

City of Wood Village May 2014

The Village News

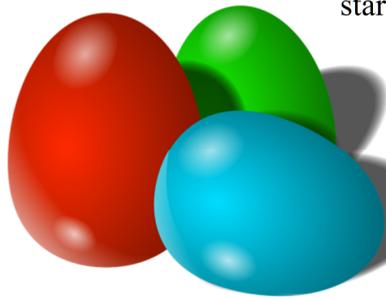
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26TH ANNUAL

EGGSPLOSION

The City's 26th annual Easter Egg

Hunt was once again one of the largest in the Portland area. Over 13,000 eggs filled with candy and prize tickets greeted the nearly 3,000 people who showed up to take part in the festivities. Children and their families started to arrive as early as 8 am to stake out their spot on the field. Volunteers handed 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 am, and the hunts started at 10 am sharp. There were separate hunt areas for children aged 3-4, 5-6, 7-9, and special needs. By 11 am the kids had gathered up all the eggs, and collected over 675 prizes.



This event was made possible because of the support and generosity of

over 50 volunteers and numerous businesses which donated money, supplies and time. We would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their support: Wal-Mart, Advanced Metal and Wire, 76 Gas Station, The Fraternal Order of the Eagles #4515, Beanarino's Coffee, Brasher's Auto Body, The Chapel, The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Reynolds High School National Honor Society, and all the community members who helped at the event. This was a great year for the event and the rain held out until the hunt was over. We hope to see you next year!



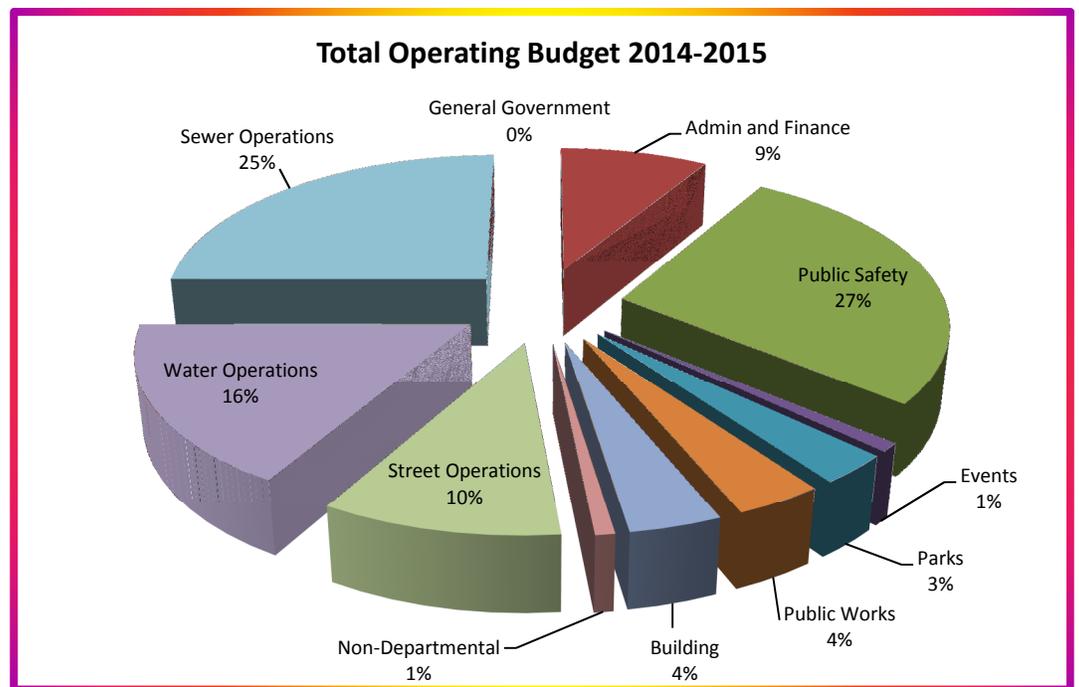
BUDGET HEARING

The Wood Village Budget Committee meets May 8, 2014, to receive the budget message and deliberate on the City Budget for the period from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The meeting is at 6:00 P.M. in the Wood Village City Council Chambers. Not many things are quite as exciting as a great budget hearing! If you are looking to see Wood Village change something, or if you would like to have different services, or more or less of some activity, come to the meeting and express your opinion!

The Wood Village City Council uses a formal set of goals and an annual performance plan to make sure the local government is making progress. The Council sets the vision and direction, and the staff is responsible to “make it happen”. The budget is the financial plan that lets enough resource be available to achieve the outcomes.

The budget for FY2014-2015 is very similar to the budget now adopted. 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, street maintenance, parks programs and events will remain at current service levels.

A snapshot of the proposed total operating budget, by category, is as shown in the chart.



