



GRESHAM



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A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS

A new home for Old Betsy

Gresham's firefighting history is back in the spotlight

Old Betsy, the Gresham Fire Department's first motorized fire engine, finally has a new home! You can see her gleaming outside Gresham City Hall in a beautiful new display facing Eastman Parkway.

A classic gets a makeover

Restored by the Gresham Volunteer Firefighters Association in 1985, the 1928 American LaFrance engine had spent years in storage. This year, the volunteer association, Gresham Professional Firefighters Local 1062 and the City teamed up to give her a home: a 24-foot climate-controlled glass storefront.

"It's a dream come true," said Greg Moen, President, Gresham Volunteer Firefighters Association.

Built with community spirit

Firefighters led by Lt. Michael Snodgrass welded, prepped and painted the mini-museum in their off-duty hours. Local businesses contributed materials and services at reduced cost. The City helped push the project over the finish line with a location seen by thousands of vehicles every day.

Old Betsy also got a glow up for the unveiling, thanks to firefighter sweat equity. To the delight of everyone, Old Betsy still runs.

A tradition rolls in

On July 28, firefighters and City leaders gathered as Old Betsy was pushed into her new home. The "push-in" tradition dates to the 1800s, when crews pushed fire apparatus back into the bay after unhitching it from horses.

"We want to make sure we keep that connection with our past," said Assistant Fire Chief Michael Traeger, "because our mission remains the same."

Meet Old Betsy



Scan with your phone's camera to watch this Gresham Fire video.



Top: Children visit Old Betsy at Gresham City Hall. Bottom: Old Betsy cruises Main Avenue. Photo courtesy of the Gresham Historical Society. Right: Fire Lt. Kevin Larson and Greg Moen, Gresham Volunteer Firefighters Association.

Old Betsy bits

"**O**ld Betsy is just an integral part of that story of why you're a firefighter here, and how Gresham Fire has developed over the years. The volunteers did a great job refurbishing this piece of history and it's magnificent. It should be on display for all to see."

— Lt. Kevin Larson, President, Gresham Firefighters Local 1062

"**W**hat makes me excited is that she'll be on display and protected for years to come. Because in two years it's her 100th birthday."

— Lt. Michael Snodgrass, Gresham Fire

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Your vote matters

This fall, voters will decide Gresham's Mayor and City Council Positions 2, 4 and 6 during the general election on Nov. 3.

Those elected in November will serve four-year terms starting Jan. 1, 2027, and ending Dec. 31, 2030.

For more details about Gresham's candidates for Mayor and Council, visit GreshamOregon.gov/Elections.

Important dates

- Oct. 13: Voter registration deadline
- Oct. 14-20: Ballots mailed
- Nov. 3: General election day

Coalition Forum for Gresham City Council candidates

The Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations is hosting two online forums for the community to hear from candidates in this year's Gresham City Council races.

- Thursday, Oct. 8, 6:30-8 p.m.: Mayoral and Council Position 2 candidates
- Thursday, Oct. 15, 6:30-8 p.m.: Council Positions 4 and 6 candidates

We hope you'll tune in. For more information and the Zoom links to watch online, visit

GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhood-Coalition.

Voting Center Express

Gresham's Voting Center Express opens Oct. 8 at the Multnomah County East Building, 600 NE Eighth St.

Provided by Multnomah County, voters can replace a lost ballot, get help voting, ask questions, drop off a ballot, vote in person, etc.

For more information, call 503-988-8683 or visit mulco.us/info/voting-center-express-Gresham.

Ranked choice voting is coming to Gresham ballots

For the first time, Gresham voters will use ranked choice voting (RCV) to elect candidates for Multnomah County Chair, Auditor, Sheriff and Commissioner positions.

