
City of Wood Village September 2016

The Village News

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CITY COUNCILOR NEEDED

Wood Village City Council member Jimmy Frank announced his resignation from the City Council effective August 31, 2016. Councilor Frank is working through family challenges, and is unable to continue to meet the demands of the City Council office. In his letter of resignation, Councilor Frank stated:

“Everyone should know that I love and appreciate you all. This is a real loss for me because I consider you all to be such good people. It has been a privilege and an honor to work with colleagues of such integrity of character, who have a genuine concern for others, and are blessed with the abilities that you have.

It is my prayer that you will continue to make sound evaluations and make good decisions for our great city!”

Mayor Smith stated “He is an excellent elected official, asking the right questions and actively involved in helping make Wood Village a better community.” The other members of the Council all expressed their regret that Councilor Frank resigned, and expressed their hope for positive outcomes in the family issues he faces.

In accord with the Wood Village City Charter, Mr. Frank’s unexpired term of office will be filled by appointment. The appointed individual would serve until January of 2019, approximately two (2) years and 3 months.

The Council is scheduled to consider applicants at the September 13th City Council meeting. People interested in applying for the position can submit a volunteer application and resume to City Hall any time before September 7th at 4:30pm. Applications are at City Hall, and on our webpage.



Candidates must have lived within the City for at least one year as of September 13th. 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 at 6 PM.

17TH ANNUAL CITY NITE OUT

Over 3,000 people gathered at the Wood Village Baptist Church campus on Friday July 15th to take part in the fun at the 17th 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 2,000 bottles of water. We also handed out over 1,000 cones of cotton candy in 17 different flavors, 300 pounds of macaroni 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 over 400 Frisbees to kids thanks to the generosity of the Morasch family who own and operate Morasch Meats and Pressure Safe LLC. It was a great evening, and 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

Waste Management of Oregon
Frontier Communications
Gresham Fire & Emergency Services
Fairview/Troutdale Fraternal Order of the Eagles
Rigert Elite Gymnastics
ServPro

A Special *thank you!* to:

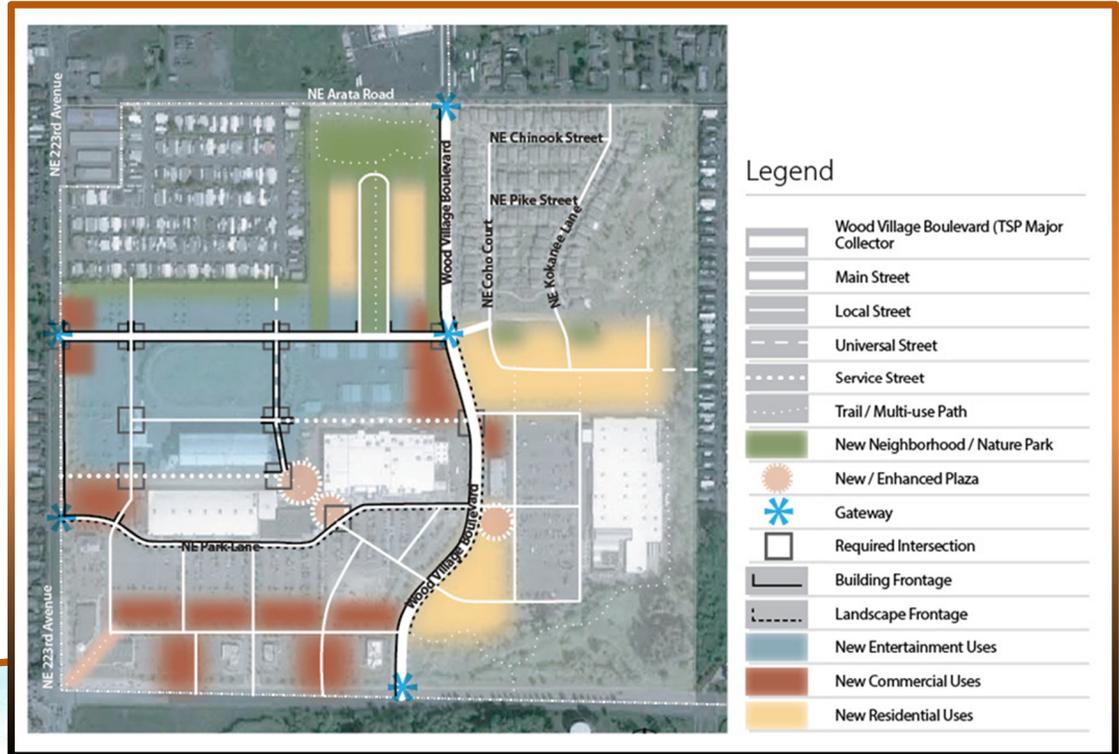
Pastor Bill Ehmann and the Wood Village Church Staff and Members
The Wood Village City Council
Deputy Jessie Volker
Chief Deputy Jason Gates
Sheriff Dan Staton



