
City of Wood Village March 2012

The Village News

2055 NE 238th Drive • Wood Village, OR 97060-1095 • (503) 667-6211
Fax (503) 669-8723 • city@ci.wood-village.or.us • www.ci.wood-village.or.us



FLOODING IN WOOD VILLAGE

January 19, 2012 was an exceptionally wet day. That morning we woke up to about four inches of very wet snow. Temperatures rose quickly and it began raining, adding nearly two inches of water to the melting snow, sending a large volume of storm water on its way to the Columbia River. It came from rooftops, traveled through downspouts, yard

drains, curb lines, street catch basins, culverts, open drainage ditches and finally the County and City's storm water collection system.

In all but a few places the collection systems worked very well. Due to timely street sweeping and leaf pick-up, potential problems were avoided. In some places however, debris that hadn't been cleaned out of private and public facilities rapidly found its way to grated inlets in driveways and streets, covering them and preventing the passage of water. Water backed up to elevations so high it threatened to enter homes where crawl spaces were already flooded. Where some storm water facilities lack capacity they were overwhelmed and water left the channel, flowing across the surface seeking lower ground using the path of least resistance.



The damaging impacts of this storm event were relatively minor, though one more inch of rain or snow the night before could have made things much worse. In this case, City Utility Workers and County Road Crew Workers worked hard in an effort to attack the trouble spots and were successful in their effort to minimize property damage.

Knowing how important storm water management is, the City has been in the process of developing a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP). Keller Associates, a team of Professional Engineers, was hired to develop a draft plan that inventories all of the storm drainage facilities. This

inventory allowed them to construct a computer model of the drainage system to see how it would perform under various storm conditions. The model identified portions of the system that cannot adequately handle an event that theoretically only occurs every twenty-five years. They analyzed the results to see what can be done to make weak points properly perform during a twenty-five year event. Those things that can be done become projects with alternative projects to be considered. The cost to perform the projects was estimated and a list of recommended capital improvements has been developed. As it should, the SWMP identified those areas most affected by mid-January's storm event and ones that would be impacted by larger events.

The Wood Village Storm Water System Facility Plan Update is in the final stages. On March 27th at 6:00 PM it will be considered for adoption by the City Council at the regularly scheduled meeting so it can begin guiding the City's efforts in getting storm water to the Columbia River while preventing damage in Wood Village.

Investing in Wood Village and the East Metro area

by Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick

As your Metro Councilor, I am pleased to update you on how Wood Village, Metro and other nearby cities are proactively working together to make our communities more prosperous and safe. We will be advocating for federal and state transportation money to make our area more attractive to employers while protecting our neighborhoods, making our roads safer and promoting our treasured natural areas.

Federal and state money is shrinking, and when the region makes difficult decisions about who gets it, they reward those cities that agree on near- and long-term priorities. Through an effort called East Metro Connections Plan, east county cities are developing that shared agreement. Since money is so limited, it's important we advance projects that get the biggest bang for the buck and solve our most pressing challenges. For instance, can we reduce congestion while using existing roads through low cost solutions like changes to signal timing? Is there a transportation investment that might encourage new jobs to locate in the area?

Many of you have participated in this effort already. Your input helped identify problems and shaped the solutions we are considering. But your role isn't over. Decisions will be made this spring about how investments will be prioritized. We want you to weigh in to tell us what is most important to you.

Participate in person
 East Metro Connections Plan open house
 Wed, March 14, 2012
 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (arrive any time)
 East Hill Church's Kid City Theater
 695 N Main Ave, Gresham



Other ways to be involved:

- Participate online and discover what we learned over the last year, such as why we don't need a Mount Hood freeway, at www.oregonmetro.gov/eastmetro
- Get email updates by sending a request to eastmetroconnections@oregonmetro.gov
- Request a briefing for your neighborhood association or local event
- Come to a steering committee meeting to share your comments; their next meeting is on March 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at East Hill Church (see above)

We hope you will become involved and let us know if you have questions, 503-813-7535.

