
City of Wood Village November 2014

The Village News

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WOOD VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM

On Monday, September 29, 2014, the City of Wood Village had to issue a boil water order to all residents that are served by the upper pressure system. Wood Village has a water system exclusively dedicated to serving the residents and businesses in Wood Village. We do not rely on any other community for our water supply.

Our water system is divided into two pressure zones; areas where we can make sure the service delivery pressure to your home or business is maintained appropriately. These zones are divided based on topography, so the higher elevations are served by one zone, and lower elevations served by another.

Wood Village was working on improvements to the reservoirs that serve the upper pressure zone. We have a facility in the lower zone at Well #4 that can pump to the upper zone and maintain pressures. We had that system in use while the water reservoirs were drained for maintenance.



The pump at Well #4 stopped for approximately one hour. We still do not know the cause. It may have been the communication systems that provide automatic controls for the pumps, power conditioning, or any number of other potential issues. The result was system pressure that fell below the mandatory 20 pounds per square inch that triggers a boil water notice. The requirement for this notice is based on the potential risk of contamination entering a water system that has low pressure. This notice only applied to the upper pressure zone.



Notification was provided by the Multnomah County Emergency Management network, and roughly 70% of our affected residents received a direct call. Our personnel provided direct hand notice to all commercial and food service locations. Testing on Tuesday proved that no contamination had entered the system, and we were able to cancel the alert just prior to noon on Tuesday.

No contamination was identified in the system. Your water supply is safe.

One of the biggest things we learned from the event dealt with how our residents receive notice. The system relies on listed telephone exchanges for each address. If your home is served by an alternate phone service that is not listed in the exchange, you did not receive a call. You would not be listed if you receive your phone service from a cable provider using voice over internet protocol (VOIP), if you use only cellular phones at your home, or if you have moved or changed numbers subsequent to the annual update of this information in the database for notification. Some of our well established residents did not receive calls, so we are suggesting all residents that wish to make sure they receive notice take action to register their phone access information.

If you want to make sure you receive notice of this sort of event, or of other emergency issues for which a call to residents is warranted, you will have to take action to make sure your phone number is listed. The methods to complete this action include listing on two separate services, one is the Flash Alert System and the other is the Community Emergency Notification System. The information that follows highlights how you can register to make sure you are notified.

Emergency Notification

This is a very complex topic in the digital world we live in, with land lines, cell phones, voice over internet protocol (VOIP), texting, as well as all of the social media. We are inundated with information, some we need and a lot we are not sure what to do with, however sometimes we don't even get the information we really need. What list do we need to be on and how do we make sure we are on the right list to receive the correct information?

We do need to be aware that agencies that contact the public during emergencies obtain their phone lists from other agencies. If you have an unlisted number, if you do not have a land line, if you moved and have not reregistered your new phone number you may not be on that list. It's everyone's personal responsibility to be proactive by making sure their contact information is current so they can be contacted when needed.

The City's web page lists some of the contact numbers and agencies that disseminate information in the case of emergency and provides links and phone numbers if you would like to register with them. Type this address into your browser and you will be taken directly to the correct page: <http://www.ci.wood-village.or.us/emergency/>

Near the bottom of the web page are two notice services, the first is identified as "City Information", that provides your listing to the Flash Alert system.



The second is identified as "Reverse 911", and will let you register for the Community Emergency Notification System.

WELL, NOT RETIREMENT, BUT AFTER 15 YEARS, IT COULD BE...

Debbie Norman has been a mainstay of the Wood Village Finance Department since she came to work as a Fiscal Assistant for the City of Wood Village in 1998. In her 15+ years of service to our residents, Debbie earned a reputation for completing her work, helping our residents and for sincerely caring about Wood Village and its people. From the daily routines of recording and paying bills to maintaining our computer systems, Debbie was a valued employee.

Debbie left employment with Wood Village in September of 2014 to take a job at the City of Fairview, but her spirit will be with our City long into the future. She brought a great work ethic and dedication along with a determination to always be available to help out however she could.

Debbie Norman is a special person that gave a great deal to our community and to the employees here at City Hall. She was always willing to lend a hand and help anyone needing assistance. Her mild manner and good sense of humor will be missed. We wish her good luck with her new job at the City of Fairview. They have gained a valuable employee!



