



GRESHAM

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS

SPRING 2026

A historic moment on tap

Go ahead, raise a glass, Gresham! A major milestone is almost here. The City and Rockwood Water People's Utility District are partnering to deliver a safe, reliable and independent water system for the community.

In June, the transition to 100% groundwater will be complete. The expanded system will produce 25 million gallons of clean, refreshing drinking water every day.

"This historic investment will benefit our community for years to come," said Mayor Travis Stovall. "On time and on budget, this project reflects our shared vision to provide water independently and create a future with smaller rate increases, not larger ones."

Why it matters

Water independence means:

- ▶ High-quality groundwater year-round.
- ▶ Lower long-term rates.
- ▶ Shared costs that save money.
- ▶ Stronger, earthquake-resistant reservoirs and pipes.
- ▶ Local control over water decisions.

Community members who attended this winter's open house were eager to learn more and to take a sip.

"I thought the tap water was tasty, I wanted more," said Heather Coleman-Cox, Gresham-Barlow School Board director. "It's a smart move," she added. "It gives us control over a natural resource and I'm glad Gresham is doing this."

Santi Baldock, a Mt. Hood Community College student, said he was surprised to learn many regional water providers use groundwater. He also learned groundwater often requires less treatment than surface water.

Why groundwater?

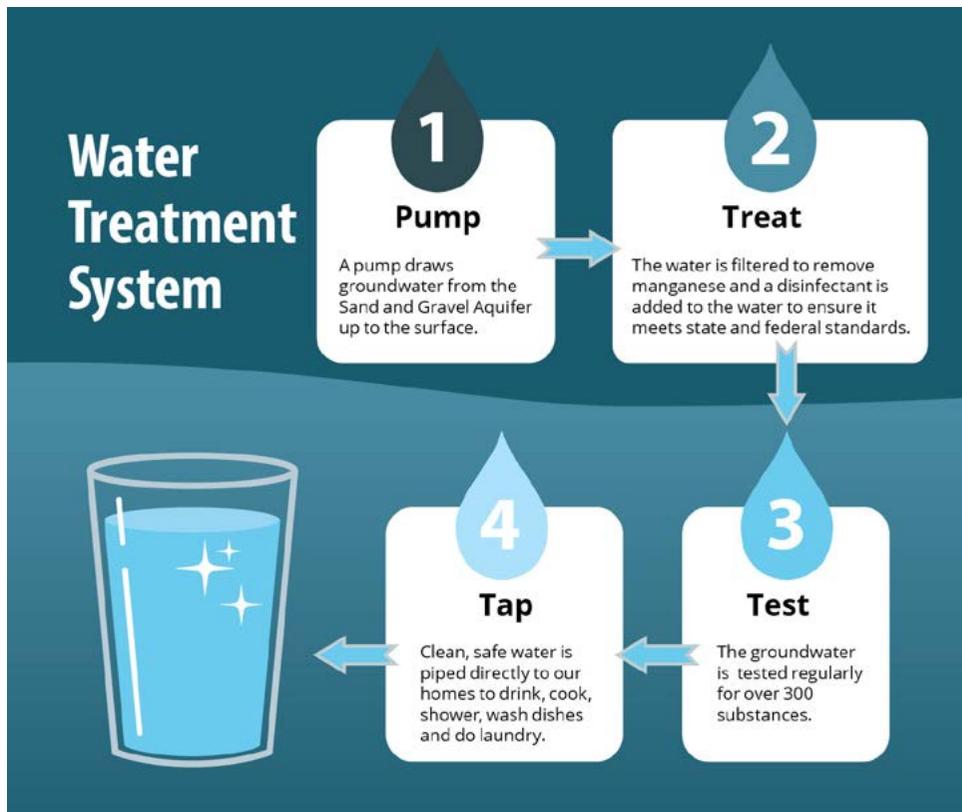
Groundwater is a safe, reliable and abundant source in this region. Gresham draws from the deep Sand and Gravel Aquifer, protected by thick layers of clay and silt.

The aquifer has supplied high-quality drinking water to more than 1 million people in the region for decades.

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Cascade-Groundwater-Alliance or call 503-618-2626.



