



GRESHAM

WINTER 2025

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS

Good things in Gresham

All year, good things are happening in every area of the city. It's exciting to see projects in motion that move Gresham forward – and to celebrate when they're complete.

1. Pickleball courts take shape at Aspen Highlands Park.



2. Thanks to the community, Police hire more Community Safety Specialists. See Page 4 for safety levy updates.



3. Gresham's first community Climate Action Plan takes root.



4. Cascade Groundwater Alliance breaks ground on new water treatment facility.

5. Rock the Block hands out 600 school backpacks in Downtown Rockwood.

6. ByHeart chooses Gresham to manufacture whole nutrition infant formula.



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A MESSAGE FROM
THE MAYOR

'What I'm excited for in 2025'



AVIVA Apartments opening in Rockwood.

I'm enthusiastic about where we're headed. In Gresham, we're large enough to matter but small enough to make it happen!

It's exciting to see investments here start up and go. We got additional monies for infrastructure to start to build out the Kmart property.

We'll probably see dirt turn in 2025 and see the first signs of what that future property will be in the Civic Neighborhood.

The designs and architectural elements are impressive, with plans for housing and a park.

Speaking of parks, I'm excited for

Gradin Sports Park. That's a \$5 million project and most of those dollars came from the state and federal levels. They are making investments here because they see the need and we made compelling cases for funding.

And our community's investment to expand the Police and Fire teams is going to be incredible. With the safety levy passing, what's coming in 2025 is new and additional folks. That's going to allow us to be even more effective and efficient

with our public safety efforts.

I'm excited to see the Neighborhood Engagement Team back.

The future is absolutely bright in Gresham.

– Mayor Travis Stovall

Contact Mayor Stovall at
Mayor@GreshamOregon.gov

Election results

City Charter amendments

Passed: Updating urban renewal rules

Brings the Charter in line with state law, giving the City Council more flexibility to manage new and ongoing urban renewal plans in a timely manner.

Passed: Changing the voting threshold for Charter changes

Lowers the requirement to change the Charter from a 60% yes vote to a simple majority, or more than half the votes cast.

"These amendments to the City Charter will allow our Council to be more responsive to the needs of the community and more efficient when opportunities arise," said City Manager Eric Schmidt.

The City Charter, which was created in 1978, requires a review every eight years by a Charter Review Committee.

For more details, visit GreshamOregon.gov/Elections or contact the City Attorney's Office at 503-618-2506.

Welcome aboard, Councilors-elect

Voters on Nov. 5 reelected Sue Piazza, Position 5, to the Gresham City Council. Voters also elected new members Kayla Brown, Position 1, and Cathy Vandehey Keathley, Position 3.

Rounding out the City Council are Mayor Travis Stovall; Councilor Eddy Morales, Position 2; Councilor Jerry Hinton, Position 4, and Councilor Janine Gladfelter, Position 6.

We wish all the best to departing Councilors Vince Jones-Dixon and Dina DiNucci for their years of service to the community. Councilor Jones-Dixon will serve next on the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners.

The seven-member City Council is the policy-making body of the City, representing the interests of residents and responsible for the direction of the city.

The elected Councilors will be sworn in to serve four-year terms on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025.

Learn more about the City Council at GreshamOregon.gov/Mayor-and-Council.

Sue Piazza – Position 5



Why I ran for Council: "I love Gresham. I've lived in East County my whole life and raised my family here. I ran for reelection to bring consensus leadership focused on getting real results on real priorities for real people."

Top priorities: Continue our work on public safety and ensure new funding is focused on actually making Gresham safer every day. We must make our City codes more business-friendly to help the business community attract good, family-sustaining jobs.

New Year's Resolution for Gresham: "My hope for our community in the new year is that we continue to find common ground and unity – that we make this a place that focuses on neighbors, community, and small businesses."

Councilor Piazza has served on the City Council since 2021. She was voted Council President in 2024. She is a travel agent and health/business coach.

Kayla Brown – Position 1



Why I ran for Council: "As a Rockwood resident, small business owner in Historic Downtown, commercial property owner, and active volunteer, I understand the struggles our growing city is facing and can advocate for what our community needs."

