the only shovel-ready site in the region with more than 100 acres zoned industrial and ready for development. The goal for the 221-acre site is to create a thriving jobs center for clean technology, manufacturing, food processing, logistics, professional services and other regionally significant companies. Come learn about development standards for the site, including the potential for eco-industrial development.

Thursday, May 23 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.  
The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints  
22801 Southeast Stark Street, Gresham, OR 97030

Attendees may drop-in at any time during the open house to learn more about the site and speak with project staff. Brief presentations will be offered at 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Contact: Lisa Timmerman, 503-415-6047,  
[lisa.timmerman@portofportland.com](mailto:lisa.timmerman@portofportland.com)

## HALSEY STREET PROJECT COMING THIS MAY

A Multnomah County street improvement project on NE Halsey Street in Wood Village has been rescheduled to begin in spring 2013. The improvements between NE Birch Avenue and NE 244th Avenue were previously scheduled for fall 2012. The work has been rescheduled to reduce impacts to the public caused by winter weather that can delay construction.

The street improvements will include:

- Constructing sidewalks and curbs on both sides of the street
- Building out three traffic lanes (including a center left turn lane) and parallel parking on both sides
- Adding bike lanes
- Constructing retaining walls on the north side of the street



The project will complete improvements that were added in 2009 and 2010.

Dirt & Aggregate Interchange of Fairview will be the contractor for the \$474,000 project, which is funded by Multnomah County.

Multnomah County maintains this section of NE Halsey Street and more than 300 miles of roads and bridges.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE: BUDGET HEARING  
THURSDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 6:00 PM  
WOOD VILLAGE CITY HALL, 2055 NE 238<sup>TH</sup> DR**

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**Budget Hearing:**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 PM

**City Council Meetings:**

May 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM

May 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM

**City Services:**

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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  
NW Natural 503-226-4212  
Abandoned Vehicles 503-823-3333  
DEQ Burning Info 503-618-3083

**Multnomah County Sheriff:**

Non-Emergency 503-823-3333  
Emergencies 911

**Gresham Fire Department:**

General Info 503-618-2355  
Emergencies 911

**Multnomah County**

Animal Control 503-248-3066  
Reynolds School District 503-661-7200  
East Metro Mediation 503-618-3247

**Multnomah County Commissioners:**

Jeff Cogan, County Chair 503 988-3308  
Diane McKeel, District 4 503 988-5213

**25% RETIRED RATE DISCOUNT:**

If everyone living in your household is retired, and you are directly billed by the city, you may be eligible for the discounted base sewer and water rate fees. For more detailed information and to acquire the application, please see the City's website or call 503-667-6211.

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