TOWN CENTER MASTER PLAN AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE

The City continues to work with the community, property owners, and other regional interests to progress toward the adoption of a master plan for the Town Center. The total site is 81.2 acres, with about half of the area in the zone fully developed. The remaining portions of the zone will be governed by a concept plan for the Town Center.

Last newsletter, we shared the four alternatives that were under consideration for the area plan. During the last two months, we have narrowed the focus of the plan to include a recreational/entertainment emphasis on the former Multnomah Greyhound Park lands, and development of the



key concepts that are preferred in a plan. The plan is identified above, and will be moving forward to reviews by a technical advisory committee, a citizen advisory committee, the Planning Commission and the City Council. Changes to the layout concepts will probably occur before the final plan is adopted near the end of this calendar year.

While we focus on the potential for the future development of this area, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde have proceeded with the demolition of the Multnomah Greyhound Park grandstand building. All of the former MGP buildings are being removed to enable the site to be used for development.



The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have indicated they will pursue the building of a hotel and entertainment center. The details of the plan are not yet available.



NEW BUSINESS TO WOOD VILLAGE CELEBRATES TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND GRAND OPENING!

July 27th, GROVTEC US Inc. celebrated their tenth anniversary. Tim Clark, City Council President, made remarks on behalf of the City, welcoming Grovtec to Wood Village. Councilor Clark noted the positive impact the Grovtec business has on our town, and helped to celebrate a grand opening in Wood Village. Mayor Smith was out of town, but provided Grovtec owner, Bob Grover, with a card thanking him for choosing Wood Village and congratulating the family on their tenth anniversary as a company.

GROVTEC US Inc. is a precision parts manufacturing company that relocated to Wood Village from Milwaukie (OR). The company owner, Bob Grover, was an employee of Michaels of Oregon when it was acquired by a multinational company and manufacturing operations shipped overseas. Mr. Grover negotiated with the purchaser the ability to acquire machinery and to maintain a role in the manufacturing of components to support the gun industry. GROVTEC US, Inc. manufactures a wide array of component parts, primarily in the weapons industry. Slings, swivels and a variety of firearm accessories, including holsters and other soft goods, constitute much of the manufacturing the company does annually, although they also function as a precision machining contractor in the manufacturing of parts to other industries including sporting goods, medical, and similar industries. The company now has near 80 employees in Wood Village.



EMPLOYEE CORNER

Many of you longtime residents will recognize Karen, our Utility Billing Clerk for the past 12 years. Prior to working for the City, Karen attended Mt Hood Community College for 2 years and worked in accounting related positions for over 10 years. In addition to her primary role as the Utility Billing Clerk, she is also responsible for Accounts Receivable, Business Licenses and excellent Customer Service.

She was born in Douglas County and raised in the Willamette Valley until 1975 when she moved to the Columbia River Gorge where she met and married her husband of 40 years. They have two children and 7 grandchildren. She loves the outdoors and does as much camping, traveling, site seeing, snowmobiling, hunting and fishing as she can. She and her husband are officers of the Columbia Gorge Power Sledgers Snowmobile Club and have belonged to the club since 1990. The beauty of a snow capped mountain out in the middle of nowhere is their favorite place to be in the winter time.



