

City of Wood Village July 2014

The Village News

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THE VILLAGE NEWS WINS GOLD AWARD!

The Village News has received a “Gold” award from the Neighborhood USA Association (NUSA). The NUSA annual meeting in Eugene included an event where submitted newsletters were evaluated. A group of judges evaluate newsletters from neighborhood associations, Cities and Counties throughout the United States, determining the quality of the newsletter, layout, use of graphics, and similar characteristics. The Village News won the highest honor presented by the organization.

At the Wood Village City Council meeting on June 24, 2014, the primary editor of the newsletter, Becky Gallien, received acknowledgement from the City Council and the formal award of the certificate for this achievement. While we’ve always been proud of our newsletter, Becky brought a whole new perspective, and based on the e-mail, personal comments, and resident response, the newsletter is viewed by residents as a great publication.

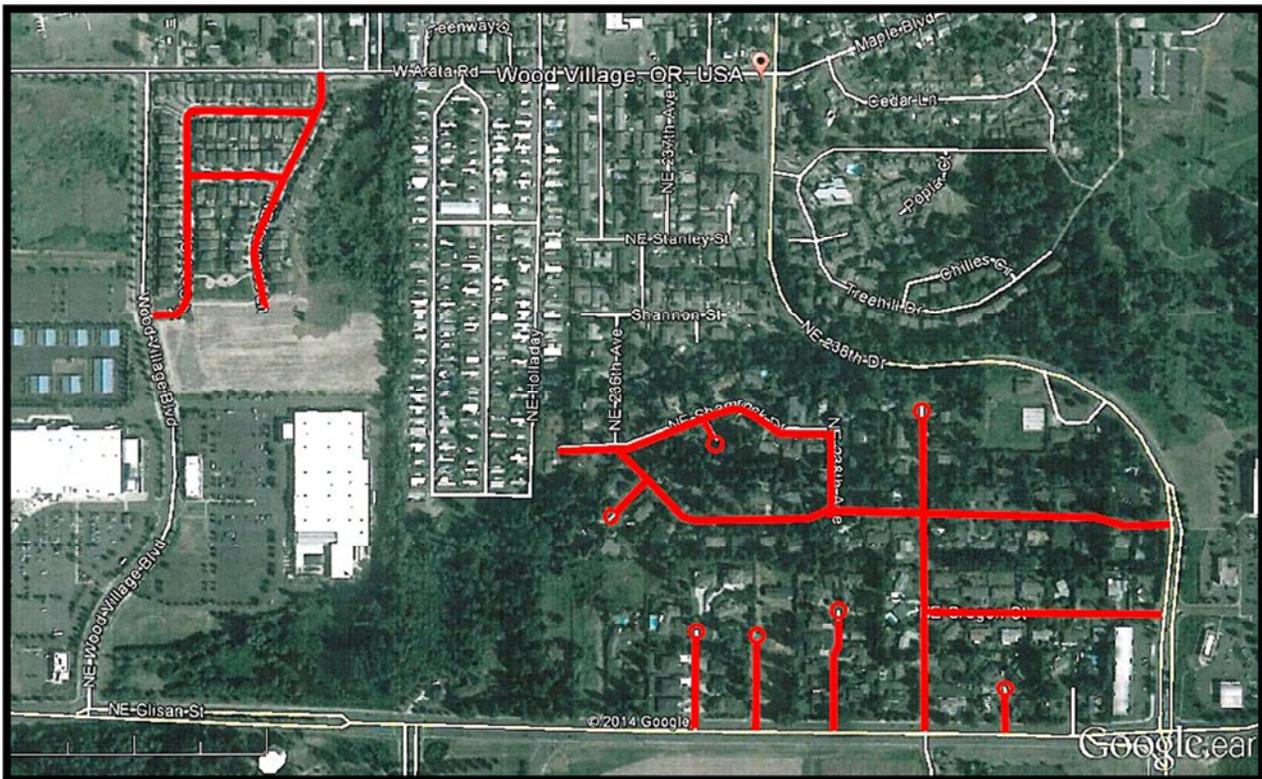


The team that creates this newsletter includes Becky Gallien, primary editor and composition developer. Paulette Myers volunteers to help stuff and fold every newsletter, and makes sure it is getting to the door of every resident, property owners, and a number of individuals that request to receive the newsletter every two months. The content of the articles for each issue is prepared by the staff members of the City, with many articles generated by Greg Dirks our City Records Manager/ Human Relations Specialist, and many contributions by Peggy Minter, Finance Director, Mark Gunter, Public Works Director, Marie Kizzar, PW Administrative Assistant and Scott Sloan, Engineering Technician.

