



GRESHAM



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A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS

On the ballot: Gresham Safety Levy

Gresham City Council is asking voters to consider Measure 26-239, a five-year operating levy to fund police, fire, homeless and mental health crisis response.

Below, official ballot measure language in the Multnomah County Voters' Pamphlet:

Why is the Safety Levy needed?

- Independent studies agree the community needs more police and firefighters.
- Without more staff, police struggle to respond to 911 calls and investigate crimes.
- Simultaneous calls for one apartment fire and one medical emergency max out our emergency services.
- Homeless emergency response on evenings and weekends is a critical need.
- Mental health crises take up twice as much time as other 911 calls and twice as many police officers.
- Gresham property taxes, one of the lowest in the state, only fund 44% of police and fire costs.



Above: Firefighters scale the Lumen Building in Downtown Rockwood during a ladder test. Below: A Gresham Police officer meets young community members at a local event.

Gresham residents will oversee spending of this levy

Gresham residents serving on an oversight committee will oversee levy funds. These monies will be put in a dedicated and protected fund to make sure they are used properly.

Voters are asked to consider a levy of \$1.50/\$1,000 assessed value, beginning July 1, 2023. This measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than three percent.

The cost of this levy on a typical

Gresham home would be \$28.50 per month (with an assessed, not market, value of \$228,000.)

Estimated revenue

- \$13 million in 2023/24
- \$13.4 million in 2024/25
- \$13.8 million in 2025/26
- \$14.2 million in 2026/27
- \$14.6 million in 2027/28
- Five-year total: \$69 million



What happens if the levy fails?

Gresham faces an \$8 million budget shortfall. No new police or firefighters would be added to respond to rising crime. Instead, budget cuts would reduce public safety services to the community.

Without a major investment in fire, police and emergency response services, residents' lives are at risk:

- Inability to provide 24-hour police response.
 - Lifesaving minutes lost when firefighters have to call Portland for help.
 - Decrease in homeless connected to shelter, jobs.
- Visit GreshamOregon.gov/Safety-Levy for more information.

What will the levy fund?

Police services

At least 62.5% of funds

Impact: Add approximately 26 new positions; keep 13 temporary positions; protect officers from budget cuts.

- Restore specialty teams like Neighborhood Enforcement Team, Traffic Enforcement.
- Reduce response times.
- Safety neighborhoods and community – gun violence prevention, drug investigations.
- Reopen Rockwood Public Safety Building.
- Alternative response through unarmed public safety specialists.
- Mental health trained resources like clinicians will respond to community members in crisis, in coordination with our fire team.

Fire services

At least 35% of funds

Impact: Add approximately 16 new positions; keep four temporary positions; protect firefighters from budget cuts.

- Improve emergency response: Gresham has fewer firefighters and nearly 30% more calls than similar-sized cities.
- Less reliance on Portland during multiple emergencies.
- Inspections at schools to keep kids safe and community education on fire prevention.
- Reduce 911 calls by connecting frequent callers with resources.

Homeless response

No more than 2.5% of funds

Impact: Add one new position; keep one temporary position.

- Expand response to some evenings and weekends.

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STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

'Our community often has far more in common than what separates us'

Mayor Travis Stovall delivered his annual State of the City Address on March 8 at Sam Barlow High School.

Stovall's speech highlighted community wins in 2022 improving the quality of life around the city.

"Challenges are always easier to remember but what often gets lost is the incredible progress that has been made in our great community – and I'm here to assure you, progress has in fact been made," Mayor Stovall said.

- Invested a historic \$5.2 million in one-time American Rescue Plan Act funds to public safety.
- Lobbied successfully for state funds and launched our Safe Gresham and Youth Services programs to address community violence. In 2022, Gresham saw an 18% decrease in homicides from 2021.
- Collaborated with the community to Imagine Gresham and adopted the City's first Strategic Plan in over a decade.
- Sheltered or housed 191 people through our Homeless Services team.
- Answered 1,200 calls for mental health service through Police's Behavioral Health Unit.

Mayor Stovall shared examples of exciting projects taking shape in 2023. Progress is underway on many fronts:



"These efforts take time and while we are still experiencing the ripple effects of a global pandemic, there is hope on the horizon." – Mayor Travis Stovall

Community Safety

Transportation to keep our city moving. Gresham went after, and got, \$3 million in federal dollars for Gresham's 181st Safety Improvements Project. This means better safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles in this busy trafficked area with a high rate of accidents.

