



GRESHAM



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FALL 2025

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS

Fall fun in Gresham's parks

From playgrounds to trails, our park system has something for everyone

Discover what's new! This fall, check out new park features, thanks in part to grant funding.

► **Pickleball debut.** Aspen Highlands Park now has Gresham's first pickleball courts! Two new courts sit beside the futsal court and a welcoming plaza with new picnic and seating areas.

► **Rockwood Central Park refresh.** A renovated, wider basketball court, new walking paths with better access for scenic strolls, and a brand-new 40-plot community garden.

Fun fact: The City offers a variety of garden plots at seven parks. Cost is \$25 for the year.

► **Traffic playground at Davis Park.** It mimics city streets, giving kids a fun, car-free way to learn traffic rules.

Parks projects in progress Vance Park improvements

Over the summer, Parks staff made several upgrades to keep Vance Park safe and fun for everyone.

They trimmed trees so people can see more clearly, fixed up the baseball field for better use, and added more recreational activities for youth and families.

This fall, Parks will also install lights and security cameras in part of the park.

"It's good to celebrate projects that make our parks safer and more welcoming for everyone to explore and enjoy," said Parks Manager Astrid Dragoy.

Gresham Parks 2035

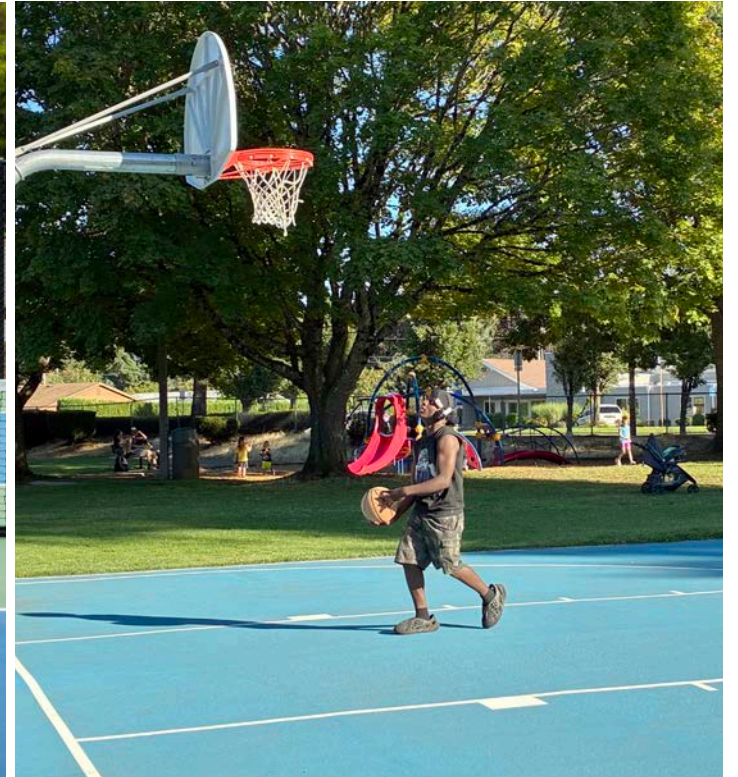
This fall, the Gresham parks and trails plan for the next 10 years is taking public comment. The community can give feedback on plans for improving, caring for, and managing Gresham's parks, trails and recreation areas through 2035.

Beginning in November, share your comments at:

EngageGresham.org/Parks-2035.

Explore parks at:

GreshamOregon.gov/Parks.



Top: Playing pickleball at Aspen Highlands Park and basketball at Rockwood Central Park.
Bottom: Riding through the new Davis Park traffic playground makes learning bike safety fun.

Gradin Sports Park

Opening in 2026 in time for the spring sports season, the new Gradin Community Sports Park and arboretum will feature a total of:

- 8 lighted pickleball courts
- 4 soccer fields
- 4 ball fields
- Basketball and sand volleyball courts
- 2 dog parks for small and large dogs
- A fully accessible playground
- Restrooms



Learn more at
**GreshamOregon.gov/
Gradin-Project.**



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Big changes set for Gresham's core city centers

Gresham's historic downtown and Civic neighborhoods are getting a fresh start. On Sept. 2, the City Council approved a new urban renewal plan for the Downtown/Civic area.