Inside the new Cascade Water Treatment Plant, Andy Crocker, district superintendent for Rockwood Water, explains the facility's high-tech filtration system, including 120 blue pressure vessels that filter drinking water.



Delivering safe drinking water is a daily commitment to public service. The system is designed to ensure your water tastes great and meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards.

Our water, our future

• **Our new state-of-the-art treatment facility** can produce 25 million gallons of water a day, with room to expand as our community grows.

• **Gresham's groundwater** comes from as deep as 1,400 feet below the surface, where thick layers of earth help protect it naturally.

• **We test your drinking water regularly** and meet strict standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

• **Our groundwater protection programs** are nationally recognized for preventing contamination and protecting water quality.

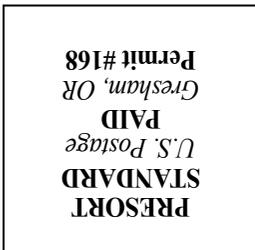
• **Smart financing is saving ratepayers millions.** Gresham and Rockwood secured \$9 million in grants and federal funding, plus more than \$90 million in low-interest federal loans for water infrastructure projects.

"We are fortunate with the amount of water flowing beneath us. The Sand and Gravel Aquifer recharges quickly, even when we're drawing the most water at the driest time."

— Mike Whiteley, Water Department Director



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Check it out! East County Library grand opening

The new East County Library opens with a community celebration from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, at 475 NW Division St., steps from TriMet's City Hall MAX station.

This is more than a traditional library; it's an experience. Your new library is a day trip, a learning resource, and a place of civic pride.

Come explore a space designed for how we gather, learn and create today. Along with 200,000 books, you'll find places to make, connect and try something new.

Books & your creative side

Discover spaces and programs for all ages, including:

- ▶ Creative learning space
- ▶ Teen room
- ▶ Podcast recording studio
- ▶ Technology and citizenship classes
- ▶ Cultural celebrations
- ▶ Family movie and game nights

Books & your next chapter

Looking to build skills? Find tech help, job assistance, internet access, free printing and more.



The entrance to East County Library at night. Photos courtesy of Multnomah County Library.

"This is your library. It was built just for you, your family and your community." – Multnomah County Library

Books & your next hot spot

The library is well stocked with "cool" places to attend group activities:

- ▶ A 200-seat auditorium
 - ▶ Community meeting rooms
 - ▶ Outdoor gathering spaces
- Explore events and resources at multcolib.org or call 503-988-5123.



More than books: East County Library features creative learning spaces for all ages.

INSIDE CITY HALL

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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

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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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NEWS BRIEFS

All things Gresham: State of the City address

Hear Mayor Travis Stovall highlight Gresham's accomplishments and our many opportunities ahead at this year's State of the City address.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, in the East County Library auditorium.

This event is a great opportunity to take a moment and celebrate, as a community, how far we've come in a year.

We hope you take this chance to hear about all we've accomplished as a City and our exciting plans for the future. This is a free event.

A video and speech transcript will be posted after the event. Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/State-of-the-City.



New video newsletter! Police Public Information Officer Jarom Sweazey, left, and Chief Travis Gullberg, right, host "10-86 with the Gresham Police."

Inside Gresham Police

Get an inside look at how the Gresham Police Department serves our community with "10-86 with the Gresham Police," a new video newsletter featuring real conversations from inside the department.

"10-86" is the radio code for a "walk and talk," signaling that officers are on scene and actively engaged. In that same spirit, each episode features candid conversations with Chief Travis Gullberg, officers and special guests about how decisions are made,

challenges are addressed and what public safety work looks like day to day.



Watch 10-86 with the Gresham Police

Step inside the day-to-day world of public safety through candid conversations, ride-alongs and interviews with officers and community partners.

Run for Gresham Mayor, City Councilor

We encourage all residents to feel empowered to run for public office and lead Gresham into the future.

The following City elected official positions will appear on the November general election ballot:

- **Mayor**, four-year term
- **Council Position 2**, four-year term
- **Council Position 4**, four-year term
- **Council Position 6**, four-year term

You must be a qualified Oregon voter and have lived in Gresham for one year before the election.

