

City of Wood Village July 2010

The Village News

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11TH ANNUAL WOOD VILLAGE



CITY NITE OUT

A Nationwide Crime Prevention and Emergency Preparedness Event

Emergency Vehicle Parade

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Free Food ♦ Kids Activities ♦ Door Prizes ♦ Live Music ♦ Exhibits & Demonstrations

Including "Shoot - Don't Shoot" Simulation Exercise

(Real life scenarios bring you face to face with an armed suspect)

Live Music by

Clark Bondy & Mark J.

Plus

The Swinging Big Band Sounds of

The Whiskey Hill Jazz Club

Friday, July 16th 2010

5:30pm to 9:00pm

Wood Village Church Campus

23601 W. Arata Road, Wood Village

Sponsored by:

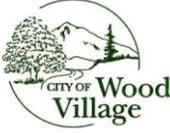


*For information on how to support this event, reserve booth space or donate blood
contact Dana at Wood Village City Hall (503) 667-6211*

The Wood Village



11th Annual City Nite Out



The Wood Village City Nite Out is an annual local version of the nationwide crime prevention and emergency preparedness program coordinated in a partnership between the City of Wood Village and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

The objective of this event is to heighten crime and drug awareness, generate participation in local anti-crime and emergency preparedness programs and strengthen relationships between our citizens, law enforcement and emergency personnel in a fun, family friendly environment.

This will be accomplished by providing information through displays, instruction and demonstrations that represent the training, equipment and skills emergency service personnel use in serving the public and keeping our community safe.

We will kick off the event at 5:00pm with an "Emergency Vehicle Parade" around the City ending at the event location; the Wood Village Church Campus. The event hours are 5:30 to 9:00pm and will include, free food and beverages, exhibitor booths, interactive demonstrations, kids' activities, door prizes, live music and much more!

Exhibitors and Vendors

- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
 - Patrol Unit
 - Dive Team
 - River Patrol
 - K-9 Units
 - Child Car Seat Clinic
 - Motorcycle Patrol
 - SWAT Team
 - Detective Unit
 - Gang Task Force
 - Reserve Unit
 - Search & Rescue
 - Explosive Device Unit
 - Color Guard
- Multnomah County Office of Emergency Management
- Multnomah County Emergency Mobile Command Vehicle
- US Coast Guard Helicopter
- Life Flight Helicopter
- American Medical Response
- AMR RAT Team (Reach & Treat)
- American Red Cross
- Gresham Fire & Emergency Services
- Wood Village Citizen's Police Academy
- Verizon
- Brasher's Auto Repair
- Lowe's Home Improvement
- Bally Total Fitness
- Dr. Wesley Kuns
- Dragon Brand TaeKwonDo
- East Metro Mediation
- Edward Jones
- Everest College
- Gresham Martial Arts Fitness Center
- Neighborhood Watch
- Northstar KidCare Photo ID Kits
- TIP's of Portland
- Vintage Emergency Vehicles Owners & Operators
- West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce
- Wish Upon A Pony
- And many more!

Entertainment & Demonstrations

Clark Bondy & Mark J.
Whiskey Hill Jazz Club
Gresham Martial Arts Fitness Center
Dragon Brand TaeKwonDo
MCSO Tracking Dog
SWAT Team

Kids Activities

Wish Upon A Pony
Tractor-Trailer Rides
Bouncy Toys & Water Slide
Lowe's Building Kits
Face Painting
Northstar Group Kid Photo &
Fingerprinting ID Kits

For more information or to support this event, reserve booth space or donate blood, please contact Dana at Wood Village City Hall at 503-489-6852 or via email at danaf@ci.wood-village.or.us

City Council and Parks Commission Vacancies

The City of Wood Village has experienced a great deal of growth and change in the past decade; we are no longer a sleepy bedroom community. In the last 10 years we have added over 300 residents and more than doubled the number of businesses from 70 in 2003 to 180 but have maintained our “small town” community minded atmosphere. If you are interested in helping to shape our future, please consider running for City Council or apply for appointment to the Planning Commission. Below is further information on each.



City Council Election

City Hall is accepting applications for candidates to run for City Council at the November 2, 2010 General Election. There are two four year term positions expiring on December 31st. All completed election filing forms must be turned into the City Hall on or before 4:30pm August 24th. 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



Parks & Recreation Commission

Do you enjoy the Donald L. Robertson City Park?