ANNUAL LEAF DROP OFF



It's that time of year again when 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 in Wood Village. Wet leaves on the street can be slippery and create dangerous conditions for drivers and pedestrians. You can compost your leaves, put them into your yard debris can for Waste Management to pick up on your regularly scheduled collection day or drop them off

In an effort to assist you the City is providing a leaf drop off area. at the Donald L. Robertson City Park located at 24300 NE Halsey from November 1st to December 31st. **ONLY Wood Village residents may drop off LEAVES AND SMALL BRANCHES - NO TRASH PLEASE** in the main parking lot against the wall



north of the Tot Lot. Adding your trash ends up costing you and the City extra money to sort and dispose of the trash. Help us to continue this valuable service!

Leaves should be left loose in the designated area and take the containers you brought them in back with you. If you have any questions please call Marie at 503-489-6859.

CHESTNUT TREE REMOVED

All of us at City Hall appreciate trees and all the benefits they can bring to a property and the community. We like them so much we make a point to plant dozens of new trees every year. Trees like any other organism have a life span. A lot of trees can live for hundreds or even thousands of years. Sometimes they get diseases, or are severely damaged by accidents or weather events which can cause the tree to start to die. Unlike other organisms which can decay quickly, a dying tree may look healthy for years. Eventually limbs start to rot

and the trunk decays creating a potential hazard.

That was the case for a chestnut tree at City Hall. The tree was showing signs of decay, and was rated as a hazard by certified arborists. We took the advice from the arborist, and made the difficult decision to have the tree removed. In the process, we had several other trees at City Hall pruned for health and aesthetics. This will help make sure that the remaining trees at City Hall stay healthy for years to come.



This also serves as a reminder for all of you to check on the health of your trees. City code requires that limbs be at least 7 and a half feet above a sidewalk and 11 feet above a roadway. This is to help ensure safe passage for pedestrian and vehicles, as well as to prevent damage to trees. Several organizations offer low or no cost training on pruning, and a little bit of work can make a big difference in the health of your trees. We are Wood Village, so let's take care of our trees!

RESERVOIR VALVE REPLACEMENT

This year the City of Wood Village updated its Water Master Plan. During this process the project engineers requested that the valves in the reservoirs be tested to ensure that they can be isolated and do not leak. The existing valves in the tanks were about 50 years old. One test that was performed was to isolate one tank at a time and only fill one about 10'. During the test both tank gauges rose at the same time indicating that the valves were not sealing correctly and either needed servicing or replacing.



The City hired Canyon Contracting to perform the work to replace both of the valves. The first part of the project required that the reservoirs had to be drained to work on the valves. Reservoir No. 2 holds 490,000 gallons of water and Reservoir No. 3 holds 640,000 gallons of water. Both tanks were drained over a period of one week and one City well was utilized as a bypass to continue the water supply to our customers. The tanks were thoroughly cleaned and passed inspection without any repairs needed. Reservoir No. 2 will receive new exterior paint this fall and to do this the old paint and primer will need to be removed. The new valves were installed and the reservoirs placed back into operation. Our Public Works staff, City staff and the contractors did a great job getting this project completed.



SLURRY RESULTS

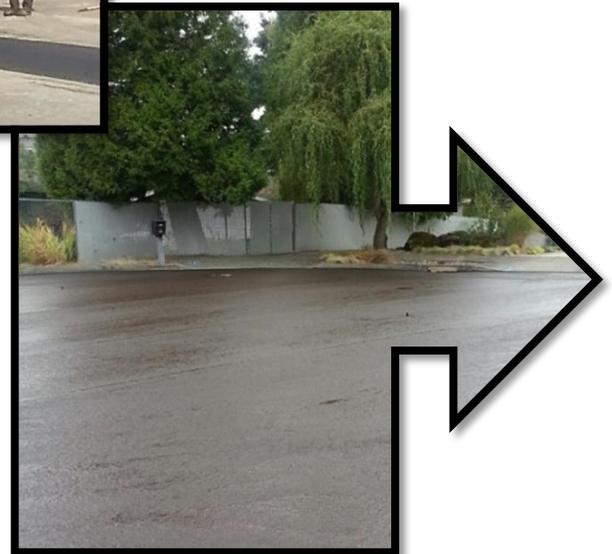
We want to thank all residents for their assistance in completing the first round of street maintenance activities throughout Wood Village. The final phase of the slurry project was completed this fall, with the remaining streets that were sealed including most of the upper Village and the Riverwood Estates subdivision. This procedure has extended the life of our streets by removing failing asphalt pavement and restoring the rock base in those failed areas, sealing the cracks in the roadway, and added a surface coat (called a “slurry”) to protect and renew the asphalt from oxidation and seal the surface from water penetration.