You must file directly with the City by Aug. 20. Residents filing for any position must contact City Recorder Christina Still to make an appointment. Call 503-618-2697 or email Christina.Still@GreshamOregon.gov.

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Elections.

Fire Station 72: Back in action

An expanded Gresham Fire Station 72 reopened in January with updated living quarters for a larger crew and a new Rescue unit serving the city's busy east side.

"We hit the ground running," Station 72 Captain Tiffanie Andrews-Rost said of the homecoming. "In the first hour and a half, we ran five calls."

The minimum crew responding from the station – on medical incidents, fires and other emergencies – is now five: three on the engine and two on the more compact Rescue 72. Rescue 72 became fully staffed in July 2025, thanks to the May 2024 voter-approved Fire and Police Levy.

"Historically, about 50 percent of the time we were on a call with the engine, somebody from another engine house had to cover calls in our area," Andrews-Rost said. "So, there was a real need to have that second response unit out of this station."

Built in 1974, the station was overdue for a major renovation to accommodate additional firefighters.

The new second-floor dormitory includes sleeping rooms, bathrooms with showers, lockers and a quiet room where crew can decompress after difficult calls.



Gresham Fire Capt. Tiffanie Andrews-Rost and the Fire Station 72 crew.



Quick response: Rescue 72 answers a call from Fire Station 72, 500 NE Kane Drive. An open house for the community is Saturday, May 30.

Gym equipment once housed in the engine bay now has dedicated indoor space, away from fumes.

"New paint, it brightens the day up a bit more," Firefighter-Paramedic Andrew Barnhart said. "It's great to be back in our house."

With the remodel complete, Rescue 72 is back at its home base, easing strain on Engine 72. In the second half of 2025, Engine 72 responded to 34 percent fewer calls than during the same period in 2024, increasing its availability for the most serious emergencies.

Go behind the scenes at Station 72!



Scan this QR code with your phone's camera to take a video tour of the updated fire station.



Spring fire station open houses

Stop by to meet your hometown heroes, enjoy treats, story time, and learn about safety and the Fire and Police Levy.

Fire Station 73: Saturday, April 25, 10 am-noon
2301 SW Pleasant View Drive

Fire Station 72: Saturday, May 30, 10 am- noon
500 NE Kane Drive

Celebrating \$3.85 million for community projects Federal dollars, local impact

The City of Gresham received \$3.85 million in federal funding to support four community priorities: youth safety, public safety technology, environmental protection and downtown revitalization.

A cornerstone of this investment is **\$1,005,000** for the **East Multnomah Outreach Prevention Intervention (EMOPI)** program. EMOPI works to prevent youth violence by connecting young people and families with mentors, outreach workers and support services. The new funding will expand staffing, strengthen partnerships with community organizations and provide more direct support to youth who need it most.

Another **\$907,000** will fund the City's **Real-Time Information Center**. This project will use modern technology to help police and emergency responders share



Main City Park received \$850,000 in federal funding to improve play equipment, accessibility and more.

information more quickly and respond more effectively. Improvements will support school safety coordination, emergency medical response and day-to-day public safety operations.

The City also received **\$1,092,000** for **Gresham's Wastewater Treatment Plant** upgrades. This project will improve the process of removing ammonia from wastewater, protecting local waterways while ensuring infrastructure keeps pace with regional growth.

Finally, **\$850,000** will revitalize **Main City Park**. Planned upgrades include new play equipment and improved accessibility for people with mobility challenges to

create welcoming gathering spaces designed for families and community events.

"We would like to thank Rep. Maxine Dexter for her steadfast advocacy on behalf of the City of Gresham, as well as Sen. Jeff Merkley and Sen. Ron Wyden for their continued commitment to advancing our community's priorities at the federal level," said City of Gresham Assistant City Manager Larry Morgan.

Morgan added that the City will continue to work with local and federal partners on securing resources to support the Gresham community.

Budget Committee Meetings

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

Budget Meeting 1
Thursday, April 16; from 6-9 p.m.

Budget Meeting 2
Tuesday, April 28; from 6-9 p.m.

Budget Meeting 3 (if needed)
Thursday, April 30; from 6-9 p.m.

