

City of Wood Village January 2010

The Village News

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City Hall Dedication & Open House February 9th, 2010 3:00 to 7:00pm



City Hall has completed a long overdue remodel which includes a new entrance that protects our visitors from the brutal east wind, a larger lobby allows citizens more privacy when conducting city business, energy efficient windows, a new roof, new conference rooms and an ADA entry and restrooms.

Please join us for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House Tuesday, February 9th 2010.

The ribbon cutting and an unveiling of a memorial plaque will take place at 3:00pm, after which refreshments will be served and visitors are invited to tour City Hall, view historical photos and documents and meet the City staff.

Hey Kids, what do you like most about living in Wood Village?

Maybe it's your house or your favorite neighbors... do you like playing in the Park and coming to the City events?

Show us by entering the Kids Coloring Contest

As part of the City Hall Dedication, we want you to show us what you like best about living in Wood Village by drawing and coloring a picture. Mail or deliver it to City Hall by February 1st to be entered in a contest to win cool prizes. Be sure to write your first name and how old you are on your picture then have your mom or dad sign the back and include your phone number or email address. **For younger kids**, we've included a picture that can be colored and submitted for the contest.

Winners will be notified in advance and prizes will be awarded at 6:00pm during the City Hall Dedication Open House.

Share Your Memories

Are you a long time
Wood Village resident?

Do you have old photos or
stories about your time in the
City?

We want to hear from you...

Tell us when and why you moved to Wood Village, the changes you have witnessed through the years and how the Wood Village of today compares to the Wood Village you first knew. We would like to use copies of your photos and stories in a display at the City Hall Dedication.

New residents, we want to hear from you too! Tell us how you came to live in Wood Village and what you appreciate most about our unique City.

*If you have a story to tell, contact
Dana at City Hall no later than
January 15th by calling 503-489-
6852 or via email at
danaf@ci.wood-village.or.us*

Coming Soon...

On Line Water & Sewer Payments



By the February billing, we will be able to accept **online credit or debit card payments** via our web site.. For those without computer access, a computer kiosk will be available at City Hall to make electronic payments.

For those who choose to use this service, a third party online payment provider will charge a minimum fee of \$3.50 or 3.25% per transaction. The City will not have access to any of your confidential credit card information.

User friendly instructions for making online payments will be posted on our website ci.wood-village.or.us

Urban Renewal District takes shape in Wood Village

The City Council has been discussing the possibility of a Wood Village Urban Renewal District. This district would provide the funds necessary to make infrastructure investments, provide incentives for development, and redevelop certain commercial and residential areas.

In December the Council considered a plan that would provide over \$11 million for projects within the district. The proposed Wood Village Urban Renewal District encompasses the Greyhound Park, Halsey Street, Arata Road, a portion of NE 238th Drive, Wood Village Green, and the residential area around NE 230th and 231st Courts.

Some of the improvements being considered for the Wood Village Urban Renewal Plan are the

following: streetscapes for Halsey Street and Arata Road; utility system updates for water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater; commercial building façade incentives to help owners meet new development standards; historic markers at the Donald L. Robertson Park; and incentives for new construction to meet green development standards including energy efficient designs.

Funding for the urban renewal district is pooled from existing property taxes that are the result of new construction or increases to the assessed valuation of real property within the district. Over time the urban renewal district will help to increase assessed values by providing incentives for new construction while improving public infrastructure. Once the urban renewal plan is completed and all improvements are in place, which is typically 20 years, all property values are returned to the tax rolls. At the end of the urban renewal period, all taxing jurisdictions will receive higher property tax revenues than they would have without the completion of an urban renewal plan.

On January 25, 2010, the Wood Village Planning Commission will hold a hearing and review the proposed urban renewal plan and determine the plan's consistency with the City's Comprehensive Plan and policies. On February 2, 2010, the City Council will take public comments on the proposed plan and consider an ordinance establishing the urban renewal district. The public is invited to these open meetings and your input on the future of our City is appreciated.

