



# GRESHAM



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SPRING 2024

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS

## On the ballot: Gresham Fire and Police Levy

Gresham City Council is asking voters to consider Measure 26-247, a five-year operating levy to retain and hire firefighters and police officers.

Below, official ballot measure language in the Multnomah County Voters' Pamphlet:

Gresham's population has grown 19% over the past twenty years, while daily minimum firefighter staffing only increased 9%. Gresham has one less sworn police officer than twenty years ago.

Over the same time, calls for fire service have increased 69% and shootings in Gresham have spiked 400% in recent years. The combination of rising need and fewer personnel means slower emergency response times and fewer patrol officers to prevent crimes.

This levy will retain existing positions, fund 13 new firefighters and 9 new police officers. By law, the levy can only be used for police and fire services.

The current \$15 per month Police, Fire and Parks fee only funds 9% of public safety services and is not enough to meet the growing demand for services. A dedicated levy will enhance fire and police protection and responsiveness. The levy will not replace the existing fee.

The average cost of the levy on a Gresham home would be \$25.65 per month (based on an average assessed,



not market, value of \$228,000), beginning July 1, 2024.

### Estimated revenue

- \$12,100,000 in 2024/25
- \$12,450,000 in 2025/26
- \$12,800,000 in 2026/27
- \$13,200,000 in 2027/28
- \$13,600,000 in 2028/29
- Five-year total: \$64,150,000

### Why is a levy needed and how will it be spent?

► **More people need more first responders.** The number of firefighters and police officers has not kept pace with city population growth. Gresham's population has grown 19% over the past twenty years, while daily

minimum firefighter staffing has only increased 9%. Gresham has one less sworn police officer than twenty years ago. A dedicated levy will result in more firefighters and police officers to better serve and protect all Gresham residents.

► **In an emergency, every second counts.** Increasing calls for emergency and often life-saving fire and police services combined with too few first responders, means slower response times.

This levy retains an average of 30 public safety positions per year and funds 13 more firefighter positions and 9 more police officer positions, leading to quicker response times and a safer community. By law, the levy can only be used for police and fire services.

► **More safety for seniors, children, and neighborhoods.** 20% of Gresham residents are age 60 and over and 23% are age 18 or under. The city is home to 28 senior living communities, 138 adult foster care homes, and 3 school districts serving more than 30,000 children.

A dedicated levy will mean more neighborhood patrols to prevent, engage, and investigate drug related crimes and property and violent crimes that threaten community safety.

► **The current public safety fee is essential but not enough.** The \$15 per month Police, Fire, and Parks fee paid on utility bills funds just 9% of existing public safety services. The fee is not enough to meet the growing need for additional firefighters and police officers to enhance public safety.

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A dedicated levy will allow more neighborhood patrols to prevent and investigate drug related crimes, property crimes and gun violence.

► **An independent taxpayer committee will ensure oversight, accountability, and annual audits.** Levy revenue will be placed in a dedicated and protected account overseen by a 7-member committee of Gresham residents. The committee will make annual reports to the City Council and levy spending will be audited each year. The levy will raise an estimated \$64 million over five years (\$12 to \$14 million each year).



Learn more at  
[GreshamOregon.gov/  
Fire-and-Police-Levy](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Fire-and-Police-Levy)

## American Rescue Plan funds support Gresham

The City received \$25.5 million through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

This money is meant to help cities recover from the pandemic and invest in their communities.

The City has \$2.9 million in remaining ARPA funds to allocate by the end of 2024.

Community feedback and continuing City needs will influence future ARPA spending. The City Council will discuss the strategy for spending these funds in late spring.

### Winter funding packages

#### Food assistance grant program

The Council approved \$150,000 in assistance for qualified nonprofits to meet the unprecedented food scarcity needs within Gresham.

#### Fire station safety improvements

Authorized \$2 million for new HVAC systems to improve air quality; safety assessments and immediate improvements to fire stations; and a new earthquake-stable training



Left and top right: Fire station safety improvements. Bottom right: Food Assistance Grant Program.

tower to replace a 50-year-old, unsafe structure.

#### Parks and trails

- Approved \$500,000 for Wy'East Way improvements. Will build a safer pedestrian connection along the trail and connect the Civic and Downtown neighborhoods.
- Committed \$500,000 to building Southwest Community Park, an undeveloped park, along with Metro Local Share and other funding

sources. Will increase access to nature for the community.

- Committed \$2 million to completing Gradin Community Sports Park with an Oregon State Parks grant and other funding sources. Will add tournament-quality fields, pickleball courts, restrooms, and dog park for neighbors.

Learn more about these and other Council-approved projects at [GreshamOregon.gov/ARPA](https://GreshamOregon.gov/ARPA).

