

City of Wood Village November 2013

The Village News

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BASE CAMP WOOD VILLAGE

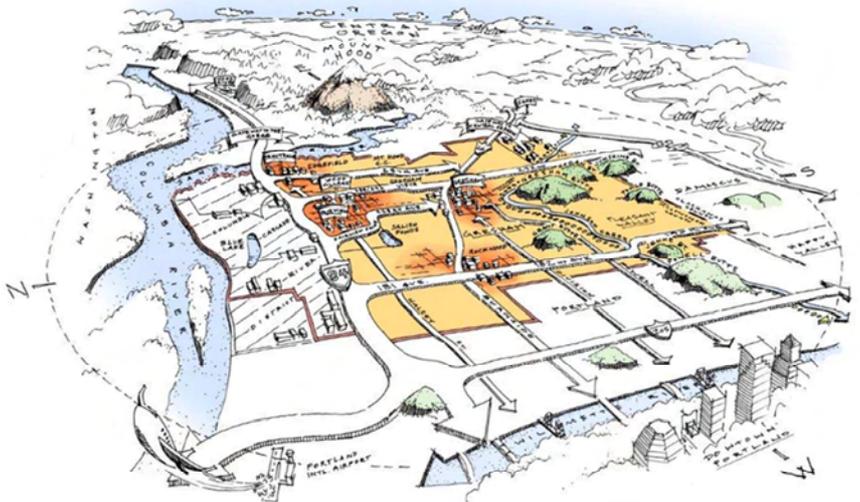
The Tourism/Branding Committee has completed its work. The committee had representatives from lodging, restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores, citizens and elected officials. The group has devised a concept to identify Wood Village as a great place to start and end an excursion to the features of this region. The recommendations will move forward to the City Council for consideration.

As written, the committee recommendation states that:

Wood Village is the ideal base camp for visiting the Portland, Mt Hood, or Columbia River Gorge area. Wood Village is a portal to this entire region. We are located in the Portland Metropolitan Area within 20 minutes of the airport, at Exit 16 on Interstate 84. Wood Village has a town center with over 360,000 square feet of retail shopping including Fred Meyers, Kohls, Lowes, and supporting retailers. Wood Village also has Wal-Mart, fast food outlets, convenience stores, restaurants, fuel, lodging, RV specialty support, and most importantly, a friendly small town environment in the midst of the metropolitan area. Wood Village is your base camp for journeys on the scenic Mt Hood Highway, or on the Historic Columbia River Highway. Whether using Wood Village as your portal to the region, or staying with us, we welcome you. You will find we have

**everything you need in
one square mile!**

We are a planned community, originally developed to house aluminum workers during World War II. The cottage housing, community center building, and the lay out of the community are all here to explore. Our 20 acre Donald Robertson Park invites you to stroll on our nature



pathways, explore the wetland interpretive center, actively recreate on the playgrounds or athletic fields, and launch your bicycle trip to the Springwater Trail, the Columbia Gorge, Mt Hood, the forty mile loop, or your chosen pathway through the region. A short walk on the pathways will have you at Edgefield, the McMenamain Brother's renovated former poor farm facility, for a taste of the products created at the site which include beer, wine, and other great beverages along with food options from high end dining to a great Pub environment.

Driving 30 minutes west is downtown Portland, 30 minutes east is the heart of the Columbia River Gorge including Multnomah Falls and 77 waterfalls along the Oregon side of the Gorge. An hour south east is Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood. Want a shorter trip with a focus on the water? Ten minutes north is Chinook Landing with direct boat access to the Columbia River and 10 minutes to the east is the Lewis and Clark State Park with access to the Sandy River. Wood Village really is a great base camp, a friendly place to call "home" while you travel out each day to visit the area amenities.

Invite your friends and family to base camp in Wood Village!!

The committee's recommendation will be presented to the City Council for adoption on Thursday, Nov 14th at 6:00 PM. Please come to the meeting and share your thoughts or tell us what you think of this approach by contacting your elected officials, or Bill Peterson directly at 503-489-6856 or billp@ci.wood-village.or.us.

Did You Know?

There is no Fluoride in Wood Village Water

The Wood Village water supply is produced from four water wells, all owned directly by the City of Wood Village and not connected to any other regional water supplier. The groundwater we currently supply does not have any naturally occurring fluoride in the water.