The Great Pumpkin Fest

The City of Wood Village is hosting an all new event on Saturday, October 29th, The Great Pumpkin Fest! There will be arts and craft vendors, food vendors, Red Cross blood drive, and tons of pumpkins. Pumpkin artist Tim Pate will be carving several large pumpkins during the event, and he will also be holding lessons on how to carve your own custom pumpkin for only \$20. Price includes tools and the pumpkin. We are still wrapping up all the details, so keep checking our website for additional information. You can scan the QR code included on the flyer, or just go to our main page at www.ci.Wood-Village.or.us. See you in October!



NUISANCE / PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE REVISIONS

The City Council will be considering a series of updates and revisions to the nuisance and property maintenance codes at their September 13th meeting. While a large number of the revisions deal with housekeeping items and code structure, there are several items that if adopted would update and revise several key provisions. These items include:

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 Updating and Clarifying parking standards for both on-street, and off-street parking on private property. Currently parking is permitted on private property as long as it is not on grass or bare soil surfaces. This has led to people parking on bark chips, plywood, or an island of gravel in a front yard. The proposed update would limit parking to pavement, asphalt, or $\frac{3}{4}$ minus gravel parking surfaces that are constructed in accordance with public works standards. The provision would apply to all vehicles, trailers, and boats.
 - Parking on the street would still be limited to a maximum of 48 hours at a time, but RVs that are parked on the street and in use would be limited to eight (8) hours in a 24 hour period. RVs that are parked on private property and in use would still be permitted for ten (10) days per year.
- Basketball hoops in the street will no longer be enforced as long as the hoop is not impeding traffic, creating a safety hazard, and is in good repair.
- Our Noise Code is also receiving an update to include decibel measures. While the current code uses what is called the reasonable person standard, adding decibel levels can aid us in additional enforcement capacity for chronic offenders.
- Our Noise Code revision also includes a variance provision for construction activities outside the normal quiet hours of 7pm to 7am.



If adopted, these provisions would not be in place until after 30 days. However, because some of the revisions are fairly substantial and could result in several people ending up not in compliance, we would provide up to six (6) months for people to come into compliance with the new codes.

You can view the entire proposed update on our webpage, or at City Hall. Please join us at 6pm on September 13th to let us know what you think of the proposed updates. If you cannot attend the meeting, your comments can be mailed to City Hall, or emailed to City@ci.Wood-Village.or.us.

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT

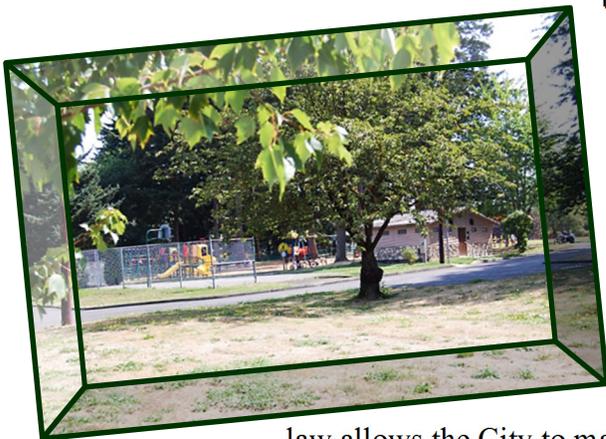
The City Council will consider the adoption of a one-time fee for new development, a System Development Charge, for the Park System at their first meeting in September. The hearing on the fee will be at 6:00 P.M. on September 13, 2016, in the Wood Village City Hall Council Chambers.

The crown jewel in Wood Village is the Donald Robertson Park. This wonderful 21.26 acre park is the only publically owned park in Wood Village. A beautiful small facility is owned by the homeowners in Riverwood and available to their development (.47 acres). These two facilities will not be able to serve the projected population of Wood Village as the community continues to grow and develop.

In 2015, the City completed a City wide Park and Recreation plan. The adopted plan calls for a continuing standard of 6 acres of parks per thousand of population, and recognizes that Wood Village will be growing about another 1,000 residents before the build out of the community occurs. This will mean that projects to expand park capacity, and to purchase new park lands, will be needed to make sure we do not allow the quality of park service in Wood Village to decline.



The total capital investment needed to meet the long range plan is \$3,282,000, with about \$2,100,000 of that amount attributable to new growth. Any cost that can be attributed to new growth can be included in a one-time charge that is required to be paid by new development when they connect to the City systems, or build.



