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SUMMER 2023

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS

## What's next for Gresham's public safety?

The City is disappointed to share the Gresham Safety Levy (Measure 26-239) did not pass in the May 16 special election. The City proposed this five-year operating levy to fund police, fire, homeless services and mental health crisis response.

"While we are disheartened by the outcome of this vote, we greatly appreciate the outpouring of support we have seen from our community over the last few months," said Mayor Travis Stovall.

"Like so many other Gresham votes before, this one truly came down to the wire. The closeness of this vote clearly illustrates just how important every single vote is and how valued our police, fire, and homeless services teams are to this community."

### Summer safety

Your safety is our top priority. The City will continue making progress with partners to meet our safety goals. Police safety missions with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and Portland Police Bureau are back this summer. Our Safe Gresham effort is adding new safety measures to address community violence (see story, right).

### Balancing the budget

Because the levy didn't pass, the City



Gresham Police Community Safety Specialist Zach Jefferis (seated) is an unarmed resource for the community while supporting sworn Police officers.

faced an \$8.6 million budget shortfall in June. The City Council approved budget-balancing measures before the July 1 deadline, by:

- Keeping the \$15 monthly Police, Fire and Parks Fee.
- Using \$3.2 million in one-time American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars.
- Taking budget cost savings measures.

### Money issues remain

This year's last-minute budget scramble is a temporary band-aid. It gets Gresham through the fiscal year. But without new revenue of some sort, the City faces another several-million dollar shortfall again next summer.

Work continues toward a more sustainable financial situation for our community. This includes conversations about whether to return the Gresham Safety Levy to voters for a second consideration. Staff will return on July 18 to the Council Work Session with an update.

Passing revenue measures is historically difficult in Gresham. Despite everything, it is still encouraging to see how close this measure is, and how many of our voters do support our safety efforts. Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Financial-Road-Map](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Financial-Road-Map) or call 503-618-2247.

## Safe Gresham update

The City's community violence prevention effort is improving safety on streets and in neighborhoods by using technology and partnerships with its limited resources.

"Without the resources the Gresham Safety Levy would have provided, we need to rethink our approach to keeping our community safe," said Gresham Police Chief Travis Gullberg. "While we continue to show up for our community, we're also going to be leaning on innovative solutions and collaboration more than ever."

### Collaboration

- Assigned four department members to partner with local police agencies on the Joint Retail and Auto Theft Task Forces – in addition to regular duties.
- Used American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to hire two seasonal park ambassadors to assist Police. Ambassadors serve all parks, providing community presence and guidance.
- Used ARPA funding to hire two community safety specialists to assist Police in work associated with investigations.

### Intervention

- Reassigned one detective to the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit. This allows Gresham to increase illegal narcotics distribution investigations.
- Launched a Drones as First Responders pilot program to support patrol staff during shifts.

### Prevention

Assigned one officer to full-time public information officer and school liaison position. This work supports Police's response to school and community threats.

Visit [GreshamOregon.gov/News](http://GreshamOregon.gov/News) to read more about Safe Gresham's technology and partnership strategies.



### Safety Levy failure impacts

- Neighborhood Enforcement Team remains disbanded.
- Traffic enforcement team remains disbanded.
- Lack of police officers for mental health crisis team.
- Rockwood Public Safety Facility remains closed.
- Unable to provide complete fire prevention services.
- No proactive fire safety inspections at schools.
- Longer response times for fire or medical emergency 911 calls.
- Unable to launch Mobile Integrated Health to address chronic 911 calls.
- Homeless Services team down from 3 to 2.

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# Summer safety tips from Police and Fire

It's easy to let your guard down during the slower, lazy days of summer. By keeping in mind some simple tips from Gresham's safety experts, we hope to help you avoid some of the most common crimes and life-safety hazards.

## POLICE TIPS

### Gun violence prevention

- **Be a responsible gun owner.**

Don't leave your firearms in your car where they can be stolen and used to cause harm.

- **Prevent tragedy with simple steps:**

Secure your firearms with keyed locks, combination locks, or firearm safes. Keep your loved ones safe.

### Going out of town safely

- **Do not announce your trip on social media;**

post pictures after you return.

- **Use a "mail hold"** or ask a trusted neighbor to collect your mail and package delivery.