For a map on the proposed district and to find out more about urban renewal, please visit our website at www.ci.wood-village.or.us and check the link under Hot Topics

Grants Help Fund Local Projects

The City of Wood Village was pleased with our success in obtaining grants for several public studies and improvements. Grants awarded in 2009 total a whopping \$192,512 and are listed below:

- \$2,981-Vehicle Safety Lighting
- \$3,548 - Lighting Retrofit
- \$3,683 - City Hall Energy Efficiency
- \$21,000 Sewer Laterals Replacement
- \$45,000 - Stormwater Pollution Control Vault
- \$7,800 - Update Development Code/Standards
- \$5,500 - Cottage Style Housing Standards
- \$94,000 - Sidewalks on NE Halsey Street
- \$9,000 - Emergency Operations Planning

Potential grant awards in 2010 will be sought to assist in the funding of the following projects:

- Transportation planning;
- A community garden in the Donald L. Robertson Park;
- Stormwater pollution control vaults
- Sanitary sewer lateral replacements.
- Hazard Mitigation Planning

Manhole Rehab



Staff has been working for nearly a year to reduce unwanted inflow and infiltration (I&I) in the City's sanitary sewer system. (I&I is when groundwater or stormwater enter into a dedicated sewer line).

I&I enters the system in many ways from pipe joints that have settled or pulled apart over the years, bad initial installation to cracks and tree or shrub root intrusion. This water,

once introduced to the system, makes its way ultimately to the City of Gresham Waste Water Treatment plant where, following monitoring, the City pays for its treatment and discharge.

The City initially reduced I&I by addressing deficiencies in residential and commercial sanitary sewer laterals (the sewer line that runs from the pipe in the street directly to a house or business)

The next step is to correct defects in sanitary sewer manholes. After reviewing video and written reports of over 100 manholes in the City, staff has determined that 26 would benefit from extensive repair which will aid in reducing further the introduction of clean water into the system.

Each defective manhole will undergo a thorough pressure washing, grouting of the most obvious and serious deficiencies and then be subject to a coating of a material specifically manufactured to stand up to this harsh environment and maintain its impervious integrity. A final inspection of the manholes will be done by testing for the soundness of the epoxy application, testing for contaminants, holidays (pinhole imperfections in the coating) induced by electrical current and finally, a general visual inspection. The work is warranted by both the contractor and manufacturer for ten years.

The average cost per manhole for the project is \$3,465 and is scheduled to be complete by the end of February, 2010. In the meantime, you may see service vehicles in your area, but traffic control will be present to make the process go as smoothly as possible.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call Scott Sloan at City Hall at 503/489-6862,

Dreaming of a Green Christmas



The Holidays are upon us and we all hope the gifts and memories will last for years to come, but if you don't recycle your Christmas tree, wreaths or wrapping paper, it won't just be the memories that last a long

time. Most of the items thrown away could be recycled or reused. Here are some ideas to prevent waste, and help the environment:

- You can recycle most gift boxes and packaging, or reuse them for other gifts in the future.
- Wrapping paper that is not foil or plastic coated can be recycled along with all your other paper recyclables. If you are unsure if your wrapping paper can be recycled, call Waste Management at 503-249-8078
- Your tree and decorative garlands can be recycled too. Wreaths and garlands can be set out as yard debris as long as all the frames, wires and other non plant material have been removed.
- Green and flocked trees less than 6 feet tall, can be set out in place of regular yard debris at no extra charge. Trees 6 feet and taller need to be cut in half. They do not need to be bundled or in a container. All non plant material must be removed. If you are unable to cut your tree down in size, many community groups will take your tree and garland for a small donation fee to raise funds. Look around town for locations, or call the Metro Recycling Hotline at 503-234-3000
- Finally, donate your old electronics, clothes or toys to charitable organizations. You will be getting tax deductions while helping people in need and the environment.

Conflict Styles and Communication Workshop



When faced with a conflict, do you do an about-face and avoid the person?

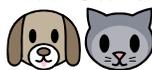
Learn about Conflict Styles and Communication in a workshop presented by staff of East Metro Mediation on

Tuesday, February 16, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Springwater Room of Gresham City Hall, 1333 N.W. Eastman Parkway.