City Council Retreat

Your elected officials are all volunteers that provide a great deal of time to help make Wood Village a better place. As the City Council, they are the decision makers for our local government and provide the policy and strategic direction for Wood Village. To focus on this critical strategic function, the Council conducted a special retreat on Saturday, January 14, 2012. The Council utilized a professional facilitator to assist in their deliberations.

Over the seven (7) hour session, the City Council reviewed community progress on the currently adopted goals, evaluated the financial condition of the city as projected over a five year horizon, discussed the strategic goals for the community, the mission, and the necessary next steps to make Wood Village a continuously improving community.

Actions from the weekend retreat included the recommendation to re-adopt the strategic goals, with the addition of economic development in the goal framework. The goals recommended by the Council, and

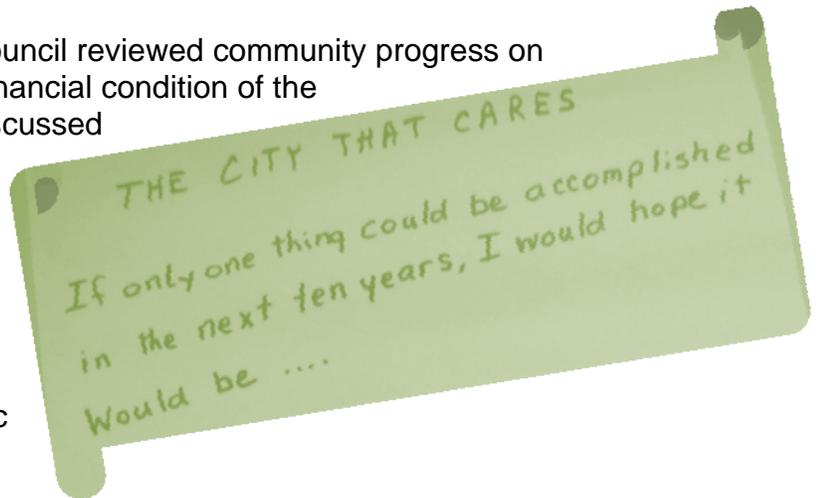
subsequently adopted at the City Council meeting of February 14, 2012, are as follows:

- GOAL 1:** A safe, clean, livable community with a sense of pride, quality housing, and strong identity.
- GOAL 2:** Excellent police, fire and building services.
- GOAL 3:** High Quality, cost-effective public utilities, parks and events.
- GOAL 4:** Long-term financial stability, **economic vitality and growth.**
- GOAL 5:** A work environment that develops and encourages employees and rewards their creativity and innovation.
- GOAL 6:** Effective local, state and regional partnerships.
- GOAL 7:** Environmental Responsibility.

Other direction received from the Council for the next year includes the following concepts:

1. Provide focus on emergency preparedness in newsletters, the annual Nite Out event, and with community training opportunities.
2. Monitor and support the extension of Boys and Girls Club to East County, continue a focus on youth activities and opportunities.
3. Develop a process to change the City Motto.

Your City Council is a great example of volunteer citizens working together to create a positive community. Throughout the retreat, the Council shared information, actively expressed opinions, and worked together to establish common views of our future



COMMUNITY GARDEN OPENING SOON FOR A THIRD SEASON!

The gray of Winter has passed, and now it is time for the bright colors of Spring and Summer. That also means that the Wood Village Community garden will be open again for the growing season. Registration begins on April 2nd and the garden officially opens for planting on May 1st. Plots cost just \$20 for the season and measure 10' x 10'. Please go to our website at www.ci.Wood-Village.or.us, or stop by City Hall for more information and to pick up a registration packet. Let's get growing!



what kinds of after school activities and programs you would like to see in the City. The contest is open to all children of Wood Village in grades 4-12. Winners will not only be featured in the May newsletter, but they will also receive a special prize at the May City Council meeting. As always, Wood Village winners will be entered into the statewide contest for a chance to win a laptop computer. Please visit our website or stop by City Hall for the official guidelines and entry form. All entries are due by April 20th.