Oregon Law specifically allows Cities to develop System Development Charges. The charge can do two things, one, it can require new development to reimburse investments made by current residents in facilities that will be used by the new development. This reimbursement portion of the SDC is collected at the same time as the rest of the SDC fee, and must be used only to provide new capacity to serve residents.

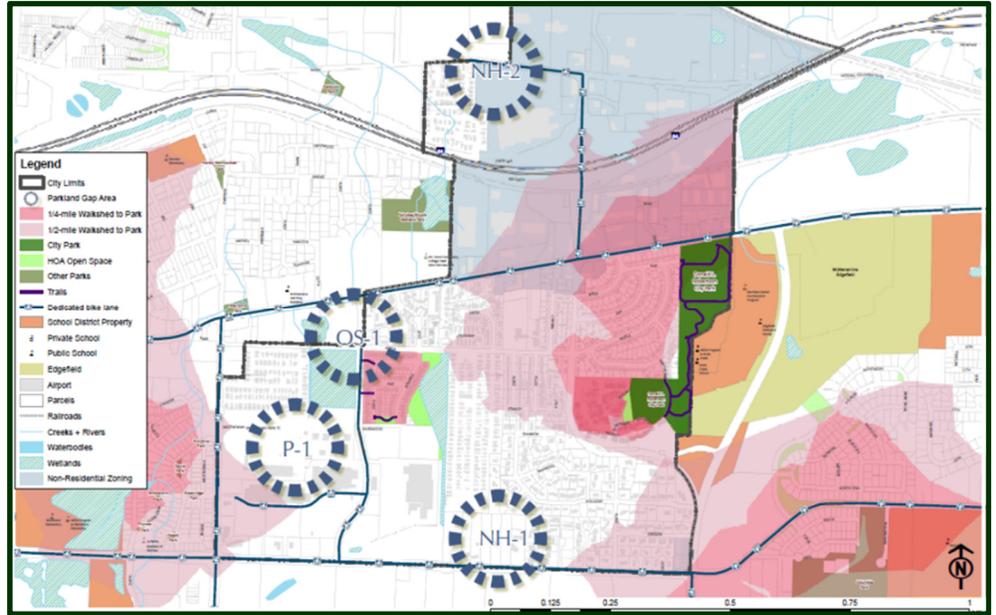
The other portion of the SDC is the improvement fee. Here, the law allows the City to make sure that new development pays for a proportional share of new facilities that are needed to serve the new population. SDCs can only be used for capital acquisitions, design, and similar direct capital costs, they cannot be used to improve things for current residents beyond what is available at the time the fee is established, and they cannot be used for any maintenance, payment of any operating costs or salaries, or expenditures that do not add capacity to the park system.

In Wood Village, our existing park has been developed mostly by grant funds and volunteers, and is situated on donated lands. We have a multimillion dollar park that has a total public investment of \$347,447. The capacity at the park to serve additional population is limited, but a fee of \$172 per new equivalent single family home could be authorized. The improvement portion of the fee applies to the over \$2,100,000 in improvements needed to keep park standards as they are today. With this needed investment, an improvement fee of \$2,294 per new home is the maximum amount the City Council could adopt. If both

portions of the fee are adopted, the combined fee would have new home construction pay a total of \$2,466 as a one-time fee at the time of construction.

If adopted, the SDC for the Park system also recognizes that new commercial and industrial development in the community contribute to park use through employees utilizing park facilities. While the impact is much lower than new residents, the commercial development will also be assessed a fee based on new employment potential for newly constructed facilities. The commercial fees are set by thousands of square feet constructed, and vary based on the classification of the building and business.