Top priorities: Safety and livability; supporting emergency services; mapping out a future for Gresham that makes us not only a desirable city to live, work, and invest in but a catalyst city representing thriving growth and development.

New Year's Resolution for Gresham: "I desire to see unity touch all corners of Gresham. Let's be genuine in our pursuit of this, with authentic conversations and creative solutions. I am ready to get to work!"

Councilor-elect Brown serves on the City's Planning Commission. Married to husband Jordan, they have two daughters. She is the owner of Sugar Cubed Cakes.

Cathy Vandehey Keathley – Position 3



Why I ran for Council: "I am passionate about making Gresham the best it can be. For all of us who call it home today and for future generations. I ran to ensure Gresham's priorities align with what citizens want: strong public safety, economic development, financial accountability and rebuilding trust between the City and its residents."

Top priorities: Strengthening public safety; focusing on efficient use of taxpayer dollars; and building trust by fostering open communication and ensuring residents have a real voice in City decisions.

New Year's Resolution for Gresham: "To build stronger relationships between the community and the City by improving transparency, listening to residents' needs, and creating meaningful opportunities for collaboration to shape a future we can all trust and believe in."

A lifelong Gresham resident and past City Councilor, she serves on the Gresham-Barlow School Board.

Downtown Rockwood's remarkable rising complete

"Downtown Rockwood is a symbol of our commitment to progress, partnerships, and the well-being of our neighbors. A dream that is reflective of the community. That is why this place is different."

– Roy Kim, RKM Development

There's a feeling of community when you walk through Downtown Rockwood.

Families gather around the splash pad and playground on the plaza. A man working in the Lumen Building orders Thai for lunch next door at the Rockwood Market Hall. Students walk to The Kitchen at the Market Hall for food service prep and training.

It's good vibes at the former 6.5-acre Rockwood Fred Meyer site.

Downtown Rockwood, formerly known as Rockwood Rising, is a complete four-building community development supporting the neighborhood.

A ceremony in October celebrated the AVIVA Apartments opening and the final piece of the Downtown Rockwood redevelopment project.

Worth the wait

"This doesn't happen with folks who are thinking a little bit of improvement," said Mayor Travis Stovall, at the event. "This happens when people are seeking

transformation.

'That's what's been happening here ever since the previous mayor and council years ago had the vision to redevelop this area.'

Uplifting the community

The City's Gresham Redevelopment Commission purchased the shuttered Rockwood Fred Meyer site in 2005 with urban renewal funds.

The goal? Revitalize the area, keep local residents in their homes, and support neighbors in building a better life for themselves and their families.

Community members shaped the project, choosing the services and features Rockwood residents want most.

Today, the mixed-use development supports access to housing, community services, retail and public gathering spaces.

See *Exploring Downtown Rockwood*, right. Come check it out!

For more information, visit downtownrockwood.com.



Enjoying the view from the AVIVA Apartments. Emily Bower, former director, Gresham Redevelopment Commission.



History in the making

See how Downtown Rockwood developed from dream to reality.

Scan this QR code with your phone's camera to watch.



Downtown Rockwood community hub.



Sam Khaute, owner, Neo Cafe, Rockwood Market Hall.

Exploring Downtown Rockwood

18535 SE Stark St.
MAX Station: Rockwood/East 188th Avenue

Lumen Business Center

Wallace Medical
WorkSource Oregon
Mt. Hood Community College
Small Business Development Center
Little Wings Academy
Dr. Ibolit Chiropractic, Physical Therapy and Massage
La Villa Grill & Bar

Rockwood Market Hall

Food merchants
Alleamin African Kitchen
Cox Hanal Mayan Cuisine
Flavours of India
Gyro Time
La Michoacana Dulce
Latino's Pizzeria
Momma G's Soup
Neo Café
Pho-Licious
Pinto Thai
Sea & River Sushi

Retail and Services

Callie's Custom Hat Wigs
Estrada Jewelry
Rosa's Natural Products
The Other Side Nursery
Commissary Kitchen for rent
Rockwood Coworking spaces
POIC Kitchen (Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center)

AVIVA Apartments

Forrit Credit Union, opening 2025

Workforce Trades Center

Oregon Tradeswomen

What makes this place special?