There are no tax rate changes or new charges proposed. A 2% COLA will adjust water, sewer and street/drainage rates. While the big features of the budget will not change your costs of living in Wood Village, the City will continue to make positive changes.

Some of the planned projects are:

- Roadway slurries slated for the upper Village
- Rebuilding of the Playground in the Park, along with trail extensions
- Painting of the Water Reservoir at Cherry Park
- Replacing a Sewer Lift Station
- Completing the Fire Hydrant upgrades in the City



Over the last two years the City has completed improvements to approximately two-thirds of the City's street. The crack and slurry seal applications will continue to help us keep these streets in good condition for years to come. The remaining improvements will be made to the Upper Village area. Notifications will be sent out along with door hangers and newsletter articles as soon as the project has been scheduled. This type of work always causes some inconveniences such as street access and parking and we greatly appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation.

Multnomah County Transportation has started construction of the Wood Village Blvd extension from Arata Road to Halsey Street. This project will provide travel lanes as well as bike and pedestrian facilities. Pedestrian access may be restricted at times during work hours due to heavy equipment entering and exiting the site. In late summer or early fall, a 2-inch overlay will be applied to 238th Dr from Halsey to Glisan. Information about lane and/or road closures will be available on the City website once this project is scheduled.

Multnomah County Transportation has several other road projects planned for our area in the not so distant future. The 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 upcoming Sandy Blvd improvements from NE 230th to 238th Dr are currently in the pre-design phase. This project will include wider travel lanes, the addition of a median lane, bike and pedestrian paths on both sides along with illumination for section west of Walmart. By far the largest and most complex project that will impact many of us is the redesign and reconstruction of 238th Dr. between Halsey and Glisan. Geological technical work for the reconstruction project will begin in the fall of 2014, with the construction phase starting in the summer of 2017. The City and County will keep everyone apprised of this project's progress.

Contact Public Works at 503-667-6211 to obtain further information.

BIGGER THAN EVER!

15TH ANNUAL CITY NITE

The event is scheduled for Friday, July 18th 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, children's activities, 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 18th!

START GROWING!

The Wood Village Community Garden is open for registration, and this year plots are free!

That's right; you can have a 10' x 10' garden plot free of charge. The garden is located adjacent to City Hall, and you can get a registration form on the City's website, or at City Hall. The garden has all the materials you need to start growing a great garden. From quality soil to plentiful water, all you need to bring is a shovel, plants/seeds and garden dreams. Being part of the Community Garden not only allows you to grow your own fruits and vegetables, but you get to meet great people as well. There are only a few plots left and they are going fast, so come into today to get your free plot. Let's get growing!



THE SOUNDS OF SUMMER

Free concerts will be back at the Donald L. Robertson Park this summer. The City is partnering with the Fraternal Order of the Eagles to host the concert series which will occur Sunday afternoons starting June 15th. Bands will play from 2-5 pm at the newly constructed gazebo. All bands will be family friendly, and there will even be performances by the Portland Youth Philharmonic! Updated band information will be available on the City's website as the events draw closer. Remember, you

can reserve the gazebo and other park facilities for your own functions free of charge in most cases. Check out our webpage or stop by City Hall for more information. Hooray for Summer!



STAFF CORNER DEGREE EARNED!



Alex Sykes has been a utility worker with the City since September of 2012. Prior to coming to Wood Village, Alex was going to college to get a degree in Water Environmental Technology. As part of the program, he did an internship at the sewer treatment plant in Scappoose learning more than the average person wants to know about responsible sewer waste management and obtaining a Sewer I Certification. After coming to Wood Village, Alex was able to finish up his Associate's Degree at Clackamas Community College.

Having an Associate's Degree in Water Environmental Technology will allow Alex to obtain additional certifications including the Water I Certification which will not only benefit his career, but the City as well. The degree program at Clackamas Community College provides students with in-depth knowledge of water and sewer systems, as well as other city utility functions. The City has three other utility workers with certifications in Water Distribution, Sewer Collections, and other specialty areas. We are proud of Alex's accomplishment, and we are fortunate to have him on our team. Good Job Alex!!

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

MAY 18TH-24TH, 2014

The American Public Works Association has sponsored National Public Works Week since 1960. This is a celebration of the 28,000 members in the US and Canada. This week is to energize and educate the public on the importance of the contribution of Public Works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating the heart of our local communities and building the quality of life.



This year's theme is "Building for Today, Planning for Tomorrow". It represents the profession of Public Works and the professionals that practice it. "**Building**" stands for quality of life and "**Planning**" stands for sustainable practices that ensure that quality of life for future generations.