- **Set indoor and outdoor lights** on an automatic timer.

### Car break-in and theft prevention

- **Never leave your unattended car running.**



Gresham Police recommend anti-theft locks to stop vehicle theft.



Sandy River safety with the Water Rescue Team from Gresham Fire Station 75 in Troutdale.

- **Don't leave valuables where they can be seen** (purses, phones, shopping bags, firearms, etc.) Lock them in the trunk or take them with you.

- **Park in a well-lit area.**

Above all, the Gresham Police Department is encouraging the community to be prepared and stay alert. If a crime does occur, please report it by calling 503-823-3333 or visiting [GreshamOregon.gov/Police](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Police).

## FIRE TIPS

### Wildfire safety

Did you know? Wildfires can also spark inside city limits.

- **Only discard cigarettes in an approved container** away

from combustibles.

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

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

### Water safety

- **The weather may be hot, but the water is extremely cold** even in summer. Cold water shock can incapacitate swimmers within minutes. Wear a life jacket if you plan to go into the water.

- **Watch for the dangerous "toos,"** too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, too much activity. Take frequent breaks.

- **Safety first!** Don't swim alone, always have a buddy with you to watch out for each other.

### Grilling safety tips

- **Only use grills outdoors,** away from siding and deck railings.

- **Dispose of coals after they have cooled** in a metal can.

- **Grilling at an apartment?** Check with your apartment manager to learn about rules specific to your building.

Get more fire safety tips at [GreshamOregon.gov/Safety-Tips](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Safety-Tips)



## Dogs Days of Summer is back!

Saturday, July 29

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Gresham City Hall,  
1333 NW Eastman Parkway

The Gresham Police Department is hosting "Tagg's Dog Days of Summer 2," a free community event for the whole family to enjoy.

### Watch Police dogs learn to serve

Police are hosting K-9 units from around the metro area to train. Working K-9's and their handlers will showcase their talents through a series of live training sessions.

Watch K-9 first aid, agility and sports demos, and an accelerant detection with K-9 Kiki from Portland Fire and Rescue.

### Furry friends and treats

Community members can meet Tagg, the Gresham Police Department's comfort dog, as well as furry friends from local Guide Dogs for the Blind. Country Coffee will serve pup cups. Plus, Kona Ice, hot dogs, face painting and balloons (for the humans).

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).

## Fight crime at Gresham Night Out

Tuesday, Aug. 1

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Arts Plaza, 401 NE Second St.

Bring your family and invite your neighbors to celebrate Gresham's Night Out (National Night Out) at the Gresham Arts Plaza, 401 NE Second St.

Gresham's Fire and Police departments will be on hand showing off some of their equipment and sponsoring free ice cream floats for attendees.

Meet your elected officials 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 503-618-2482.



# 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.

The City Council adopted the three-year plan in August 2022. This milestone is a major step forward in pursuing our shared vision for the future.

Much like a blueprint, this plan serves as our guide as we work together to build up the city we call home. The priorities came from thousands of residents who took part in the Imagine Gresham engagement effort last year. This plan was truly made for the community and by the community.

Read the Strategic Plan and progress report at

[GreshamOregon.gov/Strategic-Plan](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Strategic-Plan).

For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 503-618-2346.



## ▶ Watch this video!

Strategic Plan in action: Homeless Services job connections. Scan code with phone camera.



### THRIVING ECONOMY

**247** new businesses opened

**\$35,000** in grant funding awarded to Economic Mobility and Opportunity Work programs

### COMMUNITY SAFETY

Police Strategic Plan adopted

**21** new Police staff hired

### HOUSING FOR ALL

**\$250,000** in new annual funding awarded

**150+** housed or sheltered

**\$94,263.41** for utility assistance provided to **432** customers

### COMMUNITY VIBRANCY

**7** new recreation programs started

**\$30,550** in grants awarded to **7** organizations to increase cultural events and activities

**4** City-hosted signature community events

### FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Financial Road Map adopted

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Lauren Moran

## Housing help

Lauren Moran is the City's housing resources coordinator.

This is great news for residents. "It's complicated sometimes, knowing what resources are out there," said Ashley Miller, Housing Services Manager. "Lauren's role is to help narrow that down for you and steer you in the right direction."