The workshop is free for people from Wood Village, Fairview, Corbett, Troutdale, and Gresham. Otherwise the cost is \$10.

Register by phone at 503-618-3247 or by e-mail mediate@GreshamOregon.gov.

Winter and Holiday Pet Care



Dogs and cats are social animals that crave human companionship. Your pets depend on you to help keep them healthy and happy.

Don't leave animals outdoors when the temperature drops; they are safer indoors. Rubbing petroleum jelly on their paws when you go for a walk protects them from de-icing materials. Wiping their paws off when entering the house will prevent frostbite from snow and ice between the pads of their feet. Consider a sweater for short-coated or smaller dogs when outside.



If you have **outdoor dogs, make sure they are protected by a dry, draft-free doghouse** that is large enough to allow the dog stand, sit and lie down comfortably. Houses that are too big cannot be kept warm by their body heat.

Pets need more food in the winter because keeping warm uses more energy. Use plastic bowls outside when the temperature is low. Routinely make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen.

Chocolate is fatal to dogs, even in small quantities. If your dog eats chocolate, consult your veterinarian as soon as possible; time is of the essence. Only "treat" your pets with pet food and not with people food.

Avoid giving **bones** to your dogs or cats, particularly turkey, chicken and other poultry bones; they splinter easily and can cause intestinal blockages and lacerations. If your pet begins chewing on a poultry bone, take it away immediately and monitor your pet for any signs of coughing or gagging. Bloody urine and stool is evidence of internal bleeding. If you notice these symptoms seek veterinary attention immediately.

Keeping identification visible on your pets is their ticket home if they get lost. The hustle and bustle of the holiday season provides opportunities for your pet to get out when guests come and go.

Who to call in a pet emergency

Dove Lewis 24 Hour Emergency Animal Hospital, Eastside
10564 SE Washington Street
503-262-7194

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center:
(888) 426-4435

Multnomah County Animal Services: (503) 988-PETS (7387)

The 2010 Census Bureau is looking for temporary workers. Call 1-866-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov for more information and qualifications.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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<p>City of Wood Village 2055 NE 238th Drive Wood Village Oregon 97060 Phone: 503-667-6211 FAX: 503-669-8723 city@ci.wood-village.or.us www.ci.wood-village.or.us</p> <p><u>City Council</u></p> <p>David M. Fuller, Mayor Patricia Smith, Council President Mark S. Clark Stanley Dirks Timothy Clark</p> <p>City Councilors are volunteers who do not keep regular office hours however, messages can be left at City Hall at 503-667-6211.</p> <p>Council meetings are normally held at 6:00pm, the second Tuesday of each month. The next Council meeting will be January 12th at 6:00pm.</p>	<p><u>Planning Commission/Design Review Board</u></p> <p>Planning Commission/Design Review Board meetings are normally held the last Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>All meeting agendas are available at City Hall and on the City's website.</p> <p><u>City Services</u></p> <p>Water & Sewer: Wood Village City Hall: 503-667-6211</p> <p>Building Permits: Wood Village City Hall: 503-667-6211</p> <p>Trash & Recycling: Waste Management: 503-249-8078</p> <p>Phone: Verizon – 1-800-483-4000</p> <p>Electric: PGE – 503-228-6322 503-464-7777 (power outages) 503-570-4422 (streetlight outages)</p> <p>Gas: NW Natural: 503-226-4212</p>	<p>Abandoned Vehicles 503-823-3333 (<i>non-emergency number for Sheriff's Office</i>)</p> <p>DEQ Burning Information: 503-618-3083</p> <p>Multnomah County Sheriff: 503-823-3333 (non-emergency) 9-1-1 (emergencies)</p> <p>Gresham Fire Department: 503-618-2355 (general information) 9-1-1 (emergencies)</p> <p>Multnomah County Animal Control: 503-248-3066</p> <p>Reynolds School District: 503-661-7200</p> <p>East Metro Mediation: 503-618-3247</p> <p>Multnomah County Commissioners: Ted Wheeler, County Chair (503) 988-3308</p> <p>Diane McKeel, District 4 (503) 988-5213</p>
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