## CITY BUDGET

# Crunching the numbers: 6 budget bits

Interested in the City's budget process? These budget bits offer a snapshot about what, why and how it works.

► The City provides core services you need to live your life ... fire, police, streets, water, sewer and more. Gresham residents, businesses and other sources pay taxes and fees for these services.

► The City of Gresham is required by law to balance its budget every year. The City can't spend more money than it receives.

► The budget is the City's financial plan for a period of one year, from July 1 through June 30.

► The Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is \$813,798,894.

► The City works on the budget 12 months a year. Public input is welcome (see Budget Meetings).

► The General Fund is the City's primary operating fund. The money received by the General Fund is used for police and fire services, parks maintenance, economic development, code compliance and community planning.

### Bonus budget bit

#### Why can't money be moved to where it's needed?

The City budget is organized into 38 funds. Some are legally restricted to make sure the money is spent for the reason it is collected from the public. The City can't use water fees to pay for fire trucks or police officers. The fees you pay for water can only be used for water-related expenses.

## Budget Committee Meetings

Each spring the Budget Committee holds public meetings to review the coming year's budget. Budget meetings are held online via Zoom.

### Budget Meeting 1

Thursday, April 18; from 6-9 p.m.

### Budget Meeting 2

Thursday, April 25; from 6-9 p.m.

### Budget Meeting 3 (if needed)

Tuesday, April 30; from 6-9 p.m.

Zoom meeting links and additional information will be posted at [GreshamOregon.gov/Calendar](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Calendar).

### About the Budget Committee

The Mayor, six Councilors and the Finance Committee, seven Gresham residents appointed by the City Council, make up the Budget Committee.

The Budget Committee has the legal authority to change any portion of the proposed budget and is responsible for passing the City's Approved Budget.

Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Budget](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Budget).



The City receives 24¢ out of each dollar of your property taxes.

Gresham's Budget-in-Brief shares budget information as plainly and openly as possible. Read it at [GreshamOregon.gov/Budget](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Budget).

Property taxes pay for approximately 44% of Police, Fire and Emergency Services.



\$0 \$20 \$40 \$60 \$80 (millions)



**6** The effort took **six** years (2018 – 2023).

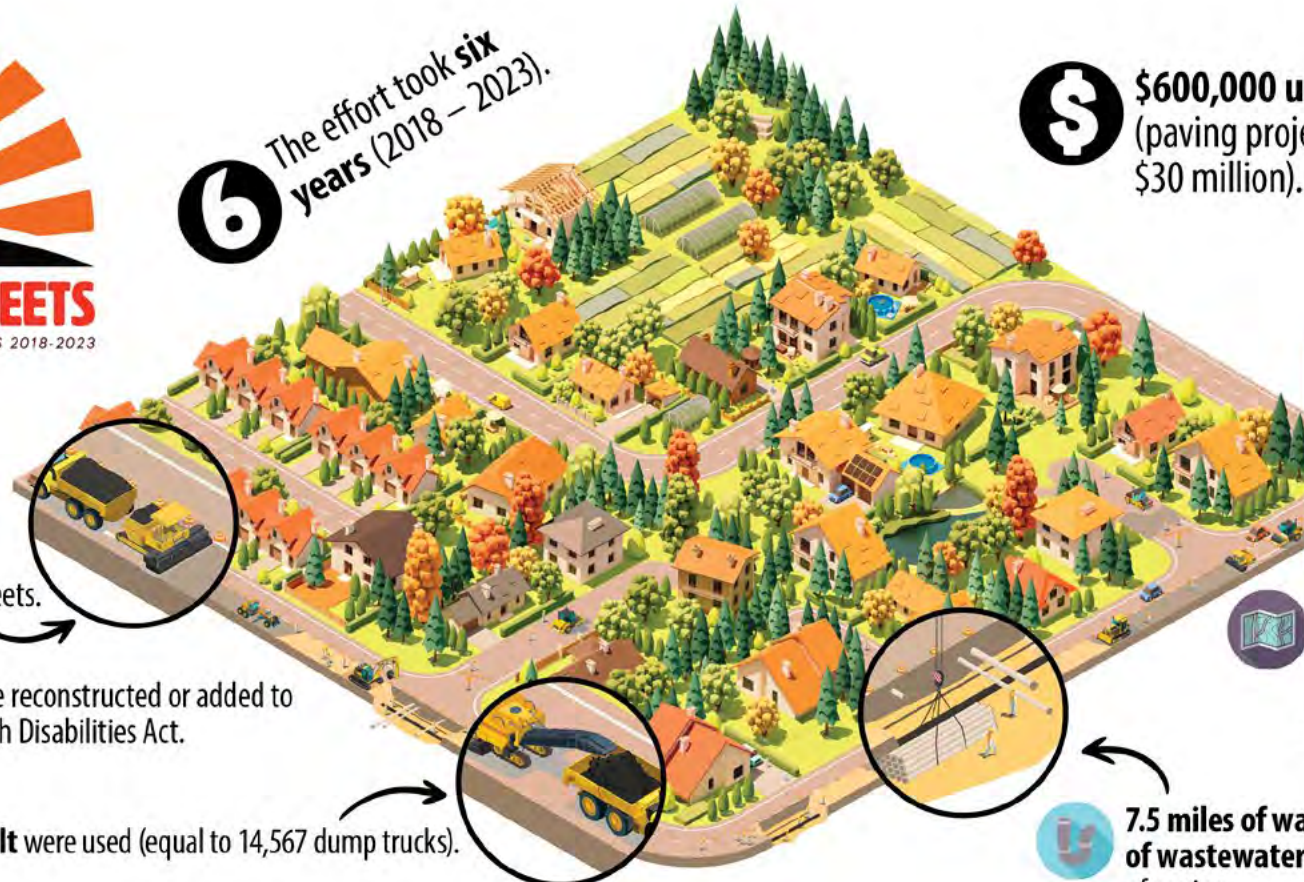
**\$** **\$600,000 under budget** (paving project budget was \$30 million).