Stay Updated & Be Informed

Did you know you can receive information about City closures or emergencies from your home email or phone? You can. The City has teamed up with Flash Alert which can send you instant email or text notifications of City emergencies or closures. No longer have a landline, but want to receive emergency communications via reverse 911? You can also register your cell phone with reverse 911, and subscribers to this system will receive emergency alerts via e-mail, phone call or text/SMS messages when the associated address will be impacted by an



emergency. Reverse 911 is operated by the Portland Bureau of Emergency Communications. You can sign up for both of these services by going to the City's website, clicking on the Emergency Services Tab and following the appropriate web links.



Nominations Needed Community Pride Award

Is there a home in your neighborhood that has beautiful flowers, looks great all season long, or has recently made exterior improvements? If so, please consider nominating them for the City's Community Pride Award. We are looking for nominations in the following areas: single family homes, multi-family homes, manufactured homes, and a general category. Winners will be selected in April by the Parks and Recreation Commission based off of your nominations. New for 2012 is an online fillable form, but you can still pick up nomination forms at City Hall as well. Check out our website for more information, and thank you for your nominations!

Attention Wood Village Students Grades 4-12

The City, in conjunction with the Oregon Mayor's Association is once again sponsoring the "If I Were Mayor" contest. This year the task is to not only describe or portray what you would do as Mayor of Wood Village, but also

Water Quality Requirements

Remember to have your water backflow assemblies tested and turn in the test report(s) to the City no later than September 1, 2012. Backflow tests are required by law to be performed annually. If you have any questions regarding backflow testing, please contact the City at 503-489-6861.



FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

You can feel SECURE knowing that the City of Wood Village handles your city dollars in an exceptionally highly regarded style.

This year (2011) Wood Village’s auditor, Tonya Moffitt, CPA, of Merina & Co, had absolutely NO “FINDINGS” and could make no recommendations for improvements!

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which is the audit report sent to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) to be evaluated for the national award, typically returns to cities and counties across the country with PAGES of suggestions for improvements for the next year’s submission. The most recent



Wood Village CAFR submission came back with only one suggestion for improvement. Moffitt remarked, *“I am happy to report that there was only one comment from the GFOA this year. I have never seen that in all the years I have been doing auditing. That one comment was very minor: they wanted the page numbers printed on the financial statements versus being hand written. That is excellent! I am a reviewer for the GFOA for other cities not in Oregon, and that is very uncommon not to have any comments.*

Congratulations to the Wood Village Finance Department!”

PARK TRAILS

The City has recently applied for a grant through the Oregon State Parks and Recreation – Recreational Trails Program. The grant is for further trail development to extend beyond our recently completed boardwalk and wetland enhancement projects at the Donald L. Robertson City Park. As proposed, we would enhance our existing nature trails and extend our recreational trail system to connect with other trails, neighborhoods and retail communities.



At present, there are several regularly used but undeveloped paths in the southern portion of the City Park. These unimproved trails pass through an urban forested area adjacent to Treehill and Cottonwood condominiums and connect to the commercial developments to the south and east. Poor drainage at the low point of this area leads to boggy conditions during the winter months making pedestrian access difficult. This project would not only make this a year-round trail system connecting to various destinations, but also fund a small equipment bridge matching another in the park and would include creek grading for improved flow characteristics and erosion

control. From our park, the improved trails would connect with McMenamain Edgefield’s complex of trails, those of the adjacent residential neighborhoods of Troutdale and the commercial/retail center of Cherry Park to the south of our park.

The trails will be constructed where the regularly used, but undeveloped trails already exist in the southern portion of the park. The work being considered consists of approximately 765 linear feet of engineered structural gravel surfaced trails over a compacted gravel and geo-textile fabric base. New construction would include a series of switch-backs with timber steps installed to gain the 90’+ elevation change to the top of the hill. Due to heavy use by runners and walkers, and park equipment such as mowers and small maintenance vehicles, our trails are in need of frequent maintenance. This project would reconstruct them appropriate for pedestrian use, including a structural section suitable for maintenance vehicle access.