The range of charges for a business would be based on the type of business, number of employees generated per thousand square feet of building, and the fee established per employee. The proposal, if adopted, would establish fees for the following business types and rates:



Wood Village Park & Trail Master Plan System Development Charge			
Category	Reimbursement	Improvement	Total
Single Family Residence	\$172	\$2,294	\$2,466
Multi-Family Per Unit	\$138	\$1,836	\$1,973
Commercial/Industrial			
Industrial and Manufacturing/1000 ft2	\$8	\$104	\$112
Restaurant/1000 ft2	\$55	\$729	\$784
Wholesale or Warehouse/1,000 ft2	\$1	\$1	\$2
Retail Over 20,000/1,000 ft2	\$16	\$208	\$224
Other Retail/1,000 ft2	\$31	\$417	\$448
Office/Medical/1,000 ft2	\$47	\$625	\$672

For the Auto Zone business that is currently under construction, the fee would have been \$2,240 paid when the building permit was issued. Since the SDC is not yet adopted, Auto Zone paid nothing to the park system when they began construction.

The SDCs in Wood Village for all services, and how they compare to other communities is on the following chart:

Total of all SDCs for Single Family						
Jurisdiction	Sewer	Water	Storm Drainage	Parks	Transportation	Total
Fairview	\$2,867.00	\$3,222.00	\$417.50	\$1,943.13	\$0.00	\$8,449.63
Troutdale	\$4,495.00	\$1,345.00	\$680.00	\$2,500.00	\$730.00	\$9,750.00
Gresham	\$5,056.00	\$4,153.00	\$824.00	\$3,837.00	\$2,822.95	\$16,692.95
Wood Village	\$2,750.56	\$2,887.00	\$0.00	\$2,466.00	\$0.00	\$8,103.56

While fees are not necessarily charged by every jurisdiction on every project if they have incentive or other special programs in place, the fees identified above are those adopted in the town. We are not including Portland's fees, as they are much larger than any of our east Multnomah County jurisdictions.

MAYOR'S CORNER

The Mayor's corner has been a welcoming corner of the City for those entering or leaving the City from 238th or Halsey St. Over the years it has changed in character, at times a little neglected, but recently well cared for by watering, mowing and pruning lawn and plants established in the early 2000's. Recently staff has located two large planters and our parks maintenance personnel have planted colorful annuals to bring a little more color to the corner.

Earlier this spring a 10" caliper maple tree at the southern-most end of the corner was suspiciously showing signs of distress by its upper leaves and branches dying. Upon further investigation it was noticed that 1/2" holes had been mechanically bored into the trunk a couple of feet above the ground.

Staff had an arborist visit the site and make an educated determination as to the tree's current overall health and future health. The pattern of deterioration in the tree was indicative of systemic poisoning. It was their opinion that the tree was in fact dying and, in the interest of the safety of pedestrian and vehicular traffic the tree should be removed. They also agreed that it was likely the tree had been deliberately poisoned. With the arborist's suggestion a portion of the stump (that portion with the bores) was taken to a forensic biologist, Pacific Agricultural Laboratories, and it was determined that Picloram, a systemic herbicide, was used to kill the tree. If any resident has information that could help us prosecute the individual responsible for the killing of this tree, we ask that you contact Detective Hakala with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office at 503-988-0357.



To replace the tree that was killed, the City has chosen a deciduous tree called Sunset maple that can be initially pruned as necessary allowing physical passing of vehicles and pedestrians, staying within the easement, and would be fast growing while not heaving or uplifting the adjacent sidewalk or curb. The diameter of the tree at the time of planting was 3 1/2 inches and at maturity will reach a height of 45-50 feet and a spread of 35- 40 feet. The growth rate is considered medium to fast with height increases of anywhere from 13" to more than 24" per year and will grow in a pyramidal to rounded shape.

THE GRAFFITI FREE ZONE

We had another summer of record low graffiti this year. This marks two years in a row that graffiti has been down over the summer months. This is all in part because graffiti was quickly removed. Residents and businesses have kept their property clean or have restricted 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 free 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, abandoned shopping carts, or other code violations by calling City Hall or using our online reporting tool. Let's be a clean and graffiti free City!

ARE YOUR PETS PREPARED?

Pet owners can quickly become a vulnerable population in the face of a natural disaster or emergency. Should you stay at home with your pet? Should you take your pet with you? Where can you go with your pet? Should you leave your pet behind? If you evacuate your home, take your pets. Plan ahead and do not leave them behind. Pets most likely cannot survive on their own, and if by some remote chance they do, you may not be able to find them when you return.