It is a wonderful honor to have an independent agency evaluate this newsletter and view it to be among the best in the country. **“Thank You” to Becky for her contributions**, Paulette for volunteering, and the many staff members that contribute articles to the newsletter every two months. We also want to thank the readers of this newsletter for encouraging us to continue to make it better.

ROAD WORK CONTINUES

Over the last two years the City has completed improvements to approximately two-thirds of the City owned streets. The crack and slurry seal program that we started two years ago will help keep our streets in good condition for years to come. The remaining improvements will be made to the Upper Village area and the Riverwood Neighborhood in late summer or early fall. This type of work always causes some inconveniences such as limited or prohibited street access and parking. We will supply individual door hanger notices, project signs at the entrances to neighborhoods, and information on our website as soon as the project has been scheduled. The map below shows the affected areas, and we will work with our community partners to provide extra parking for the days the roads are closed. We know this is not a fun process, but we appreciate your cooperation and understanding. This project will help keep our roads in top condition.



Multnomah County is also planning extensive work to their roads in the City. Construction of the Wood Village Blvd extension from Arata Road to Halsey Street has begun, and the county road crew is working hard to complete this project by the end of summer. Pedestrian access may be restricted at times during work hours due to heavy equipment entering and exiting the site. The end result will be great, and will feature two travel lanes, bike lanes, and sidewalks. There will also be enhanced pedestrian crossings on Halsey Street.

The full reconstruction of Arata Road is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2015. This work will include an on-street bicycle lane, planter strips and sidewalks on both sides of the road. The engineering design on this is about 65% complete, and we cannot wait for this project to begin.

Some resurfacing of 238th will take place this summer. The work is scheduled to begin on July 7th, and will focus on 238th between Glisan and Sandy Blvd. Again, this project may cause some inconvenience, but the end result will be a better road for all of us. All good roads lead to Wood Village!

WATER VALVES REPLACEMENT PROJECT ARATA ROAD

As you may have noticed, there was a lot of working going on along Arata Road between Wood Village Blvd. and 238th these past weeks. The City contracted with a company called Haag & Shaw to replace thirteen large diameter water valves on the City's main line. This project helped improve water quality and system reliability, increased the water volume in some areas, and helped maintain adequate water flows in the system.



This work was done in advance of a future Multnomah County project to reconstruct and improve Arata Road from 223rd Ave to 238th Drive. Completing this project in advance of the County's roadwork allowed us to save money by cutting into the old roadway and ensuring a great looking roadway when it is rebuilt.

Two or three valves were replaced at a time so only a section of Arata was affected on each day of the

project. Customers in the work zone had their water

shut off for a period of up to eight hours with service restored at the end of each day. We certainly appreciated the patience of our affected customers, and we do apologize for any inconvenience that this project caused. This project was funded through the Water Capital Improvement Program which is funded by our user rates.



THE OF SUMMER

Free concerts are back at the Donald L. Robertson Park every Sunday this summer. The fun started on June 15th, and will continue until August 10th. The free concerts start at 2pm, and last until 5pm. All bands are family friendly, and there will even be performances by the Portland Youth Philharmonic!

The local Fraternal Order of the Eagles has helped put this event together, and the Tillamook Guitar Shoppe has provided the sound system for the bands to use. We encourage you to stop by and listen to the sounds of summer. A full concert schedule can be found on the City's website. Let's hear it for Summer!

RECREATION PROGRAMS

Summer is well underway, and this year the City of Wood Village has partnered with the City of Troutdale's summer recreation program to offer lower cost programs. Wood Village residents will now be able to pay the residential rate for all of Troutdale's summer recreation programs.

