

# City of Wood Village September 2012

## The Village News

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### The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual City Nite Out



Over 2,200 people flocked to the Wood Village Baptist Church campus on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to take part in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual City Nite Out. This annual event focuses on crime prevention and emergency preparedness, and is coordinated by a joint effort between the City of Wood Village, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, and the Baptist Church. There

was free food including hot dogs, and popcorn. Live music by Whistlin' Rufus played throughout the evening as people visited area vendors, enjoyed the free family friendly activities, and watched live police demonstrations. Three hand crank emergency radios donated by the Wood Village 76 gas station were given away as door prizes, and Country Financial donated over 400 emergency preparedness tubes. A fun evening was had by all, and we hope to see you all again next year!

beverages, ice cream, cotton candy

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:



*A  
Special  
Thanks  
to*

- Wood Village Baptist Church
- Wood Village Wal-Mart
- Country Financial
- Wood Village 76 Conoco Phillips
- Brasher's Auto Collision Repair
- AAA of Oregon
- Lowe's Home Improvement
- ServPro
- Clangistics.com
- Life Flight
- Frontier Communications
- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
- Gresham Fire & Emergency Services
- Waste Management of Oregon

- Pastor Bill Ehmann & the Wood Village Baptist Church Staff and Members
- The Wood Village City Council
- Channel 6 Reporter Jessica Morkert
- Fairview/Troutdale Fraternal Order of the Eagles
- Deputy Volker
- Captain Reiser
- Lieutenant Alexander
- Chief Deputy Gates
- Sheriff Staton



## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

By Councilor Scott Harden

President Andrew Jackson said, "Our government is founded upon the intelligence of the people. I for one do not despair of the republic. I have great confidence in the virtue of the great majority of the people, and I cannot fear the result." Too often in elections a great majority of the people who are eligible to vote do not participate in deciding who will represent our collective intelligence and virtue. Often a minority of voters are choosing the candidates that form our government.

The May 15, 2012 Primary election is a perfect example. According to the Multnomah County Elections Office, only 40% of the county's eligible voters cast a ballot in May 2012.

Wood Village is joined by Troutdale, Fairview, parts of Gresham and East Portland to form House District 49 (HD49). The state mailed 19,716 ballots to voters in HD49 only 6,266 of those ballots were returned. That puts our participation level at just under 32% nearly 9% behind the county's overall turnout. Each house district is divided into precincts. All of Wood Village is in precinct 4906. Unfortunately voter participation was particularly low in 4906. There were 1,226 ballots mailed to Wood Village and just 312 or 25.4% were returned.

Lack of participation in our precinct is not endemic to just one political party. Democrats received 517 of the 1,226 ballots and only 152 voted. Republicans returned 107 of 304 ballots. Non-Affiliated voters returned just 36 of 320 ballots. The remaining voters in the Precinct are represented by six other political parties. Members of just three of those parties cast the remaining votes.

Many of those who took the time to vote failed to make every choice available to them on Election Day. Candidates for the Republican and Democrat parties were running for a spot on the November ballot and the chance to represent HD49 in the state legislature. A combined total of 1,792 voters who had the opportunity to vote for either candidate or a write-in failed to vote in the race. Earlier I mentioned that HD49 returned 6,266 ballots and 28.5% of those voters didn't vote in their own house race.



President Jackson didn't fear the majority. Should we fear the results when a majority of the voters don't participate? Have we denied ourselves the opportunity to maximize our intelligence and virtue? Are we getting the representation we need or deserve? Are we getting representation that reflects our desire for how our state and community are run?

If you didn't vote it is time to help answer these questions. If you returned a ballot but under voted it is time to help answer these questions. Read the entire ballot. Races for the positions closest to your community like state house and city council are often near the bottom of the ballot.

If you are not registered to vote you can do so on-line at  
<http://oregonvotes.org/pages/voterresources/regtovote/index.html>.

Don't let 25, 30 or even 40% of the people create the elected climate in which you live. Take part, take responsibility. Like Jackson didn't fear the majority you don't have to fear participating but you might fear the result if you don't take part in the process.



## CAR PROWL PREVENTION

By MCSO Deputy Ryan Parker

An experienced car prowler can break into your car in matter of seconds. Most car prowls are over in less than a couple of minutes.

While the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office has increased its patrols in Wood Village, area residents can help reduce the number car prowls by taking some preventive steps to eliminate the temptation to break into the vehicles in the first place.