**Repaved 25%** of the City's neighborhood streets.

**1,128 curb ramps** were reconstructed or added to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**203,940 tons of asphalt** were used (equal to 14,567 dump trucks).

**Nearly 50 miles of stormwater pipe** were inspected ahead of paving.



The program resulted in improved infrastructure, livability, safety, and accessibility on **150 lane miles of local streets**.

**7.5 miles of water pipe and 16 miles of wastewater pipe** were installed ahead of paving.

**7,296 properties** (homes, businesses, multifamily) have brand new pavement in front of them.

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## News Briefs



### Backyard burning banned

Gresham no longer allows backyard burning. If your property is larger than one acre in size, you can apply for an Open 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 unless there is a summer burn ban in place.

Recreational fires in pre-built outside fireplaces or fire pits in

backyards are still allowed unless there is a burn ban or complaints (DEQ law).

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 a landscape maintenance company, or composting.

Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Outdoor-Burning](https://www.greshamoregon.gov/Outdoor-Burning).

### Green up your lawn care

Lawn chemicals can run off into storm drains, introducing pollutants to rivers and streams.

Go chemical free or find safer chemicals at

### GrowSmartGrowSafe.org.

Spring lawn care tips: April is a great time to use a dethatching or hard rake to remove dead grass and weed starts from your lawn. Mow frequently to keep weeds from spreading seeds. You can also rake in compost as a natural slow-release fertilizer that's water safe. Learn more at [WhatsYourLawnStyle.org](https://www.whatsyourlawnstyle.org).

### Backyard Habitat Certification

This spring, make your yard a healthier place for people and wildlife by enrolling in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program.

Participants receive a site visit by a habitat technician, recommendations for natural gardening solutions and beneficial plants, and many free resources.

Get started at [GreshamOregon.gov/Backyard-Habitat-Certification](https://www.greshamoregon.gov/Backyard-Habitat-Certification).



### Where to get passports

While the City is not offering passport processing services, we can point you in the right direction. There are local offices in Boring, Happy Valley and throughout Portland.

To find your nearest passport office, visit [travel.state.gov/passport](https://travel.state.gov/passport).

You can type in your zip code for a list of the nearest passport acceptance facilities.

For assistance, call 1-877-487-2778. Se habla Español.

# Groundwater: Our commitment to water quality

The City of Gresham and Rockwood Water People's Utility District are working together to expand our local groundwater supply system. This partnership is the Cascade Groundwater Alliance. All nine groundwater system improvement projects are making progress, see graphic at right.

## Why groundwater?

Groundwater is a safe, reliable and abundant drinking water source in this region and across the nation.

To increase the local source of high-quality water for our customers, we are drawing water from the deep underground Sand and Gravel Aquifer. Thick clay and silt layers naturally protect the deepest aquifer in the Portland Basin.

It has served as a source of quality drinking water for over 1 million people in the region for many decades.

## Our water quality commitment

The groundwater system expansion maintains both providers' commitment to water quality, to meet or exceed drinking water standards at the state and federal levels.

New treatment facilities will ensure safe water now and

can address future regulations. Groundwater will be treated at the new Cascade Water Treatment Plant. When it goes online in 2026, it can treat 25 to 30 million gallons of water per day and more if demand increases.

Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Cascade-Groundwater-Alliance](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Cascade-Groundwater-Alliance) or call Environmental Services at 503-618-2525.