Thriving Economy

Microchip Technology is investing \$800 million in Gresham! The microchip maker for electronic devices is halfway through its expansion. It will triple production and hire more workers with good-paying jobs in the community.

A new, iconic East County Library. Announced in 2022, it will be built next to City Hall. Multnomah County's design renderings are truly inspiring for the community.

Community Vibrancy

Developing Gradin Sports Park. Plans for Gradin Sports Park are

coming to life over the next year. With \$4 million in state and federal grant funds, the City can add many missing amenities including a restroom, more fields, parking, etc.

More festivals and fun. In 2022, we started our Cultural Events Grant Program with \$30,000 in grants.

Housing for All

With partners, completed affordable housing complexes Rockwood Village and Wynne Watts Commons. These Metro Housing Bond-funded developments are a testament to collaboration and working to meet community needs. In 2023, we continue planning housing for all, at all stages and incomes.

Financial Sustainability

Gresham needs different funding sources. We have a plan in our Financial Road Map, adopted in 2022, to adapt to changes and challenges we encounter down the road.



Gresham Strategic Plan Our shared vision for the future

Interested in the work your City Council is doing this year? The Strategic Plan's goals foster a safe, thriving and welcoming community for all.

2023 Strategic Plan highlights

Community Safety

- Improve livability and sense of safety.
- Boost safety around streets, parks, neighborhoods, etc.
- Explore and implement creative ways to maintain community safety.
- Adapt to changing community needs and build trust.

Thriving Economy

- Support business owners.
- Keep existing businesses and recruit new ones.
- Develop creative partnerships and support workforce development.
- Celebrate the cultural richness of the business community.

Housing for All

- Provide homelessness resources with partner agencies.
- Support affordable housing development.
- Offer community housing stability tools and resources.

Community Vibrancy

- Bring the community together through a variety of community events.
- Increase public access to parks and natural areas.
- Focus on planning for more community gathering spaces.

Financial Sustainability

- Share City financial information.
- Communicate costs of basic services.
- Implement Financial Road Map to support the budget.

Read the complete Gresham Strategic Plan, this year's Action Plan, and progress reports online at GreshamOregon.gov/Strategic-Plan or call the City Manager's Office at 503-618-2346.

To read a transcript of the 2023 State of the City Address or watch it online, visit GreshamOregon.gov/SOTC.

Addressing current and future budget challenges

As a Gresham resident, you pay taxes and fees. The City uses those dollars to supply core services you need to live your life ... fire, police, streets, water, sewer and more.

Every year, the City must balance its budget and not go into debt to

solve a budget shortage.

Financial Road Map

To address this, Council adopted a three-year Financial Road Map, July 2023-June 2026. It's our plan to fund a full-service City organization with the resources needed to deliver exceptional community services.

Discussion: City Services Fee

In addition to the Safety Levy voters will consider in May, the Financial Road Map proposes a City Services Fee. It would raise \$3 million in 2023-24 to support shortages in the General Fund.

The Police, Fire and Parks Fee on the City's utility bill would go away entirely and be replaced by this lower City Services Fee. The City would

continue to provide assistance for residents who need help.

Staff is preparing a proposed City Services Fee structure and rate for Council approval. Council discussed the fee on April 4. Watch it online at GreshamOregon.gov/Agendas.

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Financial-Road-Map or call Elizabeth Coffey at 503-618-2247.

City planning next Rockwood-West Gresham urban renewal projects

Gresham voters approved extending the Rockwood-West Gresham Urban Renewal District from 2023 to 2029. Now, the City has more time to invest over the next six years on new projects.

"We're excited for the next wave of community development to strengthen the neighborhood," said Brian Monberg, Executive Director, Gresham Redevelopment Commission.

"We're starting ambitious plans to maximize the dollars voters approved last spring. And we want to hear from you what will be most impactful."

Rockwood B188

It's not a Star Wars droid but a proposed development in the heart of the Rockwood neighborhood. The proposal includes a new school, recreation, housing, workforce training and a business hub. All built with community ownership, gathering and participation in mind. Formerly the Sunrise Center, this is located on the 2-acre site next to the 188th MAX Station across from Downtown Rockwood.