Examples of housing resources the coordinator can assist with:

- Emergency rent and utilities help
- Homeownership down payments
- Fair housing laws, tenant rights
- Landlord/tenant mediation
- Eviction help
- Rental housing inspections and complaints
- Emergency repairs, accessibility modifications/upgrades

"I love researching what resources organizations have for the community," Moran said.

Please note: Moran does not place people in housing. As housing resources coordinator, she connects people to vital housing services and resources.

For housing resources, visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Housing](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Housing). To reach the housing services coordinator, email [Housing@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:Housing@GreshamOregon.gov) or call 503-618-2721.

## Pleasantly moving along ...



Single detached houses make up most of the construction in Pleasant Valley in the past 20 years.

The City continues its project to take a fresh look at Pleasant Valley and evaluate what's been happening over the past 20 years.

The original 2004 vision for Pleasant Valley looks at creating a 1,532-acre "complete community" with a mix of land uses, transportation and natural spaces.

### Project update

We're wrapping up our analysis of what's been built and what's happening in the economic market so

we can better guide future growth.

After hearing from the community this summer, we'll identify strategies to support the vision for Pleasant Valley's future.

### How to get involved this summer

#### ▶ Pleasant Valley Community Workshop

Thursday, July 27, from 5:30-7 p.m.  
Pleasant Valley Grange, 17115 SE Foster Road

The City will share information about what we've learned so far and

### What we've heard so far

Popular community feedback through our online open house:

- Most people want a **mix of housing types**.
- **Affordable housing** for people with limited incomes is rated the highest priority.
- **Preserving the natural resources** in Pleasant Valley is important.
- So is **cultivating a Pleasant Valley "hub"** of services and resources for the surrounding communities.

hear from the community.



### ▶ Online open house

Can't make the meeting? Visit the online open house anytime to learn more and share your thoughts. Open until August.

Learn more at [GreshamOregon.gov/Pleasant-Valley-Plan-Update](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Pleasant-Valley-Plan-Update) and sign up for updates.

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

# Movies in the Park



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.

## Movies in the Park summer lineup

**Friday, June 23 - The Sandlot**  
Pat Pfeifer Park, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

**Friday, July 21 - Shrek**  
Gresham Arts Plaza, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

**Friday, July 28 - Encanto**  
Main City Park, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 4 - Despicable Me**  
Gresham Arts Plaza, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 11 - Puss and Boots Last Wish**, Red Sunset Park, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 18 - Super Mario Brothers**  
Gresham Arts Plaza, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

For more information, visit  
**GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation.**

# SUMMER CAMPS

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

## JULY

### Basketball Camp

Date: July 10-13  
Ages: 8-14  
Time: Half days, 9 a.m.-noon, M-TH  
Place: Red Sunset Park  
Cost: \$180 or \$500 for all 4 weeks  
Details: Led by Mt. Hood Community College head basketball coach Alex and staff. Includes a T-shirt and swag bag.

### Basketball Camp

Date: July 17-20  
Ages: 8-14  
Time: Half days, 9 a.m.-noon, M-TH  
Place: Red Sunset Park  
Cost: \$180 or \$500 for all 4 weeks  
Details: Led by Mt. Hood Community College head basketball coach Alex and staff. Includes a T-shirt and swag bag.

### Chess for Success Camp

Date: July 17-21  
Ages: 6-14  
Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., M-F  
Place: Red Sunset Park  
Cost: \$175  
Details: Led by Chess for Success staff. Enjoy team building, group games, art and board games. Includes a T-shirt and swag bag.

### Lego Camp

Date: July 17-21  
Ages: 5-7  
Time: Mornings, 9 a.m.-noon, M-F  
Place: Gresham City Hall  
Cost: \$160  
Details: Level up your Lego skills in this unplugged video-game inspired

experience. Led by Play-Well staff.

### Lego Camp

Date: July 17-21  
Ages: 7-12  
Time: Afternoons, 1-4 p.m., M-F  
Place: Gresham City Hall  
Cost: \$160  
Details: Level up your Leg skills in this unplugged video-game inspired experience. Led by Play-Well staff.

### Basketball Camp

Date: July 24-27  
Ages: 8-14  
Time: Half days, 9 a.m.-noon, M-TH  
Place: Red Sunset Park  
Cost: \$180 or \$500 for all 4 weeks  
Details: Led by Mt. Hood Community College head basketball coach Alex and staff. Includes a T-shirt and swag bag.