The Cascade Groundwater Alliance, a water supply partnership between the City of Gresham and Rockwood Water People's Utility District, is committed to providing the highest quality water to our customers at the lowest possible cost. Endowed with plentiful water from deep below the surface, we serve as joint caretakers and managers of this important community resource. Trust in our water system is built on decades of water-science expertise and a track record of transparency and reliability — from testing, to treatment, to tap.

GROUNDWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS			
Groundwater Projects	Current Project Status		
	IN DESIGN	IN CONSTRUCTION	COMPLETE
1 Cascade Reservoirs 1 & 2 and Well 7		●	
2 Water Transmission Pipes		●	
3 Cascade Well 8, Reservoir and Treatment Facility	●		
4 Cascade Water Treatment Facility and Pump Station		●	
5 Cascade Well 6 and Treatment Facility	●		
6 Cascade Well 9		●	
7 Cascade Well 10 and Water Transmission Pipe	●		
8 Water System Meter Connection		●	
9 Water System Meter Connection	●		



Water system experts from the City of Gresham and Rockwood Water People's Utility District discuss treatment. Strong federal and state requirements govern water quality and treatment to ensure safety and require frequent monitoring.

## Sunshine fun time: Spring youth recreation

Gresham Parks and Recreation partners with PlayEast to offer youth extra spring recreation activities in Gresham.

### Kick it, swing it

- ▶ **Just 4 Kicks** soccer (Session 1); ages 2-12; runs April 16-May 14
- ▶ **Just 4 Kicks** soccer (Session 2); ages 2-12; runs May 28-June 25
- ▶ **Skyhawks Baseball** Instructional League; ages 4-6; runs April 26-May 31
- ▶ **T-Ball** League; ages 4-6; runs April 26-May 31

Gresham residents may register for any class or summer camp in the PlayEast Spring/Summer Guide, available online. Classes are fee-based, but scholarships are available for those in need.

### Register for summer camps

Summer camps include: Art, basketball, chess, Legos, Mini-Hawks, multi-sport. Register at [playeast.org](http://playeast.org) or scan the QR code.



PlayEast photo



Questions? Call PlayEast at 503-674-6202. Find Gresham Parks and Recreation info at [GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation) or call 503-618-2532.



## Free youth baseball and softball clinics

Gresham Parks and Recreation and Friends of Baseball are swinging into spring with baseball/softball clinics at no cost to families.

Each clinic is led by Friends of Baseball's coach/mentors and features fun drills, games and skills stations.

Beginner and experienced youth are welcome from kindergarten through eighth grade. All equipment is provided.

Register at [bit.ly/FriendsofBaseball](http://bit.ly/FriendsofBaseball)

### May and June clinics

**Pat Pfeifer Park**  
424 NE 172nd Ave.  
May 4 – 18  
Saturdays,  
10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Main City Park**  
219 S. Main Ave.  
May 25 – June 8  
Saturdays,  
10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## Gresham needs you

Do you want to help make our city a great place to live, work and play?

Volunteers are needed to support our vibrant community on a variety of Council Advisory Committees.

"We'd love to have people from all parts of the city," said Carly Rice, City Planner.

You don't have to be an expert and training is provided.

▶ Are you interested in how people get around our city? Join the Transportation Subcommittee.

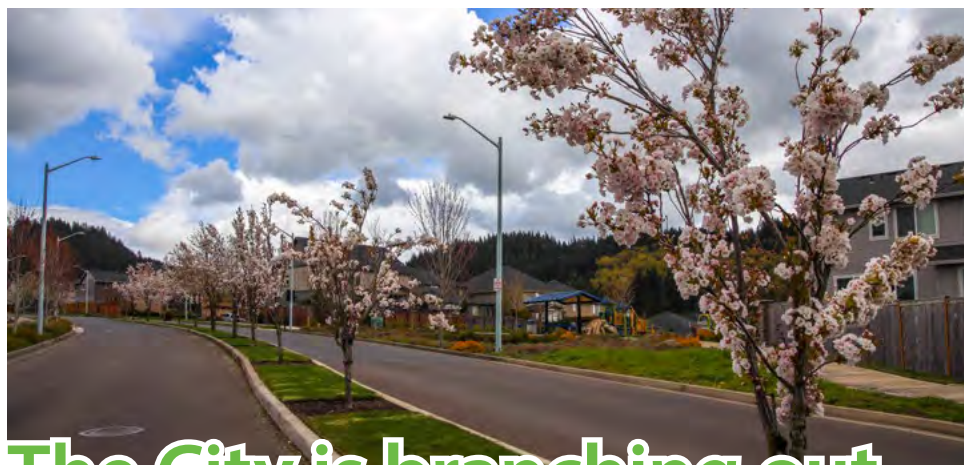
▶ Are you interested in how the city will grow and change over time? Join the Planning Commission.

▶ Interested in preserving the places and stories that show Gresham's journey? Join the Historic Resources Subcommittee.