### SOME TIPS TO HELP PREVENT CAR PROWL

- ✓ Roll up your windows and lock the doors, even if you are only going to be gone a short time.
- ✓ If you park on the street, park in a well-lit area if possible.



- ✓ Consider installing a motion light if you park your vehicle close to your home.
- ✓ Remove any items that may be used for identity theft.
- ✓ Remove any garage door openers to prevent unwanted entry to your residence.
- ✓ Make sure to remove all electronic devices (GPS, cellphones) and their chargers.
- ✓ Hiding valuables under blankets/coats or within the vehicle is not effective.

A large majority of the car prowls we investigate could be avoided if the victim did not leave valuables in the car. Car prowlers are always looking for easy opportunities. Don't make your vehicle an easy opportunity.

If you do become a victim of a car prowler, it is important to report the incident to the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. This helps create more awareness of areas that may be experiencing higher levels of car prowls.

The non-emergency number is 503-823-3333.

## UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE FUND

Are you on a limited income?

Are you having trouble paying your water/sewer/street/storm bill?

The City of Wood Village might be able to help you!

A group of city employees donate money from their paychecks each month to a Water Assistance Fund. There are only two requirements:

- Your total household income must meet the income limitation. You will need to complete a form showing the number of residents in the home and the total household income from all sources.
- Assistance can only be used once per year per household account and is available on a first come-first served basis.

If you would like to apply, please stop by City Hall anytime from 8AM to 4:30PM Monday – Friday to fill out an application.



## THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

Most of you are very aware that a ballot issue is pending in November to determine the fate of a potential gaming site in Wood Village. Here are some facts about the issues pending:



**There are three separate measures associated with the proposal that will be on the November ballot. The three measures are:**

1. Measure #82 is a state wide initiative that amends the Oregon Constitution; authorizes establishment of privately owned casinos; mandates percentage of revenues payable to dedicated state fund.
2. Measure #83 is a state wide initiative that authorizes Privately Owned Wood Village Casino; Mandates Percentage of Revenues Payable to Dedicated State Fund
3. Measure 26-142, Wood Village Siting Referral; a ballot issue for Wood Village Residents only that would permit the siting of a casino at the old Multnomah Kennel Club site located between 223<sup>rd</sup> and Wood Village Boulevard, north of the Kohl's Department Store.

**If these measures are approved, will a casino be built in Wood Village?**

The outcome of the ballot measures may permit the supporters of a casino to begin the land use process in Wood Village. The Multnomah Kennel Club property is zoned Town Center. The casino would be classified as a "major event entertainment" land use. This use is a conditional use in the zone. Before any building or activity could begin at the site, the proponents would have to successfully accomplish the following land use steps:

1. File a Master Plan for the site and conduct public hearings on the plan that include potential impacts of the plan on transportation, housing, public infrastructure, and similar issues.
2. If the Master Plan is approved, the proponents would have to file for a conditional use permit, a discretionary permit that can include regulatory provisions to assure a site is developed in a manner compatible with adjacent land uses. Conditions in a Conditional Use can include any number of regulations to assure compatibility between a proposed conditional use and the adjacent or surrounding land uses.
3. If a conditional use is granted, then the Design Review Board will review the proposal for the detailed site plan conditions, architectural features, and adequacy of all required public services (police, fire, transportation, utilities, zone required features, etc.) It is possible for the Design Review process and the Conditional Use process to be combined and undertaken at the same time.

**Who would provide Police and Security Services for a Casino?**

The State of Oregon has very specific security standards for casino operations, and the permits that the casino would have to acquire from the state would review site security. Site security must be provided at the expense of the casino operators. Wood Village contracts with the Multnomah County Sheriff for police services. If voters authorize the casino and the land use process is completed, additional services needed for this development would have to be added to the Wood Village budget and the budgets of adjacent Cities to the extent that impacts would also occur in their communities. The cities of Wood Village, Fairview, Troutdale and Gresham, will all be recipients of distributions required from the casino. The amount projected to be shared with the communities is included in the distribution question below.

