



# GRESHAM

GRESHAM DELIVERS ON SAFETY

Fire and  
Police Levy

MEETING A NEED

SPRING 2025

Halfway through their eight-week training academy, Gresham's new firefighter/paramedic recruits – funded by the Fire and Police Levy – faced a freezing east wind and the long ladder drill.

"It's a tough challenge," said Lt. Mike Snodgrass, Lateral Fire Academy instructor.

During the February drill, recruits had to cover all four sides of the training tower, throwing ladders up before climbing a fire truck's aerial ladder to the roof – all in five minutes.

Despite the harsh weather, they embraced the challenge as a team.

"Fires are all winter; emergencies are all winter," said Recruit Andrew Barnhart. "Our role is to be prepared for whatever happens, whenever it happens."

## A historic recruitment and fire academy

This successful recruitment of new firefighter/paramedics marks a significant milestone for Gresham. Seven out of the nine firefighter

positions funded by the levy have been filled.

Plus, it's the department's first "lateral academy," meaning it's the first time seasoned firefighters coming from other areas have been hired – and skill-tested – as a group.

## Meeting community needs

"Everyone has a great, all-in attitude," Lt. Snodgrass said.

Expectations are high for the fire recruits to be fast and competent at their jobs, Lt. Snodgrass added, making Gresham a safer, stronger community for everyone, with faster emergency response times when they are needed.

"That's my biggest motivator – to do as much good as I can," said Recruit Alex Moro. "Most people get in this with a genuine passion to try to help out their community."

Thanks to the Fire and Police Levy, even more firefighters will be joining the team after another fire academy planned for late spring.

# All fired up



Top: History in the making: Gresham's first Lateral Fire Academy of experienced firefighter/paramedics, thanks to the Fire and Police Levy.

Bottom: Fire recruits race to finish the long ladder drill during the Fire Academy.

## Building safer neighborhoods, faster emergency responses

Last May, for the first time in over 30 years, voters came together to pass the Fire and Police Levy.

Today, Gresham is turning this investment into real progress – building safer neighborhoods, faster emergency responses, and a stronger community foundation.

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

## Gresham Police Department Regularly hiring new officers

- New recruitment programs and events are drawing a significant increase in applicants.
- Focused missions to address retail theft, vehicle theft, and traffic safety are targeting areas of concern for the community.
- A school liaison officer is working closely with school districts to address safety concerns and share information, supporting a safe learning environment for students.

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In-person customer service hours

<b>Building and Permit Services</b>	
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday	
<b>Business Licenses</b>	
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday	
<b>Planner on Duty</b>	
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday	
<b>Utility Billing</b>	
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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STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

‘A city is its people’

Mayor Travis Stovall delivered his annual State of the City address on March 18. “Gresham has never been a city that waits for solutions to come from elsewhere. We are problem solvers. We are doers. We move forward, no matter the obstacles,” Stovall said. The Mayor’s speech reflected on Gresham’s progress in 2024, improving the quality of life throughout the city.

Gresham highlights

- ▶ Passed the Fire and Police Levy, thanks to our residents.
  - ▶ Attracted Trader Joe’s and In-N-Out to our city!
  - ▶ Expanded workforce training programs with Microchip, onsemi and Mt. Hood Community College.
  - ▶ Constructing 91 new affordable housing units.
  - ▶ Secured \$1 million in grants for Southwest Community Park.
- For a complete list, visit [GreshamOregon.gov/State-of-the-City](https://GreshamOregon.gov/State-of-the-City).



“We will not slow down. We will not settle. We will continue to build the Gresham we know is possible.” – Mayor Travis Stovall

Honoring Mayor Shane Bemis

The Mayor presented Bemis with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedicated service to Gresham. He served as Mayor from 2007 to 2020 and City Councilor from 2003 to 2007. To honor his legacy, the City Council unanimously voted to rename Hogan Butte Nature Park to Shane T. Bemis Nature Park.



Watch the 2025 State of the City address with Gresham Mayor Travis Stovall.