"You have a lot of good things, it's clean, and you don't have to go far. Dentist and doctor right here." – Myesha Walker, community member



"I love the playground and seeing the new businesses come in." – Brigid Casey, community member



"It's a place where we all want to thrive and we want our families to thrive. It's why we're here, that's what we do."

– Diana Moreno, Executive Director, Mt. Hood Community College Small Business Development Center



"It's where I decided to invest and open shop, and it's not far from home."

– Nat Jiranuwatana, The Other Side Nursery

Fire and Police Levy update

First steps taken to meet the community's safety needs

In May of 2024, the Gresham community cast a historic vote and passed the Fire and Police Levy, the first in our city in over 30 years.

This tremendous vote of support has charted the path for more sustainable funding for our Police and Fire departments, and as a City, we are grateful.

So, what have we been up to since May?

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) staff

We have converted all Fire and Police employees who were originally funded through one-time federal relief using ARPA dollars to full-time employees. This was an immediate action we could take to retain key staff in our public safety departments.

Levy accountability

We promised voters that if the levy passed, an oversight committee would be created to ensure accurate and appropriate spending of levy funds.

The creation of this committee, which will be a subcommittee of the Finance Committee, has begun.



Above: Gresham Firefighter Rylee McGowan connects a fire hose to a hydrant. Right: The Gresham Police Neighborhood Engagement Team responds to a vacant property safety call.

As with any other Council-appointed committee, there will be an application process for interested Gresham residents wishing to participate. Applications will be available starting in mid-December at GreshamOregon.gov/Committees.

Fire Department

The first recruitment focused on hiring experienced firefighter/paramedics will begin academy training in January, and a new entry-level recruitment for the spring 2025 academy class has begun.

Want to become a firefighter? Know someone who might be interested?



Scan the QR code for more information.

Police Department

Four more Community Safety Specialists (CSS) have been hired, increasing the total number to six!

Our officers receive vital support from the CSS staff in handling non-emergency issues that arise in the community.

As the department continues to recruit and hire additional staff, steps have been taken to reestablish certain specialty team units.

Beginning in October, we have one officer and one sergeant assigned to the Neighborhood Engagement Team, helping to address livability concerns in our community.

We have also assigned two officers

and one sergeant to work alongside mental health clinicians as a part of our Behavioral Health Unit to provide resources and support to those experiencing mental health crises.

All staff assigned to a specialty unit are dedicated to these areas and work independently from our patrol staff.

We recognize there are many needs in our community. These are the first steps as we begin to implement the impacts of the levy, and we look forward to sharing more progress with you soon!

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Fire-and-Police-Levy.

Parks updates

It's an exciting time for Gresham parks. Thanks to grants, we're adding new parks amenities. Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Parks-Planning.

Gradin Sports Park Phase II

Work is underway to add two softball fields, soccer fields, a dog park, and an amenity plaza.

The soil will be prepared for planting in January and February 2025. Grass, trees and plants will be added in February and early spring, before the area opens to the public in summer 2025.

Aspen Highlands Park pickleball courts

Under construction: Two new pickleball courts, set to open for play in spring 2025. Join us for the opening celebration of Gresham's first pickleball courts, details forthcoming.

Gresham Parks 2035

We're grateful to the community for all the great input over the summer.

This winter, the City is creating a 10-year plan for Gresham's parks and trails. We're making changes to our Parks and Recreation, Trails and Natural Areas



Rockwood Central Park construction on new accessible pathways and community garden.

Master Plan.

The goal is to build better parks, recreation areas and services that everyone can enjoy.

Next steps

- Take the follow-up parks survey in early winter 2025 to confirm the community's priorities.
- Read and comment on the draft parks system plan in spring 2025.
- Visit EngageGresham.org/Parks-2035 to participate and sign up for project updates.

Rockwood Central Park

New paths with better access, a resurfaced basketball court, and a new community garden will be ready by Feb. 1, 2025, when the garden season begins.

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Community-Gardens.

For garden plot reservations, call or email John Ochoa at 503-208-4651 or John@OutgrowingHunger.org.



An Oregon State Parks grant is paying for a new amenity plaza and new play areas at Gradin Sports Park.

Winter weather tips to keep you safe

Winter means wind, rain and snow. Stay safe, warm and dry with these local resources. Save 911 for life-threatening emergencies only.