Do you want to help your local community?

If you answered yes to either of these questions then the Parks and Recreation Commission just might be the place for you.

Members meet monthly to discuss the long term and immediate needs of park facilities and programs as well as assist in coordination of the Easter Egg Hunt and End of Summer Oktoberfest and selection of Community Pride Award winners.

This all volunteer commission consists of one City Councilor, one Planning Commissioner, and five citizen members appointed by the City Council. Each member serves a two year term. There is one position open at this time. If you would like to serve on the Parks & Recreation Commission, submit a volunteer application form found at City Hall or our website. The position is open until filled.

Home Safety Tips



By Sergeant Brent Ritchie, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

We all like to think of our home as a safe place. And, statistically it really is. However, just like winning the lottery or getting struck by lightning, occasionally the unexpected happens and our homes can get robbed, burglarized or vandalized.

There are ways to avoid winning the lottery; don't buy a ticket. To avoid getting struck by lightning, don't fly-fish in the middle of a river during a lightning storm (don't ask me how I know this).

Just like with lightning and the lottery, there are things you can do around your home to help you reduce the odds of being victimized by a criminal.

Most criminals are opportunistic, similar to a virus... a criminal, especially a burglar, will look for an easy victim. Fortunately for most of us, there are usually many “easier” victims in our neighborhoods. To keep from being an easy victim, make sure that you pay attention to the following:

Always lock all doors and windows, even when you're home. Make sure your doors have good, reinforced deadbolts. Use pins or bars/dowel on windows and patio doors to keep them from being slid opened from the outside. Don't forget the doors on your garages and sheds. This summer when you're weighing the benefits of installing air conditioning, add the security of not having to keep your windows open all summer to your purchasing decision. Remember, most standard locks on doors/windows (devices w/o deadbolts, pins, bars) are easily defeated by burglars.

Keep your garage door shut. Many burglars see an open garage as an easy invitation. It only takes about 11 seconds to steal a \$1500 set of golf clubs from an open garage.

Give thought to your landscaping. A non-burglar friendly home will have most of its windows and doors completely visible to neighbors, the sidewalk and the street.

Install perimeter lighting. Installing additional lighting, especially motion sensor lighting. It is very inexpensive and can be a fantastic deterrent

to criminals. Try to cover the entire exterior of your house.

Think about owning a dog. Dogs, even small “ankle biters” are excellent burglar deterrents. Also, many experts believe that pet ownership leads to a longer, more relaxed, more fulfilling life.



Home Security Systems. A properly installed, properly functioning home security system can be your best deterrent to crime. However, be careful on your purchase; over 97% of all alarms sent are false and due to human (owner) error. So get a good one and make sure you know how to operate it. Systems usually require some money up front, a monthly installment to the alarm monitoring company as well as \$25 to the County for a yearly permit.

Report suspicious activity to the police. Many burglars will “stake out” an area prior to burglarizing. They try to figure out easy targets, lookouts and getaway routes. They also want to spend some time making sure they are in an easy neighborhood (one that doesn’t have people home who call 911 when they see suspicious activity). Many, many times burglars are seen in an area days or even weeks before burglaries occur. Call the police WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE WHO DOESN’T BELONG, don’t wait until later to report it. By that time, there’s little that we can do. Remember, crooks staking out a neighborhood will leave the area if they are questioned by the police there.

You should feel safe and secure in your own home. The tips suggested here are easy to do and should really help you prevent being the victim of a burglary or other crime in your home.

You can always reach me by email at brent.ritchie@mcsos.us if you have questions or comments.

The Broken Window Theory

How Maintaining Your Property Helps to Protect the Community

Studies show that well maintained properties are less likely to be victims of crime. The Broken Window Theory suggests “outward signs of disorder give rise to crime and, conversely, that outward signs of order reduce it. For example, consider a building with a few broken windows. If the windows are not repaired, the tendency is for vandals to break a few more windows. Eventually, they may break into the building and do more damage. A successful strategy for preventing vandalism is to fix the problems when they are small. Problems do not escalate and respectable residents do not flee a neighborhood.” The theory claims: that further petty crime and low-level anti-social behavior will be deterred, and that major crime will, as a result, be prevented.