► Take the survey

What do you think this development should include, and why? Are small businesses needed? Would a gymnasium be good



Above: The proposed Rockwood B188 community development site at the corner of Burnside and SE 188th Avenue. Top right: Oregon Tradewomen headquarters in Rockwood helps prepare women for careers in the skilled construction trades.

for the site? Other programs? Take the survey at GreshamOregon.gov/Urban-Renewal.

Investing the rest: urban renewal funds

This spring, the City is identifying priority areas to spend the remaining urban renewal funds on. We're asking the community what the best investments for urban renewal will be from now until 2029.

► Take the survey

Should we focus on adding more housing, businesses, public safety, parks, or economic development? Take the survey at GreshamOregon.gov/Urban-Renewal.

For more information about urban renewal opportunities, call the Gresham Redevelopment Commission at 503-618-2645 or find resources online.



Above: The Lumen Building is Downtown Rockwood's employment hub with medical services, preschool, small business development center, restaurant and more.

Help for homebuyers

The City's WELCOME HOME program offers down-payment assistance loans up to \$40,000 for first-time homebuyers whose incomes qualify.

The interest-free loans are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



Household qualifications

- First-time homebuyer or haven't owned a home in three years.
- Will live in the home as the primary residence.
- Are buying a home in Gresham with a sale price of no more than \$437,000.
- Qualify for a primary mortgage with an Oregon-licensed lender.
- Make 80 percent or less of the federal annual median income. Example: A household with two adults and two children earning \$85,200 or less.

Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Welcome-Home. Or call 503-618-2814.

If you're ready to apply, contact the Portland Housing Center at 503-797-4018.

A 'Pleasant' time to check in on development



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

Time goes by. That's why the City is reaching out to the community to talk about what's been happening in Pleasant Valley over the past 20 years.

Here's a short refresher: The City first established a plan for Pleasant Valley in 2004. It guides creating a new 1,532-acre "complete community" with a mix of land uses, transportation and natural spaces.

"While we have seen a lot of single-detached housing development, we have not seen the amount of commercial development and

associated jobs originally envisioned for the area," said Carly Rice, City planner.

The City is preparing to refresh the Pleasant Valley Plan by:

- Focusing on engaging community members to understand how the community's wants for Pleasant Valley have changed over the past two decades.
 - Looking at what's built and what's happening in the market to update how the City can guide future growth.
- The project will provide ways the



Talk to us about Pleasant Valley

Online open house
Goes live April 7

How to participate
Visit GreshamOregon.gov/Pleasant-Valley-Plan-Update

City can support reaching the vision for Pleasant Valley.

For more information, contact Carly.Rice@GreshamOregon.gov or 503-618-2818.

Spring Fling Who says summer has all the fun?

Free clinics with Friends of Baseball

Gresham Parks and Recreation and Friends of Baseball are swinging into spring with baseball/softball clinics – at no cost to families.

The clinics introduce young ballplayers to the game in a positive environment, whether beginner or experienced, from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Each clinic is led by Friends of Baseball's supportive coach/mentors and features fun drills, games, and skills

stations to teach catching, throwing, running bases, and batting.

All equipment is provided. All your child must do is show up, be ready to try new skills and have fun!

Everyone gets a Friends of Baseball swag bag with fun items for young ballplayers. Plus, priority registration for Gresham's annual Play Ball event on June 22.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to develop your baseball

and softball skills with Friends of Baseball.

Register at friendsofbaseballbi.leagueapps.com/camps.

April clinics

The Courts at Clear Creek
334 NE 219th Ave.
Wednesdays, 5:30-7 p.m.
Fridays, 5:30- 7 p.m.

May clinics

Rockwood Central Park
17707 SE Main St.
Friday evenings, 5:30-7 p.m.
Sunday afternoons, 4-5 p.m.



Gresham's annual Play Ball event with Friends of Baseball.

June clinics

Red Sunset Park
2403 NE Red Sunset Drive
June 2-11
Friday evenings, 5:30-7 p.m.
Sunday afternoons, 4-5:30 p.m.

Main City Park
219 S. Main Ave.
June 16-25
Friday evenings, 5:30-7 p.m.
Sunday afternoons, 4-5:30 p.m.