### Flag Football Camp

Date: July 24-28  
Ages: 7-12  
Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., M-F  
Place: Main City Park  
Cost: \$259  
Details: Learn football skills with passing, catching, de-flagging and defense. Includes a Skyhawks Sports Bowl. Led by SkyHawks staff.

### Art Camp

Date: July 24-27  
Ages: 8-12  
Time: 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., M-TH  
Place: Gresham City Hall  
Cost: \$149  
Details: Maker-skill building, group activities, outdoor art. Includes a T-shirt

# SKIP

SUMMER KIDS IN THE PARK

## FREE SACK LUNCH & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Monday–Friday, June 26–August 11

Main City Park: Noon-2 p.m.  
Neighbor's Park at Rockwood Village: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Nadaka Nature Park: Noon-2 p.m.  
Red Sunset Park: Noon-2 p.m.



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



MORE INFO:  
GreshamOregon.gov/SKIP  
503-618-2642



and swag bag. Led by Free Art NW staff.

### Chess for Success Camp

Date: July 31-Aug. 4  
Ages: 6-14  
Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., M-F  
Place: Red Sunset Park  
Cost: \$175  
Details: Enjoy team building, group games, art and other board games. Includes a T-shirt and swag bag. Led by Chess for Success staff.

### Basketball Camp

Date: July 31-Aug. 3  
Ages: 8-14  
Time: Half days, 9 a.m.-noon, M-TH  
Place: Red Sunset park  
Cost: \$180 or \$500 for all 4 weeks  
Details: Led by Mt. Hood Community College head basketball coach Alex and staff. Includes a T-shirt and swag bag.

## AUGUST

### Multi-Sport Camp

Date: Aug. 7-11  
Ages: 6-12  
Time: 9 a.m.-noon, M-F  
Place: Main City Park  
Cost: \$149  
Details: Learn three sports: capture the flag, dodgeball and ultimate frisbee. Fun with skill-based games and scrimmages. Led by SkyHawks staff.

### Lego Camp

Date: Aug. 14-18  
Ages: 7-12  
Time: Mornings, 9 a.m.-noon, M-F  
Place: Gresham City Hall  
Cost: \$160  
Details: 'MARVELous' using Lego materials. Lego builders assemble! Use Legos to build Avengers and battle for good. Led by Play-Well 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.



**Saturday, July 15**  
**Gresham Arts Plaza**  
**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**CELEBRATING  
21 YEARS!**

Recognized throughout the Pacific Northwest, the Gresham Arts Festival is back for its 21st year. The City is hosting an event to remember at the Gresham Arts Plaza, 401 NE Second St. Artisans from all across the region will fill the Arts Plaza square with an array of unique handcrafted arts in over a dozen mediums.

# ARTIST MARKET (120+ ARTISTS)

## Live Entertainment

Enjoy art through sound and dance! The Arts Festival will host music acts The Talbott Brothers; Shady Cove; Oregon Koto-Kai; Chervona; and RIDESHARE Jazz. Don't miss local dance acts Teva Oriata Polynesian Dance Troupe and Latino Network's Ballet Folklórico.

## Kids Village

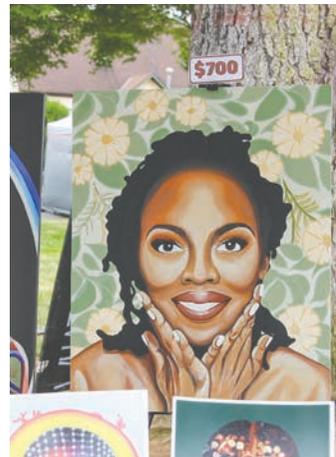
At the Kids Village presented by US World Class Taekwondo, families will find fun and free activities including face painting, epic bounce houses, Rock Haven Climbing Gym rock wall, plus a petting zoo, Disney princess visits, and more. Kids and families can splash about the plaza with the popular Children's Fountain flowing all day.

## Artist Market

Featuring local and regional artists in over a dozen mediums. Everything from woodwork, ceramic/pottery, photography, digital art, painting and more. The Rising Artists corner supports 10 high school youth. Plus, art from local nonprofits Cascade Woodturners Association, Women-Sew Global Foundation, and Creations for Cures.

