

# City of Wood Village May 2011

## The Village News

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### The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wood Village Easter Egg Hunt Sponsored by Wal-Mart!!!

Over 2,500 people attended this wonderful event on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. After a special visit from the Easter Bunny who arrived by helicopter, the children scooped up over 13,000 eggs and over 500 prizes in just a few hours. A special thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers including the Wood Village City Council, and Parks and Recreation Commission. It was a great event and we hope to see you there next year. Check out the City's webpage for more photos of the event.



Waiting for the Bunny



Bunny Arrives by Helicopter



The Hunt is on!

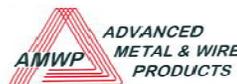


Please Thank These Businesses for Their Generous Support Of the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Annual Wood Village – Wal-Mart Easter Egg Hunt!

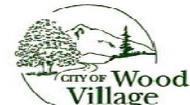
# Walmart



Auto & Truck Collision Repair



Treehill Day School  
Cub Scout Troop 717



## Happy Birthday City of Wood Village!

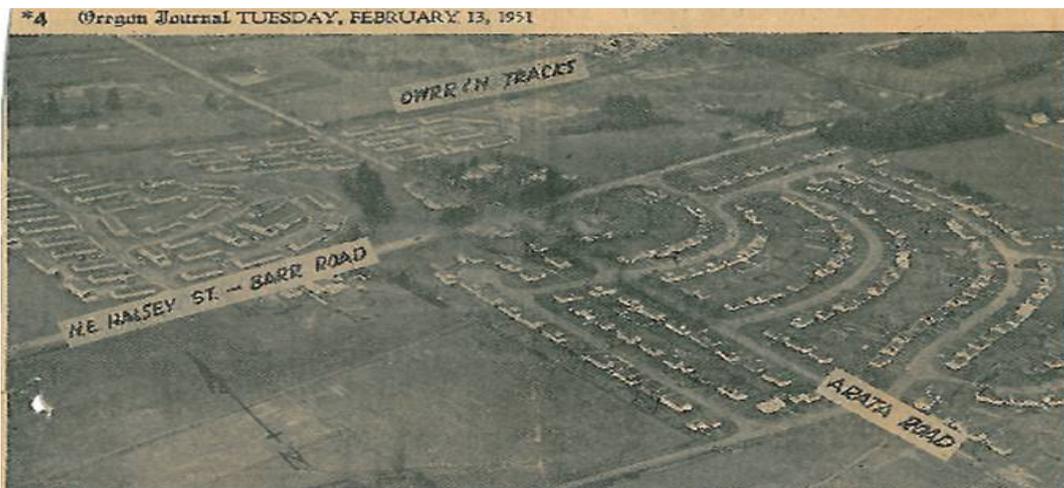
On February 9, 2011, the City of Wood Village turned 60 years old. While the look of the City has changed over the past 60 years, the small town feel, and warm smiles at City Hall have remained the same. We look forward to seeing what the next 60 years will bring.



Wood Village 1948



Wood Village 2008



NEAREST CITY—Aerial view of Wood Village area, which has voted to become Multnomah county's newest incorporated city. City is between Fairview and Troutdale. Photo is looking north-

east with Fairview Homes at left center and Wood Village proper at right. OWRR IN TRADES are northern boundary. NE Halsey street runs through center.

### Incorporation Ballot Gives County New City

Click and look again. There's a new city in Multnomah county. Residents of the Wood Village housing project west of Troutdale became citizens last week by voting 153 to 25, to incorporate. Henceforth this community of

improvements. Lack of interest, however, forced dissolution of the improvement company in 1945. Last year Wood Villagers decided to form a rotary and civic club to raise money for the community. They gave dinners and

Ernest Kuerner, Pugh promised the city would set up a five-man council and elect a mayor as soon as it received official notification from the county (that it is a city. No city official will be paid, ex-

Most Wood Village residents have jobs in Portland, although a few are employed at nearby Reynolds Aluminum plant. The new city has a grocery store, two service stations, a barber shop, a hardware store and a cleaning

**Save the Date!**

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual City Nite Out is on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The opening parade is scheduled to start at 5pm, followed by a whole evening full of free food, live music, police demonstrations, and door prize drawings. Look for more details in the July newsletter, or our website. See you there!

**Community Garden**

The Community Garden opened for planting on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The garden has a total of 25 plots which are all 10' x 10', and there are still some available. If you are interested in having a garden plot, please stop by City Hall or go to our webpage to download the Garden Packet which includes a registration form. All plots are \$20.00 for the growing season. Hurry in soon as the remaining plots won't last long.

**Community Pride**

A well-maintained home or business is a great way to show the pride you have in your property, neighborhood and community. Attractive and well maintained properties help keep neighborhood property values high, and are less likely to be a target for crime.

All property owners including business in Wood Village can be nominated for a Community Pride Award. Nominations should be based on improvements or a high quality of maintenance to a property or business. The program starts in June and runs through September. Five awards may be given out each month in the following categories: single family residential, multi-family, manufactured home, and business. Winners will be selected by the Parks Commission and recognition certificates will be presented before the City Council. Awards include yard signage, a certificate, and recognition in *The Village News*.