Arbor Day Tree Planting

Gresham is a proud Tree City USA

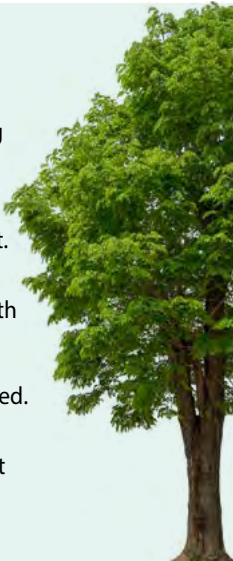
Rockwood Central Park Tree Planting

Wednesday, April 12
10 a.m.

Rockwood Central Park, 17707 SE Main St.

Join us in planting trees to shade the playground area and give Gresham youth a chance to learn about urban forestry, arboriculture and tree planting skills. Tools and morning refreshments provided. Please bring your own gloves.

Drop-ins welcome or RSVP by April 10 at GreshamOregon.gov/Arbor-Month
Questions? Call 503-618-2392.



Community Cleanup

National Youth Violence Prevention Week

Saturday, April 15

9 a.m.-noon

Springwater Trail, Main City Park,
219 S. Main Ave.

Our youth are up to a friendly challenge: preparing Gresham's trails for the Lilac Run. Are you? Help us make the event a success with clean and welcoming trails for all to enjoy. Lunch follows from noon- 1 p.m.

Register by April 10 at GreshamOregon.gov/Youth-Services
Questions? Call 503-618-9448.



Gresham Lilac Run

Presented by Unitus Community Credit Union

Saturday, April 22

8 a.m.

Main City Park, 219 S. Main Ave.

Celebrating 5 years and Earth Day! A 5K run/walk, 10K or half marathon. Registration fees benefit Thimbleberry Collaborative Farm.

Although the race is full, we still have spots open in the Little Lilac Run for ages 0-12 (free). Register at GreshamOregon.gov/Lilac-Run

Questions? Call 971-438-6477.



Still spots for kids!

What rain? Spring indoor recreation activities

Gresham Parks and Recreation's partnership with PlayEast offers youth extra spring recreation activities at East Gresham Elementary School.

Draw it, kick it, swish it

► **Drawing** for ages 5-12;

dates: April 25-May 30

► **Just 4 Kicks** indoor soccer for ages 5-11;

dates: May 2-May 30

► **Lil' Shots** indoor basketball for ages 3-13;

dates: May 5-June 1

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.

PlayEast has provided youth recreation in Fairview and Wood Village for the past several years. With this new partnership, PlayEast expands into Gresham with the hope of providing even more Gresham-based programs in the future.



Register at playeast.org or scan QR code.
Questions? Call PlayEast at 503-674-6202.

Find Gresham Parks and Recreation information at GreshamOregon.gov/Recreation or call 503-618-2300.



Green and Clean Day of Service

Gresham's 8th annual Day of Service celebrating parks and trails

Saturday, April 15

9 a.m.-noon

Trails cleanup: Springwater, Gresham Butte Saddle and Butler Creek trails

Promote community pride by helping tidy Gresham's beautiful trails. All ages welcome. Tools provided. Lunch party for all volunteers from noon-1 p.m.

Green and Clean is teaming up with Youth Services to kick off National Youth Violence Prevention week. Let's make a big impact together for our community.

Register by April 10 at GreshamOregon.gov/Green-and-Clean

Questions? Call 503-618-2482.

Spring lawn care tips from turf experts

Gresham has partnered with OSU Extension Service to create a series of lawn care videos to help people achieve the lawn they want.

We call it, "What's Your Lawn Style?" There's a video for basic, low-maintenance lawn care – if you want to spend the least amount of time possible. Then, if you want to step up your lawn routine, you can go for a medium care level. Finally, if you are a lawn fanatic, select high-care level to achieve top turf results.

"A key point we want you to know is weed and feed is the No. 1 selling lawn product, but it's found all across Oregon in our waterways."

- Keri Handaly,
Environmental Services



Turf tip

OSU turf experts don't recommend using weed and feed because it overapplies weed killer and adds fertilizer at the wrong time of the growing season.

The weed killer in weed and feed is called 2,4-D and studies show it poses health risks to humans and animals. So, we provide the number one tips for success in each lawn care regimen.

Recommended actions

1. Skip the weed and feed.
2. Use stream-safe, slow-release fertilizer rather than quick-release.
3. Fertilize only in spring or fall, or both, to protect our streams.
4. Learn more at Whatsyourlawnstyle.org.
5. Take the pledge to skip weed and feed at GreshamOregon.gov/Lawn-Care.

Apply for paid summer internships

Spring is a great time for local youth ages 16-24 to consider a summer internship at the City.

Paid internships usually last 180 hours between July and August. No experience is needed, just an interest in gaining work skills and learning about public service.

- The internship program welcomes youth from diverse backgrounds with little or no work history.
- Youth help with City projects in areas such as Parks and Rec, facilities, Police/Fire and community events.
- We partner with the county to offer paid SummerWorks internships.

Applications open in early May. Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/Youth-Services or call 503-618-2642.



Roadwork Rebuilding Gresham's local streets

Transportation is "Hitting the Streets" one last time from June to October to rebuild the worst of the worst neighborhood streets in the city.

Over the past five years, Hitting the Streets work has touched every corner of the city, renewing 25 percent of all local streets. This is the largest investment in our streets in Gresham's history.

In 2022, paving crews and

contractors rebuilt over 25 lane miles of neighborhood streets with new asphalt fronting 851 properties. Crews rebuilt 66 sidewalk ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Residents will receive notification in advance of the street reconstruction.

This work is in addition to the typical summer roadwork that fills potholes and cracks in the streets.



Around the city, we are reconstructing the most deteriorated neighborhood streets. To find out if your street is on the Street Reconstruction Program list visit GreshamOregon.gov/Streets or call 503-618-2525.



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503-618-2871

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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

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.

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Questions, comments and suggestions should be directed to Sarah Cagann at 503-793-4167, or Sarah.Cagann@GreshamOregon.gov.

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The information in this newsletter is current as of the publication date. Call the City at 503-618-3000 to verify meeting dates and status of events, or visit GreshamOregon.gov/Events

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Shredding and Electronics Collection Event

Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. – noon

Gresham City Hall parking lot, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway



SHREDDING MATERIALS ACCEPTED

Two grocery bags per household

- Credit card and bank statements
- Paycheck stubs
- Financial documents
- Electronics materials accepted
- Paper with personal data

ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED

Working and non-working items accepted

- Computers, laptops and power adapters*
- Tablets*
- Cell phones*
- Printers
- TVs
- Audio/video systems
- Keyboards, mice, cables, cords, chargers



ELECTRONICS NOT ACCEPTED

- **Household appliances** including dehumidifiers, air conditioners, smoke detectors, microwave ovens, etc.
- **Biohazard contact items** including toothbrush heads, blood testing devices, anything touching insects or vermin droppings.
- **Larger lithium-ion batteries** from mobility devices, e-bikes, etc.



Prepare your donations

* Please prepare your donation:

1. Untangle and tie up any cords.
2. Remove laptops from bags.
3. Attach any power adapter to its equipment.

Gresham is partnering with Free Geek, a nonprofit organization that safely and securely refurbishes locally donated technology and redistributes it at no or low cost.

Free Geek helps the communities most impacted by digital inequity by providing vulnerable populations with the digital literacy skills they need to succeed and thrive.

What cannot be refurbished is recycled in an environmentally responsible manner.

Learn more at

GreshamOregon.gov/Recycling.
Email Recycle@GreshamOregon.gov or call 503-618-2525.



GRESHAM GREEN BUSINESS

EXPERT ASSISTANCE TO MEET YOUR SUSTAINABILITY GOALS

Our free, in-person assistance can help your business reduce waste, conserve water and energy – helping the bottom line.



- **Free resources** from recycling boxes and signs to water conservation tools.
- **Personalized** consultation to identify solutions that make sense for your company.
- **Recommendations** that take the guesswork out of going green.
- **Training** for staff.
- **Business to business networking.**
- **Sign up** for our e-newsletter at GreshamOregon.gov/GreenBiz.



GET STARTED! Email us at GreenBiz@GreshamOregon.gov or call 503-618-2525. Learn more at GreshamOregon.gov/GreenBiz



Recycling

Reciclaje

Утиль



Plastic bottles, plastic round containers, metal, paper and cardboard; 6 oz 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.



Print a copy at GreshamOregon.gov/Recycling or scan this QR code with your phone's camera.