Like Rockwood's improvements over the last 25 years, this plan will bring new investment, activity, and employment and housing opportunities, without raising property taxes.

What's coming

The urban renewal district will help fund projects such as:

- Park upgrades.
- Better transportation options.
- Storefront improvements with grant funding.

"I couldn't be more excited about the positive momentum we have right now," said Mayor Travis Stovall. "This plan outlines a commitment to growth and prosperity; serving as a great reminder that Gresham is primed for greatness and open for business."

No new taxes

The plan will not increase property taxes or affect school funding, bonds, or local levies. Instead, it uses a tool called Tax Increment Financing.

How it works

1. Property taxes in the new district are "frozen" at today's levels.
2. As new housing and businesses are built, property values rise.



File photo: Aerial view of Gresham's Civic neighborhood (top) and historic downtown, right.

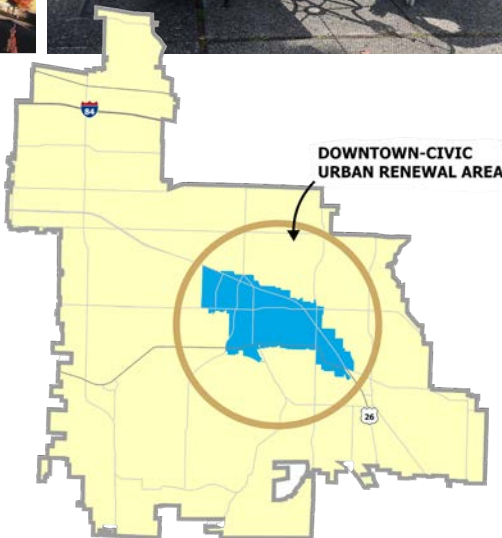
3. The extra tax dollars from that growth stay in the district.
4. Those funds are reinvested into parks, streets, local businesses and housing.

The plan is expected to invest up to \$381 million into Gresham's Downtown/Civic neighborhoods over 30 years. The first funds will be available July 1, 2026.

Community involvement

Community voices will help shape how this investment is used. This winter, an advisory committee of Gresham residents will be formed to guide the process.

Stay involved, learn more, and sign up for updates at GreshamOregon.gov/Downtown-Civic or contact us at UrbanRenewal@GreshamOregon.gov 503-618-2473.



Sokcho: A friendship that crosses the sea

In July, staff lined the street into City Hall, waving Korean flags to greet our international guests from Sokcho, South Korea.

It was a rare and meaningful moment to be part of something bigger than ourselves, a celebration of friendship that stretches across the Pacific.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Gresham's sister city relationship with Sokcho. The visit was not just ceremonial; it was deeply meaningful to the Gresham City Council and our community.

For four decades, our cities have shared values, traditions and goodwill. This historic milestone is about more than diplomacy — it's about people-to-people connections, in a world that could use more of them.

The City of Gresham was honored to welcome Sokcho, and to send a powerful message: our greatest strength is our people, and the relationships that enrich our community.



Top: City employees welcome an excited Mayor Le and the sister city delegation from Sokcho, South Korea. Right: Mayor Le Byeone-seon and Mayor Travis Stovall. Bottom: Visiting Tsuru Island at Main City Park.



Read more about Sokcho at GreshamOregon.gov/News/City-Stories.

Back in the classroom: school fire inspections

“This is a great benefit to the community, and it’s all thanks to the voters.”

— Brandon Baird, Deputy Fire Marshal

In a win for kids and safety, the passage of the Fire and Police Levy means school safety inspections are back on track.

Thanks to voters supporting the levy in 2024, Gresham Fire is conducting annual school inspections once again, the first time since staff cuts in 2009.

“My goal is the safety of the children,” said Brandon Baird, Deputy Fire Marshal. “I have kids in the Gresham school system, and I think it’s extremely important that we’re in there.”

At schools, inspectors check for electrical hazards, safe pathways and exits, proper storage, fire extinguisher readiness, and more. They then work with the schools to address any issues.

Completing the fire inspection ensures that when students arrive to learn and teachers arrive to teach, their classrooms and school environment are safe.

In 2025, Gresham Fire will conduct inspections at more than 70 public and private schools across several districts.