With pets, the best way to protect your furry, scaly, or slimy little friends is to plan ahead. They can't do it for themselves and so it is up to you to have an emergency plan in place for your pets. Think it through and prepare in advance. Things you can do:

1) **Pet-Friendly Shelters.** Not all shelters accept pets. Before an emergency, make sure you figure out where you will go that is safe for you and your pet. Find out which hotels are pet-friendly, and make sure you look into hotels in your community (for short-term needs) and hotels out-of-town that are pet-friendly in case you have to evacuate. Contact your vet for a list of boarding kennels and facilities that will be open to taking pets in an emergency. Does your local animal shelter provide emergency shelter or foster care for pets? Find out!



2) **Designated Caregivers.** There are a few reasons why it is a good idea to identify friends or relatives that will be willing to care for your pet if you are unable to do so. You may not be home when an emergency occurs, so line up a neighbor or friend that can check on and care for your pets. Also, ask friends and relatives outside of your immediate area if they would be willing to take in your pet should you have to evacuate.

3) **Emergency Kit.** Before you find yourself in an emergency situation, pack a pet emergency kit so that you are ready to care for your pet if a disaster hits. Pack 3-7 days' worth of pet food (dry or canned), bottled water, medications, veterinary records, a pet carrier, litter and disposable litter trays, manual can opener, food dishes, first aid kit, and other supplies with you in case they're not available later. Don't forget a leash and poop bags.

4) **Vet records and identification.** Keep paper copies of your pet's vet records in a safe and accessible place. Make sure identification tags are up-to-date and securely fastened to your pet's collar. Pet-friendly shelters, kennels, or boarding facilities that you arrange ahead of time will need to be able to identify your pet and know your pet's medical history.

5) **Microchip your pet.** If you are separated, this is the best and easiest way to be reunited with your pet! A typical microchip costs around \$45, but shelters and organizations often hold events where the cost is much cheaper.



AND



BASICS

The most effective way to reduce waste is to not create it in the first place. Making a new product requires a lot of materials and energy - raw materials must be extracted from the earth, and the product must be fabricated then transported to wherever it will be sold. As a result, reduction and reuse are the most effective ways you can save natural resources, protect the environment and save money.

Benefits of Reducing and Reusing

- Prevents pollution caused by reducing the need to harvest new raw materials
- Saves energy and money
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change
- Helps sustain the environment for future generations
- Reduces the amount of waste that will need to be recycled or sent to landfills and incinerators
- Allows products to be used to their fullest extent

Ideas on How to Reduce and Reuse

- Buy used. You can find everything from clothes to building materials at specialized reuse centers and consignment shops. Often, used items are less expensive and just as good as new.
- Look for products that use less packaging. When manufacturers make their products with less packaging, they use less raw material. This reduces waste and costs. These extra savings can be passed along to the consumer. Buying in bulk, for example, can reduce packaging and save money.
- Buy reusable over disposable items. Look for items that can be reused; the little things can add up. For example, you can bring your own silverware and cup to work, rather than using disposable items.
- Maintain and repair products, like clothing, tires and appliances, so that they won't have to be thrown out and replaced as frequently.
- Borrow, rent or share items that are used infrequently, like party decorations, tools or furniture.

Donation

One person's trash is another person's treasure. Instead of discarding unwanted appliances, tools or clothes, try selling or donating them. Not only will you be reducing waste, you'll be helping others. Local churches, community centers, thrift stores, schools and nonprofit organizations may accept a variety of donated items, including used books, working electronics and unneeded furniture.

Benefits of Donation

- Prevents usable goods from going into landfills
- Helps your community and those in need
- Tax benefits may be available



Resources for Donating Specific Goods and Materials

Households and Personal Items

- Goodwill
- Salvation Army
- ClothingDonations.org (a service of Vietnam Veterans of America)

Building Materials

- Habitat for Humanity

Vehicles

- Goodwill
- Purple Heart
- American Institute of Philanthropy

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City Council Meetings:

Sept 13th 6:00 PM
 Sept 27th 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		
Streetlight outages 503-736-5710	Multnomah County Commissioner:	
NW Natural 503-226-4212	Diane McKeel, District 4	503-988-5213
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