CITY OF GRESHAM

503-618-2525
GreshamOregon.gov/Recycling

Taking action: Our climate, our community

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

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.

"We must act swiftly to lessen the impact climate change will have on our community," said Shannon Martin, Solid Waste and Sustainability

Manager. "From hotter summers to wildfires and floods, climate change will affect everyone at a local level, not just globally."

Successful City climate action work includes upgrading all streetlights to LED, installing solar power at fire stations, and using electric vehicles.

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

Climate action planning with the community

We'll be reaching out to the community - households, businesses, and organizations - to talk about

six focus areas where we can work together to reduce our emissions. Our climate action plan will embrace equity so everyone can benefit and participate.

After thorough community engagement, the Climate Action Plan goes to the City Council for adoption in late 2023.

Learn more and sign up for updates at GreshamOregon.gov/Climate-Action.

For more information, email John.Dea@GreshamOregon.gov or call 503-618-2134.

ACTION ITEM!

Take the climate action survey

We're curious about our community's interests and opinions about climate change. What concerns you most? Drought? The increased cost of living? Tell us! This survey is for everybody. Take it by May 31 at GreshamOregon.gov/Climate-Action.



The plan includes six core focus areas where the City and community will work together to reduce our emissions.



What to do with bulky waste

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

What to do with used appliances, mattresses, tires, furniture:

- **Donate or recycle it.** If it's in good condition, call Metro Recycling, 503-234-3000, for recycling and donation options or go to Oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/garbage-and-recycling.

- **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.

- **Haul it yourself.** Call Metro for information on transfer station locations, 503-234-3000. If you live in an apartment unit or multifamily complex, call your property manager first for options.

- **Sell or give it away.** List items on reuse sites such as 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 Gresham Police Department.

Community Warehouse expands into Gresham

Community Warehouse, a furniture bank serving the metro area, collects donated home goods. They work directly with social service agencies to help local families seeking the comfort and dignity of a furnished home.

"Community Warehouse bridges the gap between quality, secondhand, household necessities and neighbors who can put them to good use right away," said Meghan Borato, City Sustainability Advisor.

Donations can improve home life for people transitioning from homelessness, immigrants and refugees, survivors of domestic violence, veterans, children, individuals with development or physical disabilities, among others.

"In the last 18 months, we've seen a 150% increase in demand for furniture bank services," said Anna Kurnizki, Executive Director. "We are thrilled to open a donation center in Gresham to help meet this demand. When you donate to Community Warehouse, you know it's going directly to neighbors in your community, turning empty rooms into comfy homes."



Community Warehouse provides donated furniture and household items to neighbors who need them most. Contributed photo.

Metro's Investment and Innovation Grant funding is providing the space to store donations and move materials back into the community. The Gresham location will recover and redistribute an estimated additional 200 tons per year.

Community Warehouse is partnering with ReClaim It to accept a wider range of donations at the new location. They are looking for furniture and household items free of stains, rips and pet hair/odors, including mattresses, kitchenware, small appliances, linens and home/garden décor.

Open in May

We need stuff!

Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Ruby Junction Business Park
819 SE 202nd Ave.

For accepted items, visit communitywarehouse.org/give-furniture
503-235-8786

We need volunteers!

Help intake, sort, or repair incoming donations. To learn more, email Caty@communitywarehouse.org.

GET INVOLVED IN GRESHAM

City Calendar

APRIL

13 Safety Levy Pint Night, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Migration Brewing, GreshamOregon.gov/Events

15 Free Recycling Event, 9 a.m.-noon, City Hall, paper shred and electronics, GreshamOregon.gov/Shred

15 Green and Clean, 9 a.m.-noon, Gresham trails, RSVP GreshamOregon.gov/Green-and-Clean, 503-618-2482

16 Sock Hop (multigenerational), 2-6 p.m., Gresham Senior Center,

greshamseniorcenter.com

16 Rockwood Market Hall Music Series, Dalton Huxley, 4-7 p.m., rockwoodmarkethall.com/events

17 Safety Levy Town Hall, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, GreshamOregon.gov/Events

20 Third Thursday, 5:30-8:30 p.m., historic downtown, activities, historicdowntowngresham.org

20 City Budget Committee Meeting, online, 6 p.m., GreshamOregon.gov/Events

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online, 6 p.m., GreshamOregon.gov/Events