The Wood Village City Council believes that public safety is the highest priority of government at all levels. Keeping our neighborhoods safe and well maintained is an important partnership between citizen’s, law enforcement and other service providers. To assist in that partnership, the City Council established a program to maintain control and abatement of nuisances which constitute a hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the people in the City as well as preserving property values and

improving the overall livability for everyone.

The Wood Village Municipal Code Chapters 8.16, 8.18 9.12 10.08, 10.12 deal specifically with Health and Safety, Property Maintenance, Public Peace, Vehicles and Traffic respectively. Each chapter defines conditions that are prohibited by the Code. Below is a partial list of the most frequent violations.

Public Nuisance Chapter 8.16 200 A. states:)

It is unlawful for any person, to allow the following things, practices, or conditions on any property or within the public rights-of-way:

- Accumulation of solid waste.
- Accumulation material, which is unsightly.
- Dead or decaying trees and tree limbs that present a safety hazard to the public or to abutting property owners.
- An abandoned vehicle upon private or public property
- Vehicle storage and repair in residential neighborhoods
- Maintenance of poultry, livestock, or non-domesticated animals
- Storage of a discarded vehicle upon any private property unless the vehicle is completely enclosed within a building. “Discarded vehicle” includes any vehicle that does not have an affixed and unexpired license plate and is inoperative, wrecked, fully or partially dismantled, abandoned, or junked. “Discarded vehicle” also includes major parts of vehicles, including but not limited to bodies, engines, transmissions, and rear-ends.
- Activity or behavior that requires a law enforcement response.

Outdoor Maintenance for all Properties Chapter 8.18.080

It is the responsibility of the owner of any property, improved or unimproved, to maintain the

outdoor areas of the property and adjacent rights-of-way in a manner that complies with the following requirements:

- Keep lawn areas, cut and remove all weeds and grass in excess of 10 inches in height
- Remove and keep removed:
 - Accumulations of wood pallets,
 - vehicle parts or tires,
 - Construction materials,
 - Any motor vehicle parked upon any grassy or exposed soil surface

Rights-of Way Obstructions

Chapter 8.18.080

- Sidewalks must be clear of obstructions and vegetation from edge to edge and to an elevations of 7-1/2 feet above sidewalk level
- Streets must be clear of obstructions to vehicle movement and parking from edge to edge and to an elevation of 11 feet above street level
- No person may deposit upon a street, sidewalk leaves, dirt or waste material
- Storage of personal property on public right-of-way or other public property in excess of 24 hours. (except licensed motor vehicles when parked in compliance with applicable state or City regulations).
- Use of streets in lieu of off-street parking, vehicle repair or vehicle displayed for sale.

Storage of Motor Vehicles on Streets 10.08.070

- No person shall store or permit to be stored on a street or other public property, a motor vehicle or personal property for period in excess of forty-eight (48) hours. Vehicles must be moved a minimum distance of five-hundred (500) feet after 48 hours.

Public Peace, Morals and Welfare Chapter 9.12

Unreasonable Noises:

Radios, Televisions, Boomboxes, Phonographs, Stereos, Musical Instruments, and Similar Devices:

- Unreasonable noise that disturbs the peace, quiet, and comfort of neighbors is prohibited including loud and raucous noise emitted by an animal.
- Loud or raucous noise is prohibited between the hours of 10:00pm and 7:00am on weekdays, and 10:00pm and 10:00am on weekends.
- Animals and Birds: Unreasonably loud and raucous noise emitted by an animal or bird for which a person is responsible. A person is responsible for an animal if the person owns, controls or otherwise cares for the animal or bird.

As an additional reminder, property owners and tenants are responsible for maintaining the sidewalk, curbs and parkways adjacent to their property. This is especially important during the warm dry summer months; the smallest spark or tossed cigarette could ignite the dry brush and very quickly endanger the safety and well being of you and your neighbors.

The Wood Village Municipal Code can be read in its entirety on the City website. For more information, on property maintenance and nuisances, contact Dana at City Hall.