Zoom meeting links and additional information will be posted at **GreshamOregon.gov/Calendar**.

About the Budget Committee

The Budget Committee consists of the Mayor, six Councilors, and a Finance Committee made up of Gresham residents appointed by the City Council.

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** or contact Budget and Financial Planning at 503-618-2445.

Fresh air adventures start here this spring

May is made for bike riding

Gear up, Gresham! May is Bike Month, the perfect time to get outside and get moving. Whether you bike every day or not, there are plenty of ways to join the fun around Gresham. Visit GreshamOregon.gov/Biking-in-Gresham.

Walk + Roll to School Day

Wednesday, May 6

Celebrate National Walk + Roll to School Day on May 6 (or choose another date that works for your school). It's a fun, easy way to build healthy habits and start the school day energized. Need help mapping a safe route or organizing activities? We're happy to help you get rolling.

Davis Park Traffic Playground Fair

Friday, May 15, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Visit Gresham's first permanent traffic playground and practice your bike skills

in a safe, low-stress setting. A traffic playground mimics elements of city streets, so kids can learn to ride away from car traffic. Bring your own wheels or borrow one of our scooters or small bikes. Enjoy hands-on activities for all ages, including the crowd-favorite bike blender.

Move with the Mayor

Sunday, May 17, 1 p.m.

Join Mayor Travis Stovall and your neighbors for a fun, welcoming group bike ride exploring local streets. These rides are designed for all skill levels. Check the webpage for details.

East Portland Sunday Parkways

Sunday, June 28, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

We're partnering with Portland for this car-free celebration, which reaches Gresham this year. Cruise a 4-mile route connecting neighborhood parks with family-friendly activities along the way. Learn more at portland.gov/sunday-parkways/2026. Watch our webpage for details about a "bike bus" to the event.



Mayor Travis Stovall, third from right, gathers with fellow riders for a community bike ride.



For updates, visit: GreshamOregon.gov/Biking-in-Gresham. Questions? Contact Carly Rice at Carly.Rice@GreshamOregon.gov or 503-618-2818.

Gresham Lilac Run

Presented by **Unitus Community Credit Union**

Saturday, April 18
8 a.m.

Main City Park, 219 S. Main Ave.

We're celebrating our eighth annual springtime 5K run/walk, 10K and half marathon. Registration fees benefit local nonprofits. This year's beneficiaries are Rockwood Market Hall, Gresham Youth Advisory Council, Magic Wheelchair, and Shooting Star Adventures.

The Lilac Run is sold out. Learn more about the race and join our waitlist at GreshamOregon.gov/Lilac-Run



Wag-N-Walk spring schedule

Free dog walks in the park

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

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

April 18: Mayor Charles Becker Park, 10 a.m.

May 6: Bella Vista Park, 4 p.m.

May 23: Nadaka Nature Park, 10 a.m.

June 3: Main City Park, 4 p.m.

June 20: Gradin Sports Park, 10 a.m.

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



Green and Clean

Gresham's 11th annual day of service

Saturday, June 6
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Each spring, our Green and Clean volunteer event brings the community together to beautify Gresham's parks and trails, fostering a sense of pride in our city.

Join us in sprucing up Vance Park! All ages are welcome; tools provided. A lunch party follows from noon-1 p.m.

Stay for our Vance Park Safety Celebration from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and see new lights, cameras and other safety upgrades.

Learn more and register by May 31 at GreshamOregon.gov/Green-and-Clean. Questions? Call 503-618-3214



Free youth baseball, 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 skill stations.

Beginner and experienced youth from kindergarten to eighth grade welcome. All equipment is provided. Clinics run April -June.

See all clinics and register at friendsofbaseball.org.



Spring and summer youth camps

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

Gresham residents may register for any activity. Scholarships are available for those in need. For a complete list, including summer camps, visit playeast.org.

Call 503-674-6238 or email PlayEastInfo@FairviewOregon.gov. Hablamos español.