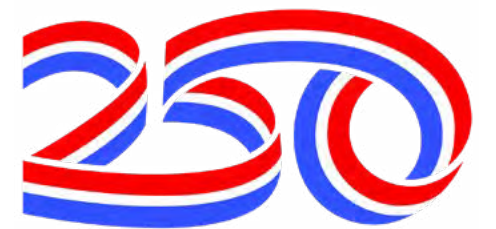
In 2022, voters approved RCV for Multnomah County candidate contests beginning in 2026. Instead of choosing one candidate, voters can rank candidates by preference. If your top choice is eliminated, your vote can count toward your next choice.

Find guides, videos and try a mock election ballot at mulco.us/rcv or call 503-988-8683 (VOTE).



Old Betsy, bears and bear-eared neighbors bring patriotic smiles to Gresham's annual Teddy Bear Parade each September.

Celebrating 250 years together AMERICA



In 2026, our nation celebrates an extraordinary milestone: 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It is a unique opportunity to celebrate our history, reflect on the tremendous growth as a nation, and remember that we are still writing the American story, including right here in Gresham.

Our country has never been perfect. But for 250 years, generation after generation of Americans has worked to make it better. Often, that work begins closer to home, in communities like ours, where people serve, volunteer, help their neighbors, support local businesses, speak up, listen to each other, and vote.

This fall, as we enter another election season, we have an opportunity to practice those responsibilities again.

Elections can highlight our differences, but they also remind us of something we share: the remarkable privilege of having a voice in the future of our community and our country.

We may disagree about candidates and issues, but when the election is over, we are still Gresham neighbors.

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, I hope we share pride in our past, gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy today, and responsibility for what comes next.

America's future is written in communities like Gresham – and that future belongs to all of us.

Cathy Keathley,
President,
Gresham City Council



New businesses put down roots in Gresham

Gresham is growing as businesses invest in our community

In the past couple of months, we've welcomed a Fortune 500 company and one of America's hottest chicken restaurants to Gresham. Hello, Grainger, and welcome, Raising Cane's!

Both businesses built from the ground up in Gresham, bringing jobs, investment and new opportunities to our community.

"We're committed to bringing in more variety for residents and making Gresham a destination city."

– Justin Douglas,
Economic Development Director



Grainger celebrates its grand opening.

Grainger Northwest Distribution Center

The new industrial supply warehouse opened at 3675 NE Hogan Drive, bringing **150 jobs**. Grainger ships safety gear, lighting and other industrial supplies to businesses throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Gresham's economic development team works to help businesses succeed. The City's Enterprise Zone has helped bring **more than 5,000 jobs and \$1.6 billion in local investment** to Gresham.



Gresham High cheers at Raising Cane's grand opening.

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers

The hand-battered chicken fingers restaurant opened at 20 NW Burnside Road, bringing **160 crew members** and a commitment to community events and fundraisers with local organizations and schools.

Traffic Unit returns to Gresham streets

Restored unit gives Police dedicated capacity to address traffic concerns

Thanks to the community's support of the Fire and Police Levy, the Gresham Police Department's Traffic Unit returned to full-time enforcement on July 20, making good on a promise to address one of the community's top concerns.

The restored unit focuses specifically on traffic concerns, adding dedicated enforcement capacity while allowing patrol officers to focus on other needs while continuing to address traffic issues between calls.

"Having the Traffic Unit back is already having tangible results. We're able to dedicate more time and attention to traffic concerns across the community." – Lt. Balzer

Building back specialty teams

As the department continues recruiting, hiring and training officers, it has been able to staff additional specialty units.

These assignments include adding an officer to the Neighborhood Engagement Team (NET) and assigning a full-time officer to the Ceasefire initiative.

These assignments, which began Oct. 1, will remain in place as long as staffing is steady enough to support them.

NET works with other City departments to address livability concerns, including abandoned property and park issues, before they require a police response. This helps resolve non-emergency concerns while allowing patrol officers to focus on higher-priority calls.



The Gresham Police Traffic Unit is back on the streets (top) and making traffic stops, top right. Below: A Neighborhood Engagement Team officer visits a homeless encampment near the railroad tracks. Bottom: An officer clocks speeding cars with a radar gun.