The Fire Marshal’s Office has already



Gresham Fire Inspectors Ashley Foster, left, and Brandon Baird, center, check a classroom for fire hazards and safe exits during an elementary school visit.



visited all elementary schools in the Centennial, Gresham-Barlow and Reynolds school districts. This fall, they will conduct middle school safety inspections, followed by high schools this winter.

“We’re in the schools when students are there so we can see the space in use. The setup of desks, and a fire drill, are part of every inspection,” Baird said.

Safety doesn't stop in the classroom

“Safety at home is just as important as safety at school,” Baird said. “We practice safety at school, but we’re also seeing fires at home.”

Each student takes home information to help families create an at-home safety plan. Parents are glad Gresham Fire’s back inspecting the schools and providing the public-education piece.

For more highlights from the Fire and Police Levy, visit GreshamOregon.gov/Levy.

Watch a school inspection in action!



Scan this QR code with your phone’s camera.



Passing the Fire and Police Levy was long overdue: Gresham had too few firefighters and police officers for a city our size, making it hard to effectively respond to emergencies and maintain public safety.



Stay safe this fall

Safety tips from Officer Sweazey

As the seasons change, so do the safety concerns in our community. With fall upon us, cooler weather and earlier nightfall can bring new challenges. By keeping a few simple tips in mind, we can all be prepared.

- **Drive with caution.** Wet leaves and early rain and frost can make roads slippery. Slow down and keep a safe distance.
- **Watch for school zones.** Be alert, drive slowly and stop for school buses.

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Beyond the arrest: A life changed

When Gresham Police Officer Adam Oblack spotted a young woman waving down his patrol car one night in early 2024, he recognized her immediately.

Back in 2022, he had stopped her for driving under the influence and reckless driving. Now, Autumn Booth raced from the curb to his window to say that thanks in part to his intervention, she is doing well, a powerful testament to the impact our officers can have.

“We don’t get to see this part, hardly ever,” Oblack told well-wishers at Booth’s graduation from Multnomah County Circuit Court’s DUII Intensive Supervision Program (DISP), where she was referred after her arrest. “This is the first time for me, so it really makes it worth it, the long nights, the long reports.”

Booth invited Oblack and his patrol partner to celebrate her graduation milestone after months of case manager check-ins, treatment, and regular court appearances. Now, she has



Officer Adam Oblack and Autumn Booth at her DUII Intensive Supervision Program graduation.

stopped drinking, has a job serving others and a place of her own.

“I want to thank Officer Oblack and the Gresham Police Department for doing a job that is incredibly difficult and often underappreciated,” Booth said. “Thank you for showing up every day, doing your best to protect our community and for holding people like me accountable in ways that ultimately save lives.”

Program officials say 75 percent of DISP graduates do not re-offend within three

years of completing the program.

“Autumn has completely blown us all away,” DISP Judge Celia A. Howes, said. “You’ve made recovery your life.”

Watch Autumn's story



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GreshamOregon.gov/**Pay-Your-Bill-Online**

In-person customer service hours

Building and Permit Services
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday

Business Licenses
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday

Planner on Duty
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday

Utility Billing
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday

City Hall is virtually open for all services, online or by phone, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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Fall festivities: upcoming events



Fall Recycling and Shredding Day

Saturday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m.-noon
Gresham City Hall
Free, Gresham/Wood Village residents

What we're collecting

► **Sensitive documents and papers** for shredding. Limit: two grocery-size paper bags per vehicle. Examples: credit card and bank statements.

► **Compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs).** Spiral-shaped bulbs only. Not accepting broken bulbs, LEDs or long tube lights.

► **Household sharps.** Sharps include syringes, lancets, needles, Epi-pens, connectors, and infusion sets. Proper disposal prevents injury, infection and pollution. Bring sharps in a designated container or a sealed alternative like a thick plastic laundry bottle.

Learn more at:
GreshamOregon.gov/Shred
or call 503-618-2525.



Safe Trick or Treat

Friday, Oct. 31, 4 - 6 p.m.
Historic Downtown, free, all ages

► Safe trick or treating along Main Avenue, rain or shine.

► Many business owners hand out candy for trick-or-treaters in costume.

► Look for teal pumpkins! The Teal Pumpkin Project serves kids with food allergies.

