



You count!

Every 10 years, the US Census Bureau counts every person living in the 50 states, District

of Columbia, and five US territories. Each home will receive an invitation to complete a questionnaire either online, by phone, or by mail.

So, what is the census and what does it mean to you?

Local Dollars: It determines federal funding for hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources.

Your Voice: It determines the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives, as well as drawing congressional and state legislative districts.

Historical and Confidential: The census began in 1790 and 2020 will be the 24th count. The census is completely confidential, easy to fill out, and only takes ten minutes online.

Questions? Visit the US Census Bureau at 2020census.gov.

Work Opportunities -- Join the US Census 2020 Team!

Supervisory and non-supervisory positions available in Washington County, especially in the Forest Grove area paying \$18.00 per hour. When people respond to the census and everyone is counted, you help your community get its fair share of the more than \$675 billion per year in federal funds spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs. Apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs. 2020 Census jobs provide: great pay, flexible hours, weekly pay and paid training. For more information or help applying, please call 1-855-562-2020. **Recruiters also available at Forest Grove City Library on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 pm until end of February.**

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

The **Community Enhancement Program (CEP)** is open to non-profit organizations, schools or local government advisory committees interested in undertaking projects to enhance Forest Grove. **Applications will be available March 1, 2020**, and must be completed and returned to City Hall, 1924 Council Street, by 5 pm on April 3, 2020.

Applications and information is online at www.forestgrove-or.gov/CEPGrants. For more information or questions, please call Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director, at 503-992-3200. The program is funded by a \$1.00 per ton charge collected by Metro at the Forest Grove Transfer Station.

PROGRAMA DE MEJORAMIENTO DE LA COMUNIDAD

El **Programa de Mejoramiento de la Comunidad (CEP)** por sus siglas en inglés) está abierto a organizaciones sin fines de lucro, escuelas o comités consultivos de gobiernos locales interesados en emprender proyectos para mejorar a Forest Grove. **Las solicitudes estarán disponibles a partir del 1 de marzo de 2020.** Las solicitudes deben ser llenadas y devueltas al Ayuntamiento, 1924 Council Street, antes de las 5 p.m. del 3 de abril de 2020.

Los formularios y la información están en línea en www.forestgrove-or.gov/CEPGrants. Para más información o preguntas, por favor llame a Paul Downey, Director de Servicios Administrativos, al 503-992-3200. El programa es financiado por medio de un cargo de \$1.00 por tonelada que Metro recaude en la Estación de Transferencia de Forest Grove.

SPRING SWIMMING LESSONS REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 2 CLASSES FILL FAST!

Session I (Days and evenings)
March 30 through April 29 (M & W)
March 31 through April 30 (T & TH)



Session II (Days and evenings)
May 4 through June 8 (M & W) No Classes Memorial Day, May 25
May 5 through June 4 (T & TH)

Swimming Instruction Fees	Regular Fee	Citizen Discount
Members per session	\$41.30	\$41.30
Non-members per session	\$81.50	\$61.30

2300 Sunset Drive, Forest Grove
503.992.3238 | www.forestgrove-or.gov/aquatic

SPRING BREAK AT THE POOL MARCH 23 - MARCH 27

**Regular Schedule
PLUS + Public Swim
Monday – Friday
1:00 – 3:00 PM**

NO AEROBICS OR ARTHRITIS CLASSES
THIS WEEK.

**2 for 1
SWIM COUPON**
(Valid for any one-time
paid public or fitness swim
March 23 thru March 27)

FYI Forest Grove...

Forest Grove / Cornelius Chamber of Commerce

Annual Dinner Celebration & Auction

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Forest Grove Armory, 2950 Taylor Way

5:30 PM | \$60

RSVP by March 10 at [503.357.3006](tel:503.357.3006) or info@visitforestgrove.com

Cocktail Attire Encouraged

**REGISTER NOW
for the 2020 SEASON**

at www.fglittleleague.com

Questions? Call 503-380-0607 or

Email fglittleleague@yahoo.com.

**FOREST GROVE
LITTLE LEAGUE**
Girls Softball

OREGON HUMANITIES CONVERSATION PROJECT

to foster civic dialogue on campus and with community

**Exploring Power and Privilege with
Courage, Creativity & Compassion**

Tuesday, March 10, 11:30-12:50

Pacific University - MPR University Center

Free, non-partisan civic dialogue with no
experience necessary. Join Pacific

students, staff, faculty, and your friends and neighbors for a professionally facilitated discussion focused on the goal of connecting "people to ideas and to each other, not to push an agenda or arrive at consensus". Registration is not required to attend but does help us order the right amount of coffee, tea & treats!

Register here: <https://bit.ly/2MmiOsT>



McCALL CENTER for
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Ticket Information

Phone 503-352-2918

Email boxoffice@pacificu.edu

pacificu.edu/PerformingArts

Saturday, March 7 | Vishtèn | fiery blend of traditional French songs and original instrumentals that fuse Celtic and Acadian genres with a modern rock sensibility and indie-folk influences.

Saturday, April 4 | Dala | Canadian folk musicians Amanda Walther and Sheila Carabine.

4th ANNUAL SEED SWAP

Dairy Creek Community Food Web

Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020 | 10 am to 3 pm

St. Bede Episcopal Church | 1609 Elm Street

Huge variety of seeds! Children's activities, tool sharpening, gardening information, free-cycle table, raffle.

For more information: dccfoodweb@gmail.com

DRINKING WATER PROTECTION

Why we have to protect
our drinking water...



BACKFLOW TESTING

As a City of Forest Grove water customer, you expect your drinking water to be safe. The federal Safe Drinking Water Act has jurisdiction over the public health aspects of the drinking water supply and the Oregon Health Authority regulates public water systems in our state requiring the City to have a Backflow Control Program.

Drinking water normally flows in one direction (from the meter to the house), although under certain circumstances it can flow in the opposite direction, or 'backflow'. A backflow incident can happen at any time. All that is needed is a water pressure drop in the public water system main line, most commonly caused by fire fighting, hydrant flushing, flow testing, a water main break, or extreme high usage on the water system. Any connection to a non-potable source not protected could be siphoned back into the public water system, which can pollute or contaminate the water system. Examples include residential fire systems, wells or auxiliary water systems, lawn irrigation systems, boilers, and swimming pools and hot tubs that are hard piped for filling purposes.

Backflow assemblies must be tested at the time of installation, annually (once a year) after installation, after repairs and after relocating or replacement. The City maintains a database containing all the permitted backflow assemblies in Forest Grove. When your device is due to be tested, the Program Specialist will send out a notice and a list of certified local testers. It is then the customer's responsibility to schedule the test and make payment arrangements. Upon completion of the test, the customer will be given a copy and the tester will submit the results to the City. Contact Public Works at 503-992-3258 with questions regarding Backflow Testing.



Metro HomeShare connects Home Providers (homeowners) with Home Seekers (renters) to help stabilize communities and facilitate home retention. We work with you to identify your financial and housing needs and then connect

you with a potential housemate who can help with rent or with a combination of services and reduced rent. If you have any questions or think home sharing may be a good solution for you or someone you know, please contact us at (971) 271-5195 or

metrohomeshare@emoregon.org or metrohomeshare.org.

Backyard Burning Season Opens March 1 and is allowed until June 15 but is open and closed daily by the Department of Environmental Quality based on the air quality conditions of the day. See [Open Burning Information](#) on the City's website under Fire Department for more details and safety steps or call 503.992.3240.