Safety, from Page 1

- An officer is now assigned to the Neighborhood Engagement Team, tackling livability issues that matter most to residents.
- A team of Community Safety Specialists is handling non-emergency calls and staffing the Rockwood Public Safety Building, making it easier for the community to report crimes and access police services.

“As Gresham’s Police Chief, my top priority is to ensure our most essential patrol functions are covered so we can quickly respond to life-threatening emergencies and crimes in progress. When resources allow, we also engage specialty programs to address specific community concerns. “But our current reality is this: At times, we must re-deploy special program resources back to patrol if we can’t meet required patrol staffing. I expect that to change with our robust recruitment strategy. We’re up to the challenge and



Gresham Police Officer Tiffany Howard takes the oath of office in January.

appreciate your continued support,” said Police Chief Travis Gullberg.

Gresham Fire Department

Boosting safety and response times

- A second fire rescue vehicle is now staffed, the first new 911 unit in over 30 years, handling medical and other calls with greater speed and efficiency than an engine. Sixty-five percent of Gresham Fire’s calls are medical emergencies.

“Public safety is my top priority, and thanks to the Fire and Police Levy passed by voters in May 2024, the City is hiring new firefighters, expanding police services, and doing the hard work needed to make sure Gresham attracts and retains the best public safety personnel. Progress, yes, but more work to do.” – Mayor Travis Stovall

Levy accountability

The new Public Safety Levy Advisory Committee of Gresham voters and taxpayers is gearing up to make sure levy funds are spent responsibly and transparently, honoring the trust placed in us by voters.



**Your investment at work!** Watch Fire and Police Levy videos on the City’s YouTube playlist. Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Fire-and-Police-Levy](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Fire-and-Police-Levy).



# Parks updates

It's time to play! Spring kicks off with two grand openings and three opportunities for you to shape the look of three Gresham parks.

## Community parks design meetings

Join us for three outreach events to talk about design concepts for Gresham's Vance, Southwest and Southeast community parks.

## Vance Park expansion

Join us in helping Multnomah County design a park that reflects the Rockwood community.

The Vance site is 90 acres of land owned by the county that sits next to Vance Park. With 40 acres dedicated to expanding Vance Park, what other amenities should the park have?

Take the online survey, which will be available in late April, at [multco.us/programs/vance-vision-plan](https://multco.us/programs/vance-vision-plan).



Southwest Community Park

## Southwest Community Park

Wednesday, April 9, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Meet at Southwest Community Park 3333 W. Powell Boulevard

Meeting entrance is off Powell Boulevard

Southwest Community Park is a 34.1-acre undeveloped future park in Gresham's southwest neighborhood. The site is partially wooded and slopes east towards 19 acres of Fairview Creek Headwaters. Views include Grant and Jenne buttes and Mount St. Helens.

## Southeast Community Park

Thursday, April 17, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Meet at Southeast Community Park 5600 SE Salquist Road

Meeting entrance is off SE Jasmine Way

Southeast Community Park is a 16.1-acre undeveloped park in the Kelly Creek neighborhood. The park features a view of Mount Hood, wetlands, Kelly Creek, steep rolling slopes and forest.

Learn more about Southwest and Southeast Community Parks at [GreshamOregon.gov/Parks-Planning](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Parks-Planning).

# Spring Grand Opening Events



## Pickleball Party! Garden Party!



**Saturday, May 17**  
**12:30 - 1:30 p.m.**

Celebrate Gresham's first pickleball courts.

Aspen Highlands Park  
147 NE 24th St.



**Saturday, June 14**  
**10 a.m. - noon**

Celebrate Gresham's new 40-plot community garden, basketball court and paths with better access.

Rockwood Central Park  
17707 SE Main St.