Sporty spotlight

Just 4 Kicks
for ages 2-12

▶ Session 1 - April 14-May 12

▶ Session 2 - May 19-June 9

Place: Hall Park

Volleyball for ages 6-12

▶ Session - April 23-May 26

Place: Hall Elementary School



PLAYEAST!
East County Recreation

Vacation-proof your utility bill

Planning a vacation? The City of Gresham's online utility bill services make it easy to keep your bill on track while you're away.

With paperless billing and AutoPay, you can get secure notifications and pay automatically - no mailbox, no missed due dates, no worries.

Vacation checklist: Go paperless

Your utility bill shouldn't depend on your mailbox. When you enroll in paperless billing, we'll send a secure email as soon as your City of Gresham utility bill is ready.

Whether you're beachside, fireside or road-tripping, your bill stays on schedule. No paper. No delays.

Paperless billing is simple, secure and free. You can also sign up for Pay by Text when you enroll.

Go paperless in three steps

1. Go to GreshamOregon.gov/YOU (Your Online Utilities).
2. Log in or register using your account number from the statement.
3. Select Paperless on the left.



Enjoy your getaway. Paperless billing and AutoPay keep your City of Gresham utility bill on schedule. No mailbox, no missed due dates.

Vacation checklist: Set up AutoPay

Paperless keeps you informed. AutoPay does the rest.

With AutoPay, your payment is automatically deducted from your bank account on the due date. No checks to mail. No late fees to worry about.

Whether you're miles from home or unplugging for the weekend, your bill is paid on time, every time.

Set up AutoPay in four steps

1. Go to GreshamOregon.gov/YOU.
2. Log in or register.
3. Select Payment Options.
4. Select AutoPay.

Questions? Call 503-618-2373. Utility Billing customer service is ready to help.



Adopt a storm drain

Spring is a great time to adopt a storm drain. Many of us are already outside cleaning up yards and sidewalks. It's an easy way to help your neighborhood while protecting local streams and rivers before the fall rain arrives.

The City has partnered with Adopt-a-Drain to offer this free program to the community. When you adopt a storm drain, you help prevent leaves, trash and debris from washing into local waterways.

Sign up online as an individual, group or business. Check your drain year-round and use a broom or rake to keep it clear. Then log the debris you collect in your online account to track your impact.



Sign up today at adopt-a-drain.org
Questions?
Call 503-618-2525.

Ready to recreate in Gresham?

Gresham Parks invites you to get outside and enjoy one of Gresham's 32 parks, six picnic shelters, or 37 sports fields! Whether you're planning a family picnic, a birthday party, or a team practice, we have spaces ready for you.

Parks reservation system

You can reserve a picnic shelter or sports field online, by email or by phone.

Sports fields

- ▶ Sports fields include soccer and softball.
- ▶ Fields are open from 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- ▶ Cost: \$15-\$35 per field, per hour for Gresham residents.

Sports field reservations are offered in two seasons:

- ▶ Spring season: April 1 – July 31
- ▶ Summer/fall season: Aug.1 – Oct. 31
- ▶ Reservations for the summer/fall season will open on June 1 at noon.

Picnic shelters

- ▶ Morning session: 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- ▶ Afternoon session: 3:30-9 p.m.
- ▶ Cost: \$50 per session for residents; \$100 per session for non-residents.

Make your reservation online at GreshamOregon.gov/Parks-Reservations.

For more information, call 503-618-2525 or email ParksReservations@GreshamOregon.gov.



This is tree topping, a violation of City code.

No bad tree haircuts

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

Call the City before working on your trees. We can provide guidance about the regulations for your specific property.

Contact the Planner on Duty at 503-618-2780 or POD@GreshamOregon.gov.

Follow City guidelines to keep your neighborhood safe and livable.

For more information, visit GreshamOregon.gov/Trees.



The City's annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at the Coho Shelter in Main City Park.

Save the Date

Gradin Community Sports Park Celebration

Friday, July 10, 4-6 p.m.
2303 SE Palmquist Road

Celebrate Gresham's

- Four softball fields
- Four soccer fields
- Eight lit pickleball courts
- Two dog parks, one large and small
- Lit basketball court
- Accessible walking path
- And more!

GreshamOregon.gov/Gradin-Project

Spring Collection Event, Saturday, April 11

Household sharps | Compact fluorescent bulbs | Paper shredding

9 a.m.- noon, Gresham City Hall parking lot, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway



Why is safe disposal of household sharps important?