A focus on prevention

The Ceasefire officer will coordinate efforts to reduce gun violence among high-risk youth in our community. This includes working with other agency partners including law enforcement and community-based organizations.

"The work these officers do makes our city safer not just through enforcement, but through prevention and relationship building," said Police Chief Travis Gullberg.



Traffic Unit on two wheels



Watch 10-86 with the Gresham Police. Scan the code with your phone's camera.

In with the old, in with the new

At the same time Gresham Fire is celebrating a new home for Old Betsy, (see cover story) the department's modern fleet is getting upgrades to improve reliability and public safety.

- Three new fire engines are scheduled to go into service this fall, replacing engines more than 10 years old.
- Multnomah County Fire District 10, which is staffed by Gresham Fire, purchased a new brush engine for Station 76, designed for urban wildfire response.
- A new water rescue tow rig is also on the way, along with a new command vehicle and brush-fire rig.

New equipment for changing needs

Brush units are four-wheel-drive trucks equipped for wildland fire responses and severe winter weather.

"They can get up into calls that we can't with the engine," Assistant Fire Chief Michael Traeger said.



Adding another brush unit "puts us in a great position for winter storms and the summer stuff that happens."

Gresham Fire responds to a high volume of calls and has a backlog of equipment that needs replacing. Skilled fleet maintenance staff have kept rigs in service as long as possible, Traeger said. "I want the public to know we are good stewards."

Eventually, heavy use means older engines must be replaced to maintain reliability, reduce costs, improve firefighter

safety, add new technology and serve a growing community.

Gresham Fire is thankful for that investment.

"If your car doesn't start in the morning and you can't get to work, that's a problem. If my vehicle doesn't start in the morning, and I can't get to your fire, that's a big problem," Traeger said.

In true fire-service tradition, each new piece of apparatus will receive a ceremonial "push" into the bay.



Top left: Gresham Fire personnel inspected three new fire engines at the Pierce manufacturing plant in Florida before their scheduled delivery to Gresham.

Above: Gresham Fire received a donated water tank and pump that will turn a standard pickup truck into a brush-fire response vehicle. GlobalMedic and Procter & Gamble donated six systems to Oregon fire departments, including Gresham.



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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



Indigenous Arts Festival

Friday, Oct. 2, 5-7 p.m. – Native artist talks only
Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. – Festival activities
Gresham History Museum, 410 N. Main Ave.
Free, all ages

► **Friday:** Artist talks with Linda Lopez Higgins and Jonni Ketcher.

► **Saturday:** Piko Eha Hawaiian dance, 11 a.m.; Portland All Nations Canoe Family Crafts

► **Saturday and Sunday:** Portland Indigenous Marketplace artist booths, crafts, Turquoise Pride drumming, native dancing, noon-2 p.m.

Hosted by Gresham Outdoor Public Art, Portland Indigenous Marketplace and Gresham Historical Society.

See the full schedule at GreshamHistorical.org/Indigenous-Arts-Festival or call 503-661-0347. Photo credit Kenzie Sly.



Fire Station Open House Trunk-or-Treat

Friday, Oct. 30, 4-6 p.m.
Fire Station 74, 1520 NE 192nd Ave.
Free, all ages

Stop by Station 74 for a Halloween-themed open house. We will have face painting, music, light refreshments, and Trunk-or-Treating. Meet firefighters and other public safety team members, see the rescue vehicles, and get updates on the Gresham Fire and Police Levy.

Can't make this Halloween-themed fire station open house? Come see us in November!

Fire Station Open House and Story Time

Saturday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-noon
Fire Station 72, 500 NE Kane Drive.
Free, all ages

It's story time! Join your Gresham police and firefighters for stories at the station. Enjoy refreshments and stories while you have fun learning about safety and the Fire and Police Levy.



Fall Recycling and Shredding Day

Saturday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m.-noon, City Hall
Free, Gresham/Wood Village residents only
Proof of address required

► **Sensitive documents and paper for shredding.** Limit: two grocery-size paper bags per vehicle. Previously shredded paper accepted; don't put in your recycling cart.