Here's how it works: Sign up for any of Troutdale's programs like you normally would, and pay the non-residential rate. Bring in a copy of your registration and receipt to us, and we will refund you the difference. It's that easy. We will even refund the difference for programs that started in May or June, but you will still have to bring in your registration and proof of payment.

You can find all sorts of recreational programs online at www.ci.Troutdale.or.us by clicking on the Summer Recreation Program link. Let the Fun begin!

WE'RE WATCHING YOU

The City in conjunction with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office is coming out with a new program called the Citizen Spot Award. This award will be handed out to residents for random acts of kindness, youth leadership, obeying certain laws, or by assisting



the Sheriff's Office. Deputies will issue a citation to worthy individuals who can then take the citation to City Hall for a certificate and reward. The reward is a gift card provided by the Wood Village Fred Meyer. There are a limited number of awards, and they are only distributed by the 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. You can learn more about this program at the upcoming Nite Out on July 18th where we will issue our first award. We're watching for you!

WHAT HOMEOWNERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT WATER PIPES

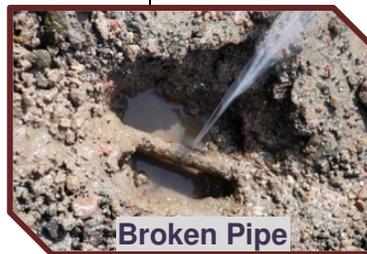
This year an increasing number of homeowners are experiencing problems with their water lines (the pipes that run from their property line to their home). Pipe clogs, leaks and breaks are surprisingly common, and the numbers are becoming more common as the City's pipes age. The results of a residential water pipe break can have a serious impact on homeowners' properties and their wallets. Many homeowners are unaware of the most common causes of water problems outside and inside their homes. Public Works continuously monitors and repairs any problems with the City's infrastructure but homeowners, not the local municipality, are responsible for the pipes running through their property.

How old are your pipes?

Some of the waterlines in Wood Village were installed just after World War II. Knowing the age of your pipes will help you to assess their need for repair.

Do you have mature trees near your water service lines?

Invasive tree roots often "follow" and disrupt service lines. Roots seek out pipes because they provide essential elements that trees need to grow - water, nutrients and oxygen. When tree roots get into pipes, they can cause clogs and blocks that may lead to serious problems.



Do you have clay soil?

Poor soil conditions - such as low soil resistivity and high chloride content - can cause corrosion of pipes from the outside, and lead to leaks and contamination. Corrosive soil can start attacking your pipes almost immediately, with corrosion building over time. This means that although your pipes are already being invaded, you might not experience a leak or break until much later.

Have you been ignoring the warning signs?

An erratic flow can be an indication that a water line is leaking; watch for wet areas in your lawn that don't go away; check your water bill and see if your usage or fees increase.

One more thing to worry about: the potentially high cost of repairs.

Repairs to leaking water pipes may not be covered by your homeowners insurance. The cost to repair or replace a water

service line averages in the \$1,500s, while the typical cost of hiring a plumber can range from \$250-\$1,500, depending on the job at hand.

How can you stay water-worry free?

Take the necessary measures to protect yourself and your home from water damage and costly repairs. Be aware of what's going on in and under your property. Check your pipes regularly and heed the warning signs, no matter how small.

BUDGET ADOPTED

The Wood Village Budget Committee met May 8, 2014. The committee received the budget message and took action to modify the budget prior to recommending adoption to the City Council. The Council adopted the budget following the hearing on June 10, 2014.

The operating budget for FY2014-2015 is a “business as usual” plan. There are no additions in personnel, no operating changes in programs or basic costs. The City will continue to deliver police services through the Multnomah County Sheriff, fire services through Gresham Fire and Rescue, Building Permits and Inspections through a contract with Building Codes Consultancy, and Planning Services through Carole Connell (private contractor). The remaining local government activities for water delivery, sewer collection, parks programs and events will remain at current service levels. There are no new fees, utility rates will be adjusted by 2% in January, and no tax rate changes are included in the budget.

The City of Wood Village has adopted a formal management system to make sure the staff members focus resources and attention on the Goals adopted by the City Council. The system, trade marked by consultant Caryn Tilton, is the System Integration Model™. The key feature of the model is the creation of an annual performance plan (APP). The City Council annually evaluates the goals adopted for the City and establishes the specific steps the Council wants to make sure happen in the next year to achieve those goals. The budget is the financial plan that lets enough resource be available to achieve the outcomes.

The APP for 2014-15 (fiscal year beginning in July of 2014 and ending June of 2015) includes the following items:

GOAL 1: A SAFE, CLEAN, LIVABLE COMMUNITY WITH A SENSE OF PRIDE, QUALITY HOUSING, AND STRONG IDENTITY.

- City Sponsored House Clean Up/Renovation program known as “Brush-Up Wood Village” will paint a home this year. Applications for the next home painting project will be available in January.
- Additional Community Banners will be placed around the City.
- Graffiti Kits containing cleaners and supplies to abate graffiti on homes or objects are available from the City thanks to the donation of the materials by WalMart. We will be promoting the availability of the kits in newsletters and on the website.
- Research Grants Available to Meet Goals.
- A City Flag Design Contest will be conducted to determine if a separate flag should be considered for the City.
- A pilot program will be implemented this fall to televise 3 City Council Meetings. The Council will determine whether or not to televise all meetings following the pilot.
- The City will engage with a local school to sponsor Student Projects.
- The City Charter will be reviewed to determine if changes should be made.



GOAL 2: EXCELLENT POLICE, FIRE AND BUILDING SERVICES.

- ✦ Fire Service Alternatives and Negotiations for the expiring contract with Gresham Fire and Rescue
- ✦ Multnomah County Sheriff's Office is considering construction or relocation. The Council is seeking a potential Wood Village site and wants Wood Village involved in the decision for a new Sheriff's location.
- ✦ The Police Academy for Teens was initiated in 2013-14, and the program will be continued this year.
- ✦ The City will continue to emphasize and promote Emergency Management.

GOAL 3: HIGH QUALITY, COST EFFECTIVE PUBLIC UTILITIES, PARKS AND EVENTS

- Scheduled City Events will be conducted, including Easter Egg Hunt, Nite Out, Christmas Tree Lighting, Volunteer Appreciation Event, and the Clean Up event.
- Water Master Plan Capital Improvement Projects will be identified with the adoption of the Plan early in the year. This activity will identify projects that must be undertaken to maintain the water system.
- Reservoir 1 will be painted.
- Shea Lift Station will be evaluated for replacement or repair.
- A Parks Master Plan will be developed.
- Hydrant Replacement Project will continue until all hydrants are replaced that do not meet current standards.
- Street Slurry Project will have an annual increment with the focus this year on the Upper Village.
- Sewer Master Plan Capital Improvement Projects will be identified with the adoption of the Plan early in the year. This activity will identify projects that must be undertaken to maintain the sewer system.
- A Park Trail Grant will be sought from Oregon Parks and Recreation to extend and enhance the trails in Donald L. Robertson Park.
- Through a CDBG grant, the Playground, Basketball Court, and Irrigation System in the Park will be improved.
- A proposed expansion of the sewer line in Halsey along with elimination of potential inflow and infiltration will be prioritized in our financial plan, with the understanding that it will not be built in 2014-2015.



GOAL 4: LONG-TERM FINANCIAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC VITALITY



\$ Make sure that any potential business leads or employment opportunities are aware of the option for Wood Village to Meet or Beat offers made by other area jurisdictions.

\$ Evaluate and potentially acquire strategic properties.

\$ The City will request proposals from auditing firms and make a selection for next year's audit.

\$ The City Hall Property will be advertised for sale.

\$ The Town Center Master Plan and current zoning requirements will be evaluated and potentially modified.

GOAL 5: A WORK ENVIRONMENT THAT DEVELOPS AND ENCOURAGES EMPLOYEES, REWARDS CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

△ Employees will participate in targeted safety training twice annually.

△ Staff team building will be conducted once annually.

△ The union contract will enter collective bargaining.

△ The City will evaluate selected services and practices in comparison with neighboring cities.

△ The City will evaluate selected compensation for different positions in comparison with neighboring cities.