Please consider nominating a neighbor or other property owner in Wood Village for exceptional care in maintaining their building and grounds in a manner that helps beautify our community. Nomination forms are now available at City Hall and on the city's website.

**Boating Safety**

Most of us have heard over and over to wear a lifejacket while on the water. Lifejackets save lives; however, time again

people choose not to wear them or the jackets are improperly fitted. Being a strong swimmer, having jackets stashed in one of the compartments of your vessel, or wearing a lifejacket that isn't properly secured or the correct fit will not save your life if you find yourself unexpectedly in the water ways in Oregon. In December 2010, The Multnomah County sheriff's Office River Patrol responded to three drowning in one week. What some fail to grasp is the temperature of the water in the Columbia River and the Willamette is approximately 45°F during the winter months and in the 60's during the summer months. Even the strongest swimmers are not immune to the cold water effects on the body and the increase difficulty with self rescue. Your body's initial response to sudden immersion in cold water is rapid, uncontrollable breathing. Depending on the conditions of the water, one can swallow water during this involuntary gasping. Another short term response is limited to complete lack of the use of your limbs. Once in the water, it won't matter that you have a lifejacket on your boat.

During routine boat inspections, River Patrol Deputies find most boaters have enough lifejackets on board, but they are kept in compartments. If an emergency occurs, will there be enough time to get to the compartment, and put the life jacket on? The compartments should be utilized while the boat is in storage or in transport to the water. Once on the water, the lifejackets should be out, and worn by everyone on board. Take the extra step and make sure the lifejacket properly fits and is secured. Multnomah County Sheriff Deputies will be starting their water safety education classes at Portland area schools. The idea is to teach children about water safety and the effects of cold water emersion and importance of wearing lifejackets. The lesson is very straight forward. It is not enough to carry a lifejacket on your boat; you need to have it on and secured properly. Lifejackets are an inexpensive way to save a life.

#### **MCSO Grant Award**

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a 2011 Building Safer Communities Mini-Grant from the Alliance for Community Traffic Safety

in Oregon (ACTS) and ODOT. Grant monies will be used to purchase radar equipment for use in patrol cars.

If you would like to learn more about this project or the mini-grant program, please contact Charity Sturgeon at 503-643-4520, or [CharityS@actsoregon.org](mailto:CharityS@actsoregon.org).

#### **Upcoming Citizen Meetings and Workshops**

The City was awarded a grant to update the Transportation System Plan. The City is undertaking this project to revise plans, policies and project lists to identify new improvements for pedestrian, bicycle, transit and other facilities. This project will also help the City be in compliance with the newly updated Regional Transportation Plan.

The City will hold public meetings and workshops starting in May. Please visit our website for more information and meeting dates.



#### **Win a Laptop!**

You can win a laptop computer if you win this year's "If I were Mayor" Contest. This contest is sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities and is open to students in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade all the way through college. The deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>, so hurry on in to City Hall or see our website for additional details.

#### **The City of Wood Village Provides Safe Drinking Water**

The City of Wood Village is committed to providing safe, reliable drinking water that is in compliance with all mandated Federal and State standards. In that effort the City tests for regulated and some unregulated contaminants. The Environmental Working Group (EWG) released a report about the presence of Chromium VI (Hexavalent Chromium), a suspected carcinogen found in some water supplies around the country. The City tested for Chromium VI and the test did not detect its presence.

The City will continue to test for this potential contamination as well as others in its ongoing effort to provide safe drinking water.

**Public Works Professionals:  
Maintaining and Improving the Community's Quality of Life for  
Present and Future Generations**

For most of us thinking about the condition of sewer pipes, waterlines or storm drains is practically non-existent. We don't often consider water pressure or even where the water comes from, storm water and where it ultimately goes unless it backs up and floods our streets or driveways. The sanitary sewers? Well, that's generally a mystery and one that most of us don't even like talking about.

But the fact of the matter is these, along with park and greenway maintenance, routine services, public involvement, and emergency responses are what your Public Works Department does every day of the year. Why aren't pipe conditions, stormwater management and street maintenance at the forefront of our minds? Because a Wood Village team of professionals quietly maintains these systems which help to provide daily comforts so we don't have to think about them. The dedicated team that improves the quality of life for present and future generations IS Public Works!

The importance of public works in community life will be highlighted during the week of May 16 – 22, 2010, also known as National Public Works Week. During National Public Works Week and throughout the year, we encourage you to think about the importance of the Wood Village Public Works team and of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. These professionals strive for a better quality of life each day by providing services such as:

- helping to ensure safe drinking water
- maintaining and upgrading storm and sewer systems
- maintaining streets, roads and bridges
- first responder for snow and ice control
- maintaining fire hydrants and water meters
- maintaining and upgrading wells, reservoirs and lift stations
- traffic flagging control
- maintaining recreation and park facilities and grounds
- graffiti abatement
- public buildings and facilities maintenance
- addressing residents' concerns
- right-of-way project work
- making emergency and non-emergency repairs to infrastructure

The Wood Village Public Works team accomplishes the City's goals by having a "Can Do" attitude. They are able to make emergency and non-emergency repairs to infrastructure while maintaining a high level of expertise to address specific problems, situations which may arise once every couple of years. The team provides innovative solutions to accommodate Wood Village's continued growth and changes.