Typically the work of the Public Works employees remains unseen; underground line repair and maintenance, operation of wells and sewer facilities, park clean up and planting, etc. Public Works encompasses a vast number of duties and responsibilities, many that are not viewed by the general public. The Public Works employee is out working in inclement weather repairing waterline leaks, they are woken up at all hours at home to come in and troubleshoot water well issues, they have to work in manholes or on lines that contain raw sewage, etc. They provide our residents with well-maintained infrastructure and services; clean, safe water; a beautiful park to enjoy.



Wood Village staff is getting together with Public Works employees from Fairview and Troutdale to hold a BBQ luncheon to celebrate Public Works Week and to show how much we appreciate all they do for our communities.



Next time you see one of our Public Works employees let them know how much you appreciate all they do!

CITY BANNERS

The bright and cheerful banners that were created by students at Reynolds High School have been reinstalled throughout the City. The banners have been reprinted on new wind resistant material that should last for years. The City is not only reinstalling the banners, but adding new ones as well. In addition to the current locations along Halsey and Wood Village Blvd, they will also be on Sandy Blvd. and Glisan as well. We want to thank Comcast Cable for generously donating their time and equipment to install the banners and brackets throughout the City. We also want to thank Advanced Metal and Wire for creating the brackets, and the Reynolds high School Print Shop for printing the banners. We hope these banners help create a sense of place and pride for all those who live, work, and play in our great City.



GRAFFITI CLEAN UP

The City has been making great progress on preventing and removing graffiti. From City crew members promptly removing graffiti in the right of way, to residents and business owners cleaning up graffiti on their property, Wood Village is sending a powerful signal that graffiti is not welcome here. A lot of homeowners have been using the City's free graffiti removal kit to help remove graffiti from their property. These kits were donated by Wal-Mart and are full of all the supplies needed to remove most types of graffiti from most surfaces. 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!

MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN WOOD VILLAGE

Medical Marijuana dispensaries are authorized by the State of Oregon through the action of the Oregon State Legislature. The adoption of the law to authorize medical marijuana dispensaries provides for the ability for local governments to enact a temporary moratorium for one year, allowing local governments time to change their zoning and business licensing laws to eliminate conflicts.

The zoning code and business license regulation in Wood Village require all uses to be in compliance with state, federal and local law. Since marijuana remains illegal by federal law, there is a conflict. Similar conflicts in Colorado and Washington, where marijuana recreational use has been permitted, have resulted in continuing confusion and concern about the liability of authorizing activities that violate the federal law.

The Oregon law only allows local governments a minimal ability to deal with the issue of medical marijuana. Any taxing or outright prohibitions are not allowed. The law lets local governments adopt only "reasonable regulations", including limitations on the hours during which a medical marijuana facility may be operated, where a medical marijuana facility may be located within a zone and the manner in which a medical marijuana facility may dispense medical marijuana. The legislature did allow the local governments to adopt a temporary moratorium.



There are significant legal questions about the ability of the legislature to preempt local authority on this issue and whether or not the federal law may preempt any state action. There is also a great deal of debate among legislators and others about potential additional legislation, or the potential legalization of marijuana. In general, the regulatory field surrounding the medical marijuana topic is unsettled.



The Wood Village City Council expressed a wide range of opinions about this issue. From letting the dispensaries be placed to promote business and provide needed medications to finding a way to prohibit the facilities permanently, the members of the Council had a very healthy debate. The outcome of their action was the adoption of a local ordinance that will not permit medical marijuana facilities to be licensed in Wood Village for up to one year. The City Council will initiate the actions necessary to amend the local laws to avoid conflicts so the moratorium in Wood Village may not last a full year.

If you have opinions about medical marijuana and marijuana dispensaries, please contact your City Council with your opinion.

ANIMALS IN DISASTERS

Take animals with if you need to evacuate. Only as a last resort should animals be left behind.

Create an animal disaster supply kit

- Include food water, medication, crates, leash, collar, ID tags.
- Consider a microchip for animals in the event they are separated during a disaster.
- Take digital photos of you with each animal; this will help during searching if separated, or to match you to your animal.
- A flashing collar or ID tag can help you to find a lost animal at night.

Identify shelters

Many emergency shelters cannot accept animals. Find out which Hotels/shelters allow animals in the area you plan to evacuate before disaster strikes.

If you have to leave animals at home

- Leave them in a secure area inside your home. Never chain animals outside!
- Leave at least a 10-day supply of dry food and multiple containers of water.
- Use signs on doors and windows to indicate type and number of animals inside and your contact information.
- Keep ID tags updated and securely fastened to your animal's collar.



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- City Council Meetings:**
- May 13th 6:00 PM
 - June 10th 6:00 PM
 - June 24th 6:00 PM

- Budget Hearing:**
- May 8th 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
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