About 23% (22.6%) of Oregonians receive a water supply that has fluoride added. From Cities as small as John Day to as large as Beaverton, fluoride is added to the water supply. In the United States 73.9% of the population receives water from a supply that has either naturally occurring fluoride at recommended levels, or has fluoride added to the supply (Source www.CDC.gov). Oregon ranks 48th of the 50 states for the percentage of population that receives fluoridated water.

As residents in the Portland region, we are all aware of the May 2013 vote in Portland, where voters turned down fluoridation of the Portland water supply by a 61% to 39% margin. We have all read the articles and heard the advertisements, both pro and con. Now your City Council has a very simple question.

Do Wood Village residents want to have fluoride added to their water supply?

Please let us know your opinion by e-mail at city@ci.wood-village.or.us, a phone call at 503-667-6211, fax at 503-669-8723, by letter at 2055 NE 238th Drive, Wood Village, OR, 97060-1095, or drop a note by the City Hall. No Specific action is planned; we just want to know what you think. Please respond by November 22, 2013.

TOWN CENTER FUTURE?

The location for Fred Meyers, Lowes, Kohls and other local businesses in Wood Village is in the Town Center. The sign proudly announces the Wood Village Town Center, but the designation for a town center in the regional plan adopted by Metro is for a Fairview/Wood Village Town Center, sharing lands in both Cities.

Wood Village City Council members just took action to authorize quick vehicle servicing (read this as a fueling station) in the Town Center. Fred Meyer has indicated they will apply to build a fueling station on the site. The recent action by the Council will permit the land use, but a formal application for a specific site in the area is required, and any proposed site may or may not be approved by the Planning Commission.

The question for the Town Center, is What Now? The center has not seen a major building built since 2002. Much of that lull is attributed to the economy and the surrounding developments in Gresham. A part of the issue may be the vision for the zone and the restrictions in the zone. To start the process to find out, the City Council and Planning Commission conducted a workshop to talk with land owners.

The representatives of the owners of the nearly 7 vacant acres north of Lowes recently joined with the owner's representatives from the Multnomah Greyhound Park property, Fred Meyer, Lowes, and several other businesses in the Town Center to talk with the Wood Village City Council and Planning

Commission. The conversation included some general thoughts about the kind of developments individuals are considering for their lands. Multifamily development was discussed along with various other potential land uses in the area. No conclusions were reached. Members of the City Council expressed concerns about various potential land uses, and their commitment to making the Town Center a special place, with an emphasis on the long term future of the area.

Next steps will be to work with land owners and with an economic evaluation firm to determine the kinds of land uses and

opportunities that exist for this area. The City

Council and the Planning Commission will be working to determine if any changes should be made or considered to the zone, and what kind of development may be in the long term best interest for the area. If you have thoughts about what you would like to see included in the area, please contact members of the City Council (on back page of newsletter) or the Planning Commission at 503-667-6211.



PRESSURE SAFE, LLC

It was a great day in Wood Village when the Morasch family chose the former Merix Building for the home of their new enterprise, Pressure Safe, LLC. The company,



closely held by the Morasch family the owners of Morasch Meats, created a new business to satisfy market needs in the food processing industry. Pressure Safe, LLC, is the first major employer in the Wood Village Enterprise Zone, a special incentive program to provide a property tax incentive to businesses that invest in our community.

The company has developed a series of processes that add value to various food products, and is investing multiple millions in equipment in Wood Village. They now employ fifteen individuals at the Wood Village plant site, and they are currently initiating plans for a second phase of investments that will increase that employment.

The entire Morasch family is a wonderful regional asset. Merlin Morasch, the company founder, just celebrated his 90th birthday, still actively goes to work 6 days a week and is excited about the growth at Pressure Safe. Merlin provides the family and employees an example of longevity and energy that will keep Pressure Safe, LLC a growing and viable business in Wood Village. Pressure Safe is now completing investments in the building and

equipment, located at 23365 NE Halsey Street in Wood Village, at levels that surpass even the high tech industry that had previously occupied the space.

With added employment opportunities and investments in our region, Pressure Safe, LLC is a great community partner!

**CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT
EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL
REPORTING**

The Government Finance Officers Association announced that the City of Wood Village has been selected to receive the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) for the year ending June 30, 2012. This is the tenth consecutive year the City has received this award!