These new trails will further enhance our great park by connecting the always busy playground, picnic areas and baseball fields with the residential and commercial areas in and around our City. They will expand pedestrian access in the City, promote additional use of the park and encourage individuals to spend time in the outdoors. The park trails provide an opportunity for people to walk through the newly created wetlands and nature areas on their way to or from shopping while enjoying the outdoors.

UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE UTILITY BILLING CYCLE

Starting in May, the water/sewer utility will change to a monthly billing cycle. The bill for May will go out the end of the month and residents will receive this bill in the beginning of June. There will also be changes to the late fee and shut-off dates as well as the number of notices sent out due to the shorter billing cycle. The memo section on the bill will include the exact late fee and shut off dates. Specific details will be included in the May newsletter and will be available on our website once they are finalized.

FREE EARTH DAY RECYCLING EVENT SATURDAY, APRIL 21 9 AM TO 2 PM

The City of Gresham is hosting a Recycling event at Gresham City Hall. This event is free for Gresham and Wood Village residents.

Collection Items:

- Non Curbside Plastic Items
- Fluorescent Tubes & Lights
- Cell Phones
- Block Styrofoam
- Paper Shredding

Please visit GreshamOregon.gov/earthday or call 503-618-2694 for more information.



Public input sought on Multnomah County roads

Multnomah County would like to know what you think about county roads. Results from a short online survey (www.multco.us/roads/survey) will be used to evaluate customer satisfaction of road services. County staff work to balance customer satisfaction against the road system needs and available revenue. Input from road users helps determine how and where resources are used.

Multnomah County has jurisdiction of 263 miles of roads in unincorporated areas and 27 miles of urban roads such as Halsey, 238th and Glisan in Wood Village, Fairview, and Troutdale.

Road maintenance includes paving, vegetation maintenance, lane striping,

drainage, signage, mowing, snow plowing and emergency response.

Public input has helped shape county road services in recent years. When funding levels declined in 2008, public input was used to re-prioritize road service levels. For example, roadside mowing was reduced in some areas and administrative cuts were made. These changes helped the county increase its road paving and chip seal program the last two years.

To take the survey, visit:
www.multco.us/roads/survey.

Road maps are included to help identify Multnomah County roads.

Release: January 26, 2012

Contact: Mike Pullen, Communications Office, 503-988-6804,
mike.j.pullen@multco.us

FUNDING GOOD ROADS FOR A GREAT COMMUNITY!

The Citizen's Advisory committee has one more meeting about this key issue before they make recommendations to the Wood Village City Council on how to proceed. As the committee has worked through issues, they have:

- Evaluated the current status of roadway and storm water funding in Wood Village
- Looked at the General Fund in the City and recognized that roadway and storm water funding will not be adequate to maintain the current system over time
- Looked at most of the potential funding methods available in Oregon to finance roadway maintenance and storm water compliance
- Dealt with technical issues on how a potential funding source that included a fee for service on a utility bill from the City might be put together, and what kind of credits, costs, and measurement methods could potentially be used.
- Considered whether or not funding for County Roadways within the City could or should be included in the financing requirements for this system.

Our future ability to keep our vital infrastructure depends on the ability to appropriately finance roadways and to remain in compliance with the storm water requirements of our region. The committee will meet on March 8, 2012, to complete their evaluations and make recommendations to the City Council.

As most residents of Wood Village know, the surrounding Cities all have storm water utilities in place that include a monthly charge on the utility billing. The rate charges on a single family residence for only storm water in our area are as follows:

Gresham	\$9.84	Fairview	\$8.78	Troutdale	\$3.78
---------	--------	----------	--------	-----------	--------

Each City also has fees for commercial customers based on differing criteria and methods. For each of these communities, the storm water utility fees have allowed them to meet environmental standards and improve the quality of water in our region along with reducing flood damage and improving drainage systems. Wood Village has also made major efforts to improve storm water management, but we are facing the inability to continue our efforts without financial support.