Wood Village’s Annual Stormwater Report

Wood Village stormwater runoff is generated from dispersed land surfaces—pavements, yards, driveways, and roofs. Efforts to control stormwater pollution must consider individual, household, and public behaviors as well as activities that can generate pollution from these surfaces such as:

- disposal of pet-waste
- applying lawn-chemicals
- washing cars
- changing motor-oil on impervious driveways
- disposal of leftover paint and household chemicals

The City was issued a new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II permit on May 3, 2007. The Permit is required by the Environmental Protection Agency and is valuable tool for the City to evaluate its present programs as well as enhancing the City’s Stormwater Management Program. Operators of regulated small systems like ours are required to design their programs to:

1. Reduce the discharge of pollutants to the “maximum extent practicable”
2. Protect water quality
3. Satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act.

The City submits an annual update on its Stormwater Program. Part of the update includes six key elements which are called Best Management Practices along with measureable goals for each activity to be completed:

1. **Public Education** - to inform individuals and households about ways to reduce stormwater pollution.
2. **Public Involvement** – to involve the public in the development, implementation, and review of its stormwater management program.
3. **Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination** - for identifying and eliminating illicit discharges and spills to storm drain systems.
4. **Construction** - to address stormwater runoff from active construction sites.
5. **Post-construction** - for MS4s, developers and property owners to address stormwater runoff after construction activities have been completed.
6. **Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping** – the City must manage stormwater runoff from its own facilities and activities.

It takes individual behavior change and proper practices to control such pollution. There is an educational resource center in the Public Works lobby at City Hall with informational brochures for the public to take. An information table will also be available at the City Nite Out on July 16th

If you would like further information please call Marie Kizzar at 503-489-6859.

Save the Date!
End of Summer...
OKTOBERFEST



September 11th Noon to 4:00
Donald Robertson City Park

The Annual End of Summer Fest is transitioning to be an Oktoberfest. An event we hope will be unique to the area. It will still be a family friendly event with free food, live music, kids' activities, vendor booths and exhibits.

Council recently changed the Park rules to allow beer and wine at City sponsored events. Yazzi's will be operating a beer garden. There will be a charge for the items served in the beer garden with the proceeds shared between the operators and City in support of all the City events.

We are seeking vendors for this event and as an incentive will be waiving the booth fees this year in hopes of drawing more participants.

Are you an artist?

Do you have a special or unique craft?

Kid booths are welcome!

Please consider having a booth at the upcoming End of Summer Oktoberfest. For more information, contact Dana at City Hall at 503-489-6852

2010 Community Pride Awards



Several property owners in Wood Village will be recognized this summer for outstanding landscaping or making other exterior improvements to beautify their property. Twenty nominations have already been received at City Hall for the various prizes that will be awarded over the course of this summer. A well-maintained home or business is a great way to show the pride we have in our neighborhood and community. Attractive properties help keep neighborhood property values high and are less likely to be a target for crime.

Awards may be given each month through September in categories of single family residential, multi-family, manufactured home, and business. Awards include a certificate, gift card, lawn signage, and recognition before the City Council and in *The Village News*.

If you see a property in Wood Village that is deserving of a Community Pride Award, please consider filling out a nomination form and return it to City Hall. Nomination forms are available at City Hall and on the city's website, located at www.ci.wood-village.or.us.

Earth Day Project Improves City Park

Thirty students from Arata Creek School celebrated Earth Day by planting native trees and shrubs in our Donald L. Robertson Park. Volunteers carefully planted eighty-three Douglas Firs, Western Red Cedars, and various shrubs over the course of the day. The event was coordinated by Julia Fraser, a graduate student in education and ecology at PSU and was collaboration among the Arata Creek School, Metro, Portland State University, SOLV, and the City of Wood Village.

Students enjoyed bringing life to the park and learning about how natural areas absorb pollution and produce oxygen. The teachers and students at Arata Creek School look forward to continuing their stewardship of the park and observing the growth and health of the young trees and plants.