The CAFR program was developed in 1945 to encourage local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence transparency and full disclosure, and provide accurate and complete financial information to residents, other governmental units, and financial institutions.



Finance Director Peggy Minter has led the finance team in Wood Village since 2007, successfully achieving this prestigious award for her sixth consecutive year. All members

of the team work hard throughout the year to provide quality financial information to the City Council and management, and make a special effort to work with our auditors to achieve this recognition. Your finance team is a dedicated group of professionals dedicated to making sure you know that your City finance is in great hands.



IF YOU DON'T HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE, NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET COVERED!



If you have internet access, you can go to www.coveroregon.com to explore the site. The picture above is the main page of the CoverOregon website. In the three boxes at the bottom, the blue “get help now” will allow you to find a person to assist you in applying for benefits. You will need to fill in some information:

- County = Multnomah
- Language (it’s a pull down menu that you choose from 27 different languages)
- Assister type (choose both agents & community partners for the largest selection)
- Zip Code = 97060

DON’T fill in the name or organization, unless you already know the name of the person you want to assist you with your application.

When you press enter, you will have a list of 331 agents/community partners that you can choose from to assist you in your application process. If you sort by city, you will find 3 agents in Wood Village and another 3 agents in Troutdale.

In the third box at the bottom, you can browse the various plans that are available to you. You will need to enter some information about your family to see the costs of the plans and the financial assistance you can receive.

If you DON’T have computer and internet access, you can call the County Health Department at 503-988-2228. The responder on the phone will ask for some basic information:

1. the number of adults in the household,
2. the number of children in the household
3. the total household income before taxes (usually the same number that comes from the bottom line on the front page of the Federal 1040 tax form)
4. your age
5. whether you smoke or not

The responder on the phone will be able to tell you whether or not you are eligible. Then the responder will direct you to call 503-988-5558 to make an appointment at the closest Multnomah County clinic (ours is the East County Health Center at 600 NE 8th, 3rd floor in Gresham) to meet with an Assister to enroll.

ANNUAL LEAF DROP OFF

The cool, windy fall weather causes trees to shed their leaves which can clog storm drains causing localized flooding and deteriorated pavement.

Raking or depositing leaves in the street **IS NOT** an allowed disposal option. Wet leaves on the street can be just as slippery as snow and ice creating dangerous conditions for drivers and pedestrians.

These problems can be avoided by composting leaves and yard debris or putting leaves into your yard debris can for the waste hauler to remove on your regularly scheduled collection day.

In an effort to assist you, the City is providing a leaf drop off area during November and December.

Where: Donald L. Robertson City Park,
24300 NE Halsey

At the main parking lot against the wall
north of the Tot Lot

When: November 1st through December 31st

What: Leaves and Small Branches Only

Who: Wood Village residents ONLY

Please deposit the yard debris loose in the designated area, Do Not Leave bags or containers.

If you have any questions please call Marie at 503-489-6859.

COMING SOON: SEVERAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS!

The City Council recently approved two park improvement projects. The first project will enhance the playground equipment. New and exciting items have been ordered for the smaller play structure. These new items include a slide, tic-tac-toe board, tunnel and a whistle. These items will be installed with the log roll and glide bar that were recently rediscovered for the larger play



structure. Our goal is to get all of these great additions installed by this spring.

The second project is to make a photo op location out of an old staircase. This staircase just west of the new David M. Fuller Gazebo used to be part of the park trail, but now just leads to nowhere. The plan is to reconstruct the stairs, cleanup the rocks, and add flowering plants and trees to make this spot ideal for great photos for people who use the gazebo for events such as weddings, birthdays and family reunions. You can look for this project to be completed this spring.

Two additional projects were discussed, but the Council was not quite ready to approve them just yet. The first of these projects was to restore an old viewpoint that was created in 1997 as part of a trail expansion project. The idea behind this project is to bring the site back to its former glory with fresh paint, plantings, and trail improvements. The viewpoint had become overgrown with vegetation, and suffered from vandalism over the past few years. A county work crew recently cleaned up the site, and while it is not fully refurbished it is open for your viewing pleasure.

The last project that was discussed was to improve the basketball court at the entrance of the park. This court has been home to a lot of games and practices over the years, and it is starting to show signs of wear.

The plan is to resurface the playing area and add additional features such as benches and court markings. The Council requested additional information about each project including restoration options, costs, and maintenance information. These projects will be brought back to the Council for consideration sometime this winter.