**Paid for with grant funding. Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Events).**

## CITY BUDGET

# How the City budget works: 6 budget bits

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

**1** 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.

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

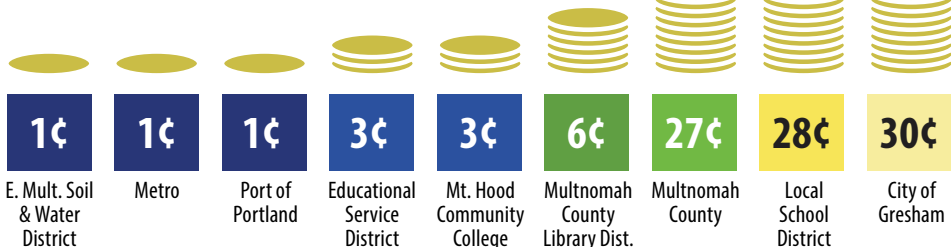
**3** The budget is the City's financial plan for a period of one year, from July 1 through June 30.

**4** The Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$880,054,932.

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

**6** 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.

## Where do your property taxes go?

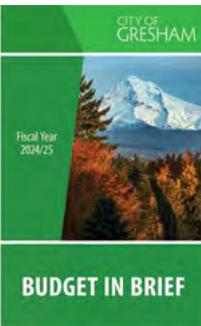


The City receives only 30¢ out of each dollar of your property taxes.

## Bonus budget bit

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

The City budget is organized into 36 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.



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

## 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 17; from 6-9 p.m.

**Budget Meeting 2**  
Tuesday, April 29; from 6-9 p.m.

**Budget Meeting 3 (if needed)**  
Thursday, May 1; 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) or contact Budget and Financial Planning at 503-618-2445.



# Put a spring in your step with fresh air fun

## Get outside with spring youth recreation

We partner with PlayEast! to offer youth extra recreation activities in Gresham.

### Kick it, swing it

- ▶ Skyhawks Soccer for ages 2-9; runs April 5-May 3
- ▶ Just 4 Kicks soccer (Session 1); for ages 2-12; runs April 8-May 6
- ▶ Just 4 Kicks soccer (Session 2); for ages 2-12; runs May 13-June 10
- ▶ Volleyball for ages 4-12; runs April 24-May 22
- ▶ Skyhawks Baseball for ages 2-9; runs May 10-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 start June 16 and include art, basketball, chess, Legos, Mini-Hawks, multi-sport and more.

Register at [playeast.org](http://playeast.org) or scan the QR code.



PlayEast photo



Questions? Call PlayEast! at 503-674-6202 or email [PlayEastInfo@ci.fairview.or.us](mailto:PlayEastInfo@ci.fairview.or.us).  
Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation).



### 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 from kindergarten through eighth grade welcome. All equipment is provided. Clinics run April-June.

See all clinics and register at [bit.ly/FriendsofBaseball](http://bit.ly/FriendsofBaseball).

### May and June clinics

**Pat Pfeifer Park**  
424 NE 172nd Ave.  
May 3 – 17  
Saturdays  
10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Main City Park**  
219 S. Main Ave.  
May 17 – June 7  
Saturdays  
10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### Gresham Lilac Run

Presented by Unitus Community Credit Union

Saturday, April 26  
8 a.m.

Main City Park, 219 S. Main Ave.

We're celebrating our seventh annual springtime 5K run/walk, 10K and half marathon. Registration fees benefit local nonprofit Loco Por La Aventura.

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).

Still spots for kids!



### 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 19: Bella Vista Park, 10 a.m.

May 7: Main City Park, 4 p.m.

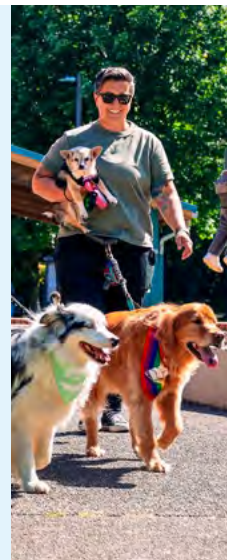
May 17: Red Sunset Park, 10 a.m.

June 4: Gradin Sports Park, 4 p.m.

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

June 21: Bella Vista Park, 10 a.m.

Sign the waiver at [GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk)  
Questions? Call 503-618-2213



### Green and Clean

Gresham's 10th annual day of service  
Saturday, May 17  
9 a.m. – noon

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 our neighborhood parks and making a meaningful impact - together!

All ages are welcome, and tools are provided. A lunch party will follow for all participants from noon-1 p.m.

Learn more and register by May 12 at [GreshamOregon.gov/Green-and-Clean](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Green-and-Clean).



## Branching out for a greener future

The City is expanding its efforts to protect and plant more trees by updating its tree policies.

Thank you to everyone who has shared your thoughts with us – your feedback helped shape the community vision for the future of Gresham's trees.

We have shared this vision and goals for trees with the Urban Forestry Subcommittee, Planning Commission, and City Council. Based on your input and their direction, the updates to Gresham's tree policies will include:

- Setting goals to increase tree

canopy cover across the city and in neighborhoods.

- Creating rules to protect many existing trees, especially large, mature ones, while still allowing for growth and development.
- Requiring replacement trees in key areas when tree removal is necessary, particularly in places that lack enough trees to meet the community's tree canopy goals.
- Establishing a tiered system to enforce these updated rules, with smaller penalties for minor violations and larger consequences for more serious ones.

The project team is now working to turn your ideas into meaningful tree policies for the future.

### How you can take part

- ▶ Visit [EngageGresham.org/Gresham-Tree-Code](http://EngageGresham.org/Gresham-Tree-Code).
- ▶ Take the Policy Roots survey on possible new tree rules.
- ▶ Sign up for project updates and opportunities.

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



Cyclists on the Springwater Trail take a break under the cherry blossoms at Ebetsu Plaza in Main City Park.



Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to answer online. Or visit [EngageGresham.org/Gresham-Tree-Code](http://EngageGresham.org/Gresham-Tree-Code)



# Cascade Water Treatment Plant takes shape

The City and Rockwood Water People's Utility District (RWPUD) are working together to build a safe, reliable and independent water system for our community.

As part of this effort, we're investing in a state-of-the-art water treatment plant. Construction of this new facility began in 2024.

"We're pleased with the progress we're making on our groundwater treatment facility," said Mike Whiteley, Project Manager, Environmental Services. "Our partnership is developing a foundation that will benefit Gresham and Rockwood customers for years to come."

## Treatment plant by the numbers

- ▶ Wells supplying water: 5
- ▶ Water treatment capacity: 25 million gallons per day, with room to grow
- ▶ Cost to build treatment plant: \$18 million
- ▶ Total filters: 120
- ▶ Cost of filters: \$4.45 million
- ▶ Federal funding awarded toward filters: \$3 million
- ▶ Building size: 7,616 square feet
- ▶ Height: 2 stories



The Cascade Groundwater Alliance (CGA) is on track to complete the groundwater system expansion by 2026. The CGA is a partnership between the City and RWPUD.

When the system comes online next year, it will produce 25 million gallons of clean, refreshing water every day.

By partnering with RWPUD, we have a rare opportunity to build and operate our own high-quality groundwater

system. This collaboration will help keep water rates stable while ensuring excellent service for years to come.

## Learn more

Visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Cascade-Groundwater-Alliance](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Cascade-Groundwater-Alliance).

For more information, contact [WaterResources@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:WaterResources@GreshamOregon.gov) or call Environmental Services, 503-618-2525.



Aerial view of the Cascade Groundwater Alliance's water treatment plant construction.



## Spring storm drain cleaning for parking lots

Remember to include your storm drains in your spring-cleaning plans!

Parking lot drains need regular cleaning to prevent flooding and keep pollution out of our streams.

The City coordinates this program to help area businesses maintain their parking lot drains at a discounted price of \$55 each. Sign up by April 30 at

[GreshamOregon.gov/SCAP](https://GreshamOregon.gov/SCAP) or call 503-618-2522.

## New Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District

An Urban Flood Safety District was created by the Oregon State Legislature in 2019 to improve the Columbia River levee system through Multnomah County and bring it up to modern safety standards.

This district started charging a Flood Safety Benefit Fee directly to Multnomah County cities in 2024, and Gresham's share is approximately \$900,000 per year.

The City will collect this charge for the district through the utility bill as the Flood Safety District Pass-Thru Fee.

Beginning in May, the City will begin charging all developed properties \$2 per month per 2,500 square feet of impervious surface (rooftops, driveways, parking lots, etc.)

For more information about the district and its purpose, visit the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District at [urbanfloodsafetyor.gov](https://urbanfloodsafetyor.gov) or call 503-281-5675.

# Gresham on the go: Transportation System Plan

We're getting closer to the finish line for Gresham's Transportation System Plan update.

We've talked to the community for the last nine months on how transportation can address climate change, equity, safety, and new mobility options, like shared scooters and shared bikes.

Later this spring, we'll ask for the community's input on the draft Transportation System Plan update. You can sign up for project updates to be notified.

## Transportation System Plan update goals for the future

- Increase accessibility and inclusion within transportation.
- Lower the impact transportation has on the climate and increase eco-friendly options.
- Focus on safety by reviewing what we do now and how it can improve.
- Be ready for new technologies like bike sharing, electric scooters, or automated vehicles.



Oregon Walks and AARP members cross Burnside Road in Rockwood on their way to Davis Park.

This project is funded by a joint grant from the Department of Land Conservation and Development and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

## How you can take part

- ▶ Visit [EngageGresham.org/TSP-Project](https://EngageGresham.org/TSP-Project).
- ▶ Participate in our Transportation System Plan Online Open House through Sunday, April 13. What projects would you fund to improve Gresham transportation?

For more information, contact [Jay.Higgins@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:Jay.Higgins@GreshamOregon.gov) or 503-618-2215.

## Join the conversation



We're wondering ... How do we make transportation better in Gresham?

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to answer online.



# Spring Collection Event, Saturday, April 19

Household sharps | Compact fluorescent bulbs | Paper shredding

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

**FREE!**

Open to Gresham  
and Wood Village  
residents

## 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 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.

• **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).

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

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

• **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 Police Department, it is clearly marked and under surveillance.

### 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.



For more information about the Spring Collection Event visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Shred](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Shred). Questions? Contact [Recycle@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto: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 \$2.50 and a \$9.25 pick-up fee.
- Extra bags are \$1 each, up to 5 extra bags per pick-up.
- Styrofoam pick-up is \$9 per bag.

### Materials Collected



Compact fluorescent lightbulbs



Textiles



Small electronics



Stretchy plastic film/bags



#1 Clear clamshell



Styrofoam (extra charge)



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





# Borrow tools for free! Rockwood Common Tool Library

Now this is handy! The Rockwood Common Tool Library is making home improvement, gardening and construction projects more accessible by offering free tool lending to the community.

Serving East County residents, the library provides a wide range of tools for repairs, renovations and maintenance.

The Rockwood Tool Library is normally open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Rockwood Center, 17805 SE Stark St. Community members can borrow tools and return them the following week.

Please note: The tool library will not be open on Saturday, April 26, during the special donation event at Gresham City Hall.

Beyond lending tools, the organization promotes skill-sharing through



workshops and volunteer opportunities. Volunteers can assist with tool repair, fundraising, translation, and teaching hands-on skills.

Residents interested in borrowing tools or getting involved can sign up online or visit the tool truck during open hours. Learn more and participate at [RockwoodCommon.org](http://RockwoodCommon.org).



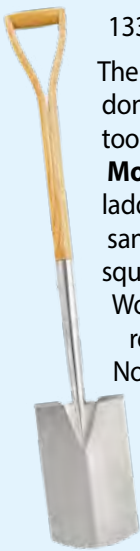
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## Tool Donation Event

Saturday, April 26  
10 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
Gresham City Hall  
1333 NW Eastman Parkway

The tool library is collecting donations of hand and electric tools to support its mission. **Most wanted items** include ladders, extension cords, belt sanders, tampers, locking pliers, square shovels, and wheelbarrows. Working tools are preferred, but repairable ones are accepted. No gas-powered tools, please.

Can't make it? Donate during lending hours at the Rockwood Center or drop off tools at the Rockwood Market Hall.



## Food for thought...

Did you know? The production of food is a big contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. 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.

For tips to prevent food waste, visit [EatSmartWasteLess.com](http://EatSmartWasteLess.com).

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

**KEEP IT FRESHER, LONGER**

Strawberries like to be cold and dry – store them in the original container in the fridge and hold off on washing until you're ready to eat them.

Get more tips at:  
[DontLetGoodFoodGoBad.org](http://DontLetGoodFoodGoBad.org)

SUPPORTED BY THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DEQ



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

## Recycling

Reciclaje Утиль

Plastic bottles, plastic round containers, metal, paper and cardboard. 2" x 2" 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.

### Why recycle?

Recycling is a way of life for many in Gresham because it saves natural resources, reduces pollution, and creates jobs. Its main purpose is to limit the materials taken from our Earth, helping to protect the environment and keep our community clean.

CITY OF GRESHAM



# GET INVOLVED IN GRESHAM

## City Calendar

### APRIL

- 16 Community Climbing Day**, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, [GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation)
- 17 Third Thursday**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., historic downtown, activities, [historicdowntowngresham.org](http://historicdowntowngresham.org)
- 19 Spring Collection Event**, 9 a.m.-noon, City Hall, household sharps, CFL bulbs, paper shredding, [GreshamOregon.gov/Shred](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Shred)
- 19 Wag-N-Walk**, 10 a.m., Bella Vista Park, [GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk)

- 19 Teen Climbing Night**, 6-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, [GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation)
- 25-27 Mt. Hood Jazz Festival**, Mt. Hood Community College, [mhcc.edu/jazzfestival](http://mhcc.edu/jazzfestival)
- 27 Arbor Month Tree Walk**, noon-2 p.m., West Gresham Elementary School

### MAY

- 3 Gresham Farmers' Market (Saturdays)**, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Arts Plaza, [greshamfarmersmarket.com](http://greshamfarmersmarket.com)
- 4 Cinco de Mayo**, 4-5 p.m.,

Downtown Rockwood Plaza, [rockwoodmarkethall.com/events](http://rockwoodmarkethall.com/events)

- 7 Community Climbing Day**, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Rock Haven Climbing Gym, [GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation)
- 7 Wag-N-Walk**, 4 p.m., Main City Park, [GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk)
- 15 Third Thursday**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., historic downtown, activities, [historicdowntowngresham.org](http://historicdowntowngresham.org)
- 17 Wag-N-Walk**, 10 a.m., Red Sunset Park, [GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation)
- 17 Teen Climbing Night**, 6-9 p.m.,

Rock Haven Climbing Gym, [GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation)

- 17 Pickleball Party Grand Opening**, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Aspen Highlands Park, [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Events)
- 18 Rockwood Market Hall Music Series**, 4-7 p.m., [rockwoodmarkethall.com/events](http://rockwoodmarkethall.com/events)
- 26 Memorial Day**, City Hall closed

### JUNE

- 5 Rockwood Community Market (Thursdays)**, 3-7 p.m., Downtown Rockwood Plaza, [rockwoodcommunitymarket.com](http://rockwoodcommunitymarket.com)

- 14 Garden Party Grand Opening**, 10 a.m.-noon, Rockwood Central Park, [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Events)

- 15 Wag-N-Walk**, 10 a.m., Main City Park, [GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation)

- 19 Juneteenth**, City Hall closed

### JULY

- 7 Music Mondays**, 5:30-8:30 pm, Arts Plaza, [spiritofgresham.org/music-mondays](http://spiritofgresham.org/music-mondays)
- 19 Festival of Arts in Gresham**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., historic downtown, [spiritofgresham.org/festival-of-arts](http://spiritofgresham.org/festival-of-arts)

### Community Climbing Days

#### Scale new heights

Wednesdays, April 16; May 7, 21; June 4, 18

9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Gresham residents of all ages can climb for free at Rock Haven Climbing Gym on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Includes a day pass and climbing shoes. A waiver is required. Register at: [rockhavenclimbing.com/first-visit](http://rockhavenclimbing.com/first-visit).