Día de los Muertos

Saturday, Nov. 1, 4-8 p.m.
Gresham Arts Plaza, 401 NE Second St.

► Celebrate Day of the Dead by visiting a traditional altar where visitors can honor and remember their loved ones.

► Live music, traditional food, dancers, crafts, and an educational walk to learn more about the holiday.

Learn more about activities downtown at historicdowntowngresham.org and spiritofgresham.org.



Repair Cafe and Clothing Swap

Saturday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (free)
Gresham Library, 385 NW Miller Ave.

*Check in repair items by noon

What we're fixing and swapping

► Fixing: Torn clothing, fabric repairs, small appliances, jewelry, fans, lamps, clocks, vacuums. **Not repairable:** bikes, sewing machines, TVs, electronics, microwaves, fine jewelry, small engines.

► Plus, free garden hand tool sharpening and sock darning.

► Swapping: Fall and winter gear. "Shop" for gently used clothes and bring some to share with others. Repair participation isn't required to shop. Bring your own bag.

Hosted by the Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations, Gresham Free Swaps and the City of Gresham. Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Repair-Cafe or call 503-618-2525.

Climate action: Get energy tax credits while you can

Have you been thinking about getting an electric vehicle, solar or a heat pump for heating and cooling?

Federal energy efficiency tax credits will be gone soon, but there's still time to act!

"Home improvements that help the planet also help your wallet," said Denise Lopez, Climate Action Analyst.

By choosing upgrades like better insulation, you can save energy, reduce emissions and get money back, Lopez said. It's a win-win for your home and the climate.

Tax incentives, rebates ending Dec. 31, 2025

- Heat pump AC/heater - up to \$2,000
- Heat pump water heater - up to \$2,000
- Weatherization and insulation - up to \$1,200



- Electrical panel upgrades - up to \$600
- Home energy audit - up to \$150
- Rooftop solar and more - 30% of qualifying costs

Learn more at irs.gov/credits-and-deductions or rewiringamerica.org.

Ongoing Oregon programs

- Oregon's Community Solar Program offers discounts on your utility bill.
- Oregon's Heat Pump rebate program is active until funding runs out.

For more information, visit GreshamOregon.gov/Climate-Action.

Tree Code Project update

We've been learning what's important to our community about trees in Gresham.

Based on the community's vision for our trees, the project team is proposing to update the City's tree goals and development rules.



The focus is on:

- Setting clear targets to grow tree canopy across the city.
- Aligning tree planting and replacement rules with community canopy goals.
- Promoting the preservation of existing trees while making space for development.
- Applying tiered enforcement based on the severity of code violations.

Policy adoption

Public hearings for the tree policy updates are anticipated this winter.

Watch for details and learn more about the project at EngageGresham.org/Gresham-Tree-Code or call 503-618-2610.



Gresham Reads is back

Take a book, share a book!

Our very own Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is relaunching the popular Gresham Reads program started by former Mayor Shane Bemis.

This fun project offers free books for youth at Little Free Libraries in Gresham parks.

"We're prioritizing parks the furthest from Multnomah County libraries and our first two locations are next to elementary schools," said Xavier Juarez, YAC Chair and a senior at Reynolds High School.

Their Gresham Reads reboot, which Juarez presented to the City Council, increases access to books and new partnerships will help to sustain the program long term.

"At its core, YAC is very community-oriented," Juarez said. "We're meeting people where they're at, going to communities that are in need, and bringing solutions that will make an impact."

YAC is building the Little Free Libraries and will keep them stocked, but Gresham Reads will only be successful with the community's support, Juarez said.

"This means sharing with a neighbor where the little libraries are, giving us feedback on where the next location should be, and reporting when there is an issue," he added.

Many thanks to our community partners for their generous support: Multnomah County Library, Pages Past Perimeters and Rockwood Common.

For more information, visit GreshamOregon.gov/Gresham-Reads.



Top: Youth Advisory Council Chair Xavier Juarez stocks the Little Free Library at Hall Park. Bottom: YAC and the community build Little Free Libraries at Hall Elementary School. Photos by Giselle Lemus, Youth Advisory Council.



GRESHAM READS

How it works

1. Take. Find a story you love.
2. Share. Return it or pass it along.
3. Give. Donate books in good condition.

Donate books

New or gently used books are welcome to offer reading choices.