## Local Cuisine

Stay fueled and hydrated with local businesses coming to the Arts Plaza including: Getta Gyro; Kona Ice; Autumn Coffee Roasting; The Hoppy Brewer; The Windy Rose; Ginger Cakes; Soroptimists of Gresham; S&J The Original Oriental Food; Rad Root; Pmars Family Recipes, SomSoms Shave Ice, and more!



**Volunteer! Artist map! Directions! Details at [GreshamOregon.gov/Arts-Festival](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Arts-Festival)**

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## Gresham's Climate Action Plan – let's talk!

The City is working on a community-wide Climate Action Plan to reduce emissions, prevent pollution, improve community health and adapt to climate change.

We're inviting you to talk with us about key actions we can work together on.

### Why we must act

Climate change directly impacts all of Gresham's residents, our businesses and the natural environment that makes this place so special.

### Get involved this summer

#### ► Climate Action Plan Community Meeting

Tuesday, July 25, from 6-7:30 p.m.  
Gresham High School,  
1200 N. Main Ave.

The City will share information about Gresham's climate action planning and hear from the community. Stay cool with food and refreshments. Green prizes for attendees.

#### ► Read the draft strategies

Visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Climate-Action](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Climate-Action) to read the draft plan.

#### ► Take the survey

Tell us, do the strategies outlined in the City's draft Climate Action Plan make sense for Gresham? Take the survey by Aug. 31.



### Questions?

John.Dea@GreshamOregon.gov  
or call 503-618-2134.

The City Council included climate action in the Gresham Strategic Plan.

Successful City climate action work includes upgrading all streetlights to LED, installing public electric vehicle charging stations, and using electric vehicles.

The Climate Action Plan goes to the City Council for adoption in late 2023.

## New Recycle Plus program

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

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

### Recycle+ materials

- Plastic film
- Plastic clamshells
- Compact fluorescent lamp light bulbs
- Cloth materials
- Small cords and electronic equipment (scanners, printers, speakers, etc.)
- Electronics (quarterly rotating item)



The optional Recycle+ program takes clothes, plastic film, clamshell containers, Styrofoam, etc.

### Recycle+ fees

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

### How to sign up

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

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

## ROCK THE BLOCK

**R**ock the Block is a family-friendly event providing free backpacks and school supplies, activities, food, and connections to community resources. Hosted by the City of Gresham.

Everyone's welcome to join the celebration! Come see what Rockwood has to offer and get to know your neighbors.

### Event details

Free, all ages!

Saturday, Aug. 26

Downtown Rockwood Plaza,  
185th SE Stark St.

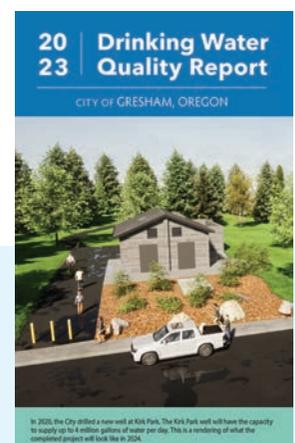
11 a.m.-4 p.m. Community Resource Fair

4-8 p.m. Block Party

[GreshamOregon.gov/Events](https://GreshamOregon.gov/Events)  
or call 971-438-6478.



At Rockwood's beloved summer event, children get new backpacks and supplies for school.



## Annual Water Quality Report available

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 2022.

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/2023WQR](https://GreshamOregon.gov/2023WQR). Request a paper copy or translation by calling Environmental Services, 503-618-2525.

# Groundwater system expansion: Projects well underway

We're pleased to report all nine Cascade Groundwater Alliance projects are underway.

The City and Rockwood Water People's Utility District have been working hard since 2020 to bring our communities an independent, safe and reliable groundwater system by 2026.

"Our partnership with Rockwood Water is a once-in-a-generation investment in a resilient drinking water future," said Mike Whiteley, Water Division Manager. "We are thrilled with our accomplishments the last few years designing and building the water system."

Expanding the groundwater system involves connecting three existing wells, five new wells, a new transmission line, three new water treatment facilities, one new reservoir and a renewed reservoir. See map, right.