**What money is distributed from the Casino?**

The statutory measure, #83, provides for 25% of the adjusted gross for the casino to be distributed to various recipients. The projections from the proponents for the casino are for gross revenues (adjusted) to be between \$250,000,000 and \$400,000,000 annually. A chart identifying the amount of money that would be sent to these various recipients under these assumptions is as follows:

<b>% Gross Revenues (Adjusted)</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Projection if AGR is \$250MM</b>	<b>Projection if AGR is \$400MM</b>
<b>12.20%</b>	<b>K-12 Public Education</b>	\$30,500,000.00	\$48,800,000.00
<b>4.60%</b>	<b>Economic Development</b>	\$11,500,000.00	\$18,400,000.00
<b>3.00%</b>	<b>State Parks</b>	\$7,500,000.00	\$12,000,000.00
<b>2.25%</b>	<b>Adjacent Cities</b>	\$5,625,000.00	\$9,000,000.00
<b>1.00%</b>	<b>Host City</b>	\$2,500,000.00	\$4,000,000.00
<b>0.75%</b>	<b>Oregon Tribes</b>	\$1,875,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
<b>0.50%</b>	<b>Host County</b>	\$1,250,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
<b>0.45%</b>	<b>Problem Gambling</b>	\$1,125,000.00	\$1,800,000.00
<b>0.25%</b>	<b>Oregon State Police</b>	\$625,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
<b>25.00%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$100,000,000.00</b>

The Cities of Fairview, Gresham and Troutdale would all receive distributions ranging from \$1.875M to \$3.0M depending on the actual adjusted gross revenue of a casino operation, if one is authorized.

**If authorized and built, would the casino pay property taxes?**

Yes. The overlapping tax levies in this portion of Multnomah County and the City of Wood Village is \$14.8846 per thousand of assessed value. This includes tax levies from Reynolds School District, Multnomah Education Service District, Mt. Hood Community College, Soil and Water Conservation District, Metro Service District, Multnomah County, and Tri-Met. The proposed site is within the Wood Village Urban Renewal Agency. The predicted property tax payment is \$3,155,535 annually, based on the statutory requirement to invest a minimum of \$250,000,000 in the casino development. How those property taxes will be distributed will be dependent on the actions of the Wood Village Urban Renewal Agency.

**What is included in the casino proposal?**

The proponents for the casino have identified features they wish to include in the casino development. To date, these are not commitments, nor have any of the preliminary plans that are circulating been through a land use process to determine if they will be included in the site development that may eventually be approved.

**If there is a hotel/motel with this casino, will they pay the transient room tax (motel tax)?**

Yes. This tax is currently 6% to the City of Wood Village, 5 ½% to Multnomah County, and 1% to the State of Oregon.

**What about traffic?**

A traffic impact analysis will be required from this development, and any facilities that cannot meet the projected traffic volumes will either have to be improved or altered by the developers, or other interests to assure traffic impacts meet the regional traffic standards. A project that fails to complete the transportation improvements needed to allow the system to work will not be able to progress through the land use system. Traffic impact evaluations for a project of this size would be reviewed by adjacent jurisdictions, the State of Oregon, METRO, and Multnomah County along with Wood Village.

**Aren't there environmental concerns at this site?**

Like any other land use, the proponents will have to take all required steps to mitigate any environmental impacts created by the development. Should any environmental issues be identified in the land use process, the proponents will be required to take whatever actions are necessary to protect the resource potentially affected.

**Is there enough Sanitary Sewer Capacity, Water Capacity, and Storm Drainage ability to allow development?**

The sanitary sewer system adequacy for flow will have to be included in the study work completed by the proponents, and any needed modifications would have to be paid for by the developer. Sanitary Sewer treatment capacity is provided through a contract with the City of Gresham. Wood Village has a contractual agreement for capacity. While it appears adequate capacity is included in the agreement, the developer of this project will have to establish adequacy as part of the land use process. An identical process would have to be completed with storm water and municipal water supplies.

**GAZEBO UNDER CONSTRUCTION!  
DONALD L ROBERTSON PARK**



The concrete has been poured, the gazebo lumber package is delivered, and we are now working on the specifics of the bracing and tie down methods to make sure the constructed gazebo will meet all regional wind loads and other structural issues. When we have completed the engineering of these methods, the West Columbia Gorge Rotary Club will be providing the volunteers to build the Gazebo.



We anticipate all the steps will be completed before the end of August, with construction completed by the volunteers

this fall. The Gazebo will be a welcome addition to our beautiful park, and will be available to residents for events and general public use, as well as for City planned events.

We know this has been months in the conversations and acquisition stage. Our supplier is a Canadian company, and we encountered a number of difficulties in making sure all the design features met the codes in the U.S., achieving the movement of the materials over the border, and various other delays from our initial plans. We had hoped to have the Gazebo ready for our residents this summer. Our plans had to be delayed to accommodate the various difficulties we encountered. We do hope that the wait will prove to be worthwhile when we have a finished product to serve our residents.