Drop book donations off at City Hall from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway.

Little Free Library locations

Hall Park 2727 NE 23rd St.	Kirk Park 1087 NE 188th Ave.
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Community projects win grants

Local organizations are turning big ideas into real change with support from the City's Community Enhancement Grants program.

Funded by Metro, the program provides grants to projects that benefit neighborhoods, public spaces and underserved communities. In 2025, \$100,000 was awarded to community-led efforts, including:

- **Gresham Senior Center** – \$2,000
After damage from the 2024 ice storm, this grant helps celebrate the reopening of a longtime community staple.
- **College Possible** – \$5,000
This nonprofit helps students from low-income backgrounds prepare for and succeed in college through intensive coaching and support.

The flagship program at Gresham High School serves nearly 80 juniors and seniors.

- **As/Is Church Hope Center Yard** – \$6,500
Offering a safe space for families in Rockwood, the Hope Center Yard creates opportunities for children and parents to enjoy outdoor activities during the late summer months.

See the full list of funded projects online.

Who can apply?
Nonprofits, schools, neighborhood associations, faith-based groups, government departments, and similar organizations are eligible.

Lean more at GreshamOregon.gov/Community-Enhancement-Grants, email NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov, or call 971-930-5411.

Fall recreation classes

Recreation partners with PlayEast! to offer youth recreation in Gresham for a fee.

Sporty spotlight
PlayEast Volleyball
Dates: Oct. 2-Oct. 31
Place: Hall Elementary School gym
A five-week skill-building program for kids.

- Ages 6-8, Thursdays, 5:30-6:10 p.m., \$75
- Ages 9-12, Thursdays, 6:15-6:55 p.m., \$75

Register for classes
Gresham residents may register for any class or activity.
Classes are fee-based, but



scholarships are available for those in need. Call PlayEast! at 503-674-6238 or email: PlayEastInfo@FairviewOregon.gov.
For a complete list of activities, classes, descriptions, and updates, visit playeast.org.
Mark your calendars. Winter registration opens the first week of December.



Register online or scan the QR code with your phone's camera.

Gresham's Stormwater Awareness Week is Nov. 16–23

Only rain down the drain!

Did you know the water that flows from our streets into storm drains goes directly to local streams and rivers? “So whatever pollution is on the streets goes there too,” says Matt Henry, Watershed Environmental Specialist. “These drains don’t connect to the sewer or treatment plant.”

Making a difference starts at home

► No grass clippings in the street

Sweeping leaves, dirt, or grass into the street is against City code. When it rains, that material washes straight into storm drains.

► No cigarette butts

Dropping cigarette butts down storm drains pollutes Gresham streams.

► No oil drips in the street

Changing your oil? Spills from your driveway run into storm drains and directly to streams and rivers. Use a funnel or rags to catch drips.

► Pick up after your dog

Never toss pet waste into a storm drain — it doesn’t go to the sewer for treatment. Bag it and throw it in the trash to protect local waterways.

► No car wash soap in the street

Soapy, dirty car wash water flows to



City employee and Gresham resident Matt Henry clears debris from storm drains in his neighborhood to prevent flooding.

storm drains and into Gresham’s streams. Wash your car on the lawn or at a commercial car wash.

► Prevent flooding

Rake leaves and debris away from storm

drains. If you see a blocked drain in your neighborhood, help keep it clear.

Learn more at:
GreshamOregon.gov/Watershed
or call 503-618-2525.

Sign up to Adopt a Storm Drain!

We’ve partnered with Adopt-a-Storm-Drain to bring this free program to Gresham



Sign up online. Individuals, community organizations, and businesses can sign up to adopt a storm drain at adopt-a-drain.org.



Keep your storm drain clear. Use a broom or rake to sweep leaves, trash, and other debris off the drain surface year round.



Track your impact. Enter the estimated total of debris you collect into your online account so we can track results.



Don't blow it...

Fall leaves, sidewalks and streets don’t mix. Leaves left on sidewalks and in the street create slip hazards, flooding, blocked drains and deteriorated pavement. Help us avoid these leafy problems at home.

• **Place leaves in the weekly yard debris cart** included with your garbage service.

• **Compost leaves** at home.