Flooding



To report broken City mains, a rain hazard or flooding in the public right-of-way, call the Operations Center at 503-618-2626 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After hours or weekends, call 503-661-3906. The Operations Center, located at 2123 SE Hogan Road, features a fill-your-own sandbag station for residents. Bring a shovel. Bags provided.

Winter road operations



The City's winter response route consists of three categories: Priority 1 (hospital and emergency routes, arterial streets and bridges); Priority 2 (steep grades, through and collector streets); and Priority 3 (residential streets, cul-de-sacs and dead ends).

If bad weather persists, crews may be required to stay on Priority 1 and 2 streets until weather improves.

Use the City's interactive plow map to see if your street is a Priority 1, 2, or residential street at GreshamOregon.gov/SevereWeather/#RoadOperations.

Fire safety reminders



Do not use indoors: generators, barbecues, gas-supplied heaters, propane, or any type of appliances that produce carbon monoxide. Using a space heater? Let your space heater have its space. A minimum of 3 feet between heater and combustibles. Plug space heaters directly into the wall, not an extension cord.

Recycling tips for wind



Place carts out in the morning by 6 a.m. instead of the night before. Fill recycling cart only 1/2 or 3/4 full, and place heavier items on top to prevent loose recycling from blowing out.

Do not strap down lids or place rocks on top; carts cannot be serviced with our automated collection vehicles.

Car theft prevention tip



Never leave your car running unattended. Vehicles left running to warm up are especially obvious in cold weather.

Safety

- Severe weather information GreshamOregon.gov/SevereWeather
- Power outages or downed lines PortlandGeneral.com/Outages or 503-464-7777
- Cell phone emergency and service alerts Register at PublicAlerts.org/Signup
- Preparedness information GreshamOregon.gov/Emergency-Preparedness
- Food and emergency shelter information, call 211.
- Water shut off assistance If you are unable to shut the water off yourself, call the Operations Center during business hours, 503-618-2626. After hours, call the Police non-emergency line, 503-823-3333. Do not call 911. Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Winter-Water-Pipes.
- Weather tips and alerts, follow the City on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).

Winter and water pipes

Prepare before freezing temperatures to avoid frozen and burst pipes at home.

- Drain outside pipes and faucets.
- Cover or insulate exterior faucets and vents.
- Insulate pipes in unheated areas.

Locate your main shut-off valve

Know where it is and how to turn it off. It may be near the water heater, near an outside hose bib, inside the garage, in the basement or crawl space, or near the water meter.

During freezing weather

- Keep heat at 55° F or higher.
- Open cabinet doors under the sinks.

If a water pipe bursts

If you need help locating your water shut-off valve or turning off your water at the meter, call the Operations Center at 503-618-2626. After hours emergency? Call 503-823-3333. Do not call 911. A burst pipe is not a life-threatening emergency.

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Winter-Water-Pipes.

'Tis the season to recycle right: Clean recycling tips for the holidays



Holiday food waste prevention tips

This season, include food waste prevention in your holiday meal plans.

Use the Guest-imator.

Calculate how much food you need to feed your guests. Try it at savethefood.com/guestimator.

Send guests home with food. Avoid an overfull fridge by asking guests to bring containers for leftovers.

Use your freezer. Meat, soups, cooked veggies and bread freeze very well.

Get creative with leftovers. Turn them into casseroles, burritos, wraps and stews.

Get more tips at EatSmartWasteLess.com. Also available in Spanish.

Holiday service schedule

Both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Wednesday. Garbage, recycling and yard debris service both weeks may be delayed by one day.