▶ Passionate about trees and how they add to Gresham's health and livability? Join the Urban Forestry Subcommittee.

▶ Are you interested in how our buildings reflect our diverse community? Join the Design Commission.

Learn more and apply at [GreshamOregon.gov/CCAC](http://GreshamOregon.gov/CCAC) or call 503-618-2188.



## The City is branching out ...

... and updating our tree policies.

The Tree Code Project this year will build upon the community's desire for the City to update Gresham's tree goals, policies, procedures and regulations.

"We've heard from a lot of people who want to protect and expand our tree canopy, and we're excited to work with the community on this project," said Senior Planner Mary Phillips.

Future tree goals will be

developed in collaboration with the community. Topics include planting and taking care of trees, making our city greener, building climate resilience, and helping make Gresham a place people want to live and spend time in.

We're planning summer activities and many ways for the public to get involved in the conversation.

For more information, email [Mary.Phillips@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:Mary.Phillips@GreshamOregon.gov) or call 503-618-2610.



## INSIDE CITY HALL

### Mayor

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### City Council

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Dina DiNucci

Janine Gladfelter

Jerry Hinton

Vince Jones-Dixon

Eddy Morales

**Abandoned Vehicle Reporting** 503-618-2248

**Animal Services (Multnomah County)** 503-988-7387

**Building Permits** 503-618-2845

**Business Licenses** 503-618-2370

**Code Compliance** 503-618-2248

**East County Resolutions** 503-618-3247

**Fire/Police Non-Emergency** 503-823-3333

**Garbage/Recycling** 503-618-2525

**Housing Resources Coordinator** 503-618-2721

**Parks** 503-618-2626

**Planner on Duty** 503-618-2780

**Small Business Center** 503-618-2640

**Utility Billing** 503-618-2373

**City of Gresham** 503-618-3000  
1333 NW Eastman Parkway  
Gresham, OR 97030

**Pay a City bill online**  
[GreshamOregon.gov/Pay-Your-Bill-Online](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Pay-Your-Bill-Online)

### In-person customer service hours

#### Building on Duty

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### Business Licenses

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### Permit Services

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### Planner on Duty

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### Utility Billing

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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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Questions, comments and suggestions should be directed to Sarah Cagann at 503-793-4167, or [Sarah.Cagann@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:Sarah.Cagann@GreshamOregon.gov).

Issues are available for viewing at [GreshamOregon.gov/City-Publications](http://GreshamOregon.gov/City-Publications)

The information in this newsletter is current as of the publication date. Call the City at 503-618-3000 to verify meeting dates and status of events, or visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Events)

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## Help for homebuyers

The City's WELCOME HOME program offers down-payment assistance loans up to \$40,000 for first-time homebuyers whose incomes qualify.

The interest-free loans are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



### Household qualifications

- First-time homebuyer or haven't owned a home in three years.
- Will live in the home as the primary residence.
- Are buying a home in Gresham with a sale price of no more than \$476,000
- Qualify for a primary mortgage with an Oregon-licensed lender.
- Make 80 percent or less of the federal annual median income. Example: A household with two adults and two children earning \$90,200 or less.

Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Welcome-Home](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Welcome-Home). Or call 503-618-2814.

If you're ready to apply, contact the Portland Housing Center at 503-797-4018.

### More housing resources

Call the City's housing resources coordinator at 503-618-2721.

## Past, Pleasant (Valley) and future

The City is refreshing the Pleasant Valley Plan first established in 2004.

The original vision looked at creating a new 1,532-acre "complete community" with a mix of land uses, transportation options and natural spaces.

To date, only part of the vision has been developed.

In addition to our analysis of the area, we've been engaging with the community for the past year, focusing on strategies to get past today's barriers and achieve the full vision for Pleasant Valley.

Based on what we've heard so far, we're working on plan refinements for:

- Making a recommendation for any changes to the plan map.
- Removing some barriers to development.
- Identifying different ways to get parts of the plan built, including parks and streets.

To everyone who has been involved, thank you.



## Spring meetings

Pleasant Valley will be discussed at these upcoming public meetings.

April 2: Gresham Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m.

April 9: Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations, 7 p.m.

Sign up for updates at [GreshamOregon.gov/Pleasant-Valley-Plan-Update](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Pleasant-Valley-Plan-Update).

For more information, contact [Carly.Rice@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:Carly.Rice@GreshamOregon.gov) or 503-618-2818.