Sharps are medical instruments. Proper sharps disposal is necessary to prevent injury, the spread of infection and environmental pollution.



HOUSEHOLD SHARPS ACCEPTED

- Syringes
- Lancets
- Needles
- Needle connectors
- Infusion sets
- Epi-pens

Prepare your donations

Free sharps containers will be available at the event while supplies last. Please make sure all sharps are disposed of in a designated sharps container or a securely sealed alternative, such as a thick plastic laundry bottle.

Business disposal options

Free waste disposal is not available to businesses. Businesses looking for disposal options should contact Gresham Sanitary Service at 503-665-2424.



COMPACT FLUORESCENTS (CFLS) ACCEPTED

NO tubes or broken bulbs

- Spiral shaped bulbs only

Why is safe disposal of CFLs important?

CFLs have mercury in them, which requires special handling for disposal and recycling. That's why we don't want them in the regular garbage.

Prepare your donations

Please package your CFL bulbs carefully to prevent breakage. If the glass breaks, the mercury inside the bulb may be released as vapor.

We are not accepting LEDs or long fluorescent tube lights.

Business disposal options

Call Metro at 503-234-3000.



PAPER SHREDDING MATERIALS ACCEPTED

Two brown grocery bags per household

- Credit card and bank statements
- Paycheck stubs
- Pre-approved credit card offers
- Bills and utility statements
- Investment records
- Employment records
- Loan documents
- Paper with personal data

What documents should you shred and why?

Shred documents that contain sensitive personal, financial or confidential information to protect yourself from identity theft, fraud and unauthorized access.

What to do with bulky waste

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

• **Donate or recycle it.** If it's in good condition, donate to local organizations that can get the items back into circulation in the community. Call Metro Recycling, 503-234-3000 or visit GreshamOregon.gov/Recycling-Programs.

• **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.

• **Apartments/multifamily complexes.** Call your property manager first for options.

• **Haul it yourself.** Call Metro for information on transfer station locations, 503-234-3000. Bye Bye Mattress accepts any mattress or box spring, regardless of condition, for free. Learn more at ByeByeMattress.com/Oregon.

• **Sell or give it away.** List items on reuse sites such as craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, Nextdoor, Freecycle, and OfferUp. City Hall's "Safe Exchange Zone" parking spaces are a safe way to make private property transactions.

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.

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 and Code will notify the property owner.

For more information about the Spring Collection Event visit GreshamOregon.gov/Shred. Questions? Contact Recycle@GreshamOregon.gov or call Environmental Services, 503-618-2525.

Recycle+

Convenient collection service for specialty items

Why Recycle+?

Gresham households have the option to recycle even more with

Recycle+

Contact your hauler to enroll.

Rates

- Monthly base fee of \$2.75 and a \$9.75 pick-up fee.
- Extra bags are \$1.25 each, up to 5 extra bags per pick-up.
- Styrofoam pick-up is \$9.50 per bag.

Materials Collected

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| Compact fluorescent lightbulbs | Stretchy plastic film/bags |
| Textiles | #1 Clear clamshell |
| Small electronics | Styrofoam (extra charge) |



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GreshamOregon.gov/Recycle-Plus



When it's hot, heat safety starts with neighbors

When temperatures rise in Gresham, extreme heat can quickly shift from uncomfortable to dangerous.

Older adults, children, people living alone, outdoor workers and those without air conditioning are especially at risk.

"One of the most powerful heat safety tools we have is our connection to each other," said Denise Lopez, the City's Climate Action Analyst.

Connecting community to resources

Community health is a key focus of Gresham's Climate Action Plan.

This summer, the City will work with public, private and nonprofit partners to strengthen community connections during extreme heat.

Partnering with local businesses and community groups in Rockwood and



Community partners offer water during a heat wave.

downtown Gresham, the City will help connect people to places offering air-conditioned spaces and resources. Latino Network and Community Energy Project are participating.

Is your business or nonprofit interested in providing heat relief resources?

Reach out to us at 503-618-2525 or email ClimateAction@GreshamOregon.gov.

Stay cool by staying connected

In the meantime, Lopez encourages neighbors to start with a simple "hello." "You don't need to have all the answers to emergency plans to make a difference," Lopez said. "Start small. The next time you see a neighbor outside, take a moment to introduce yourself. Mention that summer heat is coming and you'd like to connect before it arrives. Exchange phone numbers and ask if they have what they need to stay cool."

For cooling centers and relief resources, visit multco.us/help-when-its-hot or call 2-1-1.

Rockwood Common Tool Drive

Sunday, April 26
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Rockwood Repair and Reuse Center
18600 SE Stark St.

Tools collecting dust in your garage, shed or junk drawer? Donate them to the Rockwood Common Tool Library to support free community lending. Working tools are preferred; repairable ones are welcome. Specialized kitchen equipment, such as juicers and dehydrators, is accepted. No gas-powered tools, please.

Can't make it? Donate during lending hours Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn more at

RockwoodCommon.org



The high cost of wasted food

Growing and producing food generates significant greenhouse gas emissions. Cutting back on food waste is an effective way to lower your environmental footprint.

Households throw away more food than any other part of the food system. For the average family, that adds up to more than \$2,900 each year, plus all the water, energy, habitat and labor required to produce that food.

For simple tips to waste less, visit DontLetGoodFoodGoBad.org.

DON'T LET Good Food GO BAD!

KEEP IT FRESHER, LONGER

Your broccoli likes some moisture and cold air, so wrap it in damp paper towel and refrigerate in an open container to keep it at its best.

Get more tips at: DontLetGoodFoodGoBad.org

SUPPORTED BY THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DEQ



Find more recycling resources at GreshamOregon.gov/Recycling

Recycling Guide

Thanks for recycling these items! All items must be empty and dry.

Following the guidelines of what is allowed in your recycling bin saves natural resources, reduces pollution and creates jobs.

Scan for: العربية, 简体中文, 繁體中文, हिन्दी, 한국어, Русский, Af-Soomaali, español, Tagalog, українська, tiếng Việt.

Cardboard and Cartons

Flattened cardboard, packaging boxes, and food and beverage cartons
Pizza boxes must be empty with no food residue.

Paper

Newspaper, magazines, office paper, paper egg cartons, mail, paperback books, paper bags, and non-metallic gift wrap

Plastic

Bottles, round containers, buckets, and rigid plant pots
Caps OK if screwed on. All items must be 2 inches by 2 inches or larger.

Metal

Metal cans, foil, empty aerosols, scrap metal, and empty paint cans

Glass

Bottles and jars
Remove caps and lids.
Place in glass-only bin

No!

- No bagged recyclables
- No foam
- No food or liquid (empty all containers)
- No plastic bags or stretchy plastics (store or depot drop-off)
- No hoses, cords, or wires

These things should never go in your recycling bin because they jam equipment, hurt workers, and make it harder to recycle the good stuff.

CITY OF GRESHAM

GET INVOLVED IN GRESHAM

City Calendar

APRIL

- 3 Community Climbing Day**, 5-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 9 Art Talk: The Story Behind the Lens**, Gresham Area League for the Arts, 5:30-7 p.m., Council Chambers, galaarts.org
- 11 Spring Collection Event**, 9 a.m.-noon, City Hall, household sharps, CFL bulbs, paper shredding, GreshamOregon.gov/Shred
- 18 Arbor Month: Nadaka Nature Park Stewardship Event**, 10 a.m., register at friendsoftrees.org

- 18 Wag-N-Walk**, 10 a.m., Mayor Charles Becker Park, GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk
- 22-26 Mt. Hood Jazz Festival**, Mt. Hood Community College, mhcc.edu/jazzfestival
- 25 Fire Station 73 Open House**, 10 a.m.-noon, 2301 SW Pleasant View Drive, GreshamOregon.gov/Events

MAY

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

- 2 Rockwood Market Hall: Cultures in Celebration**, noon-4 p.m., rockwoodmarkethall.com/events
- 2 Gresham Farmers' Market (Saturdays)**, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Arts Plaza, greshamfarmersmarket.com
- 2 Historic Downtown Walking Tour**, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., greshamhistorical.org
- 6 Wag-N-Walk**, 4 p.m., Bella Vista Park, GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk
- 15 Traffic Playground Fair**, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Davis Park, GreshamOregon.gov/Biking-in-Gresham