The City of Wood Village is your agent to help protect your investment in your homes and property through maintaining quality roadway systems and making sure the drainage systems move water away from your home. To provide this service, we have had to draw on the general fund, your property taxes, to add money to the state gas tax funding for our road maintenance system.

Our City has to focus on the basics. The community priority is a safe community, with quality police and fire services. While we provide the police and fire through contracts with Multnomah County for the Sheriff and with Gresham for Fire, they consume nearly 100% of all property taxes. We have to look at how we will sustain funding for police and fire in the future, while having enough resource to protect your investment in both your private property and the public investments you have helped finance in the town.



Quality roads are Critical to our local economy and the growth of area jobs, and if we can find ways to invest in streets while they are still “good”, we can save everyone dollars compared to trying to fix roads that have already fallen apart. Along with the roads, we all recognize the importance of conveying storm water safely away from our houses while not destroying the water shed, or impacting our clean water.

Please be involved and participate as we develop proposals for our future.



R U READY?

This Spring is a perfect time to “Resolve to be Ready”. Wood Village is proud to be promoting emergency preparedness for 2012. To help spread the message and make its employees and members of the community better prepared, the City of Wood Village is offering a free “R U Ready” workshop on April 28th at the Wood Village City Hall. Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Ready Campaign, “Resolve to be Ready” is a Nationwide effort designed to increase awareness as well as encourage individuals, families, businesses and communities to take action and prepare for emergencies in 2012 and beyond.

In addition to the academic portion of this workshop, participants will receive hands on training with fire extinguishers and turning off public utilities.

Wood Village would like to encourage the community to make an emergency preparedness resolution by taking these four important steps:



- **Be informed.** Know the hazards and risks in your area.
- **Make a family emergency plan,** so you know how you would communicate with and find your loved ones if a disaster hit.
- **Build an emergency supply kit** – Assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency. You may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you.
- **Get Involved** – Find out how you can promote preparedness in your community.

For information about registering for this workshop and future training opportunities, please visit the Wood Village website at www.ci.wood-village.or.us or call City Hall at 503-667-6211.

Transportation System Plan Update

For the past eleven months the City of Wood Village has been working on the update of its Transportation System Plan (TSP). Through a series of Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen Advisory Committee meetings lead by a team made up of Kittleson & Associates, Inc. and the Angelo Planning Group, a draft plan has emerged.

The planning process began with a review of the existing TSP and the City's Comprehensive Plan which was followed by an inventory of the of the City's transportation system. From the inventory needs, opportunities, constraints, and transportation projects were identified. A long range implementation plan was then developed using comments from the technical and citizen advisory committees.

The draft TSP includes a street plan, a public transportation system plan, bicycle system plan and a pedestrian system plan. The draft also contains recommendations to update the plan regarding each of these elements with connectivity and active transportation (bicycle and pedestrian) receiving the most attention.

Transportation in Wood Village and across the nation will see significant changes in the future. We are seeing and will continue to see increased emphasis on opportunities to shop, work and recreate close to home. With that future in mind, active transportation will become more and more important. The draft identifies opportunities for facilities supporting active transportation that shorten the distances between home, work, public transit, shopping and play.

The City Council and the Planning Commission held a joint work session on February 27, 2012 to consider the recommendations the draft plan contains. Results from this work session will be presented during upcoming Planning Commission and City Council meetings. Please see the Public Notice inserts for meeting dates and times. They will be looking for, and encouraging comments from interested citizens.



24th Annual Wood Village



Walmart



Save money. Live better.

EASTER EGG HUNT



SATURDAY, April 7th

Rain or Shine the Easter Bunny will arrive by
helicopter at 9:30am!