Remember, the gazebo and other park facilities can be rented free of charge in most circumstances. Stop by City Hall, or view our webpage for more information.

ROAD REPAIRS PART II

Again this year, the City took on the job of increasing the life of our streets by removing failing asphalt pavement, restoring the rock base and adding a sealing coat (called a “slurry”) to protect the surface from water penetration. With funding from the street and utility fee, the City is also dealing with additional trouble areas such as underground natural springs and isolated street patching.

The creation of this fund last year permitted the City to move forward soliciting bids from contractors for the crack sealing and slurry coat of selected roadways in Wood Village which, this year, included 230th Ct, 231st Ct, Village Ct, 236th Ave Stanley St and Shannon St. Again this year the general contractor was Oregon Asphaltic who managed the subcontracting with Pacific Asphalt Surface Sealing and Blackline, Inc.



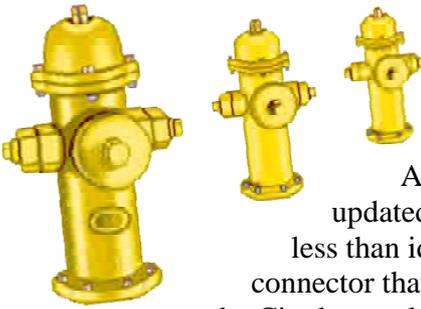
The budget this fiscal year for the crack seal, slurry work and related street repairs was \$147,000. The bid award was in the amount of \$65,838.01.

With this amount the City was also able to incorporate a repair from the damage caused by a spring discharging onto 236th Ave. In addition, storm drainage work was done on Shannon Ct in preparation for the surface work.

Based on the successes and missed opportunities last year, City staff took the lessons to heart preparing signage, door hangers and website notices well in advance of the project dates. Street dig-out repairs and crack sealing were carried out on schedule with no problems reported other than those where a temporary lack of access to private residences was unavoidable. The weather initially failed to cooperate with the slurry seal schedule, but the work was completed the following week on October 4th without additional disruptions or delays. Though the inconvenience may have seemed lengthy, it was worth the 5-7 years increased useful life of the local streets.



Next year the City will prioritize those streets which have not been addressed with these recent repairs concentrating their efforts with streets in the Upper Village including Oregon, Holladay and Shamrock. The City staff also wants to thank everyone affected by these street closures for their patience and understanding. As difficult as the work is, it goes quite smoothly with the cooperation of the residents.



PROJECT UPDATE

As you may have noticed, the fire hydrants in the City have been getting updated. This update which started last year is replacing older hydrants that have less than ideal water flow for fighting fires. These older hydrants also lack the quick connector that makes attaching to the hydrant easy and efficient for fire fighters. So far the City has replaced 22 hydrants, with 11 of them being replaced in the past few months.

D&T Excavation from Wilsonville was selected to perform the work based on their bid and quality of work. Replacing a fire hydrant requires digging out the unit with a backhoe, disconnecting the water service to the hydrant, and then lifting the old unit out of the ground. Fire hydrants are not light, and can weigh over 200 pounds not including the piping. While most of the replacements went as planned, others needed a bit more work. A few hydrant locations had deteriorated pipe connections due to old age, and required additional work. While the average hydrant replacement took less than a day, some of the more difficult hydrants took a few days to complete the replacement. Some of you may have experienced a water outage for longer than we expected during this work, and we greatly appreciated your patience and understanding. These new hydrants not only pump out over 1,000 gallons of water a minute, the fire department can connect to them in less than a minute.



Not all hydrants in the City will be replaced. While some hydrants appear to be old, they still meet the necessary standards. To help keep up appearances with the new hydrants, the City's utility crew painted the remaining hydrants a new bright yellow. Not only do they look great, but it makes it much easier for the fire department to locate the hydrants. The last set of outdated hydrants is set to be replaced next year, and quick connectors will eventually be added to all the hydrants. These improvements will help make the City better prepared for disasters and other emergency incidents.

238TH ROAD WORK DELAYED

One of the projects that Multnomah County had planned for this past summer was the chip seal work on 238th that would have had one of the main arterials in our community shut down for up to three weeks. The summer weather that we sometimes see all the way through September and into October didn't happen this year, and with that many of the projects scheduled for late in the summer were unable to be completed, the 238th project fell into this category. We look forward to seeing this project happen in the summer of 2014. Please contact Multnomah County Transportation at 503-988-5050 or go to their website, <http://web.multco.us/roads> if you have any questions about this project.

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL

Each year on January 1st, all businesses that reside in or do business in Wood Village are required to renew their Wood Village Business License. You can renew in person at City Hall, or your renewal can be easily accomplished online: Go to the City of Wood Village web-site www.ci.wood-village.or.us on the left side menu click on "Forms"; then "Business License Renewal". Complete the online form and click "Submit".

Payments can be made online, by mail or in person.

If you operate a business but don't currently have a Wood Village Business License, you can obtain more information on Business License requirements by stopping by City Hall 8:00am-4:30pm, or follow the same links above to complete an application on line. Storefront businesses will need a Certificate of Occupancy that entitles you to do business. Home-based businesses need a home occupation license in addition to a business license. Businesses with receipts/sales of less than \$25,000 per year will still need a Wood Village Business License, but the renewal fee is waived.

RENTAL PROPERTY LICENSE RENEWAL

Wood Village's Municipal Code, Chapter 5.20 requires all rental property owners to pay an annual license fee of \$20.00 per rental unit



located within the City. This fee is for January through December of each year. A full license fee is charged for each unit that is maintained and held for rental purposes for more than 180 days during the calendar year; less than 180 days, the fee is \$10. If you own a rental in Wood Village, but don't yet have a license, come in to City Hall to complete the registration.

Ongoing rental property owners/managers will receive an invoice in the mail and can pay online, by mail, or in person.

THE GRAFFITI FREE ZONE

Fall is a great time to prepare your home and property for the winter. It is also a good time to take some basic steps to help prevent graffiti

from occurring on your property. Graffiti prevention can be as easy as picking up litter around your property, repairing old fences, or adding some additional lighting. These tasks will not only help prevent graffiti, but it will also add a lot of curb appeal to your property.

If you need to remove graffiti from your property, the City has free kits that you can use. You can learn more about these kits on our website, or stop by City Hall. Remember, you can also report graffiti using our online reporting tool.



Let's be a graffiti free City!

GRESHAM EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER

For the past year emergency management staff from Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village have been discussing the concept of a Joint Emergency Operations Center, this would be housed in Gresham and in concept would be staffed with personnel from all four cities. It is clear that disasters do

not follow boundaries such as city limits therefore we need to find ways to cooperate and collaborate when times necessitate allowing us the best opportunity for success. We look forward to completing the necessary work for this concept to become a reality. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is an established location / facility in which City staff and officials can receive information pertaining to an incident and from which they can provide direction, coordination, and support to emergency operations. The EOC is staffed by City personnel who are assigned to specific positions within the EOC organizational structure. The structure is based on the new National Incident Management System's (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS). EOC staff members provide information and recommendations to the Mayor through the incident commander or as directed to develop a course of action to respond to and contain, control, and recover from an emergency.



Some of the primary functions that are performed at the EOC include:

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| Coordinating activities | Providing emergency information to the public |
| Managing operations | Providing financial management and support |
| Offering logistical support | Tracking and disseminating information |
| Planning | |

Pancake Breakfast

Veterans Eat FREE

All others are asked to pay a \$5.00 Donation



Saturday ~ November 9, 2013

From 8:00am ~ 11:00am

Wood Village Baptist Church

23601 NE Arata Road,

Wood Village, OR 97060



Sponsored by
The Wood Village
Fraternal Order of Eagles #4515

Attend a “Do-it-Yourself” Weatherization Workshop

Save \$10-40/month on Your Energy Bills!

Attend a **FREE 2-hour workshop** to learn how to make your home more comfortable and efficient.

Qualified workshop participants can receive a

FREE KIT of weatherization materials



The kit includes:

- Interior storm window kits
- Door weather-stripping and door sweeps
- Compact fluorescent lights
- And much more!

If you do not qualify you can order kit materials from our fundraiser retail store.

The Workshop will be held at:

Wood Village City Hall

2055 NE 238th Dr

Wood Village OR 97060

Monday, November 25th, 2013

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



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Parks Commission

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City Council Meetings:

Nov 14th 6:00 PM
Dec 10th 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
NW Natural 503-226-4212

Emergencies

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

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