# Electronics Recycling and Shredding Event

Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. – noon

Gresham City Hall parking lot, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway



## SHREDDING MATERIALS ACCEPTED

Two grocery bags per household

- Credit card and bank statements
- Paycheck stubs
- Financial documents
- Electronics materials accepted
- Paper with personal data

## ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED

Working and non-working items accepted

- Computers, laptops and power adapters\*
- Tablets\*
- Cell phones\*
- Printers
- TVs
- Audio/video systems
- Keyboards, mice, cables, cords, chargers



## ELECTRONICS NOT ACCEPTED

- Items over 100 pounds.
- Household appliances including dehumidifiers, air conditioners, smoke detectors, microwave ovens, etc.
- Biohazard contact items including toothbrush heads, blood testing devices, anything touching insects or vermin droppings.
- Larger lithium-ion batteries from mobility devices, e-bikes, etc.



## Prepare your donations

\* Please prepare your donation:

1. Untangle and tie up any cords.
2. Remove laptops from bags.
3. Attach any power adapter to its equipment.

Gresham is partnering with Free Geek, a nonprofit organization that safely and securely refurbishes locally donated technology and redistributes it at no or low cost.

Free Geek helps the communities most impacted by digital inequity by providing vulnerable populations with the digital literacy skills they need to succeed and thrive.

What cannot be refurbished is recycled in an environmentally responsible manner.

Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Shred](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Shred).  
Email [Recycle@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:Recycle@GreshamOregon.gov) or call 503-618-2525.



## Recycle more with Recycle Plus program

Recycle+ is an optional service that lets you recycle extra materials not included in your weekly recycling collection.

"Our recycling program was missing elements our community was looking for," said Shannon Martin, Solid Waste and Sustainability Manager. "Recycle+ fills that void by offering a service to recycle hard to dispose of items."

### Recycle+ materials

- Plastic film
- Plastic clamshells
- Compact fluorescent lamp light bulbs
- Fabric

- Small cords and electronic equipment (scanners, printers, speakers, etc.)

### Recycle+ fees

Recycle+ is a base fee of \$2.50 per month with an additional \$9.25 per pick-up. Materials are collected every other week in a purple container provided to customers by their garbage and recycling haulers.

### How to sign up

Contact your garbage hauler to sign up for Recycle+ or to schedule a collection.

Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Recycle-Plus](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Recycle-Plus).

## Recycling

Reciclaje

Утиль



Plastic bottles, plastic round containers, metal, paper and cardboard; 6 oz or larger, empty and dry.

## Glass

Vidrio Стекло

In separate glass bin



Bottles and jars only, empty and dry, no lids  
Missing a glass bin? Call your garbage and recycling company.

## Yard Waste

Desechos de jardinería

Хозяйственные отбросы



Leaves, grass, small branches, plants and trimmings

## Garbage

Basura

Мусор



All garbage, including plastic bags, takeout and to-go containers, lids and packaging.

## Curbside Recycling Guide and why it matters

For many people, recycling is a way of life here in Gresham, but why? Recycling has many benefits. It saves natural resources, reduces pollution, litter and creates jobs. At its core, recycling reduces the need to extract materials from our Earth.



Find more recycling resources at [GreshamOregon.gov/Recycling](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Recycling)

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# Projects look at bulky waste, illegal dumping

A Metro grant is helping the City address illegal dumping and bulky items such as discarded couches, mattresses, etc.

## Clean-up projects

Over the past year, our Solid Waste and Sustainability program put these funds to work piloting several clean-up projects at multifamily properties. Staff worked with property managers on methods targeting illegal dumping and disposing of large-volume items.

Staff also helped analyze the costs of collecting bulky materials toward developing a more accessible service for people who live in multi-family communities.

## Faster response to dumping complaints

Additionally, the grant helped ease the burden on code enforcement to clean up illegally dumped items and abandoned RVs.

Staff worked with our franchise haulers and specialized contractors to respond faster to hundreds of dumping issues across the city.



The City plans on applying for more state funds to continue the program next fiscal year.

## Need something big picked up?

Call your hauler for items that don't fit in your garbage can. This includes couches,

refrigerators, mattresses, television, dressers, coffee tables and more.

Take advantage of the haul-away service that all five of our franchised haulers provide. See the rates at [GreshamOregon.gov/Haulers-and-Rates](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Haulers-and-Rates).

## What to do with bulky waste

Have an old piece of furniture or large appliance you don't need anymore? You have options!

What to do with used appliances, mattresses, tires, furniture:

- **Donate or recycle it.** If it's in good condition, call Metro Recycling, 503-234-3000, for recycling and donation options or go to [Oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/garbage-and-recycling](http://Oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/garbage-and-recycling).

- **Have your hauler pick it up.** If it's destined for the trash, call your hauler to schedule a pickup from your curb. A list of haulers and rates is on our website: [GreshamOregon.gov/Haulers-and-Rates](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Haulers-and-Rates).

- **Apartments.** If you live in an apartment unit or multifamily complex, call your property manager first for options.

- **Haul it yourself.** Call Metro for information on transfer station locations, 503-234-3000.