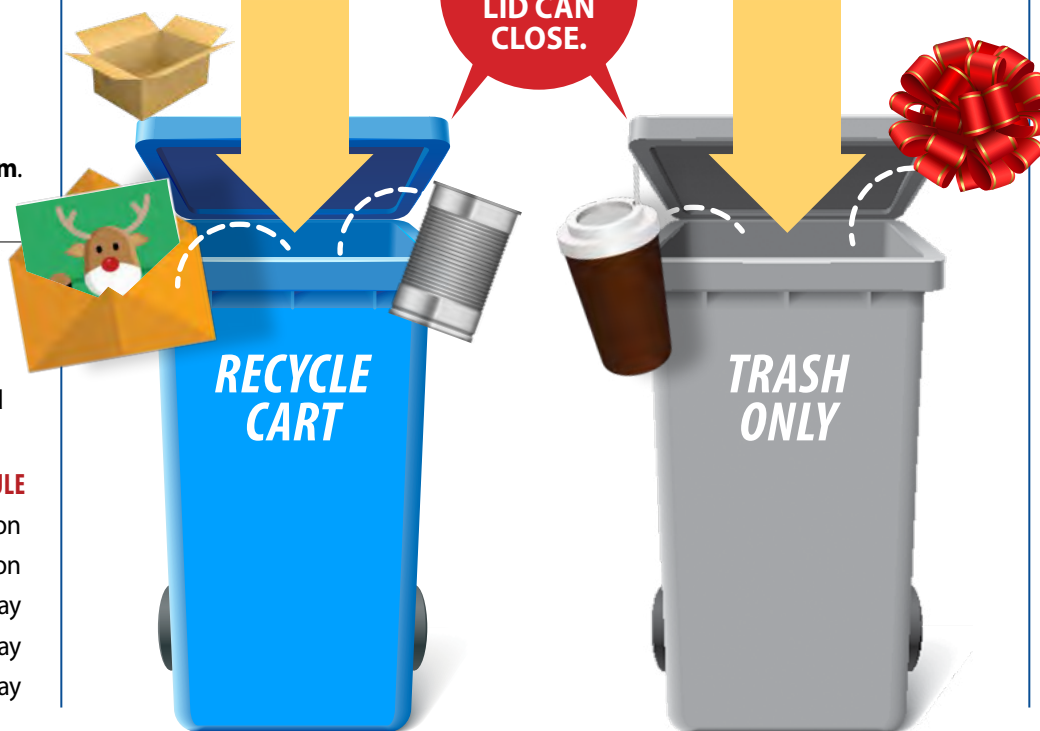
REGULAR PICK-UP DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday..... No change, regular collection
 Tuesday..... No change, regular collection
 Wednesday..... Pickup on Thursday
 Thursday..... Pickup on Friday
 Friday..... Pickup on Saturday

Paper gift bags
 Paper greeting cards
 Wrapping paper (non-metallic)
 Paper catalogs/junk mail
 Cardboard
 Metal cans
 Newspaper

Bows and ribbons
 Bubble wrap/Styrofoam™
 Foil wrapping paper
 Plastic bags and wraps
 Plastic mailer envelopes
 Plastic packaging
 To-go cups/containers

MAKE SURE THE LID CAN CLOSE.



Tips for tree recycling

Apartments and businesses: Call your hauler, property manager or Metro at 503-234-3000 for tree disposal options.

Houses: Cut trees to fit inside the yard debris cart for no charge. The lid must close. No flocked trees, ornaments, tinsel, wires, etc.

Whole, natural trees less than 6 feet may be set at the curb for an extra \$4.43 fee.

Trees over 6 feet tall must be cut into sections less than 6-feet in length. Each section at the curb is a \$4.43 fee.

Set flocked trees, less than 6-feet, out for garbage for a \$6.20 fee.

Have garbage bill questions?

Contact your haulers at GreshamOregon.gov/Haulers-and-Rates.

Keep batteries out of the garbage



Take out the batteries if you are parting ways with toys, electronics, power tools, etc.

Batteries can cause fires and other hazards if put in the garbage or recycling carts.

Easy steps for safe curbside collection

1. Tape the ends of your battery.
2. Place taped batteries in a sealed 1-quart plastic bag.
3. Put the plastic bag in your red glass recycling bin.

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Battery-Collection.

Questions? Call 503-618-2525 or visit GreshamOregon.gov/Holiday-Recycling.



INSIDE CITY HALL

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Sue Piazza, Council President

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

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Pay a City bill online

GreshamOregon.gov/Pay-Your-Bill-Online

In-person customer service hours

Building on Duty

8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Business Licenses

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Permit Services

8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Planner on Duty (closed noon-1 p.m.)

8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Utility Billing

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday

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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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

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A Gresham home with solar panels.

Electrify your home

Clean, Green and Efficient: The Benefits of Electric and Solar Living

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025

6-8 p.m., City Hall or via Zoom, free

The City is hosting a solar and electrification workshop for Gresham's Climate Action Plan.

Guests Solar Oregon and Electrify Now will share how to improve the comfort of your home, electrify your home or vehicle, reduce your energy

costs and dramatically cut your carbon emissions.

Food is provided for in-person attendees.

RSVP by Jan. 14 at bit.ly/40IJhr6. Questions? Call 503-618-2525.

Plant a tree

Community planting

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025

8:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

Gresham neighborhoods



Friends of Trees community planting in Rockwood.

Friends of Trees is hosting a Gresham community tree planting this winter.

Trees are essential for keeping our communities cool, regulating air temperature and managing stormwater. Interested in planting one at home? Friends of Trees can get you a free tree for your yard or right-of-way planter strip.

Register to volunteer or get a tree at FriendsOfTrees.org. Questions? Call 503-282-8846.

NEWS BRIEFS

Gresham Lilac Run



Lace up and smell the lilacs! The City's Gresham Lilac Run, presented by Unitus Community Credit Union, returns April 26, 2025.

This event promotes healthy fun for our community. The event's 5K run/walk, 10K and half marathon courses begin and end on the Springwater Trail at Main City Park.

Thanks to Unitus, 100% of the event costs are covered. The City donates all registration fees to support a local nonprofit that provides recreation opportunities to residents.

Make it a family affair. A free Little Lilac Run is open to school-age children up to 12 years old. Register youth for the 800-meter dash along the Springwater Trail. Everyone receives a running bib and medal.

Visit GreshamOregon.gov/Lilac-Run for event registration details.

Tree Code Project update



We're updating Gresham's rules for how we protect and plant more trees.

Thank you to everyone who took the Community Goals Survey and talked with us at summer events!

You told us that trees in our city matter to you. And you want our updated tree policies to:

- Protect mature trees and groves of trees.
- Support lots of tree coverage.
- Promote places with a variety of tree sizes and building sizes.
- Reduce urban heat.
- Provide wildlife habitat.
- Improve air quality.
- Support healthy living.

Next, the project team will look at how to craft policies to support these community goals.

For more information and chances to get involved, visit EngageGresham.org/Gresham-Tree-Code. Or call Senior Planner Mary Phillips at 503-618-2610.

A 'Pleasant' plan forward



After two years, the City is wrapping up its work to refresh the Pleasant Valley Plan first established in 2004.

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

In addition to our market study of the area, we've engaged the community about updates we can make to achieve the full vision for Pleasant Valley, which includes removing some barriers to development.

Final public hearings

A final package of updates this winter will be presented for review and potential adoption.

- Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., Jan. 13, 2025
- City Council, 6 p.m., Feb. 18, 2025

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Pleasant-Valley-Plan-Update. Questions? Call 503-618-2818.



Deicing tips for home

Plan ahead for safety and success to protect yourself, your pets and our water.

Before the storm

- Have a bucket of sand and gravel, plus a shovel, on hand.
- Use traction cleats on your shoes or boots.
- Apply sand and gravel for traction.
- Avoid using salt. It corrodes concrete and is toxic to soil, plants and streams.
- Use deicing products with magnesium, potassium or calcium sparingly. Mix with sand for the best results.
- Use a tarp or sheet on your car's windshield. Or apply a 3:1 vinegar-water solution.

After the storm

- Sweep up all products and put in the trash.
- Shovel snow into your yard, not into the street.

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



Looking for recreation fun this winter? Gresham Parks and Recreation partners with PlayEast! to offer recreation in Gresham for a fee.

- ▶ **Just 4 Kicks** for ages 2-13
 - Session 1 - 1/14-2/11
 - Session 2 - 2/18-3/18
 - ▶ **Indoor Flag Football** for ages 2-12
 - Session 1 - 1/10-2/7
 - Session 2 - 2/14-3/14
 - ▶ **Volleyball** for ages 6-12
 - Session 1/30-2/27
- All the classes above are at Hall Elementary School.
- ▶ **Parkour** for youth and adults
 - Session 1/30-3/7

Gresham residents may register for any class or activity.

Classes are fee-based, but scholarships are available for those in need. Call PlayEast! at 503-674-6202.



For a complete list of activities, classes, descriptions, and updates, visit playeast.org. Register online or scan the QR code with your phone's camera.

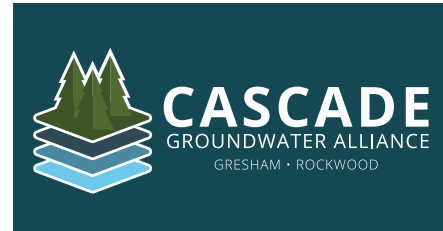
VALUE IN EVERY DROP

4 ways investing in groundwater adds long-term value

1 You may have noticed work is well underway to expand our groundwater system.

Investing in our water future includes wells, transmission lines, treatment plants and storage.

When the new system comes online in 2026, it will be able to produce 25 million gallons of safe, reliable water a day. Here's how every drop will deliver value to our community.



The City and Rockwood Water People's Utility District (RWPUD) are building an independent, safe and reliable water system for our community by 2026. 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.

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Cascade-Groundwater-Alliance. For more information, email WaterResources@GreshamOregon.gov or call Environmental Services, 503-618-2525.

City utility bill help

Your Utilities Team is here to help if you have questions about your bill for water, wastewater and stormwater services.

If you are experiencing or expect hardships with your utility bill, call us for payment options at 503-618-2373.

People who need help paying their City utility bill may apply for assistance.

A family of four earning less than \$59,000 may qualify. A single person earning less than \$41,300 a year may qualify.



1 **Saving millions through smart financing!** Gresham and Rockwood Water People's Utility District (RWPUD) each received a \$1.5 million grant from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help pay for the system. We're also using low-interest financing, like federal WIFIA loans. Gresham got a \$34 million loan and Rockwood a \$30.4 million loan.

Photo: Water treatment facility construction.



2 **Local control, local benefits!** With local ownership, decisions about water rates, system improvements and policies are made by people in our community who understand our needs and put us first.

Photo: Cascade Groundwater Alliance community outreach.



3 **More water at affordable rates!** By partnering with RWPUD, we have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to run our own high-quality groundwater system, which will help keep water rates stable and provide great service.

Photo: Children's Fountain at the Arts Plaza.



4 **Better prepared for emergencies!** The new system will have earthquake-resistant pipes, reservoirs, and a protected water supply. The water system will be stronger and able to recover faster from disasters like earthquakes, wildfires and droughts.

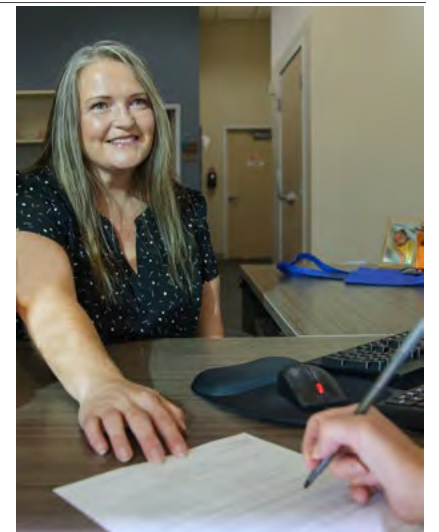
Photo: Reservoir construction in Rockwood.

Qualifications

- ▶ Customer must have a Gresham utility bill account.
- ▶ Customer must verify income.
- ▶ Help applies to various housing types.

How to apply

- ▶ Apply online: GreshamOregon.gov/Utility-Financial-Assistance.
- ▶ Request a paper application by calling customer service or pick one up at the City Hall utilities counter.
- ▶ Applications in Spanish and Russian are available.



GET INVOLVED IN GRESHAM

CITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 15 Rockwood Market Hall Music Series**, 4-7 p.m., Downtown Rockwood, rockwoodmarkethall.com
- 19 Third Thursday**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., activities, historicdowntowngresham.org
- 20 Reindeer in Rockwood**, 4-7 p.m., Rockwood Market Hall, rockwoodmarkethall.com
- 21 Wag-N-Walk**, Red Sunset Park, 10 a.m., GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 25 Christmas Day**, City Hall closed
- 29 Spirit of Chanukah**, 4-6 p.m., Arts Plaza, spiritofgresham.org