All the work on our roadways is financed by the adoption of the street and drainage utility. With the conclusion of this phase every street and cul-de-sac belonging to Wood Village has received a combination of failure repair, crack sealing, and slurry to the surface. This maintenance activity is projected to have up to a seven year life before a similar process is required or more extensive and costly repairs are necessary. It is the City’s goal to monitor and document the

states of condition, now that a baseline has been established, for signs of degradation that could require more serious attention sooner.



We have used the slurry treatment on several segments of roadway that may not have the structural integrity to last for seven years. The slurry may simply “buy time” in these limited areas before an overlay or rebuild is needed on roadways that have structural problems. The great news right now is that the combination of repairs and slurry seems to be holding up much better than predicted.



The City operates a water utility and a sewer utility and is responsible for storm drainage systems. These systems are reliant on pipelines underground, although the storm system also utilizes various surface methods to collect, store, and convey storm water. In recent work on the water master plan, underground pipes that have a high probability of failure, mostly cast iron pipelines, have been identified for replacement. Nearly all of these pipes are in public roadways. Our goal will be to replace the water pipelines over time. When we have dug up a roadway for this repair, we will make sure the sewer is in good shape or replace the sewer as well, make any modifications to the storm water system and complete the projects with full surface repairs on the roadways impacted. Our street utility will be used to complete the roadway repairs to make sure our streets do not have trenches and resulting potholes that are normally a part of underground pipe repairs.

Your street utility will continue to make investments in the roadways. Overlays will be planned as well as reconstruction of roadway segments when required. The adopted theme for the street utility is Funding Good Roads for a Great Community. These investments will protect private and public investments in Wood Village, help Wood Village focus on the basics of providing a quality place in which to live, and make sure that our roadways are a part of the positive infrastructure that can help our economy grow and prosper.



As mentioned in the last newsletter, we had a lot of graffiti these past few months. While residents, business owners, and volunteers did a great job of quickly removing the graffiti, the City Council wants to send a strong message to vandals that graffiti is not welcome in our community.

The Council met on September 23rd to discuss additional measures that the City can take to help reduce graffiti in the City. For starters, the City will be posting signs along major corridors stating that we will prosecute graffiti vandals, and we will offer an award for the information leading to the

successful prosecution of vandals. Next, we are working on enhancing our free graffiti removal kits to include free paint as well. While the kits have worked well on a lot of surfaces, they do not work well on wood structures like buildings or fences. We will add a limited selection of paint colors and supplies to further aid in the removal of graffiti.

Another item we will be working on is low cost plants for homeowners. Landscaping is a good graffiti prevention tool, and we want to offer low cost solutions such as plants with thorns or shrubs that prevent access to walls or fences. Last but not least, the City will more strictly enforce the current City code that requires owners to remove graffiti within 10 days. Property owners who do not remove graffiti within the 10 day period may face a citation. While we do not want to issue a fine, it will be used as a last resort to help ensure that our City is graffiti free.

The City Council received a report from the Multnomah County Sheriff's department that a combined action with Fairview and Troutdale has resulted in the arrest and pending prosecution of an individual believed to be a primary source for a great deal of the graffiti we saw this summer. This arrest is great work by the law enforcement group to help with this effort, and recognition that arrests of the perpetrators is a part of the program to eliminate graffiti.



The focus of our program is to make sure graffiti is removed or eliminated quickly. The purpose of our signage, availability of paint and the removal kits is to provide a low cost, or no cost alternative to our residents that are the victims of graffiti. Combining these tools to help property owners along with law enforcement efforts and the requirement to make sure the graffiti is removed will help us be graffiti free!



STAFF CORNER NEW EMPLOYEE!