• **Set an extra bag out** at the curb for an extra \$4.71 each.

• **Mulch leaves** with a lawnmower or leaf blower and spread the mixture over flowerbeds and gardens for winter.

• **Self-haul** to Allwood Recyclers, 22800 NE Marine Drive. Other facilities? Call Metro, 503-234-3000.

More tips: **GreshamOregon.gov/Fall-Preparedness**.



Backyard burning banned

Gresham no longer allows backyard burning. If your property is larger than 1 acre, you can apply for an Open Burn Permit on our website.

Firewood is the only material allowed to burn in an outdoor fireplace or fire pit. Residents may not burn yard clippings, garbage, construction materials, plastic or any material that produces dense smoke in a fireplace or fire pit.

Learn more at:
GreshamOregon.gov/Outdoor-Burning.

Business storm drain cleaning

Parking lot drains should be cleaned yearly to prevent flooding and reduce water pollution. Our fall discount program is \$55 per drain. Sign up by Oct. 31 at **GreshamOregon.gov/SCAP** or call 503-618-2522.



IF IT’S GREEN, IT GOES.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| ✗ Pet waste or cat litter | ✗ Garbage |
| ✗ Anything plastic | ✗ Glass |
| ✗ Treated or painted wood | ✗ Rocks |
| | ✗ Sod |
| | ✗ Stumps |
| | ✗ Large limbs |

QUESTIONS? 503-618-2525

Protected Water Quality from Source to Tap

Our top priority is delivering safe, high-quality drinking water year around.

Cascade Ground Water Source



Protected by nationally recognized program and monitored for quality.

Water Treatment



State-of-the-art treatment and daily testing ensures the highest quality water.

Storage and Pipes



Treated water will be delivered to homes and businesses through storage tanks and water pipes where it is tested again.

Tap



From source to tap your water is protected, treated and monitored for consistent high quality.

A new water system is coming

Starting in 2026, Gresham and Rockwood Water's joint groundwater system will provide 25 million gallons of safe, reliable drinking water every day.

As your public water providers, we are required to follow strict testing and treatment rules for possible

contaminants. In fact, our tap water is tested for more contaminants than bottled water.

"Our water is safe to drink and meets all drinking water standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act," said Mike Whiteley, Water Public Works Director.

We test your water all year long. We check it at the source and again from the water pipeline as it travels through your neighborhood to your tap.

Groundwater is regulated by the

Environmental Protection Agency and Oregon Health Authority just like Bull Run surface water is.

When switching to this new high-quality water source, some customers may notice a slight difference in taste at first, most will not.

The move to the new water system will begin in late fall and continue for several months. Water quality will be continuously tested and monitored before, during and after the transition.



CASCADE
GROUNDWATER ALLIANCE
GRESHAM • ROCKWOOD

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Cascade-Groundwater-Alliance or call Environmental Services at 503-618-2525.

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- **Be visible.** With shorter daylight hours remember to use your headlights and wear reflective clothing when walking or biking.
- **Prepare your home.** Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, inspect heating systems, and use space heaters safely.
- **Clear walkways.** Keep steps and sidewalks free of leaves, ice and snow to prevent falls.
- **Use caution with candles and decorations.** Keep flammable items away from heat sources.
- **Never leave your car running unattended or valuables in plain sight.** It makes your vehicle an easy target for thieves.
- **Prepare for severe weather** by creating a communication plan and updating your emergency/go kit.

Stay safe, stay warm, and help look out for one another. For emergencies, call 911. For non-emergencies, call 503-823-3333.

A safe space to make an exchange

The Gresham Police Department's "Safe Exchange Zone" at City Hall is a safe space for neutral child custody transfers, private property and e-commerce transactions such as Facebook Marketplace.



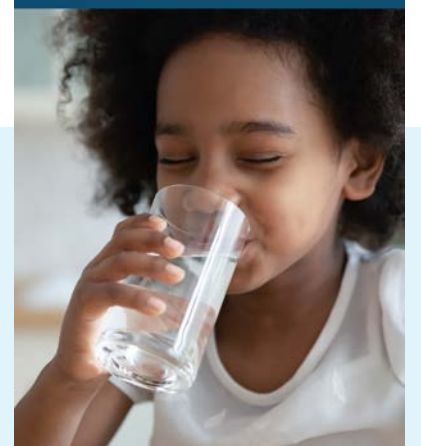
Positioned in the City Hall parking lot, in a well-lit area within view of the Police Department's front doors, the parking spaces are clearly marked and under the unblinking eyes of multiple surveillance cameras.