► **Plastic bags and stretchy plastic.** Empty and dry; bag together.

► **Plastic lids and caps; plastic six-pack handles.** Clean and dry; bag together.

► **Plastic buckets and pails.** Lids OK. No containers that held auto fluids or hazardous materials.

No other materials will be accepted.

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



Fall Repair Cafe and Clothing Swap

Saturday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
East County Library, 475 NW Division St.
*Check in repair items by noon
Free, all ages

What we're fixing and swapping

► **Fixing:** Torn clothing, fabric repairs, small appliances, jewelry, fans, lamps, clocks, vacuums, electronics and computer cleaning and tune-ups. Free garden hand tool sharpening and sock and sweater mending.

Not repairable: Bikes, sewing machines, TVs, microwaves, fine jewelry and small engines.

► **Swapping:** Coats and winter wear. Choose from previously loved clean clothes or bring some to share. Repair participation isn't required to shop. Bring your own bag.

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



Safe Trick or Treat

Saturday, 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 Pumpkin booths! The Teal Pumpkin Project serves kids with food allergies.

Día de los Muertos

Sunday, Nov. 1
FutBarrio, 2919 NW Division 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 and crafts. Hosted by spiritofgresham.org and historicdowntowngresham.org.



Friends of Trees Planting

Saturday, Nov. 21, 8:45 a.m.
Rockwood
Free to volunteer

Plant trees together in Gresham! Volunteers will help plant dozens of large, 6- to 10-foot trees in the Wilkes East, Rockwood, Centennial and North Gresham neighborhoods.

Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. to sign in. Planting begins at 9 a.m. Gloves, tools, guidance and light breakfast snacks will be provided. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes or boots.

Have a pickup truck? Volunteers are needed to help transport trees to nearby planting sites.

Want a tree for your household? Sign up by Oct. 26. Trees are eligible for up to three years of free summer watering.

Learn more at friendsoftrees.org or call 503-595-0213. Photo credit Friends of Trees.



Every move matters: New school year. Same focus on safety

Now that school is back in session, Gresham streets are busier with people walking, biking, rolling and driving.

We all have a role in keeping each other safe.

"A little extra attention can help everyone get where they're going safely," said Carly Rice, City of Gresham Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator.

How many safety habits do you know? Take a quick look and see if you're ready to ace your back-to-school safety check.

Walking

- **Cross at marked crosswalks** when possible.
- **Look for people driving**, biking and rolling before crossing.

Biking and rolling

- **Ride in the same direction as traffic** and use bike lanes when available.
- **Be predictable.** Ride in a straight line and use hand signals.
- **Slow down around schools** and on shared paths and give people plenty of space when passing.
- **E-bikes are a great way to get around when ridden safely and legally.** Know the rules, check age requirements, and make sure your family knows how and where to ride safely.



Students roll and walk on their way to Dexter McCarty Middle School.



National Walk + Roll to School Day

Wednesday, Oct. 7
fun for all ages

- This event promotes walking, biking, and rolling to school, encouraging students and families to travel this way more often.
- Schools may celebrate any day in October that works best for their schedules. Call Carly Rice at 503-618-2818 to get started.



A little extra care goes a long way

Back-to-school routines bring more activity to our streets. Give yourself a little extra time, slow down and stay alert, especially during school drop-off and pick-up. Look twice before turning, watch for people crossing, and be patient with others navigating busy school areas. A few extra seconds can help everyone arrive safely.

Fall recreation classes



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

Sporty spotlight

Just 4 Kicks Soccer
Dates: Oct. 27-Nov. 17
Place: Hall Elementary School gym



- Ages 2-3, Tuesdays, 5:30-6 p.m., \$89
- Ages 4-6, Tuesdays, 6:05-6:40 p.m., \$89
- Ages 7-12, Tuesdays, 6:45-7:30 p.m., \$89

Register for classes

For a complete list of activities, classes, descriptions and updates, visit playeast.org.