GOAL 6: EFFECTIVE LOCAL, STATE AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS



√ Four Cities Manager's Meetings

√ Staff Support for METRO and Regional Meetings

√ League of Oregon Cities Legislative Committees

√ School District Updates

√ Establish Legislative Goals

√ Legislative Updates

GOAL 7: ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

🌱 Staff will work on developing electronic City Council packets.

🌱 The City will evaluate and potentially acquire LED street lights.

🌱 More trees will be planted in the Park as part of the Arboretum project.



This is a formally adopted plan for the year ahead. The Wood Village staff is focused on getting these items accomplished, along with the daily responsibilities to make sure we operate an efficient and effective local government. Your elected officials take this responsibility very seriously, as do the people that work for you in our local government. If you have any questions or comments about the plan for the year ahead, please call Bill Peterson, City Administrator, at 503-489-6856, or any of your elected officials by leaving a message at 503-667-6211.

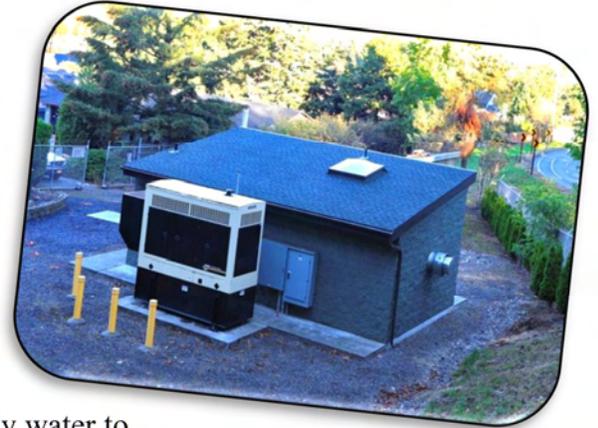
WATER MASTER PLAN

Do you know where your water comes from? Based on the dozens of calls we received during the recent “boil order” event in Portland, many of us do not know the source of Wood Village water supplies.

Wood Village receives its water from four deep wells. Our water source is groundwater from the gravel aquifer known as the Troutdale Formation. Our source is the same groundwater source as Fairview and Troutdale. Unlike our Gresham neighbors that have a contract for water supply with Portland for the Bull Run watershed supply, the Wood Village water system has no outside source of water that is delivered to our residents, we rely on our wells.

In the event of an emergency in our well system, we do have emergency abilities to connect to water supplies from our neighbors on all sides, with a formal agreement in place with Troutdale for water supplies if we have an emergency, and to supply water to Troutdale if they have an emergency.

Since Wood Village owns and operates our own water supply, it is important for us to have a long range plan. We have just completed the planning work with the help of Keller and Associates, a consulting engineering firm. The great news is that Wood Village has a water supply sufficient to meet all the projected water needs through 2044. Unless the City sees a major industrial water user that has a very high water demand, no additional wells or water storage will be necessary. This is what the City Council members and City leadership has been striving for, and their success is documented by the independent consultants preparing the plan. As your current Administrator, I have never had the experience to work in a community that has displayed as much foresight and careful investment. I hope you will join me in a “thank you” to the people that have served Wood Village in the last decade.



recommended improvements to undertake in the system. Old pipes have to be repaired and replaced, all the valves and other features of the system have to be actively maintained and periodically replaced, and other similar actions to make sure the wells are producing throughout the years ahead are included in a 25 year water master plan just completed and pending for City Council adoption.

The new plan includes a number of projects that will improve the water system, from working with pressure zones and what lands are included in what zones, to improving fire hydrant coverage, there are many



WE GOT TRASH

The Wood Village Cleanup Day was once again a huge success, and we beat last year's numbers by over two tons! We were able to remove over 12 tons of bulky waste, and 1.1 tons of scrap metal from the community. We also had a record number of tires that came through the event. Our reusable area generated a lot of buzz as well. Reusable items such as furniture, bikes, pools and lawnmowers were pulled from the dumpsters and offered for free to anyone who wanted them. This event not only helps clean up the City, but it allows residents to properly dispose of their unwanted items.