29 Station Story Time, 10-11:30 a.m., Fire Station 71, City Hall, GreshamOregon.gov/Events

MAY

5-7 Mt. Hood Jazz Festival, Mt. Hood Community College, mhcc.edu/Mt-Hood-Jazz-Festival

6 Gresham Farmers' Market (Saturdays), 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Arts Plaza, greshamfarmersmarket.com

6 Mother's Day Tea, noon-4 p.m.,

Gresham Senior Center, tickets 503-988-4870, greshamseniorcenter.com

8 The People's Market (Sundays), Rockwood Market Hall, 1-7 p.m., peoplesmarketpgl.com

9 Station Story Time, 10-11:30 a.m., Rockwood Public Safety Building, GreshamOregon.gov/Events

29 Memorial Day, City Hall closed

JUNE

17 Gresham Repair Café and Clothing Swap, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.,

Gresham Library, GreshamOregon.gov/Events

19 Juneteenth, City Hall closed

20-21 Rummage Sale, Gresham Senior Center, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., greshamseniorcenter.com

22 Play Ball, 1-3:30 p.m., Pat Pfeifer Park, GreshamOregon.gov/Play-Ball-Gresham

26 Summer Kids in the Park opens, M-F recreation and lunch, Main City, Red Sunset, Nadaka Nature Park, Neighbor's Park/Rockwood Village, GreshamOregon.gov/SKIP

Community Climbing Days

Scale new heights

Wednesdays May 3, June 7

6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Gresham kids and families can learn a new skill, for free, at Rock Haven Climbing Gym on the first Wednesday of the month through June.

Sponsored by Gresham Parks and Recreation, try indoor recreation to stay active during spring's cool, rainy weather.

Includes a day pass and climbing shoes. All participants must sign a waiver. Children under 18 need a guardian's signature.

Register at rhclimbing.clubautomation.com

Questions? Call 503-512-5511



Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Time to party

Friday, May 5

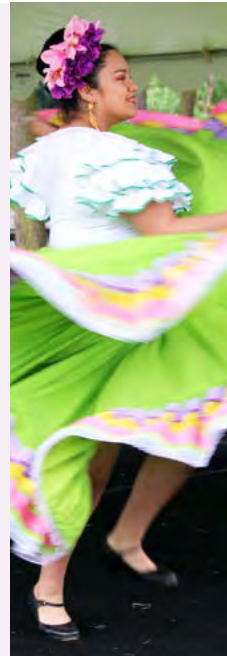
4-7 p.m.

Downtown Rockwood Plaza
458 SE 185th Ave.

Join us for a Cinco de Mayo celebration! Featuring music by Mariachi Guadalajara and a Ballet Folklórico performance. Plus, vendors and community organizations. Sponsored by the City of Gresham.

Details at rockwoodmarkethall.com/events

Questions? Call 503-907-6016



Play Ball Gresham

Free home run fun for kids

Thursday, June 22

1-3:30 p.m.

Pat Pfeifer Park
424 NE 172nd Ave.

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

Register by June 14 at GreshamOregon.gov/Play-Ball-Gresham

Questions?
Call 503-618-2213



Visit GreshamOregon.gov/Events for a complete list.

Neighborhood Association Information

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

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April 12, 7 p.m.

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503-285-6587 or
rockwoodpresident@gmail.com
Third Mondays of March, June,
November
June 19, 6 p.m.
Rockwood Village Community
Center, 783 SE 185th Ave.

SOUTHWEST

Julie Miller, Vice President

juliesadultcare@comcast.net
April 20, 7 p.m.

WILKES EAST

Kris Freiermuth, President
503-709-9564 or
www.wilkeseastna.org
Second Mondays of March,
August, November, 7 p.m.

COALITION OF GRESHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

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503-663-1466
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Monthly, every second Tuesday,
7 p.m.

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



Wag-N-Walk spring schedule

Free recreation walks for dog owners

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

April 22: Pat Pfeifer Park, 10 a.m.

May 3: Vance Park, 4 p.m.

May 20: Red Sunset Park, 10 a.m.

June 7: Bella Vista Park, 4 p.m.

June 17: Pat Pfeifer Park, 10 a.m.

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

Questions? Call 503-618-2213