Phillip Robinson is the newest addition to our finance department. He has recently uprooted from the Southwest and is excited to join the Wood Village team. Phillip has had over six years of experience in professional accounting. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting from the University of New Mexico and is very close to completing a master's of business administration as well. He has most recently worked for a behavioral health organization with facilities in New Mexico and Texas. Other work experience includes accounting consultation, auditing and payroll management.

Aside from a short time spent in Texas, Phillip has been a lifelong resident of New Mexico where his ancestors have been living for generations. Although he has a great fondness and appreciation for New Mexico culture, he has made a bold and permanent life change. Phillip has left the Southwest behind to pursue a dream of living in the Pacific Northwest.

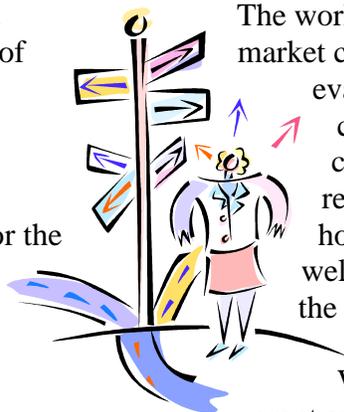
Growing up in a small town, he has always enjoyed the outdoors. Among his favorite activities are camping, hiking, snowboarding and skiing. He also enjoys traveling and experiencing new places. The past two months spent in Oregon have been filled with exploration. He will be looking forward to a change from the hot climate, and especially to a cold, snowy winter.

TOWN CENTER & THE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The future for the Town Center will be the focus of a grant just received by the City of Wood Village. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), in conjunction with The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), are the source of a grant program known as the Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant program. Wood Village applied for two separate grants, one to evaluate the performance and future for the Wood Village Town Center, and one to complete the Transportation System Plan (TSP) that is a planning requirement in Oregon.

The grant program award will permit work to begin on this effort following the start of the fiscal year (July 2015). When we get underway,

we will be seeking citizens to serve on a citizen advisory committee (CAC), a group that will be working with the consultants and a technical advisory committee (TAC) to develop future plans for the Town Center as well as adding the capital facilities plan and monitoring requirements to the Wood Village TSP.



The work will include an evaluation of the market conditions for potential development, evaluation of the existing code language, constraints and opportunities in the town center zone, and will work on the special relationships in the area to make sure the housing needs can be accommodated as well as the mixed use or commercial uses in the area.

Wood Village is grateful to receive the grant award, and we look forward to citizen involvement and participation to help us complete this effort.

ROADWAY UPDATE

Arata Road Construction work will begin next year. On November 10, 2014, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Multnomah County will be hosting an open house to discuss the construction of Arata. Discussion topics will include the specific template of the road, where improvements will be made, and any specific concerns or needs from adjacent properties along Arata. All Wood Village residents are invited to attend the meeting at the Wood Village Baptist Church.



Multnomah County has made major improvements to the roadways in our community this year. Wood Village Boulevard will be completed and open by the end of this year, completing the transportation improvements necessary to allow full development of the Wood Village Town Center.

Multnomah County has also completed a major rehabilitation for 238th and Sandy in our City. Both projects substantially improve the roadways and have eliminated the potholes and

problems in both roads. We owe a special thank you to Multnomah County for the investment in our City this year.



Wood Village contractors completed the slurry seal. Crack sealing and a surface treatment to rejuvenate the asphalt has now been completed on all 4.9 miles of roads in the jurisdiction of the City. Now that we have a basic level of surface integrity, we can begin to look at the structural repairs needed on portions of our roads, and planning to complete structural repairs in conjunction with needed improvements to the water and sewer systems.

Arata is the next major improvement, so we do hope as many interested people as possible will plan to attend the open house with County personnel on November 10, 2014, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Wood Village Baptist Church, 23601

EAST METRO MEDIATION NEW DIRECTOR



The free mediation service for Wood Village residents and businesses has a new director. Tera Cleland is the new Mediation Specialist and Director for the East Metro Mediation program. She is

from Palmer, Alaska and has an M.S. in Mediation and Applied Conflict Studies from Champlain College in Burlington, VT. Prior to

coming to Gresham, Tera was the Executive Director of the Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center. She brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to the organization, as well as an abundance of energy.