## UPCOMING STREET MAINTENANCE

The new transportation and drainage utility has caused a lot of comment and concern among residents. The first question many have asked, after why their bill was larger, was what will be different? Residents will see a contractor at work on 236<sup>th</sup> and 237<sup>th</sup> digging out and replacing destroyed asphalt, and in the original village completing crack sealing of the roadways. We will follow the crack sealing with a surface treatment of the roadways to prolong the life.



Other work that residents will see funded by this utility includes:

- Street Sweeping every quarter instead of twice a year.
- Cleaning of water quality installations to assure drainage flows do not adversely impact our area streams.
- Right of way maintenance, grass and weed mowing and sign maintenance.

- Storm collection mainline system evaluation to determine maintenance needs.
- Catch basin cleaning

We have not been able to complete all these items historically, and changing the level of maintenance on our roadways and in our drainage system is very important to keep Wood Village a great place to live and work.

## ROADWORK ON 238<sup>TH</sup> DRIVE COMING THIS FALL

Multnomah County will be working on 238<sup>th</sup> Drive this fall. This project is a maintenance and safety project to remove and relocate a small section of sidewalk, the portion south of the Tree Hill access (near Arata Road), removing vegetation on the right of way, and improving the sight distance for vehicles northbound on 238<sup>th</sup>.



The county will be providing more information on the roadway closures, detours and specific timing of the improvements.

## WHAT'S ON THE WEBSITE?

Did you know that you can sign up to receive the City's newsletter electronically instead of by mail? You can, all you have to do is go to the City's website to sign up to receive the newsletter as a PDF by email.

While you're at the website, you can also pay your water/sewer bill, report graffiti or nuisances, check out the most recent projects and events, and get up to date information on upcoming meetings. Own a business in Wood Village? You can also put information about your Wood Village business on our webpage as well.

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CLICK TO MAKE A PAYMENT

HOT TOPICS

- Ballot Measure 82, 83 and 26-142 FAQ
- Request for Proposal: Pedestrian Access Survey, Design and Construction
- Now Hiring: Utility Worker
- Bi-Monthly Billing Goes to Monthly Billing Starting July 1st
- Information on the Transportation and Stormwater Utility Fee
- City Council Elections

We encourage all of you to check out the City's webpage at [www.ci.Wood-Village.or.us](http://www.ci.Wood-Village.or.us).



**WARNING –  
POTENTIAL  
SCAM ALERT!!!**

The City of Wood Village recently received a letter from a company indicating they would begin soliciting water customers in Wood Village. The company identified itself as **HomeServe USA Repair Management Corp.** The notice offers insurance coverage for the portion of water service lines connecting a water meter and a residence. I even received one of these flyers myself!

We would like to make it very clear that the City of Wood Village has no affiliation with HomeServe USA Repair Management Corp., and does not make water customer information available to this firm or any others like it. We do not endorse any product or service offered by this company. We encourage you to read any offer you might receive carefully, do your own research and draw your own conclusions about its merits. If you don't know where to begin, the Oregon Department of Justice's online database of consumer complaints (<https://justice.oregon.gov/complaints/>) and the Better Business Bureau's website ([www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)) are two great sites to start with. — Bill Peterson

**NO SMOKING IN PARKS OR  
ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

The Wood Village Parks and Recreation Commission initiated legislation to prohibit the consumption of tobacco products, or products that burn like tobacco, in the public parks and on public lands.

The City Council adopted the ban, and the law is now in place. As written, the law prohibits consumption, and applies to chewing tobacco, tobacco like products that are consumed either by smoking or chewing.



Visiting our Don Robertson Park, with the great trails, playgrounds, and athletic facilities is a wonderful, no cost activity. We welcome all residents to the park, and hope you enjoy. If you are a smoker, we ask that you smoke on the public right of way on Halsey. We just want our park to be enjoyed by all residents.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR  
WATER METER ACCESSIBLE**

Water meters are generally located behind the curb in the planter strip area of the street in front of your home. The meter is in a concrete enclosure with a metal lid. Each meter has to be read monthly to make sure you have accurate water and sewer billing for your home.