- 16 East County Library Grand Opening**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 475 NW Division St., multcolib.org
- 16 Teen Climbing Night**, 6-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 23 Wag-N-Walk**, 10 a.m., Nadaka Nature Park, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 26 Salvation Army Brass Band**, 7-8 p.m., Rockwood Market Hall, rockwoodmarkethall.com/events
- 30 Fire Station 72 Open House**, 10 a.m.-noon, 500 NE Kane Drive, GreshamOregon.gov/Events

JUNE

- 4 Rockwood Community Market (Thursdays)**, 3-7 p.m., Downtown Rockwood Plaza, rockwoodcommunitymarket.com
- 5 Community Climbing Day**, 5-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 6 Green and Clean**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Vance Park, RSVP, GreshamOregon.gov/Green-and-Clean
- 6 Vance Park Safety Celebration**, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Vance Park, GreshamOregon.gov/Events

Repair Cafe and Summer Clothing Swap

Get it fixed for free by volunteers

Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Check in repair items by noon
The Rockwood Center, 17805 SE Stark St.

Bring your broken items to be repaired. Skilled volunteers can fix small appliances (no microwaves or TVs), electronics, clothing or fabric items, jewelry (no fine jewelry), computer cleaning/tune-ups. Free garden tool sharpening and sock and sweater mending. Plus, choose from gently used, clean summer clothes and/or bring some to share with others.

Are you handy? Volunteers wanted. A Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations event.

GreshamOregon.gov/Repair-Cafe.



Mental Health Fair

Building a healthy community

Friday, May 8
4-7 p.m.
Gresham City Hall
1333 NW Eastman Parkway

We're bringing neighbors together because mental health matters and help should be easy to find. Free and family-friendly, enjoy:

- Local mental health resource booths.
- Activities for all ages.
- Face painting.
- Free food (while supplies last).

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Events.



Play Ball

Free home run fun for kids

This fan favorite returns in June!

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

Each participant gets a Play Ball favor bag.

Coaches lead fun, active stations.

Enjoy a Ball Park lunch.

Register for Play Ball at GreshamOregon.gov/Play-Ball-Gresham



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
April 23, 6:30 p.m.
Stepping Stone Daycare, 260 SW Towle Ave.

KELLY CREEK

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

NORTH CENTRAL

For more information:
NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov

NORTH GRESHAM

Javon Williams, President
NorthGreshamNA@gmail.com
Second Wednesdays of May, Aug., Nov., Feb.
at Migration Brewing
May 13, 6 p.m.

NORTHEAST

For more information:
NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov

NORTHWEST

Kat Todd, President
Trevkat@hotmail.com or
President@NwnaGresham.org
May 11, 7 p.m.
Hybrid: By Zoom or at the Kyoudou Center, 219 S. Main Ave.
National Night Out: Aug. 6, Bella Vista Park

POWELL VALLEY

Joe Lagerstrom, President
PowellValleyNA@gmail.com

ROCKWOOD

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

SOUTHWEST

Kathy Gardenhire, President
503-661-6554 or
kg6554@frontier.com
Fourth Thursdays of April, July, Oct., Jan., 7 p.m.
Hybrid: By Zoom or at the Kyoudou Center, 219 S. Main Ave.
April 23, 7 p.m.
July 23: Info Fair and Ice Cream Social, Butler Creek Park

WILKES EAST

Janet Unruh, Secretary
Info@WilkesEastNA.org
www.wilkeseastna.org
Second Mondays of Aug., Nov., March, 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



School's Out for Summer

Vacation fun starts here

Friday, June 12

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Rockwood Market Hall
458 SE 185th Ave.

Celebrate school's out with games, summer resources, free food and giveaways (while supplies last) at the Rockwood Market Hall.

We'll have summer activity kits and local community-based organizations in attendance offering family-friendly tips for summer and fun, safe activities for kids.

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Events.

Questions? Call 971-438-6478.