- **Sell or give it away.** List items on reuse sites such as [craigslist.org](http://craigslist.org) or Facebook Marketplace. City Hall's "Safe Exchange Zone" parking spaces are a safe way to make private property transactions. Located in our parking lot in view of the Gresham Police Department.

## Prevent illegal dumping

If you offer items for "free" to the community, don't abandon unwanted items at street corners — this is considered illegal dumping.

## Report dumped garbage

If you see an illegal dumpsite on public property such as a street or sidewalk, call Metro's Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Patrol at 503-234-3000 or report it online at [Oregonmetro.gov/ridpatrol](http://Oregonmetro.gov/ridpatrol).

If you see items dumped on private property or a vacant lot, call the City's Code Compliance at 503-618-2248 or report it online at [GreshamOregon.gov/My-Gresham](http://GreshamOregon.gov/My-Gresham) and Code will notify the property owner.

## Food for thought...

Did you know? The production of food is a big contributor to greenhouse gases. Preventing food waste is a great way to reduce your environmental impact.

Households waste more food than any other sector of the food system. This wasted food costs the average family over \$1,600 every year, in addition to the natural resources, like water, habitat, energy, and labor used to grow the food.

## Go bananas

Preventing food waste can even be fun! Next time your bananas go overripe before you can eat them, try making them into delicious banana bread.

For more tips to get started visit [EatSmartWasteLess.com](http://EatSmartWasteLess.com).

# DON'T LET *Good Food* GO BAD!



## Banana Bread

3/4 cup oil such as grapeseed, olive or canola oil	2 cups all-purpose flour*
3/4 cup extra fine granulated sugar	1 teaspoon baking soda
1 1/2 cups mashed ripe bananas, 3-4	1/2 teaspoon baking powder
2 large eggs	1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla extract	1/2 cup chopped walnuts

## Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Butter and flour a standard (9 x 5-inch) size loaf pan or use baking spray. Set aside. Mix together oil, sugar, mashed bananas, eggs and vanilla using a whisk or spatula. Sift together remaining ingredients and stir into above ingredients. Add walnuts and mix. Scrape batter into pan and place in oven. Bake for 55 to 65 minutes or until center of cake bounces back when lightly pressed with a finger or a toothpick comes out clean. Let cool in pan for 15 minutes before removing or cutting.

# GET INVOLVED IN GRESHAM

## City Calendar

### APRIL

- 8 Levy Education Night**, 5-6:30 p.m., East Gresham Moose Lodge, GreshamOregon.gov/Calendar
- 18 Third Thursday**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., historic downtown, activities, historicdowntowngresham.org
- 17 Levy Lunch and Learn**, noon-1 p.m., City Hall Conference Center, GreshamOregon.gov/Calendar
- 20 Free Recycling Event**, 9 a.m.-noon, City Hall, electronics and paper shredding, GreshamOregon.gov/Shred

- 20 Fire Station Open House**, 2-4 p.m., Fire Station 71, family fun, GreshamOregon.gov/Calendar
- 20 Teen Climbing Night**, 6-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 21 Rockwood Market Hall Music Series**, 4-7 p.m., rockwoodmarkethall.com/events
- 30 Fire Station Open House**, 4-6 p.m., Fire Station 73, family fun, GreshamOregon.gov/Calendar

### MAY

- 1 Community Climbing Day**, 9 a.m.-

9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation

### 3-4 Mt. Hood Jazz Festival

Mt. Hood Community College, mhcc.edu/JazzFestival

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

**4 Station Story Time**, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Fire Station 71, family fun, City Hall, GreshamOregon.gov/Calendar

**4 Cinco de Mayo**, 4-7 p.m., Downtown Rockwood Plaza, rockwoodmarkethall.com/events

**9 Fire Station Open House**, 4-6 p.m., Fire Station 74, family fun, GreshamOregon.gov/Calendar

**11 Teen Climbing Night**, 6-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation

**27 Memorial Day**, City Hall closed

### JUNE

**5 Community Climbing Day**, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation

**7 Friday Night Basketball**, Grades 6-8, 6-8 p.m.; Grades 9-12, 8-10 p.m.; H.B. Lee Middle School,

GreshamOregon.gov/Basketball

**16 Rockwood Market Hall Music Series**, 4-7 p.m., rockwoodmarkethall.com/events

**19 Juneteenth**, City Hall closed

### JULY

**8 Music Mondays**, 5:30-8:30 pm, Arts Plaza, spiritofgresham.org/music-mondays

**20 Festival of Arts in Gresham**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., historic downtown, spiritofgresham.org/festival-of-arts

## Green and Clean

Gresham's 9th annual day of service

Saturday, April 20

9 a.m.-noon

Trails cleanup: Springwater, Gresham Saddle Butte and Butler Creek trails

Each spring, our Green and Clean volunteer event celebrates parks and trails, and a sense of pride in our community. This year, we're tidying Gresham's beautiful trails ahead of the popular Gresham Lilac Run. Let's make a big impact together.