If you cannot make the exchange in the Safe Exchange Zone, Gresham Police recommend these tips to better ensure a safe transaction.

- Avoid being alone or outnumbered; take a friend or two with you.
- Find a public and populated place to make the sale or purchase.
- Arrange for the transaction to happen during daylight hours.
- Don't bring extra cash or open your wallet in front of people.
- Don't use or accept checks or gift cards.
- Don't offer too much personal information.
- Remember, if the deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

2025 Drinking Water Quality Report

CITY OF GRESHAM, OREGON



Safe drinking water from source to tap: Learn more in our 2025 Drinking Water Quality Report. Read it at GreshamOregon.gov/2025WQR.

Request a paper copy or translation by calling Environmental Services, 503-618-2525.

GET INVOLVED IN GRESHAM

City Calendar

OCTOBER

- 8 International Walk + Roll to School Day**, all schools, GreshamOregon.gov/Safe-Routes-to-School, 503-618-2818
- 11 Fall Recycling and Shredding Day**, 9 a.m.-noon, City Hall, GreshamOregon.gov/Shred
- 11 Gresham Farmers' Market**, (Saturdays through October), 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Arts Plaza, greshamfarmersmarket.com
- 11 Cemetery Tree Walk**, 12-1:30 p.m., West Gresham Elementary, greshamhistorical.org

- 16 Third Thursday**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., historic downtown, activities, historicdowntowngresham.org
- 18 Wag-N-Walk**, 10 a.m., Pat Pfeifer Park, GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk
- 19 Rockwood Market Hall Music Series**, Jim Marcotte, 4-7 p.m., Downtown Rockwood, rockwoodmarkethall.com
- 31 Safe Trick or Treat**, 4-6 p.m., Main Avenue, Halloween activities, historicdowntowngresham.org
- 31 Trick or Treat at Rockwood Market Hall**, 4-7 p.m.,

rockwoodmarkethall.com

NOVEMBER

- 1 Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration**, 4-8 p.m., Arts Plaza, spiritofgresham.org
- 5 Wag-N-Walk**, 4 p.m., Mayor Charles Becker Park, GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk
- 8 Repair Cafe and Clothing Swap**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Rockwood Center, GreshamOregon.gov/Events
- 16 Rockwood Market Hall Music Series**, 4-7 p.m., Downtown Rockwood,

rockwoodmarkethall.com

- 15 Wag-N-Walk**, 4 p.m., Bella Vista Park, GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk
- 20 Third Thursday**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., historic downtown, activities, historicdowntowngresham.org
- 27 Thanksgiving**, City Hall closed
- 28 Metro Free Parks Day**, oregonmetro.gov

- 14 Spirit of Chanukah (Grand Menorah Lighting)**, 5-8 p.m., Arts Plaza, spiritofgresham.org.
- 18 Third Thursday**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., historic downtown, activities, historicdowntowngresham.org
- 18 Metro Free Parks Day**, oregonmetro.gov
- 20 Wag-N-Walk**, 10 a.m., Red Sunset Park, GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk
- 21 Rockwood Market Hall Music Series**, JT Wise Band, 4-7 p.m., rockwoodmarkethall.com

DECEMBER

- 6 Spirit of Christmas activities and tree lighting**, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., historic downtown, spiritofgresham.org.

Community Climbing Days

Scale new heights

Fridays, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5

5-9 p.m.

Gresham residents of all ages can climb for free or at a reduced rate at Rock Haven Climbing Gym on the first Friday of the month.

- ▶ Free for residents who have SNAP/EBT.
- ▶ \$5 per person for all other Gresham residents.
- ▶ Free Teen Climbing Nights are the first and third Saturdays of the month from 6-9 p.m.

Includes a day pass and climbing shoes. Children under 18 need a guardian's signature. Register at rockhavenclimbing.com/first-visit.



Wag-N-Walk

Free walks for dog owners

Explore Gresham parks with Hounding Around.