Sometimes it's easy to forget the importance of keeping the meter accessible to our staff. Parked vehicles, overgrown plants, yard debris and bark dust prevents meter readers and maintenance crews from doing their jobs. If we were not able to access your meter, you may receive an estimated bill. Not only does City Code require meters to be kept clear...it makes sense, too. A blocked meter may not allow the water service to be shut off quickly if a pipe bursts or a major appliance fails. Please minimize planting in the area around your meter. If plantings obstruct the meter, you will be asked to prune or remove them.

Every house built since the 1980's has a water shut off valve located along the main line into the home, frequently in the garage or other access point. If you cannot find your master shut off, please call City Hall and Public Works staff will shut off the water at the meter, often free of charge. To help prevent breakage or contamination please do not turn the water service off or on at the meter yourself.

If you require assistance or further information please contact City Hall at 503-667-6211.

### NUISANCE COMPLAINTS

The City strives for a safe clean livable community with a sense of pride and quality housing. To help achieve that goal, the City has several codes regarding property upkeep and maintenance. One of the most common nuisance code violations that we see is tall grass and vegetation. Grasses and noxious weeds are to be kept below 10 inches in height. Other common violations include parking on grass or soil surfaces, and the accumulation of solid waste or rubbish.

While the City does patrol for violations, we don't always catch every violation. That is why we need your help. If you think there is a violation in your neighborhood, please let us know and we will be happy to take a look. Likewise, if you think there may be potential violations on your property, give us a call and we will be happy to meet with you to discuss ways to fix any violations.

Have you seen any graffiti? If so, please call City Hall so we can remove it as soon as possible. The best way to prevent new occurrences of graffiti is to quickly remove it. Are you a victim of graffiti? If so, the City can help. The City has no-cost graffiti kits that can be checked out and used to clean graffiti off your property. Please call City Hall to learn more about this program.

We now offer online nuisance and graffiti reporting! Go to [www.ci.Wood-Village.or.us](http://www.ci.Wood-Village.or.us) for more information.

### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Anyone who digs is required by law to notify underground utilities at least two business days in advance before they dig. Call the Utility Notification Center to have underground gas lines (and other participating utilities' lines) located at no charge.

<p><b>CALL</b>  <b>Know what's below. Call before you dig.</b></p>	
<p><b>OR CALL THE UTILITY NOTIFICATION CENTER:</b></p>	
<p><b>IN OREGON</b> <b>800.332.2344</b></p>	<p><b>IN WASHINGTON</b> <b>800.424.5555</b></p>

In addition, to ensure no one accidentally builds on top of natural gas service lines, mains or other natural gas facilities, consumers and businesses must call the Utility Notification Center before a remodel, expansion or any construction. It is the property owner's responsibility to be sure all NW Natural facilities at the premise are safe and accessible for future maintenance. If a "build over" occurs, the owner will be required to remove the obstruction at his or her own expense.

## MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) is a state-wide disaster preparedness program that empowers neighborhoods to prepare for emergencies and disaster situations. The program helps save lives, reduces the severity of injuries and trauma, and reduces property damage. In addition, working together as a team and contributing as an individual develops a stronger community and improves the quality of life in all in Wood Village. If you would like to host a Map Your Neighborhood meeting, our Emergency Management staff would be happy to assist. Please stop by the Wood Village City Hall at the corner of 238<sup>th</sup> and Halsey for a free copy of the Map Your Neighborhood program.



### Map Your Neighborhood will help you:

- Learn the "**9 Steps to Take Immediately Following a Disaster**" to secure your home and to protect your neighborhood. It is hard to think clearly following a disaster and these steps will help you to quickly and safely take actions that can minimize damage and protect lives.
- Identify the **Skills and Equipment** each neighbor has that would be useful in an effective disaster response. Knowing which neighbors have supplies and skills helps your disaster response be timely, and allows everyone to contribute to the response in a meaningful way.
- Create a **Neighborhood Map** identifying the locations of natural gas and propane tanks for quick response if needed.
- Create a **Contact List** that helps identify those with specific needs such as elderly, disabled, or children who may be home alone during certain hours of the day.
- Work together as a team to evaluate your neighborhood during the first hour following a disaster and take the necessary actions.

## FINANCIAL FIRST AID

What would happen if your house caught on fire and you lost all your financial and insurance documentation? Bills will still need to be paid, and what are your account numbers? These are all issues we would face during a disaster; whether it is a small house fire or a big earthquake. Having a Financial First Aid Kit would be paramount to a quick recovery.

The Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK) is a simple tool to help Americans minimize the financial impact of a natural disaster or national emergency. It helps identify and organize key financial records and serves as a quick reference to the most important financial documents. This Financial First Aid Kit offers easy step-by-step instructions for how to protect personal assets and financial information, and reduce the challenges associated with emergencies and disasters. The kit also comes with a water proof storage bag so you can

store it in a freezer, where in most cases it will survive a house fire. If you would like a free Financial First Aid Kit, please stop by the Wood Village City Hall located at the corner of 238<sup>th</sup> and Halsey. The instructions can also be downloaded from our website: [www.ci.wood-village.or.us](http://www.ci.wood-village.or.us).



## HELP PREVENT WATER CONTAMINATION

Backflow and Cross Connection control is a requirement of our water system. Making sure water in Wood Village is safe is a responsibility for all of us. The City has the primary responsibility to make sure the well supply is quality water and that disinfection occurs for the entire distribution system. At your home or business, you also have a responsibility to protect the health of your neighbors by being aware of the potential for backflow or cross connection.

Why we have to protect our drinking water...



The United States Environmental Protection Agency's Sanitary Survey guidance manual defines a cross-connection as an actual or potential physical connection between a water system and another water source of unknown or questionable quality. Cross-connections offer a direct pathway for potentially harmful contaminants to backflow into drinking water supplies, compromising safe delivery of water to consumers.

Backflow can be caused by backsiphonage or backpressure. Backsiphonage is caused by negative or reduced pressure in the supply piping and may occur during a low-pressure event, such as a line leak, when substances are sucked into a distribution system through a pipe or hose that's immersed in a non-potable fluid. Backpressure is caused when a potable system is connected to a non-potable supply operating under higher pressure and may occur when the contaminant stream's pressure exceeds the water system's pressure. This pressure difference can occur during chemical feed pump operation; use of auxiliary water systems for irrigation, fire protection, and cooling systems; or an increased elevation of tall buildings.

Help keep your water safe by watching for these potential areas of water contamination:

**HOSES:** Simply placing a hose in a container to mix water with detergent, fertilizer or any other non-potable substance creates a cross connection that can allow the contents of the container to backflow into the water supply. The simplest solution to this hazard is to avoid placing hoses into non-drinkable fluids or install a hose-type backflow preventers equipped with a break-away set screw.

**POOLS AND SPAS:** Chlorine and other chemicals used to keep your pool or spa bacteria free can be hazardous if allowed to backflow into the drinking water system. When filling your pool or spa, be sure that the hose end does not touch the water in the pool or install a hose-type backflow preventer.

**WELLS:** Although wells generally operate at pressures less than the potable water supply, changes in supply pressure, water main breaks, and shut-downs for water system maintenance can cause potable supply pressures to be less than well output pressures. Untreated well water can contain harmful bacteria and other contaminants that can backflow into the drinking water supply.

**LAWN SPRINKLERS AND UNDERGROUND IRRIGATION SYSTEMS:** Because they are not always under pressure, irrigation systems are subject to ground water infiltration. Fertilizers, pesticides, and other chemicals that are used directly on landscaped areas can flow into the irrigation system piping if the system has a leak or if sprinkler heads are mounted where water pools on the ground.

**HEATING, COOLING AND FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS:** Heating, cooling and fire sprinkler systems that use water from the potable supply pose a hazard because water within those systems often sits stagnant for long periods of time or may have chemical additives.

### Typical Residential Cross-Connections

- ◆ Hose Bibs
- ◆ Lawn Irrigation
- ◆ Jacuzzis
- ◆ Swimming Pools



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Planning Commission, Parks Commission, and Budget Committee  
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**City Council Meetings:**

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM  
Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM  
Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM

**City Services:**

**Wood Village City Hall**

Water & Sewer 503-667-6211  
Building Permits 503-667-6211

**Other Services:**

Waste Management 503-249-8078  
Frontier 800-921-8101  
PGE 503-228-6322  
Power outages 503-464-7777  
Streetlight outages 503-736-5710  
NW Natural 503-226-4212  
Abandoned Vehicles 503-823-3333  
DEQ Burning Info 503-618-3083

**Multnomah County Sheriff:**

Non-Emergency 503-823-3333  
Emergencies 911

**Gresham Fire Department:**

General Info 503-618-2355  
Emergencies 911

**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

**25% RETIRED RATE DISCOUNT:**

If everyone living in your household is retired, 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

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