This event would not have been possible without the help from our volunteers and sponsors which included Metro, Waste Management, Wood Village Baptist Church, The Eagles, and Frontier. We are looking forward to holding another drop off event next year, but remember to properly dispose of your unwanted items in a timely manner before they become a problem.

The accumulation of solid waste is a code violation, and we all want to live in a clean neighborhood and City. Please visit our website, or www.oregonmetro.gov to find a list of approved waste providers and dump sites.



CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION

The City is now accepting applications for candidates to run for City Council at the November 4, 2014 General Election. There are two available positions, and each position is for a

four-year term. Candidates must have lived within the City for at least one year as of November 4th, and Councilors serve on a volunteer basis without pay.

The City Council is responsible for setting policies for the entire City. In addition to policy making, the Council also sets and approves the yearly work plan, special programs and events, and the annual City budget. Council members work closely with the Parks and Planning Commissions, as well as the other area cities. The City Council generally meets twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday. All meetings are open to the public, and we encourage you to stop in for a meeting to see the great work that these dedicated volunteers do.

All completed election forms must be turned into the City Hall on or before August 26th. For more information, or to obtain a Council Election Packet please stop by City Hall, or visit our website at www.ci.wood-village.or.us

THE GRAFFITI FREE ZONE

Summer is here, and graffiti is not! Volunteers, residents, and City staff members have been out removing graffiti as soon as it appears thanks in part to our free graffiti removal kits. These kits which were supplied by our local Wal-Mart are full of all the supplies needed to remove graffiti from most surfaces. Kits can be checked out from City Hall, and you can learn more about the kits, or report graffiti on the City's Website.

While graffiti has been down, another nuisance has grown in recent months. Abandoned shopping carts are increasing at an alarming rate in the City. You can help get these carts back home by calling 1-888-552-2787 for Fred Meyer and Safeway carts, and 503-427-1013 for all other carts. Together we can be a graffiti free City, and put an end to abandoned shopping carts.

Fireworks Safety

Promote & Practice the 4 BE'S

BE PREPARED:

- Store fireworks out of children's reach.
- Always read and follow label directions.
- Place pets indoors; they are easily frightened by fireworks.
- Always have water handy (a garden hose or a bucket of water).



BE SAFE:

- An adult should always light fireworks.
- Keep matches & lighters away from children.
- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Light only one firework at a time & move away quickly.
- Keep children & pets away from fireworks.
- Always remember-do not throw fireworks or hold them in your hand.



BE RESPONSIBLE:

- Soak used fireworks thoroughly in a bucket of water.
- Dispose of used fireworks & debris properly.
- Never re-light "dud" fireworks. Wait 15-20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water.

BE AWARE:

- Use only legal fireworks.
- Use fireworks only in legal places.
- Fireworks are prohibited on all beaches, State Parks, & State or Federal Forest lands.

A SAFE 4TH IS A FUN 4TH!



LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

The active shooting at Reynolds High School June 10, 2014, will long be remembered in the Wood Village portion of the Portland Metropolitan area. On behalf of our community, our staff, and our elected officials, we want all residents to know that our hearts and prayers are with those who suffered a devastating loss. Our sincere thank you is extended to the first responders and the staff and administration of the school for their responses to this awful event.

We are particularly proud of the businesses in Wood Village that stepped forward to support the thousands of students and parents in the reunification process. The parking area at the Wood Village Fred Meyer was selected as the location for reunification of students and parents following the evacuation of the school. The businesses in the Town Center, including Fred Meyer, Lowes and Buffalo Wild Wings, all stepped forward to provide the crowd with thousands of free bottles of water, free snacks and cookies, and food. The contributions these businesses made to make a horrible day a little easier are deeply appreciated.

We were also very impressed with the crowd of students and parents. People were patient, orderly, and handled a very stressful situation well. Our thanks to all the hundreds of individuals that chose to make this process reasonably orderly.

While there is nothing good about this sort of event, the excellent response from the law enforcement community and the great contributions from our local businesses are deeply appreciated.

- Mayor Patricia Smith

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City Council Meetings:

July 8th 6:00 PM
July 22nd 6:00 PM
Aug 12th 6:00 PM

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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
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