Hunt Times:

10:00 Special Needs

10:15 3 & 4 Year Old

10:30 5 & 6 Year Old

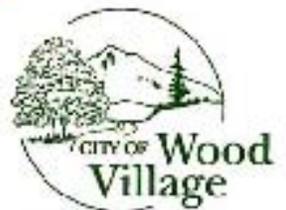
10:45 7, 8 & 9 Year Old

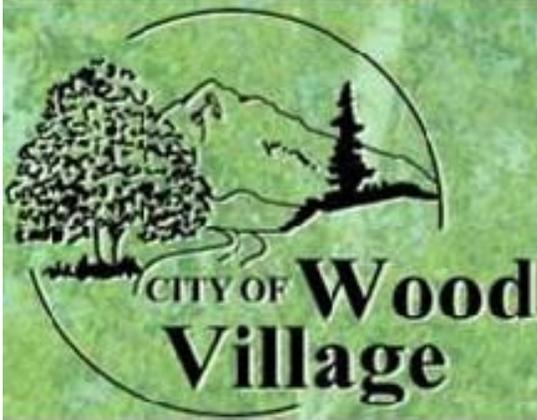
Special Hunt Area for Kids with Special Needs!

Donald L. Robertson City Park
24300 NE Halsey Street



Brasher's





Are You Ready Disaster Preparedness Workshop

the City that C.A.R.E.S.

- 1 Get a Kit**
Of Emergency Supplies
- 2 Make a Plan**
For What You Will Do in an Emergency
- 3 Be Informed**
About What Might Happen
- 4 Get Involved**
In Preparing Your Community

Creating a Family Plan

Hands on practice

- ◊ Managing Utilities
- ◊ Extinguishing small fires

Knowing Your Neighborhood

- ◊ Your first line of defense

Date:

April 28, 2012 (Saturday)
9:00 am to Noon

Location:

Wood Village City Hall
Council Chambers
2055 NE 238th Drive
Wood Village, OR 97060

Workshop is free
but you must
**REGISTER TO
ATTEND**

RSVP to:
Emergency Management Program
Scott McPherson
(503) 618-2841
or
Scott.McPherson@greshamoregon.gov

Light Refreshments
will be available



citizen★**corps**

CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE
 2055 NE 238TH DRIVE
 WOOD VILLAGE, OR 97060-1095

PAID BY STANDARD MAIL
 PERMIT #75
 WOOD VILLAGE
 97060

IMPORTANT -- there are three Public Hearing Notices included
Please contact Wood Village City Hall at 503-667-6211 if you do not receive all three notices.

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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

City Council

Patricia Smith, Mayor
 Mark S. Clark, President
 Stanley Dirks
 Timothy Clark
 Scott Harden

City Councilors are volunteers who do not keep regular office hours but messages can be left at City Hall at 503-667-6211.

Regular Council meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

25% SENIOR RATE DISCOUNT:

If everyone living in your household is 65 years and older, and you are directly billed by the city, you may be eligible for the discounted base sewer and water rate fees. For more detailed information and to acquire the application, please see the City's website or call 503-667-6211.

Planning Commission
Design Review Board

Planning Commission/Design Review Board meetings are normally held the last Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

All meeting agendas are available at City Hall and on the City's website.

City Services

Water & Sewer: Wood Village City Hall:
 503-667-6211

Building Permits: Wood Village City Hall:
 503-667-6211

Trash & Recycling:
 Waste Management: 503-249-8078

Phone: Frontier – 1-800-483-4000

Electric: PGE – 503-228-6322
 503-464-7777 (power outages)
 503-736-5710 (streetlight outages)

Gas: NW Natural: 503-226-4212

Abandoned Vehicles
 503-823-3333 (*non-emergency number for Sheriff's Office*)

DEQ Burning Information:
 503-618-3083

Multnomah County Sheriff:
 503-823-3333 (non-emergency)
 9-1-1 (emergencies)

Gresham Fire Department:
 503-618-2355 (general information)
 9-1-1 (emergencies)

Multnomah County Animal Control:
 503-248-3066

Reynolds School District:
 503-661-7200

East Metro Mediation:
 503-618-3247

Multnomah County Commissioners:
 Jeff Cogan, County Chair
 (503) 988-3308

Diane McKeel, District 4
 (503) 988-5213