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day**, City Hall closed
- 4 Teen Climbing Night**, 6-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 15 Solar Workshop**, 6-8 p.m., City Hall, GreshamOregon.gov/Climate-Action
- 16 Third Thursday**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., activities, historicdowntowngresham.org
- 17 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
- 18 Wag-N-Walk**, Main City Park, 10 a.m., GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 18 Teen Climbing Night**, 6-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day**, City Hall closed

FEBRUARY

- 1 Teen Climbing Night**, 6-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 5 Community Climbing Day**, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 5 Wag 'n Walk**, Pat Pfeifer Park, 4 p.m., GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 8 Community Tree Planting**, 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Gresham, RSVP FriendsOfTrees.org
- 15 Saturday Night Basketball**, Grades 6-8, 8-10 p.m.; Grades 9-12, 10 p.m.-midnight; Friends of the Children, GreshamOregon.gov/Basketball
- 15 Wag-N-Walk**, Bella Vista Park, 10 a.m., GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 17 President's Day**, City Hall closed

MARCH

- 5 Community Climbing Day**, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 5 Wag 'n Walk**, Red Sunset Park, 4 p.m., GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 8 Teen Climbing Night**, 6-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 15 Wag 'n Walk**, Main City Park, 10 a.m., GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation
- 15 Teen Climbing Night**, 6-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation



Friday and Saturday Night Basketball for youth.

Volunteer GRESHAM

Do good, feel good

The City is excited to introduce Volunteer Gresham, an online hub where volunteers can find meaningful opportunities.

"If you feel called to give back to your community, we have an opportunity waiting for you!" says Teo Ramirez, Community Engagement Coordinator.

- Parks and trails cleanups
- Food banks
- Youth mentorship
- Community events

Whether you're looking to give back or are a community-based organization in need of volunteers,



Volunteer Gresham makes it easy to get involved.

Visit **Volunteer.GreshamOregon.gov** and sign up to help improve our city, together.



Make new friends!

For more information, email Volunteer@GreshamOregon.gov or call 971-533-6602.

East County Youth Summit

Friday, Feb. 21, 2025
Time: 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m.
Mt. Hood Community College,
26000 SE Stark St.

Local high school students are invited to a winter career fair hosted by MHCC.

Teens from the City's Youth Advisory Council and Center for Advanced Learning are planning meaningful workshops, seminars, activities and networking opportunities. Roughly 500



City's Youth Advisory Council

juniors from 12 high schools will attend.

To register to attend, students can email Katie.Dirkswager@MHCC.edu. Businesses and nonprofits interested in participating or sponsoring this event may also email [Katie Dirkswager](mailto:Katie.Dirkswager).

Visit GreshamOregon.gov/Events for a complete list.

Neighborhood Association Information

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

CENTENNIAL
Mary Edmeades, President
centennialhood@gmail.com

CENTRAL CITY
For more information:
NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov

GRESHAM BUTTE
Stephen Estes, President
greshambutte@gmail.com
Second Wednesday of the month
September through May, 7 p.m.

Hybrid: Zoom or the Kyoudou Center, 219 S. Main Ave.

GRESHAM PLEASANT VALLEY
Richard Barker, President
714-264-1752
GreshamPleasantValleyNA@gmail.com
Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m.
Pleasant Valley Grange,
17115 SE Foster Road

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

NORTH CENTRAL
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NORTH GRESHAM
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NORTHEAST
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NORTHWEST
Kat Todd, President
trevkat@hotmail.com or
President@nwnaGresham.org
Feb. 3, 7 p.m.

Hybrid: Zoom or the Kyoudou Center, 219 S. Main Ave.

POWELL VALLEY
Nancy Inglehart, President
powellvalleyyna@gmail.com

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

SOUTHWEST
Kathy Gardenhire, President
503-661-6554 or
kg6554@frontier.com
Third Thursdays of Jan., April, July, Oct., 7 p.m.
Hybrid: Zoom or the Kyoudou Center, 219 S. Main Ave.

WILKES EAST
Kris Freiermuth, President
503-709-9564 or lkfreiermuth@gmail.com
www.wilkeaseastna.org
Second Mondays of March, Aug., 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

Call the Neighborhoods office at 503-618-2482 or visit GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods.