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SUMMER 2024

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS

## A win for a safer Gresham

The City of Gresham is grateful to voters in May for passing Measure 26-247, the Fire and Police Levy.

This historic decision brings critical relief to the City's first responders – your firefighters and police officers. It will keep existing public safety personnel and add new positions to the Gresham Fire and Gresham Police departments.

"We are extremely thankful for the support of our community," said Gresham Mayor Travis Stovall. "This levy is a tremendous first step in providing the resources our first responders sorely need and to work toward the safe community Gresham deserves."

This five-year operating levy will fund 13 new firefighters, 9 new sworn police officers, and preserve an average of 30 first responder positions annually.

This will allow us, over the next five years, to:

- ▶ Start to build up enough staff to support specialty teams again.
- ▶ Provide proactive fire prevention services.
- ▶ Restart regular fire inspections at our schools.
- ▶ Improve overall emergency response times.
- ▶ Fully staff an extra fire rescue vehicle at Gresham's busiest station.



Gresham police and firefighters at work in the community.

### Our commitment

We acknowledge that many voters did not support the recent levy and understand the financial commitment it brings. The City of Gresham is committed to showing accountability, integrity and transparency as we build trust and strive to make our community better than ever.

### Money management

The levy's funds will go into a protected, dedicated account overseen by a seven-member volunteer committee of Gresham residents. The committee will make regular reports to the City Council and oversee an annual audit.

### Next steps

The City of Gresham is finalizing plans for the levy's implementation.

The City Council will provide direction on the oversight committee at one of their August meetings.

The Gresham Police Department is recruiting for levy-funded positions, including entry-level Community Safety Specialist positions. Interested or know of a good candidate? Check out [GreshamOregon.gov/Jobs](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Jobs).

The Gresham Fire Department is recruiting levy-funded firefighters. Spread the word: [GreshamOregon.gov/Jobs](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Jobs).

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



### Big wins for future water supply

The City and Rockwood Water People's Utility District (RWPUD) formed the Cascade Groundwater Alliance in 2020 to expand Gresham's groundwater system together.

Our partnership is making significant progress toward developing an independent groundwater supply for the people of East Multnomah County by 2026.

### \$3 million grant for treatment plant

The City and RWPUD were each approved for \$1.5 million in grant funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Emerging Contaminants (BIL-EC).

The money will be used to help construct the new 28-million-gallon water treatment plant at 19601 NE Halsey St.

The project also includes a 100,000-gallon steel backwash tank, a finished water pump station, and equipment storage.

### Saving customers money

This funding, in addition to other sources like our low-interest federal Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan, shows how the partners are finding ways to save money for customers as we build the new resilient water system.

### New reservoir engineering award

Another recent milestone is completing Cascade Reservoir No. 2. The reservoir is operational and will provide vital water storage for the Cascade Groundwater Alliance.

The reservoir project sets a high standard for innovation, complexity, achievement and value, recently winning the Grand Award in the 2024 Engineering Excellence Awards from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon.

Learn more about Gresham's future water supply at [GreshamOregon.gov/Cascade-Groundwater-Alliance](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Cascade-Groundwater-Alliance).



### Police and Fire summer safety tips

#### Going out of town safely

- Don't announce your trip on social media; post pictures after you return.
- Use a "mail hold" or ask a

neighbor to collect your mail and package delivery.

- Set indoor and outdoor lights on an automatic timer.

#### Wildfire safety

- Only discard cigarettes in an approved container away

from combustibles.

- Take a walk around your home and clean up clutter and yard debris. Clean gutters of leaves and pine needles.

- During a burn ban, don't light a fire pit, build a campfire or burn yard debris.

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# Get involved with Gresham Parks 2035

Are you a fan of grilling hamburgers at the park? Taking in the views atop Hogan Butte Nature Park, or biking the Gresham-Fairview Trail?

This summer, the City is setting the course for Gresham's parks and trails system over the next 10 years. We're updating the Parks and Recreation, Trails and Natural Areas Master Plan.

The project, called Gresham Parks 2035, includes developing high quality parks, recreation facilities and services for all residents.

And do we want to hear from the community? Yes!

"This effort will help us plan for the future to make the community's park experiences better," said Tina Núñez-Osterink, Parks Planner.

"It's a chance to listen and give voice to the people who use the spaces and to understand the perspectives of our whole community."

## Parks and people belong together

We understand a parks system with more recreational opportunities is a key priority for the community.

We're working with Parks and Recreation Advisory Group community members. As well as their recommendations to Council in 2022.

Beyond the fun and exercise, parks and trails offer many more benefits.



City Council, staff and guests at the Gradin Community Sports Park Phase 2 groundbreaking June 4.

Better emotional health. Community building. Environmental awareness and crime reduction.

Our future park needs, while balancing expectations with costs, are a conversation we can all benefit from.

## Did you know?

- ▶ The City's parks system has over 1,200 acres of land with community and neighborhood parks, trails, and natural areas.
- ▶ Parks and Recreation cares for over 300 acres of active parks, 8 miles of trails, and over 800 acres of natural areas.
- ▶ About 11% of city land is used for parks and recreation.



The Gresham Lilac Run along the Saddle Butte Trail.

## Community Climbing Days

Free rock climbing for Gresham residents

Wednesday, July 3, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Beat the heat indoors at Rock Haven Climbing gym. Includes a day pass and climbing shoes. Waiver required.

Visit [rockhavenclimbing.com/first-visit](http://rockhavenclimbing.com/first-visit). Questions? Call 503-512-5511. Sponsored by Gresham Parks and Recreation.

## Wag-N-Walk summer schedule

Free recreation walks for dog owners in Gresham parks

July 20: Bella Vista Park, 10 a.m.

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

## Take the parks survey

We're wondering ...

- How often do you use Gresham parks?
- As a park user, what are your priorities and preferences?
- What type of improvements would you like to see in our parks?
- What future parks amenities interest you?



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

## How you can take part

- ▶ Visit [EngageGresham.org/Parks-2035](http://EngageGresham.org/Parks-2035).
- ▶ Take the online survey.
- ▶ Share your ideas and see what your neighbors are saying.
- ▶ Sign up for project updates and opportunities.
- ▶ Visit us at summer events. We'll be at Movies in the Park, July 12, 26, Aug. 16; Rockwood Community Market, July 21; Rock the Block, Aug. 24. Full list online.

For more information, email [Tina.Osterink@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:Tina.Osterink@GreshamOregon.gov) or call 503-618-2392.

Aug. 24: Red Sunset Park, 10 a.m.

Sept. 4: Bella Vista Park, 4 p.m.

Sept. 21: Main City Park, 10 a.m.

Led by Avery at Hounding Around. Waiver required.

Visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk). Questions? Call 503-618-2213. Sponsored by Gresham Parks and Recreation.

## Great news for Gradin

We're excited to share construction is underway at Gradin Community Sports Park.

Coming in 2025, the City is adding two new softball fields, two new soccer fields and an amenity plaza to complete the vision of the sports park that began more than two decades ago.

To cover nearly all the costs, the City raised outside federal and state money from Oregon State Parks, the Oregon State Lottery, and others.

Phase 1, completed in 2009, includes the sports fields, paths and parking areas you see and use today.

## New amenity plaza

In addition to more sports fields, the Oregon State Parks grant is paying for an amenity plaza. This includes:

- 8 pickleball courts
- 1 basketball court
- 1 volleyball court
- 2 permanent restrooms
- Picnic shelter
- New play areas
- Dog park, enclosed (small and large)
- 300-plus trees
- 1,000-plus native shrubs
- Food truck pods

The project will also finish paving the gravel parking lot and walking paths.

## Construction schedule

- Spring 2024 – Summer 2025
- Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Park closure

Gradin is closed to the public during construction. Limited access is for existing permit holders only.

- Find alternate Gresham parks at [GreshamOregon.gov/Parks-and-Recreation](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Parks-and-Recreation).
- Find sports fields alternatives at [GreshamOregon.gov/Parks-Reservations](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Parks-Reservations).

Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Gradin-Project](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Gradin-Project) or call 503-618-2525.



# Strategic Plan supports uplifting the community

The City's first Strategic Plan in decades represents a new and hopeful beginning for Gresham. It elevates every neighborhood in our city.

Now wrapping up Year 2, we're taking big steps forward in achieving our shared vision for Gresham's future.

We're focusing on five key areas: Thriving Economy, Community Safety, Housing for All, Community Vibrancy, and Financial Sustainability.

Many priorities came from thousands of residents who took part in the Imagine Gresham engagement. This plan was truly made for the community and by the community.

The City Council adopted the three-year Strategic Plan in August 2022. It's our guide as we work together to build up the city we call home.

## Track our progress

Community members can follow the City's work.

- Explore the Strategic Plan Performance Dashboard.
- Read the Year-End Report and Year-Two Action Plan.

To learn more, visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Strategic-Plan](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Strategic-Plan).



**GRESHAM Strategic Plan**  
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<h3>THRIVING ECONOMY</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Migration Brewing</b> is Oregon's Small Business of the Year</li> <li><b>800</b> youth meet local employers </li> <li> <b>200,000</b> sq. ft. new industrial space ready</li> </ul>	<h3>COMMUNITY SAFETY</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>\$3.5 million</b> awarded for youth violence prevention</li> <li><b>1,152</b> police reports completed by Community Safety Specialists </li> </ul>	<h3>HOUSING FOR ALL</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>\$600,000</b> in County funding for homeless services </li> <li> <b>62</b> households permanently housed</li> </ul>
<h3>COMMUNITY VIBRANCY</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>501</b> Lilac runners from <b>10</b> states </li> <li> <b>\$25,200</b> in grants awarded to <b>4</b> nonprofits for more cultural events </li> </ul>		<h3>FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire and Police Levy passed </li> </ul>

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# Shape Downtown Gresham's vision

Downtown Gresham is truly special with its historic charm, local businesses, events, and vibrant character, which we all cherish.

As Gresham continues to grow, we're taking the opportunity to have a conversation about the longer-term vision for the neighborhood.

How can we help the area grow in ways that meet our community's needs and goals?

The Downtown Master Plan Concept will not look to replace but rather build upon the existing framework of the downtown area as the heart and soul of Gresham's roots and local experience.

Your input is invaluable in this process. It helps the City line up ways our policies and priorities can support the community's vision.

We've started to develop some concepts with some community groups, and we want to hear from you.



Top: Mt. Hood Theatre on E. Powell Boulevard; right, Main Avenue.

## We're wondering ...

- What do you like about Downtown Gresham and why?
- How can this be improved?
- What should Downtown Gresham be known for?
- What type of uses should be prioritized Downtown?

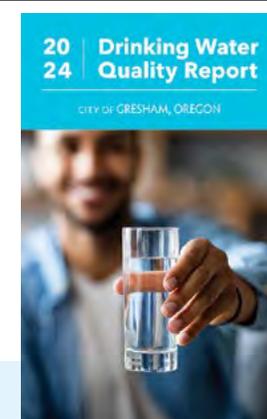


Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to answer online.

## How you can take part

- ▶ Visit [EngageGresham.org/Downtown-Master-Plan](https://EngageGresham.org/Downtown-Master-Plan).
- ▶ Answer our forum questions.
- ▶ Share your ideas and see what your neighbors are saying.
- ▶ Sign up for project updates and opportunities.
- ▶ Visit us at summer events. We'll be at Third Thursday; Gresham Farmers' Market; Festival of the Arts, July 20. Full list online.

For more information, email [Kristin.Chiles@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:Kristin.Chiles@GreshamOregon.gov), or call 503-618-2252.



## Good to the last drop: Water Quality Report

The City's annual Water Quality Report is available and is a great way to learn about the water flowing from your tap. It gives details about the source and quality of the drinking water delivered to our community in 2023.

Gresham's report card: Each year, the City provides its customers with a report to let you know how our water quality stacks up against established federal and state drinking water standards.

Read the report online at [GreshamOregon.gov/2024WQR](https://GreshamOregon.gov/2024WQR). Request a paper copy or translation by calling Environmental Services, 503-618-2525.

# Let's get together for some summer fun



**Festival of Arts in Gresham**



**Gresham Night Out**



**Rock the Block**



**Dog Days of Summer, Tagg and Friends**



**Free, all ages**

**Friday, July 19**

Music Under the Stars festival kickoff and silent art auction, 5-9 p.m.  
Main Avenue, historic downtown

**Saturday, July 20**

Festival of Arts in Gresham  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Historic downtown and Gresham Arts Plaza

Bring your family to experience the Festival of Arts in Gresham, managed by the Center for the Arts Foundation.

Visit over 150 juried artists on the streets of downtown. Enjoy local restaurants, Farmers Market food court and shops.

At the Arts Plaza, take part in Hands Across Gresham, interactive art and the Kids Village.

Experience live music and entertainment throughout, including the Symphonic Safari at the Arts Plaza.

Free shuttles will run all day Saturday.

Learn more at [SpiritofGresham.org/Festival-of-Arts](http://SpiritofGresham.org/Festival-of-Arts) or call 503-489-7603.



**Free, all ages**

**Tuesday, Aug. 6**

5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Main City Park, 219 S Main Ave.

Bring your family and invite your neighbors to celebrate Gresham's Night Out (National Night Out) at Main City Park.

Meet and engage with Gresham's Police and Fire departments and play games at this fun family event hosted by the City of Gresham and your local first responders.

National Night Out, "American's Night Out Against Crime," celebrates making communities safer and strengthening public safety community partnerships.

It's observed the first Tuesday in August in Gresham neighborhoods and in thousands of communities around the U.S.

Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/National-Night-Out](http://GreshamOregon.gov/National-Night-Out) or call 971-438-6478.



**Free, all ages**

**Friday, Aug. 23**

Block Party, 5-8:30 p.m.  
Downtown Rockwood Plaza,  
185th SE Stark St.

**Saturday, Aug. 24**

Community Resource Fair,  
11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Downtown Rockwood Plaza,  
185th SE Stark St.

Rock the Block is back for another family-friendly weekend providing free backpacks and school supplies, activities, food, live music, and connections to community resources. Hosted by the City of Gresham.

This year's event takes place over two days, with a Block Party on Friday, Aug. 23, and the traditional Rock the Block resource fair on Saturday, Aug. 24.

Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Events) or call 971-438-6478.



**Free, all ages**

**Saturday, Sept. 14**

10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Gresham City Hall,  
1333 NW Eastman Parkway

The Gresham Police Department is hosting a tail-wagging free community event for the whole family to enjoy.

Watch Police dogs learn to serve. See K-9 units from around the metro area train. Working K-9s and their handlers will be showcasing first aid, agility, and sports exercises.

Community members can meet Tagg, the Gresham Police comfort dog and his friends including Remi from Beaverton; Burt from Multnomah County Sheriff's Office; and Onyx from Tualatin.

Enjoy refreshments and fun activities for children. Friendly dogs (leashed) are welcome, too! We look forward to seeing everyone.

For a complete list of the event's activities visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Events).

# Movies in the Park



## Summer lineup

- Friday, July 12 – The Goonies**  
Gresham Arts Plaza, 8:30-10:30 p.m.
- Friday, July 19 – The Lego Movie**  
Red Sunset Park, 8:30-10:30 p.m.
- Friday, July 26 - Wish**  
Pat Pfeifer Park, 8:30-10:30 p.m.
- Friday, August 2 – Kung Fu Panda 4**  
Gresham Arts Plaza, 8:30-10:30 p.m.
- Friday, August 9 - Migration**  
Pat Pfeifer Park, 8:30-10:30 p.m.
- Friday, August 16 – Jurassic Park**  
Red Sunset Park, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Gresham Parks and Recreation presents Movies in the Park, the perfect backdrop for a summer open-air cinema event with your family and friends. Bring your cozy blankets and favorite movie snacks. Admission is free, so come early to secure your spot. For more information, visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation).

YES, YOU'LL WANT TO CUT ME OUT.

# SUMMER CAMPS

Basketball, Legos, chess and more! Gresham Parks and Recreation and partner PlayEast offer youth summer camps in Gresham for a fee.

## JULY

### Lego Astronauts Camp

Date: July 8-12  
Ages: 6-11  
Time: Afternoons, 1-4 p.m., M-F  
Place: Gresham City Hall  
Cost: \$200  
Details: Young builders explore the world of design and construction with LEGOS. Led by Journey to STEAM staff.

### Basketball Camp

Date: July 15-18  
Ages: 8-14  
Time: Mornings, half days, 9 a.m.-noon, M-TH  
Place: Red Sunset Park  
Cost: \$180  
Details: Led by Mt. Hood Community College head basketball coach Alex and staff. Includes a T-shirt and swag bag.

### SkyHawks Basketball Camp

Date: July 22-25  
Ages: 6-12  
Time: Mornings, half days, 9 a.m.-noon, M-TH  
Place: Red Sunset Park  
Cost: \$135  
Details: An introduction to the sport. Young athletes will learn teamwork and rules through skill-based games and scrimmages.

### Lego 'Pokémon Engineering' Camp

Date: July 29-Aug. 2  
Ages: 5-7  
Time: Mornings, 9 a.m.-noon, M-F  
Place: Gresham City Hall  
Cost: \$165  
Details: Get creative with tens of thousands of LEGO pieces and guidance

from passionate instructors.

### Basketball and Chess Camp

Date: July 22-25  
Ages: 6-12  
Time: Full days, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., M-TH  
Place: Red Sunset Park  
Cost: \$235  
Details: Introduction to basketball and chess with games and scrimmages. Led by SkyHawks and Chess for Success staff.



## Register for summer camps

For a complete list of camps and classes, descriptions and updates, visit [playeast.org](http://playeast.org).

Gresham residents may register for any class or summer camp.

Camps are fee-based, but scholarships are available.

Call PlayEast at 503-674-6202.

# SKIP

## SUMMER KIDS IN THE PARK

### FREE SACK LUNCH & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

- Mondays: Main City Park**  
Lunch noon – 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays: Red Sunset Park**  
Lunch 11 – 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays: Neighbor's Park at Rockwood Village**  
Lunch 11 – 11:30 a.m.
- Thursdays: Bella Vista Park**  
Lunch noon – 12:30 p.m.
- Monday-Thursday**  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
June 24-August 15

For all youth ages 18 and younger. No registration required.



**MORE INFO:**  
[GreshamOregon.gov/SKIP](http://GreshamOregon.gov/SKIP)  
503-618-2642



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## More trees, please

The City is branching out and working with the community to update Gresham's tree policies.

The Tree Code Project aims to ensure we have healthy trees across the city, making it a beautiful, calming environment where our community wants to live, work and play.

Trees affect all our communities, so everyone should have a say in what our tree requirements are. We want to hear from everyone!

### We're wondering ...

- Is keeping our large trees important to you?
- What concerns about trees do you have?
- Would you like to see more trees across the city or in certain areas of the city?
- What are the most important benefits of trees to our community?



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



WATCH FOR OUR TREE!

### How you can take part

- ▶ Visit [EngageGresham.org/Gresham-Tree-Code](http://EngageGresham.org/Gresham-Tree-Code).
- ▶ Take the goals survey.
- ▶ Share your ideas and see what your neighbors are saying.
- ▶ Sign up for project updates and opportunities.
- ▶ Visit us at summer events. "Leaf" us your comments at Movies in the Park, various dates, and Rock the Block Aug. 24. Full list online.

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



## 181st Avenue Safety Project

Gresham's most dangerous roads are major streets with high speeds and volumes of traffic.

Among them, 181st Avenue is a higher-injury corridor with more fatal crashes than other Gresham streets.

We're improving safety along a stretch of 181st between Burnside and Stark streets that is closest to the E. 181st Ave. MAX Station. We want this stretch of 181st, near the heart of Rockwood, to feel safer and be safer for people on foot, transit users, and customers visiting businesses.

We have limited funding, and your feedback will help us prioritize the safety elements of our design. This project is federally funded with support from Congressman Earl Blumenauer.

### Join the conversation

We're wondering ... What would make 181st Avenue a safe place to walk, bike and roll?



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

### How you can take part

- ▶ Visit [EngageGresham.org/181st-Safety-Project](https://EngageGresham.org/181st-Safety-Project).
- ▶ Take the online survey.
- ▶ Share your ideas and see what your neighbors are saying.
- ▶ Sign up for project updates and opportunities.
- ▶ Visit us at summer events. We'll be at Gresham Farmers' Market; Rockwood Community Market; Rockwood Block Party, July 27; Rock the Block, Aug. 24. Full list online.

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

## A legacy for Wy'East Way

One of Gresham's best trails to explore is a bit of a blank slate. Wy'East Way is a 2-mile paved path that connects Rockwood to Downtown Gresham.

This summer, we want to imagine what the trail could look like with you.

We've received a grant to collaborate with the community on a vision for the trail, so it feels safer and welcoming for everyone.

### Join the conversation

- What do you want to see? Is it art, lighting, seating, better connections, interactive features?
- What would make it somewhere you want to spend your time?

We're planning events and gatherings in the community and on the trail to connect and find out what's important to you.

Come be a part of the legacy. Let's build the future together!

### How you can take part

- ▶ Visit [EngageGresham.org/WyEast-Trail-Project](https://EngageGresham.org/WyEast-Trail-Project).
- ▶ Share your ideas and see what your neighbors are saying.
- ▶ Sign up for project updates and opportunities.
- ▶ Visit us at summer events. We'll be at Movies in the Park (various dates); Rockwood Block Party, July 27; and Rock the Block, Aug. 23-24. Full list online.



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



Wy'East Way goes through Civic Neighborhood, past the Civic Drive MAX Station and Alta Civic Station apartments.

## Gresham on the go: Transportation System Plan

The wheels are turning as we focus on Gresham's Transportation System Plan, which is out of date and ready for an update.

It doesn't address some of the biggest challenges of today: climate change, equity, safety, and new mobility options, like shared scooters and shared bikes.

Transportation happens every day, but big transportation changes occur slowly.

"We need to make sure Gresham is headed in the right direction now, so we can travel the way we want in the future," said Jay Higgins, Senior Planner.

We're asking for the community's input to help shape the transportation plan. Your feedback helps determine how much the City can do in key areas, including safety, equity and climate change.

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



Pedestrians and cars travel along Division Street and Eastman Parkway.

### Join the conversation

We're wondering ... How do you and your neighbors get around the city?



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

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

### How you can take part

- ▶ Visit [EngageGresham.org/TSP-Project](https://EngageGresham.org/TSP-Project).
- ▶ Take the survey.
- ▶ Share your ideas and see what your neighbors are saying.
- ▶ Sign up for project updates and opportunities.
- ▶ Visit us at summer events. We'll be at the Gresham Farmers' Market; Rockwood Community Market; Rockwood Village Block Party, July 27; and Rock the Block, Aug. 24. Full list online.

# Rockwood B188: What would you like to see?

**W**e'd like your feedback on Rockwood B188, the next big urban renewal redevelopment project coming to the heart of the Rockwood neighborhood.

This community-focused investment proposes a new school; gym; public plaza for sports and events; workforce training; an innovation lab; and small business retail spaces.

This project is paid for using dedicated Urban Renewal funds, along with contributions from a partnership between POIC + RAHS, HMS Development, and the City.

## A new gathering space

This will also be a gathering place for the greater community. To take part in and recreate in a variety of ways outside of the school's daily operations.

We welcome your ideas for what you think this development should include and why. What about a pet store? A community gym with recreation? Other retail stores?

## Join the conversation

We're wondering ...

- What would you like to see more of in Rockwood?
- What is missing in Rockwood you would like to see added?
- What makes you proud of the Rockwood community?



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

"We want to provide a space that addresses community needs," said Michael Gonzales, Redevelopment Project Coordinator. "Community feedback is important to help influence the programming of this space while we are still in the planning and design stages."



Top: Rockwood B188 sits on the former Sunrise Center and Asian Kitchen property. The site is located at the corner of Burnside and SE 188th Avenue, next to the 188th MAX station and across the street from Downtown Rockwood. Bottom: Design by Bora Architecture and Interiors for HMS Development.

## How you can take part

- ▶ Visit [EngageGresham.org/Rockwood-B188](https://EngageGresham.org/Rockwood-B188).
- ▶ Take the online survey.
- ▶ Share your ideas and see what your neighbors are saying.
- ▶ Sign up for project updates and opportunities.
- ▶ Visit us at summer events. We'll be at the Yamhill Block Party on July 27 and Rock the Block on Aug. 24. Full list online.

For more information, email [Michael.Gonzales@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:Michael.Gonzales@GreshamOregon.gov), or call 503-618-2473.

## Pleasant Valley Plan Update

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

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

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

In addition to our analysis of the area, we've engaged the community over the past year on updates we can make to achieve the full vision for Pleasant Valley.

This summer, staff is drafting code that aims to remove some

barriers to development and address community feedback we heard. Staff will present the work to date to Council on July 16.

The City Council may adopt updates this fall.

Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Pleasant-Valley-Plan-Update](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Pleasant-Valley-Plan-Update).

## City unveils historic Climate Action Plan

The City Council adopted Gresham's first Climate Action Plan to forge a greener future.

The community-wide plan aims to reduce Gresham's emissions, prevent pollution, improve community health, protect our environment and adapt to climate change.

"The Climate Action Plan will serve as our guide as we all work together to ensure Gresham remains a healthy, vibrant and safe place to call home," said Mayor Travis Stovall.

Staff worked with the community for three years to develop a plan with the community's values.

## Next steps

The first strategies we're acting on, are:

1. Increasing the community's access to energy efficiency and weatherization resources. This will provide energy cost savings, reduce emissions and improve indoor health and safety.

2. Increasing the community's access to emergency response, preparedness information and resources. This will improve the community's ability to shelter-in-place during extreme weather.

3. Supporting the maintenance and improvement of tree canopy in neighborhoods that are vulnerable to urban heat.

The City is pursuing grant money to distribute these resources for free to the community and provide educational workshops on these topics.

## Climate action journey

Gresham has been on a journey toward climate action for years, beginning with Gresham's signing of the Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement in 2007. Gresham and 1,000 cities pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prioritize climate action.

Get tips and read the Climate Action Plan at [GreshamOregon.gov/Climate-Action](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Climate-Action).

For more information, email [John.Dea@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:John.Dea@GreshamOregon.gov), or call 503-618-2134.

# GET INVOLVED IN GRESHAM

## City Calendar

### JULY

- 8 Music Mondays**, featuring The Christopher Brown Quartet (Jazz), 6:30-8:30 p.m., opening act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, spiritofgresham.org
- 10 Wednesday Music in the Parks**, Danda Marimba and Northern Lights Marimba, Nadaka Nature Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m., spiritofgresham.org
- 12 Movies in the Park (The Goonies)**, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, GreshamOregon.gov/Events
- 15 Music Mondays**, featuring Son Cubano (Cuban Salsa), 6:30-8:30 p.m., opening act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, spiritofgresham.org
- 18 Third Thursday**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., historic downtown, historicdowntowngresham.org
- 19 Movies in the Park (The Lego Movie)**, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Red Sunset Park, GreshamOregon.gov/Events
- 20 Gresham Farmers' Market (Saturdays)**, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Arts Plaza, greshamfarmersmarket.com
- 20 Festival of Arts in Gresham**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., historic downtown, spiritofgresham.org
- 21 Rockwood Community Market**, noon-4 p.m., Downtown Rockwood Plaza, rockwoodcommunitymarket.com
- 21 Rockwood Market Hall Music Series**, Christopher Kern, 4-7 p.m., rockwoodmarkethall.com/events
- 22 Music Mondays**, featuring Lusted Road (Country/Rock), 6:30-8:30 p.m., opening act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, spiritofgresham.org

- 24 Wednesday Music in the Parks**, featuring Swego and Guests (Afro Beats), Bella Vista Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m., spiritofgresham.org
- 26 Movies in the Park (Wish)**, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Pat Pfeifer Park, GreshamOregon.gov/Events
- 29 Music Mondays**, featuring CoLoSo (Reggae), 6:30-8:30 p.m., opening act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, spiritofgresham.org

### AUGUST

- 2 Movies in the Park (Kung Fu Panda 4)**, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, GreshamOregon.gov/Events
- 5 Music Mondays**, featuring Trent Beaver & the Damage (Country/Rock), 6:30-8:30 p.m., opening act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, spiritofgresham.org
- 7 Wednesday Music in the Parks**, Opera a la Carte featuring Portland Opera, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Butler Creek Park, spiritofgresham.org
- 9 Movies in the Park (Migration)**, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Pat Pfeifer Park, GreshamOregon.gov/Events
- 12 Music Mondays**, featuring Johnny Wheels (Blues), 6:30-8:30 p.m., opening act Sonny Hess, 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, spiritofgresham.org
- 15 Community Splash Day**, noon-4 p.m., Arts Plaza, spiritofgresham.org
- 16 Movies in the Park (Jurassic Park)**, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Red Sunset Park, GreshamOregon.gov/Events
- 19 Music Mondays**, featuring Darling Radio

(Americana/Folk), 6:30-8:30 p.m., opening act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, spiritofgresham.org

- 21 Wednesday Music in the Parks**, featuring Tequila Highway (Latin), 6:30-8:30 p.m., Vance Park, spiritofgresham.org
- 25 Gresham Senior Center Car Show**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Multnomah County East Building lot, greshamseniorcenter.com
- 26 Music Mondays**, featuring The Denominators (Soul/R&B), 6:30-8 p.m., opening act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, spiritofgresham.org

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day**, City Hall closed
- 8 Cruisin' With the Cops Car Show**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., former Kmart lot, cruisinwiththecops.org
- 28 Teddy Bear Parade**, 10 a.m.-noon, historic downtown Gresham, sigresham.org



For a complete list visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Events).

## Neighborhood Association Information

Meetings may be virtual or in-person.

See neighborhood meeting agendas posted at [GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods).

### CENTENNIAL

Mary Edmeades, President  
[centennialhood@gmail.com](mailto:centennialhood@gmail.com)

### CENTRAL CITY

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

### GRESHAM BUTTE

Stephen Estes, President  
[greshambutte@gmail.com](mailto:greshambutte@gmail.com)  
Monthly meeting  
Sept. through May,  
every second Wednesday,  
7 p.m.

### GRESHAM PLEASANT VALLEY

Richard Barker, President  
714-264-1752

### HISTORIC SOUTHEAST

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### NORTHWEST

Kat Todd, President  
[trevkat@hotmail.com](mailto:trevkat@hotmail.com) or  
[President@nwnaGresham.org](mailto:President@nwnaGresham.org)  
NWN Picnic:  
Aug. 8, 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Bella Vista Park

### POWELL VALLEY

Nancy Inglehart, President  
[powellvalleyyna@gmail.com](mailto:powellvalleyyna@gmail.com)

### ROCKWOOD

Catherine Nicewood, President  
503-285-6587 or  
[rockwoodpresident@gmail.com](mailto:rockwoodpresident@gmail.com)  
Third Mondays of June, November,  
March, 6 p.m.  
Rockwood Village Community Center,  
783 SE 185th Ave.  
National Night Out:  
July 23, 4-7 p.m.  
Rockwood Prep Academy Campus/  
Hope Center, 740 SE 182nd Ave.

### SOUTHWEST

Kathy Gardenhire, President  
503-661-6554 or [kg6554@frontier.com](mailto:kg6554@frontier.com)  
National Night Out:  
July 25, 6:30 p.m.  
Butler Creek Park

### WILKES EAST

Kris Freiermuth, President  
503-709-9564 or  
[lkfreiermuth@gmail.com](mailto:lkfreiermuth@gmail.com)  
[www.wilkeseastna.org](http://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](mailto:GreshamNeighborhoodCoalition@gmail.com)  
Monthly, every second Tuesday,  
7 p.m.

Interested in what's happening in your neighborhood? Call the Neighborhoods office at 503-618-3214 or visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods).



## INSIDE CITY HALL

### Mayor

Travis Stovall 503-618-2584

### City Council Office

503-618-2871

### City Council

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

1333 NW Eastman Parkway  
Gresham, OR 97030

### Pay a City bill online

[GreshamOregon.gov/Pay-Your-Bill-Online](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Pay-Your-Bill-Online)

### In-person customer service hours

#### Building on Duty

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

#### Business Licenses

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

#### Permit Services

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

#### Planner on Duty

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

#### Utility Billing

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

City Hall is virtually open for all services, online or by phone, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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