Gresham residents may register for any class or activity. Classes are fee-based, but scholarships are available. Call 503-674-6238 or email PlayEastInfo@FairviewOregon.gov. Winter registration opens 12/9.



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

Youth score with Late Night Basketball

Middle school and high school youth can attend free basketball practice, skill building and game play on Friday and Saturday nights at Reynolds Middle School, 1200 NE 201st Ave.

Basketball schedule

- **Middle school session: 6 to 8 p.m.**
- **High school session: 8 to 10 p.m.**

"There are lots of ways that youth can spend their weekend nights," said Larry Pear, the City's program coordinator. "We started this program to provide a safe, fun space for kids to build connections, receive mentorship and creatively express themselves through basketball."

The program is for boys and girls in grades 6-12 of all skill levels. Adult supervision, coaching and mentorship is provided by the Michael Holton Basketball Academy.



Gresham youth build skills and connections through Late Night Basketball.

Parents or guardians must sign a youth registration and waiver form. For more information, email Larry.Pear@GreshamOregon.gov.



To register, scan the QR code or visit GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation.



Fall clean-up

Along with pumpkin spice comes “a latte” fall leaves, yard debris and rain. Follow City guidelines to keep your neighborhood safe and livable.

Leaves and City code

Leaf blowing or raking leaves onto the street is a violation of City code. Leaves dumped in the street clog the City’s stormwater drainage system.

Extra leaves

Put leaves in weekly yard cart, compost, mulch with a lawn mower, or set an extra bag out at the curb for \$4.99 each. Self-haul leaves to Allwood Recyclers, 22800 NE Marine Drive.

Fall storm drain cleaning for parking lots

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.

Avoid flooding

Rake your storm drains free of leaves and debris. Watch for blocked drains in your neighborhood and help keep them clear.



You can help this fall: leaf disposal, branch trimming, yard debris, storm drain clearing.

Fall lawn care

Fall is the best time to invest in your lawn’s health. Consider aerating and removing thatch, if needed. Experts recommend applying grass seed over your entire lawn to create a density that keeps out weeds without harmful chemicals. Learn more at LevelUpLawn.org.



This is tree topping, a violation of City code.

No bad tree haircuts

Cutting the top or all the branches off a tree is “topping.” The City considers this an unpermitted tree removal. Topping can cause trees to die or regrow in dangerous ways.

More tips: GreshamOregon.gov/Fall-Preparedness.

Backyard burning banned

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

The ban is meant to keep air healthy to breathe, per the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The backyard burn ban includes all houses and properties within Gresham city limits.

Barbecues, smokers and fire pits are still allowed.

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

Recycling debris

The City’s yard debris collection program offers weekly pickup. Other disposal options include hauling yard debris to a local green waste facility, hiring landscape maintenance or composting.

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Outdoor-Burning.

Keep yard waste clean and green

Garbage mixed into Gresham’s yard waste loads can result in contamination fees at the local processing facility, increasing curbside collection costs for everyone.

Keep these items out of your yard waste cart

- ✗ Plastic bags, plant pots and packaging
- ✗ Rocks, gravel, bricks and concrete
- ✗ Pressure-treated or painted wood, stumps and large roots
- ✗ Metal and tangles such as wire, tools and hoses

What belongs in your cart?

- ✓ Leaves, grass, plant trimmings, weeds, house plants
- ✓ Garden waste such as pumpkins
- ✓ Branches less than 4 inches thick and 36 inches long



Hoses don’t belong in yard debris carts; pumpkins and other garden waste do.

Need extra room?

An extra bag of garbage costs \$6.81, while an extra bag of yard debris costs \$4.99.

Before collection day, take a quick look and remove anything that doesn’t belong. Keeping garbage out helps protect workers and equipment, improves compost quality and keeps costs down.

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Yard-Waste or call 503-618-2525.



MEET THE UNFLUSHABLES!



GreshamOregon.gov/Sewer-Backups



Adopt a Storm Drain

Help keep Gresham's streets and waterways cleaner, one storm drain at a time

Want an easy way to make a difference in your neighborhood? Adopt a storm drain and help keep leaves, trash and other debris out of our streets and local waterways. It's free, simple and a great way for residents, organizations and local businesses to pitch in.

Gresham launched its Adopt a Storm Drain program last fall. As the first Oregon community to offer the program, Gresham now has 40 participants who have adopted 61 storm drains and collected an estimated 378 pounds of leaves, trash and other debris.

Because storm drains lead directly to rivers and streams without treatment, keeping them clear helps protect the fish, wildlife and waterways we all enjoy.

"Adopting a storm drain is a simple way to make a difference right in my own neighborhood," said program participant William Gustafson III. "It's a fun activity for the whole family, and it helps keep debris out of our streams and creates a healthier environment for everyone."

Ready to get involved?

Simply choose a drain, sweep or rake leaves and debris from its surface, and track the amount you collect through your online account.

Together, we can keep our streets cleaner, reduce flooding and improve water quality for fish, wildlife and people.



Sign Up

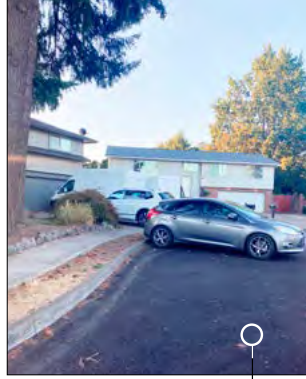
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Adopt-A-Storm-Drain

Sidewalks and the City

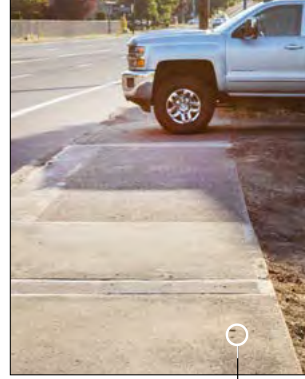
Parking and code reminders to keep you and your neighbors safe



Branches blocking



Improper parking



Vehicle blocking

Walking should be an enjoyable way to get around Gresham, but blocked, overgrown or damaged sidewalks can make the journey unsafe.

We want Gresham's public spaces, such as pedestrian walkways, to be clean and safe.

It's a safety issue when vehicles block sidewalks, vegetation covers them, or sidewalks are in disrepair.

Did you know?

- The City has codes that state sidewalks must not be blocked by vehicles, tree branches or vegetation.
- Community members are responsible for keeping sidewalks next to their property clear and in good repair.

- Sidewalks must be free of debris like leaves, pine needles, spoiled fruit, landscaping.
- Trees must be trimmed 8-feet high over sidewalks, so walkers don't have to duck.
- Sidewalks cannot be blocked by either personal or repair vehicles. The only exception is while loading or unloading heavy items. The vehicle must be moved afterward.

Keep sidewalks clear and safe

With shorter days and fall cleanup in full swing, this is a great time to walk your property and make adjustments.

Questions about how to keep your sidewalks, parking or vegetation in compliance? Email us at CodeEnforcement@GreshamOregon.gov or call 503-618-2248.

My Gresham: Report an issue

If you see something amiss, whether it's a pothole, graffiti, or an abandoned car, easily tell us using My Gresham, our reporting tool. It allows community members to quickly ask a question or send a non-urgent request by mobile app, website, or phone. Ask Police a non-emergency question.

The City has managed over 55,700 requests and more than 11,700 residents have used the service at least once.

Abandoned vehicles continue to be the most reported issue.



Download the mobile app for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play or report an issue online.



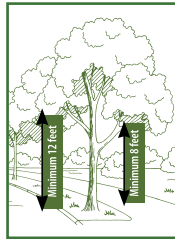
Report an issue online at
GreshamOregon.gov/
MyGresham.

Neighborhood Reminders

Trees, bushes, landscaping

Property owners handle all vegetation in their yards and planter strips next to the street. Vegetation must be less than 10 inches tall for grass, weeds, blackberries, etc.

How to keep your home's vegetation in compliance with City codes.



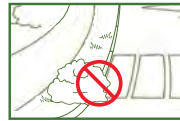
Hanging over the street? Trim dangling branches at least 12 feet above the street and 8 feet above the sidewalk.



Blocked signs? Make sure your property's vegetation is not blocking traffic signs, signals, streetlights, or street signs.



Vegetation covering sidewalk? Vegetation/shrubs/trees can't block the sidewalk or street.



Keep the edges of all vegetation trimmed flush with the edge of the sidewalk and curb.

Contact the City before working on your trees

Questions about tree removal or pruning on your property? We're happy to provide guidance about the regulations for your specific property. Contact the Planner on Duty at POD@GreshamOregon.gov or 503-618-2780. Make sure to give your address and question. For more information, visit GreshamOregon.gov/Trees.

Parking the RV on your street

If you need to park an RV on your street for an extended period, or have guests bringing their RV to visit, make sure to register for a free, 72-hour parking permit.

You don't need a permit if you are parking the RV on the street for loading or unloading.

Learn more and apply for a permit at GreshamOregon.gov/RV-Parking-Permits or call 503-618-2248.

Parking reminders

Help us keep roads and sidewalks safe by avoiding these parking hazards.

Cars: Must move after 72 hours if parked other than where registered.

Box trucks and trailers: May only park in the street for immediate loading/unloading.

Boats: No parking in the street after 24 hours.

Bike lanes: No parking in a designated bike lane.

Driveways: No parking that blocks someone else's driveway.

Mailboxes: No parking within 10 feet of a mailbox.

Sidewalks: No parking on the sidewalk.

Wrong-way-parking: No parking opposite the direction of travel.

Nose-in cul-de-sac parking: No parking at an angle more than 12 inches from the curb.



Incorrect cul-de-sac parking.

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City Calendar

OCTOBER

- 2-4 Indigenous Arts Festival**, times vary, Gresham History Museum, greshamhistorical.org
- 8 Fall Reflections Art Talk**, 5:30-7 p.m., City Council Chambers, galaarts.com
- 8 Rockwood Community Market**, (Thursdays to Dec. 17), 3-7 p.m., Rockwood Market Hall, rockwoodcommunitymarket.com
- 8 City Council Candidates Forum: Mayor, Council Position 2**, 6:30-8 p.m., online via Zoom, hosted by Gresham Coalition

of Neighborhood Associations, GreshamOregon.gov/Events

- 10 Gresham Farmers' Market**, (Saturdays through October), 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Arts Plaza, greshamfarmersmarket.com

- 15 City Council Candidates Forum: Positions 4, 6**, 6:30-8 p.m., online via Zoom, hosted by Gresham Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, GreshamOregon.gov/Events

- 17 Fall Recycling and Shredding Day**, 9 a.m.-noon, City Hall, GreshamOregon.gov/Shred

- 30 Fire Station Open House and Trunk-or-Treat**, 4-6 p.m., Fire Station 74, GreshamOregon.gov/Events

- 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

- 7 Fire Station Open House and Story Time**, 10 a.m.-noon, Fire Station 72, GreshamOregon.gov/Events

- 6 Community Climbing Day**, 5-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, rockhavenclimbing.com/first-visit

- 6-7 Late Night Basketball**, 6-10 p.m., Reynolds Middle School, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation

- 20 Third Thursday**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., historic downtown, activities, historicdowntowngresham.org

- 21 Repair Cafe and Clothing Swap**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., East County Library, GreshamOregon.gov/Repair-Cafe

- 27 Metro Free Parks Day**, oregonmetro.gov

DECEMBER

- 4 Community Climbing Day**, 5-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, rockhavenclimbing.com/first-visit

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

- 6 Spirit of Chanukah (Grand Menorah Lighting)**, 5 p.m., Arts Plaza, spiritofgresham.org

- 17 Reindeer in Rockwood**, 4-7 p.m., Rockwood Market Hall, rockwoodmarkethall.com

Know Your Water

Treatment facility tour and Q&A

Thursdays, Oct. 15 and 29
4-5 p.m.

Where does Gresham's water come from and how does it get to your tap? Tour your water treatment facility and follow the water from deep underground to your home.

- ▶ Learn where your water comes from.
- ▶ Explore what's naturally in the water.
- ▶ Get a behind-the-scenes look at how we treat and monitor our water.

Please RSVP to WaterSupply@GreshamOregon.gov. Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Events.

Hosted by the Cascade Groundwater Alliance.



Wag-N-Walk

Free walks for dog owners

Explore Gresham parks with Hounding Around.

Oct. 7, Bella Vista Park, 4 p.m.

Oct. 17, Gradin Sports Park, 10 a.m.

Nov. 4, Main City Park, 4 p.m.

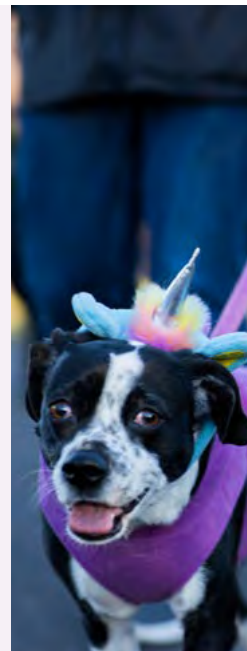
Nov. 21, Red Sunset Park, 10 a.m.

Dec. 2, Bella Vista Park, 4 p.m.

Dec. 19, Nadaka Nature Park, 10 a.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. 5

Downtown and Arts Plaza

Free, all ages

- ▶ Holiday activities downtown, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

- ▶ Parade of Lights, 4 p.m.

- ▶ Tree lighting with Santa and activities for all, 5 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
Board@GreshamButte.org
Second Wednesday of the month, September through May, 7 p.m.
Hybrid by 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

For more information:
NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov

HOLLYBROOK

Becky Sanchez, President
Hiscoe@yahoo.com

KELLY CREEK

Charles Teem, President
503-663-5066 or
KellyCreekNA@gmail.com
Oct. 7, 7 p.m., Zoom
Nov. 18, 7 p.m., annual meeting, Zoom

NORTH CENTRAL

For more information:
NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov

NORTH GRESHAM

Javon Williams, President
NorthGreshamNA@gmail.com
Second Wednesdays of Feb., May, Aug., Nov., 6 p.m.
Hybrid by Zoom or at Migration Brewing, 18188 NE Wilkes Road

NORTHEAST

For more information:
NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov

NORTHWEST

Kat Todd, President
Trevkat@hotmail.com or
President@NwnaGresham.org
Oct. 19, 7 p.m.
Hybrid by Zoom or at the Kyoudou Center, 219 S. Main Ave.

POWELL VALLEY

Joe Lagerstrom, President
PowellValleyNA@gmail.com
First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
Solista Gresham, 2895 SE Powell Valley Road
East Gresham Park work parties, 9 a.m. monthly, last Saturday
Kane Road Park work parties, 9 a.m., Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Dec. 12

ROCKWOOD

Catherine Nicewood, President
503-285-6587 or
RockwoodGreshamNA@gmail.com
Third Thursday of March, May, Sept., Nov., 6 p.m.
Rockwood Village Apts., Mosaico Room, 783 SE 185th Ave.

SOUTHWEST

Kathy Gardenhire, President
503-661-6554 or
GreshamSWNA@gmail.com
Fourth Thursdays of Jan., April, July, and Oct., 7 p.m.
Hybrid by Zoom or at the Kyoudou Center, 219 S. Main Ave.

WILKES EAST

Janet Unruh, Secretary
Info@WilkesEastNA.org
www.wilkeseastna.org
Second Mondays of March, Aug., and Nov., 7 p.m.
Moose Lodge, 16411 NE Halsey St.

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

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



Reindeer in Rockwood

North Pole magic in Gresham

Thursday, Dec. 17

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.