New treatment facilities will ensure the water tastes great and will also address future regulations. Most groundwater will be treated at the new Cascade Water Treatment Facility (Project No. 4) just west of Rockwood Water headquarters. This plant will treat 25 to 30-million gallons daily and is expandable.

The expanded groundwater system will provide water to homes and businesses by 2026. Both Gresham and Rockwood Water will maintain a connection to Portland water for emergency and backup supply.

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



The Cascade Groundwater Alliance, a water supply partnership between the City of Gresham and Rockwood Water People's Utility District, is committed to providing the highest quality water to our customers at the

lowest possible cost.

Endowed with plentiful water from deep below the surface, we serve as joint caretakers and managers of this important community resource. Trust in our water system is built on decades of water-science expertise and a track record of transparency and reliability — from testing, to treatment, to tap.



## INSIDE CITY HALL

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Dina DiNucci  
Janine Gladfelter  
Jerry Hinton  
Vince Jones-Dixon  
Eddy Morales

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

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

**Building Permits** 503-618-2845

**Business Licenses** 503-618-2370

**Code Compliance** 503-618-2248

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

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

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

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

**Parks** 503-618-2626

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

**Small Business Center** 503-618-2872

**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**  
8 a.m.-4 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.

## Free Community Climbing Days

This summer, beat the heat by trying your skills climbing indoors.

- Wednesday, July 5, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 2, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 6, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Gresham residents can learn a new skill, for free, at Rock

Haven Climbing Gym on the first Wednesday of the month. Includes a day pass and climbing shoes. All participants must sign a waiver. Pre-register online at [rockhavenclimbing.com/first-visit](http://rockhavenclimbing.com/first-visit). Questions? Call 503-512-5511.

Sponsored by Gresham Parks and Recreation.



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## City Calendar

### JULY

- 10 Music Mondays**, featuring JT & The Mudbugs (Swing), 6:30-8:30 p.m., opening act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, [greshamcenterforthearts.org](http://greshamcenterforthearts.org)
- 12 Wag-N-Walk**, 4 p.m., Nadaka Nature Park, [GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Wag-N-Walk)
- 12 Wednesday Music in the Parks**, Oregon Symphonic Band (Classics), Nadaka Nature Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m., [greshamcenterforthearts.org](http://greshamcenterforthearts.org)
- 15 Gresham Arts Festival**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Arts Plaza, [GreshamOregon.gov/Arts-Festival](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Arts-Festival)
- 16 Rockwood Market Hall Music Series**, Brenna Larsen, 4-7 p.m., [rockwoodmarkethall.com/events](http://rockwoodmarkethall.com/events)
- 17 Music Mondays**, featuring Boondock Boys (Southern Rock), 6:30-8:30 p.m., opening act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, [greshamcenterforthearts.org](http://greshamcenterforthearts.org)
- 18 Bike Repair Hub**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Main City Park, [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Events)
- 20 Third Thursday**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., historic downtown, [historicdowntowngresham.org](http://historicdowntowngresham.org)
- 21 Movies in the Park (Shrek)**, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Events)

- 23 The People's Market (Sundays)**, 1-5 p.m., Downtown Rockwood, [peoplesmarketppl.com](http://peoplesmarketppl.com)
- 24 Music Mondays**, featuring Rhythm Culture (Reggae), 6:30-8:30 p.m., opening act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, [greshamcenterforthearts.org](http://greshamcenterforthearts.org)
- 25 Climate Action Plan Community Meeting**, 6-7:30 p.m., Gresham High School, [GreshamOregon.gov/Climate-Action](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Climate-Action)
- 26 Wednesday Music in the Parks**, featuring Kenney Polson (Smooth Jazz), Bella Vista Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m., [greshamcenterforthearts.org](http://greshamcenterforthearts.org)
- 28 Movies in the Park (Encanto)**, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Main City Park, [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Events)
- 29 Tagg's Dog Days of Summer 2**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Gresham City Hall, [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Events)
- 31 Music Mondays**, featuring Johnny Wheels and the Swamp Donkeys (Blues), 6:30-8:30 p.m., opening act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, [greshamcenterforthearts.org](http://greshamcenterforthearts.org)