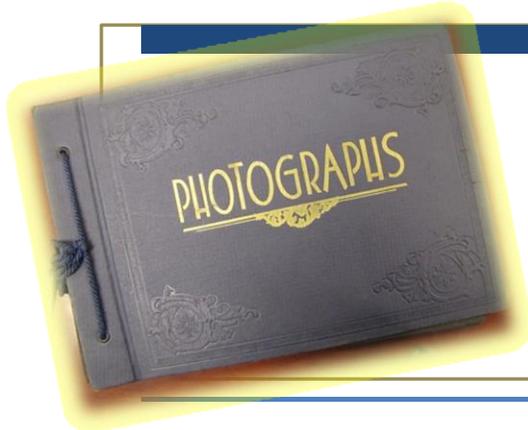
East Metro Mediation can help in a variety of conflict areas, and it's free and confidential. Call Tera at 503-618-3247 or visit www.greshamoregon.gov/mediation for free conflict resolution services in several areas including business and workplace mediation, housing conflicts, neighborhood disputes and more!

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING... AND SO ARE THE RELATIVES!

The holidays are quickly approaching and for many that means getting together with family in hopes of having a good time. Sometimes family dynamics lend themselves to problems and issues that can make the Holidays a stressful time of year. Whether your issue is with an ex-spouse over Holiday traditions, with



a teenager who doesn't want to participate or with an aunt who always seems to cause unwanted drama, East Metro Mediation can help! Visit www.greshamoregon.gov/mediation or call 503-618-3247 or for free conflict resolution services. We can also help with manufactured home park issues, neighborhood issues, landlord-tenant disputes, business/consumer issues, workplace conflicts and many more. Call today!



PHOTOGRAPHS

LOST AND FOUND

A photo album was found in the Wood Village area on Oct 20th. The album is 7" X 10", dark blue and contains old photos and newspaper clippings. If this belongs to you or someone you know, please stop by Wood Village City Hall.

Veterans Breakfast

Free for Veterans

All others are asked to pay a \$6.00 Donation

Saturday ~ November 15, 2013

From 8:00am ~ 11:00am

Wood Village Baptist Church

23601 NE Arata Road,

Wood Village, OR 97060



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COMMUNITY HAPPENIN'S

FREE EVENTS AT THE LOCAL LIBRARIES

The Troutdale and Fairview-Columbia Libraries offer a host of free activities, classes and events every week. There is something for everyone as these funtivities include computer classes, SAT help, children's story time, games and more! Most activities are first come first serve, but some require pre-registration. Go to www.multcolib.org and click on the Events button for more details on the upcoming classes and free fun at the library!

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sponsored by the Wood Village Baptist Church

WHAT

A safe, family-oriented environment for our neighborhood students in First Grade through High School where they can:

- *Play games*
- *Have a snack*
- *Get help with homework*

WHEN

Every Tuesday (except holidays) from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., beginning November 4, 2014.

WHERE

In the Children's Center and the Youth Center.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Raymond Flynn or Tom Miles at 503-661-7686.

MCSO TOY DRIVE

Chief Deputy Jason Gates
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office



The 2014 holiday season is quickly approaching and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Troutdale

Police Department, and Troutdale Public Safety Advisory Committee will once again be making the big push for toys at the Wood Village Walmart. Last year was a banner year ending with about 280 barrels of toys and providing for multiple hosted families. We need to get this amount or better this year.

Walmart has not only provided us space (inside the east entrance) but is also contributing \$2500.00 to this very important cause that will help the children and teens of East County residents who are in need this holiday season

Starting on Black Friday we will be staffing the toy drive from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM over three weekends: Nov 28th – Nov 30th, Dec 6th – Dec 7th, and Dec 14th – Dec 15th.

We accept new toys, cash and gift cards. We also very much appreciate the opportunity to visit with our citizens.

The events and programs mentioned on this page are being provided as a community service and are not necessarily endorsed or sponsored by the City of Wood Village.

Tree of Lights

5th Annual Wood Village
Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 6th

Trees will be lit at 6pm
Followed by refreshments, and
A visit from Santa

Special Musical Performance
Reynolds High School
Expressions Choir



Free Children's Gifts
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City Council Meetings:
 Nov 12th 6:00 PM
 Dec 9th 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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