Please join the City of Wood Village in recognizing its highly skilled Public Works professionals who are responsible for critical infrastructure and services in connection with the design, construction, maintenance, administration and/or operation of major public works projects. The City is pleased to have the experience and expertise of nine professionals representing over 90

years of experience serving the public. Though each and every one of our team is able to step in and handle a wide range of duties, basically Steve Lehl and Loren Wilton deal with water related issues, while Shayne Bowker and Michael Smith deal with facility maintenance programs. These four also are also responsible for the maintenance and operation of the three sanitary sewer lift stations and the sewer system in general. Gratefully, we have two of the finest and most conscientious administrative assistants in Marie Kizzar and Julie Starr. Their support for the public with a variety of needs and concerns is second to none. Our Public Works Director is Randy Jones who leads this team through the daily routine as well as administering the annual budget, initiating both small and large-scale projects that keep the City current in technology, equipment and growth management.

The City of Wood Village Public Works team has accomplished numerous projects throughout the past year in addition to their routine maintenance and operational duties. Just a few of these accomplishments include:

- Completed and accepted the Reservoir #1 project increasing the City's water reserve in this facility from 300,000 gallons to 500,000 gallons;
- Completed infiltration and inflow project around the City including Treehill Condominiums and, with the understanding and cooperation of residents, individual residential sewer laterals;
- Upsized sanitary sewer mainline was installed from Arata to Halsey St. ;
- The City Park Wetland Enhancement project has been completed, but with the money saved from that project a new boardwalk is being constructed to help avoid the saturated path during the winter months;
- Our source redundancy project for the upper pressure zone, an idea from Loren Wilton, has been completed saving the City nearly \$70,000 in construction costs and the annual maintenance costs of additional facilities;
- Managed the grants for several private sewer lateral replacements while acting as liaison for additional, larger lateral repairs;
- Emergency Operations Plan was adopted;
- The community garden was such a big success last year that it is being expanded to nearly twice its original size;
- Completed two reengineering projects and implemented them complete with follow-up reporting;
- Obtained a Small City Set-aside grant to construct Halsey Street sidewalk. Time and money was saved by coordinating work with County improvements to the north side of Halsey St.;
- Obtained CDBG funding and the pollution control vault on Cedar Ln., with Council approval, will be installed during the month of May;
- The older slides in the park after many years of service have been replaced with new ones;
- Increased effort to reduce the amount of unauthorized handbills, notices and signage attached to street signs, light poles and traffic control devices;
- Streets swept, catch basins cleaned and sewer hot-spots routinely scrutinized;
- . . . and many other projects.

### Business Corner

The Business Corner is a new section of the Village News. The idea is to highlight a business in our community. If you are a business owner and would like your business to be featured in this section, please contact City Hall and ask for Greg. Our first business is Yazzi's bar and Grill.

Yazzi's Bar and Grill has been a fixture in the City since 2004. Located just off the freeway behind the Arco station on 238th, it is hard to miss, especially with their 45 foot sign. Yazzi's was bought by Samer Hakim and his family after they have been part of the restaurant industry for years.

In 2008, Samer brought on Khalil Hazeem as a partner. Khalil, who was a regular at Yazzi's decided he wanted to do something different with his life and decided to join the Yazzi's team. Together, Samer and Khalil worked hard to renovate the bar installing new floors, paint, furniture, fixtures, and a heated patio. Just when things were going good, disaster struck. On January 17, 2009, gale force winds nearly toppled their 100 foot sign.

Samer and Khalil were forced to shut down the business while the iconic sign was removed. Unable to repair the sign, a new smaller sign was installed. Last September, Yazzi's provided the beer garden at

the City's Oktoberfest serving spirits and their signature Philly cheese steak sandwiches. If you are in the mood for a fun outing with friends, check out Yazzi's where they have three pool tables, shuffleboard, and karaoke every Thursday - Saturday night starting at 9:30pm. You can also phone in your order ahead of time and enjoy Yazzi's wonderful food wherever you'd like. For more information please call Yazzi's Bar & Grill at 503-674-3838, visit their webpage at [www.Yazzis.com](http://www.Yazzis.com), or just stop by in person at 2500 NE 238th Drive.



Wood Village Oktoberfest

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Accent on Style in Wood Village has two stations for lease in a Gorgeous New Hair Salon located on busy Halsey Street with plenty of parking. Own your own business, and sell your own retail. Reasonable lease. Full Time and Part time available. 23424 NE Halsey Street. Ask for Loretta 503-516-9340.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Planning Commission and Parks Commission**  
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