Fed Ex Job Fair
July 9, 2010
Call the hotline at
503 484-1229 for more
information

Utility Bill Assistance Fund:

Wood Village has generous people and employees who donate funds for residents who find themselves facing water shut-off for lack of payment. This assistance is available to qualified residents once every 12 months to the extent that funds are available. **If you have lost your job and are facing a water shut off, pick up an application for assistance at City Hall.** If you wish to help neighbors who are struggling financially, **donations to the Utility Assistance Fund are tax deductible** and may be made at City Hall or with your next payment; **be sure to note the donation on your check.** For more information, call Karen at City Hall at 503-489-6851

Help protect your Drinking Water from Contamination



Protecting the City Water Distribution System

The City provides pure and plentiful water to your service connection. The property owner is responsible for keeping beyond the service connection. Backflow incidents really can and do occur. We respectfully request that you take this role seriously and, with our help, educated yourself on the potential hazards of backflow and what you can do to help protect the drinking water. Let's work together to keep our water safe and healthy for your family and neighbors.

How Contamination Occurs

Water normally flows in one direction, from the public water system through the customer's cold or hot water plumbing to a sink tap or other plumbing fixture. The plumbing fixture is the end of the potable water system and the start of the waste disposal system.

Under certain conditions, water can flow in the reverse direction. This is known as **backflow**. Backflow occurs when a backsiphonage or backpressure condition is created in a water line.

Backsiphonage may occur due to a loss of pressure in the water distribution system during a high withdrawal of water for fire protection, a water main or plumbing system break, or a shutdown of a water main or plumbing system for repair. A reduction of pressure below atmospheric pressure creates a vacuum in the piping. If a hose bib was open and the hose was submerged in a wading pool during these conditions, the non-potable water in the pool would be siphoned into the house's plumbing and back into the public water system.

Backpressure may be created when a source of pressure, such as a pump, creates a pressure greater than that supplied from the distribution system. If a pump supplied from a non-potable source, such as a landscape pond, was accidentally connected to the plumbing system, the non-potable water could be pumped into the potable (drinking) water supply.

How to Prevent Contamination of Your Drinking Water

Protect your drinking water by taking the following precautions:

DO NOT:

- Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks, ponds, etc.
- Use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device.
- Connect waste pipes from water softeners or other treatment systems to the sewer, submerged drain pipe, etc.
- Use a hose to unplug blocked toilets, sewers, etc.

DO:

- ✓ Keep the ends of hoses clear of all possible contaminants.
- ✓ If not already equipped with an integral (built-in) vacuum breaker, buy and install hose bib type vacuum breakers with breakaway set screws (a tamper proof feature) on all faucets with hose threads. Refer to "Hose Connection Vacuum Breaker" below for more information. These devices are inexpensive and are available at hardware stores and home improvement centers.
- ✓ Install an approved backflow prevention assembly on all underground lawn irrigation systems. This is a requirement of the Oregon State Plumbing Code and Oregon Administrative Rule 918-750-0120 for all new and existing systems. Remember, a plumbing permit is required for the connection of an underground lawn irrigation system to your plumbing system as well as for the installation of the backflow preventer assembly. Contact the City of Wood Village at 503.489.6861 with any questions.

Hose Connection Vacuum Breaker



Hose Connection Vacuum Breaker w/Breakaway Set Screw

Hose connection vacuum breakers are specifically made for portable hoses attached to threaded faucets. Their purpose is to prevent the flow of contaminated water back into the drinking water. These devices screw directly to the faucet outlet. They can be used on a wide variety of installations, such as service sinks, hose faucets near a wading pool, laundry tub faucets, etc. They must be furnished with breakaway set screws as a tamper proof feature. Some units are designed for manual draining for freezing conditions.

Common Household Hazards

Chemical Spray Applicators

The chemicals used on your lawn and garden can be toxic or fatal if ingested. These chemicals include pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. Even strong cleaning chemicals sprayed on cars, house siding, etc. may cause health problems if ingested.



Submerged Hoses

Water held in pools, ponds, or other vats open to the air and exposed to humans or animals may contain microbiological contaminants. Hoses submerged in buckets or containers can act as a conduit for contaminants under backflow conditions.



Underground Lawn Irrigation Systems

Underground irrigation systems often have puddles of standing water around the ground-level sprinkler heads. The sprinkler heads are **not** designed to be drip-tight under backflow conditions. The puddles of water may contain microbiological contaminants, such as excrement from animals or chemical residue from fertilizer and herbicides sprayed on the lawn.

For further information, contact the Wood Village Public Works Division at 503.489.6861 or Julies@ci.wood-village.or.us.

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