Sponsored by Gresham Parks and Recreation.



### Repair Cafe and Summer Clothing Swap

#### Get it fixed for free by volunteers

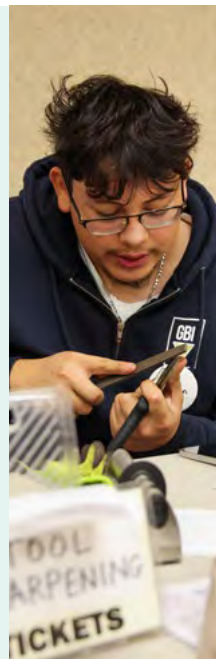
Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Check in repair items by noon

The Rockwood Center, 17805 SE Stark St.

Bring your broken items to be repaired for free. Skilled volunteers can fix small appliances (no microwaves or TVs), clothing or fabric items, jewelry (no fine jewelry) and more. Free sock darning. 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.

Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Repair-Cafe](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Repair-Cafe).



### Play Ball

#### Free home run fun for kids

Wednesday, June 25

1-3:30 p.m.

Pat Pfeifer Park  
424 NE 172nd Ave.

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

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

Questions?  
Call 503-618-2642



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  
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#### CENTRAL CITY

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#### GRESHAM BUTTE

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[board@greshambutte.org](mailto:board@greshambutte.org)  
[greshambutte@gmail.com](mailto:greshambutte@gmail.com)  
Second Wednesday of the month  
May through September, 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](mailto:GreshamPleasantValleyNA@gmail.com)

#### HISTORIC SOUTHEAST

For more information:  
[NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov)

#### HOGAN CEDARS

For more information:  
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#### HOLLYBROOK

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#### KELLY CREEK

Charles Teem, President  
503-663-5066 or  
[KellyCreekNA@gmail.com](mailto:KellyCreekNA@gmail.com)  
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Hybrid: Zoom or the Kyoudou Center,

219 S. Main Ave.

#### NORTH CENTRAL

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#### NORTH GRESHAM

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#### NORTHEAST

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#### NORTHWEST

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[trevkat@hotmail.com](mailto:trevkat@hotmail.com) or  
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May 19, 7 p.m.  
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219 S. Main Ave

#### POWELL VALLEY

Nancy Inglehart, President  
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#### ROCKWOOD

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503-285-6587 or  
[rockwoodpresident@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kg6554@frontier.com)  
Third Thursdays of April, July, Oct., Jan., 7 p.m.  
April 17, 7 p.m.  
Hybrid: Zoom or the Kyoudou Center,  
219 S. Main Ave.

#### WILKES EAST

Kris Freiermuth, President  
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Moose Lodge,

16411 NE Halsey St.

#### COALITION OF GRESHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Carol Rulla, Co-President,  
503-707-2921  
Jim Buck, Co-President,  
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Monthly, every second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Zoom

### Contact Neighborhoods

Call 503-618-3214

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[NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:NeighborhoodServices@GreshamOregon.gov)

Visit  
[GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods)



### Behind the Scenes With Gresham Police

A Police and Community Together event

Kick off spring with "All About Investigations," a workshop that offers you an inside look at how Gresham Police detectives investigate cases and solve crimes.

Wednesday, April 16

6 p.m.

Rockwood Public Safety Facility  
675 NE 181st Ave.

Registration is not required, but it helps us plan for refreshments.

Register and stay connected on future workshops at [EngageGresham.org/PACT](http://EngageGresham.org/PACT). Questions? Call 503-618-3202