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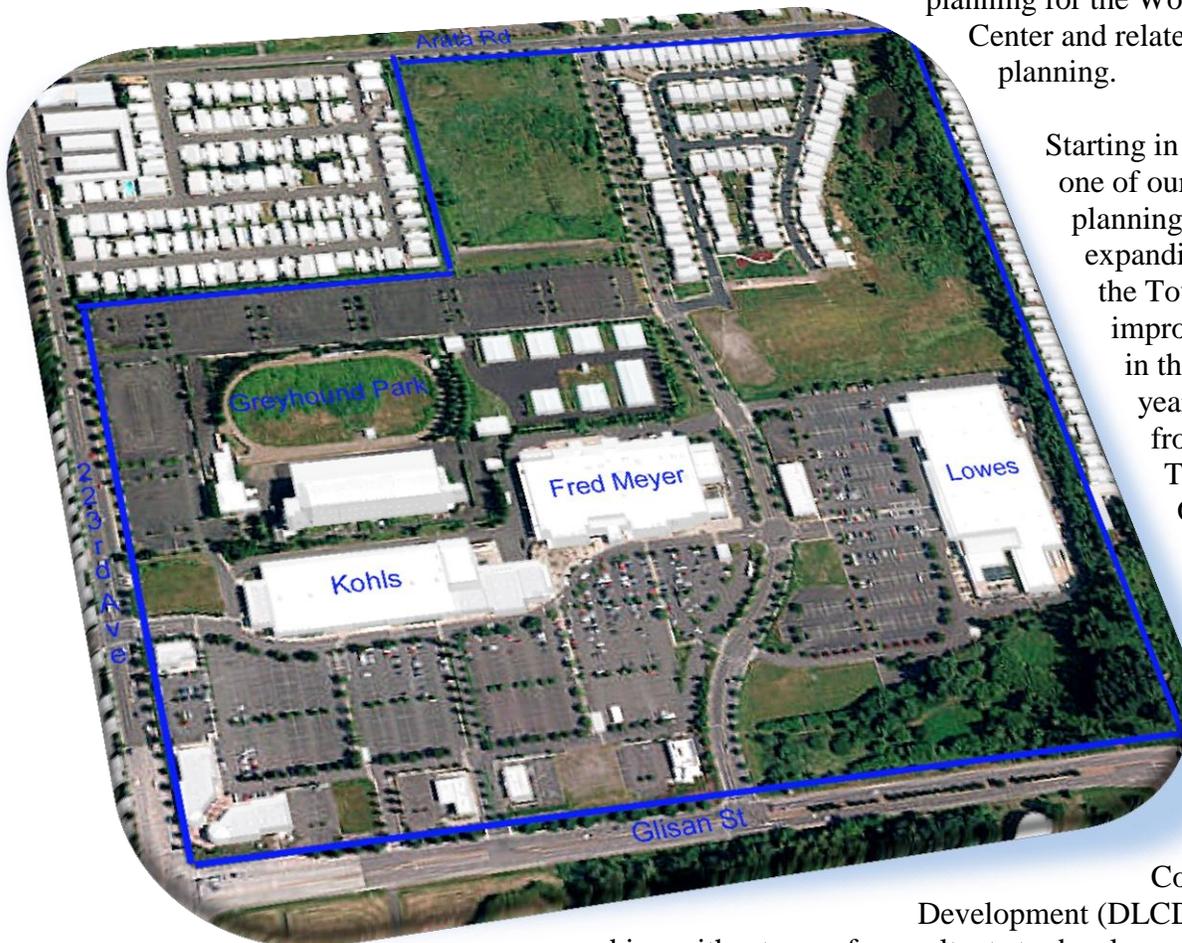
The Village News

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Wood Village Town Center and Transportation Planning

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

The Wood Village City Council, Planning Commission and Administration are excited to kick-off the planning for the Wood Village Town Center and related transportation planning.



Starting in August we launched one of our most important planning projects focused on expanding development in the Town Center zone and improving transportation in the city. Over the next year, thanks to a grant from the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) program from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Land

Conservation and Development (DLCD), we will be working with a team of consultants to develop our plans. There will be many opportunities for public engagement and input to ensure we develop a plan that is right for the residents and businesses in our community.

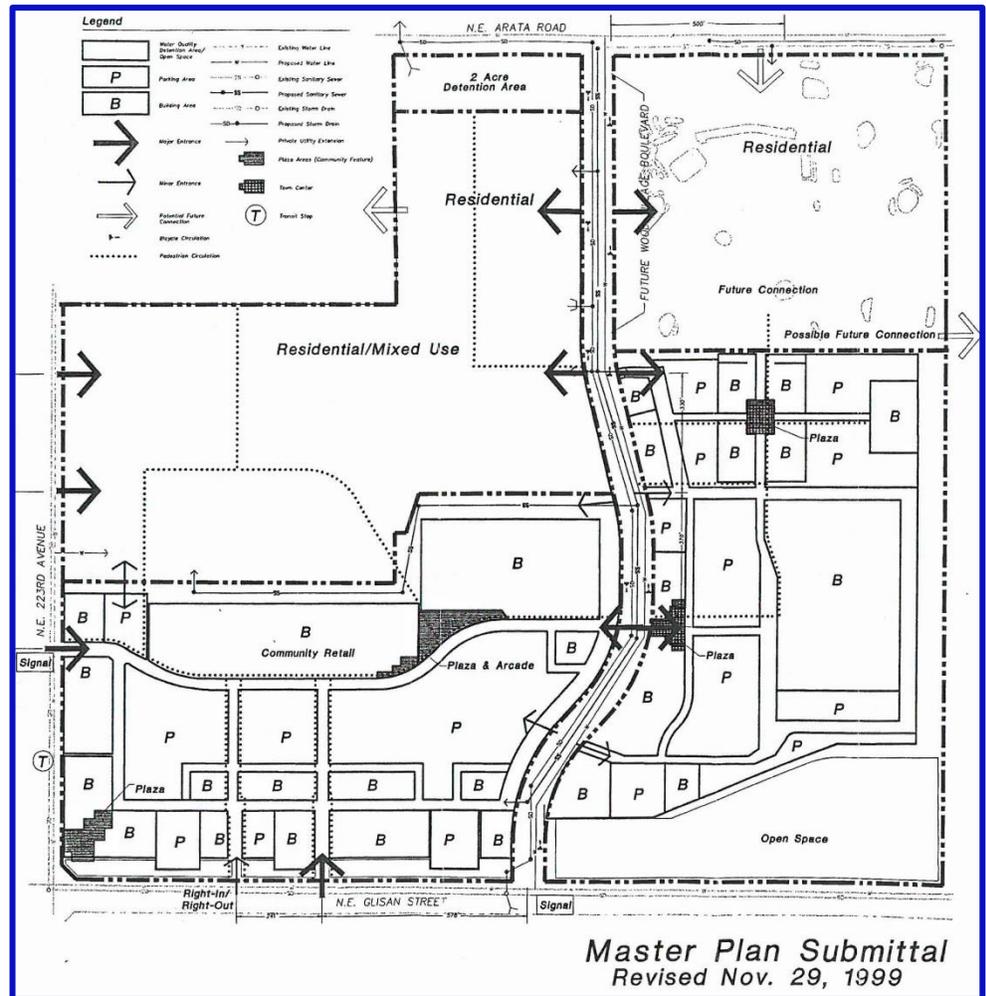
WHAT WILL THE WORK INCLUDE?

The consulting team will work with the City to:

- ❖ Review market conditions and opportunities for development of the Town Center
- ❖ Review existing City code language to focus on opportunities in the Town Center zone
- ❖ Potentially accommodate a variety of beneficial uses in the area
- ❖ Consider options to meet housing needs in ways that will benefit the current residents and special character of the neighborhood
- ❖ Update the City's Transportation Systems Plan (TSP)

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE OR GET INVOLVED?

- ✚ Visit the project web site
- ✚ Take part in the online survey
- ✚ Stay tuned for future articles in *The Village News* newsletter
- ✚ Attend a community meeting (dates to be announced)
- ✚ Volunteer to host a small group discussions with your friends, neighbors, church or community group and one of our facilitators



HOW CAN I STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE PROJECT?

Please sign up to receive updates on the project as we move forward! Visit our website to sign up or call 503-667-6211.

Please express your needs and those of your family, community and businesses. We need your thoughts. Please take our on line survey available on the project website:

<http://www.ci.wood-village.or.us/hot-topics/wood-village-town-center-master-plan-update/>

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Bill Peterson at 503-489-6856 or billp@ci.wood-village.or.us

THANK YOU!!!!

SELLING CITY HALL?

The City Council is very aware that the highest single value corner in Wood Village is at the intersection of Halsey and 238th. While we have historic development on one corner, and public service convenience outlets on two other corners, the largest parcel is owned by the City and is occupied by the City Hall. While

we are well served by the current building and would be for many years ahead, the future of Wood Village relies on achieving high value investments in the community to assure our financial future.



The City owned property is exempt from

property taxes, so no

value is added to our local governments or schools from our site. If there is a market that would acquire the site and develop quality commercial or a combination of commercial and other land uses, the new value would be added to the taxable base for the local governments and schools. If such an offer were to be received, the City Council could consider how to deal with the location and construction of a needed replacement City Hall. The question will simply be if an offer on the land will be received, and what kind of development is proposed.

There is not any urgency to sell the land, and there is no imminent need to change the building. The question is for the future of Wood Village. Should this parcel of land, owned by the City, be developed to help shape the future of our town, perhaps even creating a new “Heart” of Wood Village? We will not know if we do not ask what sort of offers may be made to purchase and develop the land.

The steps underway right now are to select a real estate broker to represent the City and provide marketing for the land. Once a broker is chosen, we will simply see what the market may have to offer on the property. If a great offer is received, the City Council may choose to act. If the market does not respond with quality development and an opportunity for this land to become a performing asset for our region, the Council may choose to take no action.

So, are we selling City Hall? Maybe

16TH

ANNUAL CITY NITE OUT

Over 2,500 people gathered at the Wood Village Baptist Church campus on Friday July 17th to take part in the fun at the 16th Annual City Nite Out. This event focuses on crime prevention and emergency preparedness, and is coordinated by a joint effort between the City, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, and the Wood Village Baptist Church.

To help feed all those who attended, the Wood Village Fred Meyer generously donated over 2,000

hot dogs, 1,200 cans of soda, and 2,200 bottles of water. We also handed out over 800 cones of cotton candy, 250 pounds of potato salad, and countless bars of ice cream and bags of popcorn. All of which was free.

Live music by Clark Bondy and Friends played throughout the evening as people visited area vendors, enjoyed the free family friendly activities such as pony rides and bouncy toys, and watched live police and fire demonstrations. We gave out 160 free basketballs and soccer balls to kids thanks to the generosity of the Morasch family who own and operate Morasch Meats and Pressure Safe LLC. It was a warm evening, but a lot of fun was had by all. We hope to see you all again next year!

This event would not be possible without the help and support of the many volunteers, business and organizations that took part in this event including:

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
Wood Village Baptist Church
Morasch Meats
Pressure Safe LLC
Fred Meyer
Wood Village 76 Station
Brasher's Auto Collision Repair

Waste Management of Oregon
Frontier Communications
Gresham Fire & Emergency Services
Fairview/Troutdale Fraternal Order of the Eagles
Gresham Martial Arts Fitness Center
ServPro
Damsel in Distress

*A Special Thanks to
Pastor Bill Ehmann and the Wood Village Baptist Church Staff & Members
The Wood Village City Council
Deputy Jessie Volker
Commander Jason Gates
Sheriff Dan Staton*

CITIZEN AWARD WINNERS!



Just over a year ago, the City along with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and the Wood Village Fred Meyer partnered together to create the Citizen Spot Award. This award is handed out to residents for random acts of kindness, youth leadership, obeying certain laws, or by assisting the Sheriff's Office. Recipients take the award to City Hall where they receive a certificate, and a \$5 gift card from Fred Meyer. There are a limited number of



awards, and they are only distributed by deputies who witness the behavior.

Not all acts of kindness or lawful actions will be witnessed and rewarded, but the more you do the better your chances of getting noticed.

Several awards have been given out recently, and we wanted to highlight some of the recent recipients.



LEARNING FOR LIFE: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT CITY HALL

The City is putting together a series of educational programs that will be held at City Hall this winter, and we wanted to know what programs should be offered. These programs which would run for a few hours in the evening or weekend are intended to help our residents and business community. The City Council discussed potential programs such as budgeting basics, health and wellness, resume and interview skills, and disaster preparedness. We want to hear from you on what should be offered. Please contact Greg Dirks at 503-489-6854 or GregD@ci.Wood-

Village.or.us by September 25th, and let us know what programs you would be interested in attending. We may not be able to create a program for all suggestions, but we will do our best to offer a wide variety of options. Look for more information about what classes will be offered in our next newsletter.

EAST METRO MEDIATION NEEDS YOU!

**Help Homeless Students
Get a Second Home**



East Metro Mediation has teamed up with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and the Gresham-Barlow School District to bring a nonprofit program called

Second Home to the community. Second Home helps homeless high school students find stable housing with volunteer home providers. You do not need to live in the Gresham/Barlow School District to be able to support a student. Visit www.greshamoregon.gov/mediation or call 503-618-3247 or for more information!

current vegetation except for the trees will be removed. New plants that can thrive in that area will be planted, along with two new concrete planters. These planters will be filled with colorful annuals that will bring a lot of color to the busy

SPRUCE UP WOOD VILLAGE!

Mayor’s Corner (the small green space at the intersection of 238th and Halsey) will get a major facelift on Saturday, September 19th, and we need your help to make it happen. This project which is part of the City’s Spruce Up Wood Village program will help beautify this main corridor of our City. Most of the



intersection in the summer months. It is our goal to create a great welcoming spot to all those who enter our great community. We hope it will also be a great place to sit and enjoy a coffee drink or other treat from one of the neighboring businesses.

Please call Greg Dirks at 503-489-6854 or stop by City Hall if you are interested in helping make this project a reality. Let’s Spruce Up Wood Village!!!

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE...

It’s so easy...

- If you want your city utility bill to arrive via email rather than the US Post Office, you can sign up for email bills by calling City Hall (503-667-6211) and giving us your email information.
- If you want your city utility bill to be automatically paid on the 15th of each month, we have an option for that!
 - 💧 Come to City Hall and complete the form anytime from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday
 - 💧 Or go online to the City website: www.ci.wood-village.or.us
 - 💧 Look along the left hand menu and click on “Utilities”
 - 💧 On the page that comes up, scroll down to the 11th question: “What are the payment options?”
 - 💧 At the bottom of that paragraph, click on the link that will take you to the form
 - 💧 Fill it out online, print it and
 - drop it off at City Hall
 - or fax it to 503-669-8723
 - or scan it and email it to: KarenH@ci.wood-village.or.us

ASSISTANCE FUND FOR UTILITY BILLS

Are you on a limited income? Are you having trouble paying your water/sewer bill?

The City of Wood Village might be able to help you!

A group of city employees donate money from their paychecks each month to a Water Assistance Fund. There are only two requirements to receive help:

- ✚ Your total household income must be severely limited. You will need to complete a form showing the number of residents in the home and the total household income from all sources.
- ✚ Assistance can only be used once per year per household account and is available on a first come-first served basis.

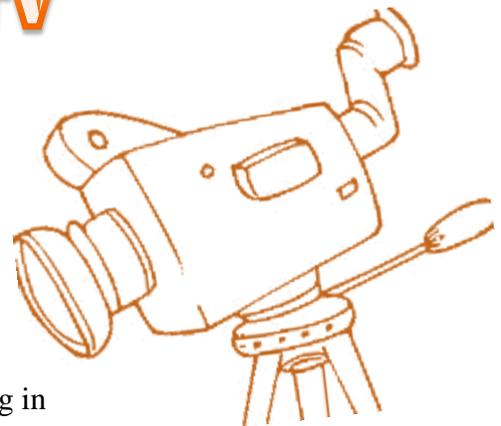
If you would like to apply, please stop by City Hall anytime from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday to fill out an application.

FREE “LOW FLOW” WATER CONSERVATION SHOWER HEADS

City Hall has shower heads available from Energy Trust to help you save money on your water bills! If you would like one or two, please come to City Hall and ask at the front counter.

CITY COUNCIL ON TV

MetroEast Community Media has received funding from the Mount Hood Regulatory Commission to place cameras and other required equipment in the Wood Village City Council Chambers to permit the recording and broadcasting of Wood Village City Council meetings. The source of funding is the public access charge on your cable television bill. The equipment has all been ordered, and the electrical systems have been installed. If all the equipment arrives, MetroEast will be recording the meetings and providing broadcast on their government access channels beginning in September.



Wood Village will be joining other regional cities in providing public access to view our City Council and Planning Commission meetings. Broadcast schedules and further information is available directly from MetroEast at www.metroeast.org.

WOOD VILLAGE CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES

Ever wonder why there are only 15 employees in Wood Village? Total employment in small cities is usually much larger, with police, fire, building, planning and other activities provided by City employees. In Wood Village, these services are provided by contract.

Law Enforcement: The City of Wood Village contracts with the Multnomah County Sheriff for the equivalent of 3 full time deputies patrolling our community. The contract, with a total cost for FY 2015-16 of \$399,100, provides our residents excellent law enforcement services delivered twenty four hours a day throughout each year. Police service in Fairview, the closest local government with a municipal police department, pays a total of \$271.62 per capita for police services. This compares with the \$102.46 paid by our residents. While the service levels may be different, and this is not intended to say there is something wrong with the Fairview approach to police services, it is simply to note that Wood Village choice of contracting for law enforcement is a wise financial decision for our residents.



Fire Services: Wood Village has all fire and emergency response provided through Gresham Fire and Rescue. Our agreement with the City of Gresham, recently extended until 2025, assures our residents receive fire and emergency services with quality service provision throughout this period. Gresham provides the services at rates very competitive with other regional service providers, and significantly lower than rates paid by Multnomah County residents in Fire District #10, or in the City of Portland.

Building Services: We contract with a private firm, Building Codes Consultancy, to provide all building code and specialty code services (electrical, plumbing, mechanical). Our total budget for the next year is \$55,000 for all services, significantly less than having a single full time employee that could not complete all the assigned work. The actual expense annually for the service varies with the number and kind of permits we issue, and total fees paid by individuals receiving permits have been slightly in excess of the total cost.



Planning Services: We contract with Carole Connell, an independent planning consultant. Carole's costs annually are slightly less than the costs of the fees charged for all planning services provided by the City.

Information Technology: Wood Village contracts with Global Support Network to provide system support for the information network as well as individual support for the computers utilized by City personnel.



Technical Services for Utilities: Our water and sewer systems have electronic control systems that require maintenance and support. We provide the service to keep this systems working properly though an independent contractor, Kip Edgley.



Using contracts allows our local government to provide quality services in a manner that is cost effective.

FRED MEYER FUELING STATION GRAND OPENING



City Council President Tim Clark used the scissors to cut the ribbon at the Grand Opening event for the Fred Meyer Fueling station located at the Wood Village Town Center on July 31st, 2015. City Councilor Harden is on one side of the ribbon and West Columbia Gorge

Chamber Executive Claud Cruz

is on the other. The president of Fred Meyer,

Lynn Gust, joined Councilor Clark in the ribbon cutting. Others in the photograph include the project construction team, chamber members, and in the background, area residents actively taking advantage of the grand opening sale.

ARATA ROAD UPDATE

Multnomah County Roads Department has seen a number of personnel changes in the last several months. The County Engineer and several of the senior engineering personnel for the County have moved on to other job opportunities. The result has been the loss of a number of familiar contacts at the County, and some concerns about the pending construction of Arata Road. Riad Alharithi, the Capital Improvement Program Manager with Multnomah County, is assuming responsibility for the Arata Road project, and for improvements on Sandy Boulevard.

The County will be turning to private consulting firms to complete the design work for the roadway. The contracts with private designers will assure the project will stay on schedule and be ready to bid.

The Arata Road work is scheduled for bidding before the end of 2015, and construction in the spring and summer of 2016. If you have any questions concerning the project, or how the construction may impact your home, your neighborhood, or your ability to get around town, call Riad at 503-988-0181.

GRAFFITI FREE ZONE

We saw a dramatic decrease in graffiti this summer compared to last summer. This is all in part because graffiti was removed quickly; residents kept their property clean or planted vegetation to restrict access to walls or fences, and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office did an outstanding job of patrolling hot spots and contacting people of interest. We want this momentum to continue into this coming fall and winter. You can help by keeping

your property clean and maintained, adding lighting, and promptly removing any new graffiti that occurs.



If you are a victim of graffiti vandalism, the City can help. We have no cost kits that you can use to remove graffiti from your property. You can learn more about these kits on our website, or stop by City Hall. Remember, you can also report graffiti or other code violations using our online reporting tool. Let's be a graffiti free City!

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES?

Knowing what to do before, during and after an emergency is a critical part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count. Some basic protective actions are similar across many different hazards:



- ✘ Physical safety is a concern for all hazards and may involve sheltering or evacuating.
- ✘ Develop a family communications plan
- ✘ Make an emergency supply kit to be prepared for any type of disaster.
- ✘ Learn about receiving emergency alerts and local emergency plans for shelter and evacuation, local emergency contacts, and local advance alerts and warnings.
- ✘ When recovering from a disaster, safety as well as mental and physical well-being must be considered.

BASIC DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Whistle to signal for help



- Battery-powered or hand crank radio & NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit

- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air, plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

Once you have gathered the supplies for a basic emergency kit, you may want to consider adding the following items:



- Prescription medications and glasses
- Non-prescription items such as aspirin, etc.
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container. You can use the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK) developed by Operation Hope, FEMA and Citizen Corps to help you organize your information.
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book.
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted, nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children



For more information visit our website at www.ci.wood-village.or.us or the Multnomah County Emergency Management website at <https://multco.us/em> for preparedness education, outreach events and more. You can also sign up for emergency notifications on both websites.

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**TOWN CENTER MASTER PLAN UPDATE SURVEY
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City Council Meetings:
 Sept 10th 6:00 PM
 Sept 22nd 6:00 PM

City Services:		Emergencies	911
Wood Village City Hall		Mult County Sheriff	503-823-3333
Water & Sewer	503-667-6211	Gresham Fire Dept	503-618-2355
Building Permits	503-667-6211	Abandoned Vehicles	503-823-3333
Other Services:		DEQ Burning Info	503-618-3083
Waste Management	503-249-8078	Animal Control	503-248-3066
Frontier	800-921-8101	Reynolds School District	503-661-7200
PGE	503-228-6322	East Metro Mediation	503-618-3247
Power outages	503-464-7777	Multnomah County Commissioner:	
Streetlight outages	503-736-5710	Diane McKeel, District 4	503-988-5213
NW Natural	503-226-4212	City of Wood Village Contacts:	
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