Saturday, Oct. 18
Red Sunset Park, 10 a.m.

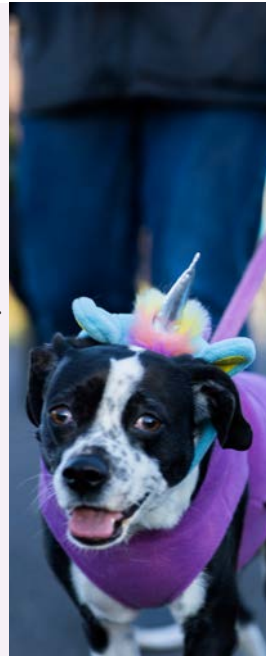
Wednesday, Nov. 5
Mayor Charles Becker Park, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 15
Bella Vista Park, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3
Gresham Arts Plaza, 4 p.m.

Sign the waiver at GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk.

Sponsored by Gresham Parks and Recreation.



Spirit of Christmas

Community tree lighting event

Saturday, Dec. 6

Downtown and Arts Plaza

Free, all ages

- ▶ Holiday activities downtown, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- ▶ Parade of Lights, 5 p.m.
- ▶ Tree lighting with Santa and activities for all, 6 p.m.

Learn more about activities downtown, including Breakfast With Santa and Friends, at spiritofgresham.org.



Visit GreshamOregon.gov/Events for a complete list.

Neighborhood Association Information

Meetings may be virtual or in-person. See neighborhood meeting agendas posted at GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods.

CENTENNIAL

Mary Edmeades, President
CentennialHood@gmail.com

CENTRAL CITY

For more information:
NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov

GRESHAM BUTTE

Stephen Estes, President
GreshamButte@gmail.com
Second Wednesday of the month, September through May, 7 p.m.
Hybrid: Zoom or at the Kyoudou Center, 219 S. Main Ave.

GRESHAM PLEASANT VALLEY

Richard Barker, President
714-264-1752

GreshamPleasantValleyNA@gmail.com

HISTORIC SOUTHEAST

For more information:
NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov

HOGAN CEDARS

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HOLLYBROOK

Becky Sanchez, President
Hiscoe@yahoo.com

KELLY CREEK

Charles Teem, President
503-663-5066 or
KellyCreekNA@gmail.com
Nov. 12, 7 p.m., Zoom

NORTH CENTRAL

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NORTH GRESHAM

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NORTHEAST

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NORTHWEST

Kat Todd, President
Trevkatt@hotmail.com or President@NwnaGresham.org
Oct. 20, 7 p.m.
Hybrid: Zoom or at the Kyoudou Center, 219 S. Main Ave.

POWELL VALLEY

Nancy Inglehart, President
PowellValleyNa@gmail.com

ROCKWOOD

Catherine Nicewood, President
RockwoodPresident@gmail.com
Third Mondays of Nov., March, June, 6 p.m.
Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m.
Rockwood Village Community Center, 783 SE 185th Ave.

SOUTHWEST

Kathy Gardenhire, President
503-661-6554 or
Kg6554@frontier.com
Third Thursdays of Oct., Jan., April, July, 7 p.m.
Hybrid: Zoom or at the Kyoudou Center,

219 S. Main Ave.
Oct. 16, 7 p.m.

WILKES EAST

Kris Freiermuth, President
503-709-9564 or
Lkfreiermuth@gmail.com
www.wilkeseastna.org
Second Mondays of Nov., March, Aug., 7 p.m.
Moose Lodge, 16411 NE Halsey St.
Nov. 10, 7 p.m.

COALITION OF GRESHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Carol Rulla, Co-President, 503-707-2921
Jim Buck, Co-President, 503-830-2344
GreshamNeighborhoodCoalition@gmail.com
Monthly, every second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Zoom
Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Zoom

Questions? Call the Neighborhoods office at 503-618-3214 or visit GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods.



Reindeer in Rockwood

North Pole magic in Gresham

Friday, Dec. 19 • 4-7 p.m.

Rockwood Market Hall

Free, all ages

- ▶ A fun holiday event for families.
- ▶ Meet Santa's reindeer before they go on their journey.
- ▶ Enjoy festive treats and share your holiday wish list with Santa.

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Events.

Hosted by Gresham Parks and Recreation.