### AUGUST

- 1 Gresham Night Out**, 5:30-8:30 pm, Arts Plaza, [GreshamOregon.gov/National-Night-Out](http://GreshamOregon.gov/National-Night-Out)
- 7 Music Mondays**, featuring The Super Soul Heroes (Soul), 6:30-8:30 p.m., opening

act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, [greshamcenterforthearts.org](http://greshamcenterforthearts.org)

- 9 Wednesday Music in the Parks**, featuring A Cara O Cruz (Latin/Cumbia); 6:30-8:30 p.m., Vance Park, [greshamcenterforthearts.org](http://greshamcenterforthearts.org)
- 11 Movies in the Park (Puss in Boots: The Last Wish)**, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Red Sunset Park, [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Events)
- 12 Gresham Farmers' Market**, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Arts Plaza, [greshamfarmersmarket.com](http://greshamfarmersmarket.com)
- 14 Music Mondays**, featuring The Bylines (Jazz), 6:30-8:30 p.m., opening act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, [greshamcenterforthearts.org](http://greshamcenterforthearts.org)
- 17 Third Thursday**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., historic downtown, [historicdowntowngresham.org](http://historicdowntowngresham.org)
- 18 Movies in the Park (Super Mario Brothers)**, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Events)
- 21 Music Mondays**, featuring A Cara O Cruz (Latin/Cumbia), 6:30-8:30 p.m., opening act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, [greshamcenterforthearts.org](http://greshamcenterforthearts.org)
- 23 Wednesday Music in the Parks**, featuring Bodacious (Zydeco), 6:30-8:30 p.m., Butler Creek Park, [greshamcenterforthearts.org](http://greshamcenterforthearts.org)
- 26 Educational Koi Expo (family-friendly)**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Main City Park, [greshamjapanesegarden.org](http://greshamjapanesegarden.org)

- 26 Rock the Block**, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Downtown Rockwood Plaza, [GreshamOregon.gov/Rock-the-Block](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Rock-the-Block)

- 27 Annual Car Show**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Gresham Senior Center, [greshamseniorcenter.com](http://greshamseniorcenter.com)

- 28 Music Mondays**, featuring Norman "Boogie Cat" Sylvester (Blues), 6:30-8 p.m., opening act 5:30 p.m., Arts Plaza, [greshamcenterforthearts.org](http://greshamcenterforthearts.org)

- 6 Community Climbing Day**, 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Rock Haven Gym, [GreshamOregon.gov/Events](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Events)

- 10 The People's Market (Sundays)**, 1-5 p.m., Rockwood Market Hall, [peoplesmarketppl.com](http://peoplesmarketppl.com)

- 21 Third Thursday**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., historic downtown, [historicdowntowngresham.org](http://historicdowntowngresham.org)

- 30 Gresham Teddy Bear Parade**, 10 a.m.-noon, downtown Gresham, [sigresham.org](http://sigresham.org)

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day**, City Hall closed



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  
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Aug. 1, 6 p.m., SW Community Park, 3333 W. Powell Blvd.

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### GRESHAM BUTTE

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Annual Park Celebration  
July 27, 5:30 p.m., Bella Vista Park  
401 NW Bella Vista Drive  
Oct. 30, 7 p.m.

### POWELL VALLEY

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Third Mondays of March, June,  
November, Rockwood Village  
Community Center, 783 SE 185th  
Ave., National Night Out  
Aug. 5, 4 p.m.  
740 SE 182nd Ave.

### SOUTHWEST

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### WILKES EAST

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Second Mondays of March, Aug.  
and Nov., 7 p.m.  
Aug. 14, 7 p.m., location TBA

### COALITION OF GRESHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

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[GreshamNeighborhoodCoalition@gmail.com](mailto:GreshamNeighborhoodCoalition@gmail.com)  
Monthly, 7 p.m., second Tuesday

Interested in what's happening in your neighborhood? Call the Neighborhoods office at 503-618-2482 or visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Neighborhoods).



## Throw a block party

Get to know your neighbors this summer!

You round up the neighbors, chips and hot dogs and we'll provide the fun on wheels with the Neighborhood Block Party Trailer.

Stocked with a grill, games, shade canopies and supplies, it's an easy way to build neighborhood goodwill.

To reserve the Block Party Trailer, visit [GreshamOregon.gov/Block-Parties](http://GreshamOregon.gov/Block-Parties) or call 503-618-2482.