All ages welcome. Tools provided. Lunch party for all volunteers from noon-1 p.m.

Register by April 15 at [GreshamOregon.gov/Green-and-Clean](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Green-and-Clean)

Questions? 503-618-3214



## Gresham Lilac Run

Presented by Unitus Community Credit Union

Saturday, April 27

8 a.m., Main City Park

We're celebrating our sixth annual 5K run/walk, 10K or half marathon. Race fees benefit Shooting Star Adventures.

Although the race is full, we still have spots open in the Little Lilac Run for ages 0-12 (free).

Register with name/age at [GreshamOregon.gov/Lilac-Run](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Lilac-Run)



## Play Ball

Free home run fun for kids

Thursday, June 27

1-3:30 p.m.

Pat Pfeifer Park  
424 NE 172nd Ave.

Free baseball/softball clinic with treats led by Friends of Baseball. Ages 5-14, no experience needed.

Register by June 14 at [GreshamOregon.gov/Play-Ball-Gresham](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Play-Ball-Gresham)

Questions?  
Call 503-618-2213



Visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://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](http://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  
Kyoudou Center, Gresham Japanese Garden  
Main City Park,  
219 S. Main Ave.

### GRESHAM PLEASANT VALLEY

Richard Barker, President  
714-264-1752  
GreshamPleasantValleyNA@gmail.com  
April 2, 6:30 p.m., hybrid  
Kyoudou Center, Gresham Japanese Garden  
Main City Park, 219 S. Main Ave.

### HISTORIC SOUTHEAST

For more information:  
NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov

### HOGAN CEDARS

For more information:  
NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov

### HOLLYBROOK

For more information:  
NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov

### KELLY CREEK

Charles Teem, President  
503-663-5066 or  
KellyCreekNA@gmail.com

May 8, 7 p.m., Zoom

### NORTH CENTRAL

For more information:  
NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov

### NORTH GRESHAM

For more information:  
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### NORTHEAST

For more information:  
NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov

### NORTHWEST

Kat Todd, President  
trevtkat@hotmail.com or  
President@nwnaGresham.org  
May 6, 7 p.m., hybrid  
Kyoudou Center, Gresham Japanese Garden  
Main City Park,  
219 S. Main Ave.

### POWELL VALLEY

Nancy Inglehart, President  
powellvalleyna@gmail.com

### ROCKWOOD

Catherine Nicewood, President  
503-285-6587 or  
rockwoodpresident@gmail.com  
Third Mondays of March, June, November, 6 p.m.  
Rockwood Village Community Center,  
783 SE 185th Ave.

### SOUTHWEST

Kathy Gardenhire, President  
503-661-6554 or  
kg6554@frontier.com  
April 18, 7 p.m., hybrid  
Kyoudou Center, Gresham Japanese Garden  
Main City Park,  
219 S. Main Ave.

### WILKES EAST

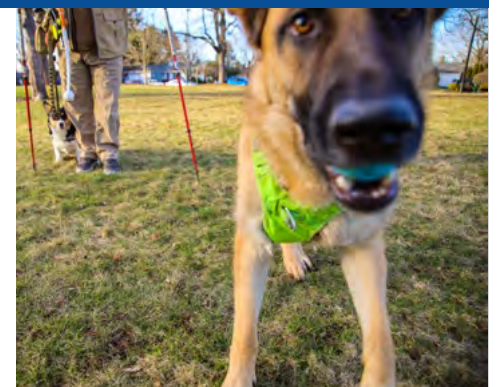
Kris Freiermuth, President  
503-709-9564 or  
lkfreiermuth@gmail.com  
www.wilkeseastna.org  
7 p.m.  
Second Mondays of March, Aug. and Nov.,

Moose Lodge,  
16411 NE Halsey St.

### COALITION OF GRESHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Carol Rulla, Co-President,  
503-663-1466  
Jim Buck, Co-President,  
503-830-2344  
GreshamNeighborhoodCoalition@gmail.com  
Monthly, every second Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Call the Neighborhoods office at 503-618-3214 or visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods).



## Wag-N-Walk spring schedule

Free recreation walks for dog owners

Take a twice monthly Wag-N-Walk in Gresham parks with Avery, Hounding Around's local dog trainer/walker.

April 20: Nadaka Nature Park, 10 a.m.

May 1: Main City Park, 4 p.m.

May 18: Pat Pfeifer Park, 10 a.m.

June 5: Red Sunset Park, 4 p.m.

June 15: Main City Park, 10 a.m.

Sign the waiver at [GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk)