

FYI Forest Grove . . .

What's Happening in Rogers Park?

**CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION
MAY 4 thru mid-SEPTEMBER, 2020**



For Anna & Abby's Yard Project

Expansion Includes:

- Nature play area
- New picnic shelter
- New tennis and pickle ball courts
- Numerous other play features
- Additional planting materials
- Re-surfaced basketball court

No oak trees will be removed.

Giant Sequoia tree removed from neighbor's yard will be included in nature play area.

An observation area will be located on the grass on the west side along Filbert Street.

For more information and updates, see www.forestgrove-or.gov/projects or contact Tom Gamble at 503-992-3238.

CITY RATES AND FEES

As part of the annual budget process, the City Council decided to NOT increase any rates and fees through October 1, 2020.

EMERGENCY COVID ASSISTANCE

The Community Enhancement Program Committee offered one-time emergency assistance grants to the following non-profits to provide immediate assistance to those most vulnerable in Forest Grove:

- Adelante Mujeres: \$3,806
- Bienestar: \$1,935
- FG Foundation: Winter Shelter: \$8,534
- Family Justice Center: \$958
- Virginia Garcia Medical Health Center: \$6,114
- Forest Grove Elks: \$3,650.

More information about the awarded grants can be found at www.forestgrove-or.gov/citycouncil/CEPgrants.

SPRING COMMUNITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP EVENTS



CURBSIDE: June 22 - June 26, 2020

Forest Grove residents, with a current Waste Management account, may put out up to 6 extra bags (32-gallon capacity) of garbage on their regular collection day at no extra charge.

Prohibited materials include all hazardous waste materials; all construction, remodeling or demolition materials; all kitchen garbage, residential yard debris and trimmings, and waste and recyclables collected curbside.

BULKY WASTE FREE during month of June. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, bulky waste items will be accepted during any open hours at the Transfer Station. Customers will be required to unload the items. This insert is your "voucher" for 3 single items per customer (couches, mattresses, appliances, etc. — appliances must have refrigerant removed per DEQ regulations) and 4 tires per customer.

Mixed loads of construction, remodeling debris or other waste will be charged according to fee schedule.

Proof of residency will be required.
Bring your City of Forest Grove utility bill.
Questions? Contact Waste Management at 503-249-8078

Reminder: E-Waste (televisions, computers, monitors) are accepted at all times for recycling.



Special Thanks to Waste Management for providing this public service clean-up event and Metro for disposal vouchers for bulky waste.



SHREDDING EVENT: Saturday, June 20

Council & Ash Street parking lot
9 am to 12 noon

The City will be offering FREE shredding services for residents. Experts agree shredding is the best way to dispose of sensitive data so the City is partnering with Washington County Solid Waste and Recycling to bring this opportunity to residents.



Participants will be limited to four (4) bags/boxes of personal documents. For more information, contact Administrative Services at 503-992-3234.

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS and ECONOMIC RECOVERY

In an effort to promote and support its local businesses, the City of Forest Grove has created a map of businesses for the sole purpose of sharing information with the public. We encourage businesses to submit information via this survey so that their business appears on this map.

[Add Your Business to Our Local Businesses Map](#)

[Completa nuestra encuesta para ser incluido en nuestra mapa](#)

While we urge everyone to support local businesses during this time of emergency, the City is not affiliated or in a partnership with these businesses and has no control over them or the goods or services they provide. This page is for information purposes only and is based on data submitted by the participating businesses. Members of the community are encouraged to contact the businesses directly with any questions or concerns.

[Map of Local Businesses](#)



19th Avenue Extension: C Street to D Street

This project includes new road alignment, curbs, gutters and sidewalks on both sides bringing the street up to residential street standard. This extension will provide additional access from the surrounding area to the downtown corridor. Work will probably start in June with construction to be completed by September.

Pacific Avenue Safety Project: Safeway/Goodwill access vicinity

In an effort to improve pedestrian safety and reduce the number of crashes and near misses in this vicinity, the City has redesigned this access. The project includes:

- a centerline raised median barrier,
- replacing the existing pedestrian beacon with new high visibility rapid flashing beacons,
- installing a pedestrian refuge between lanes of traffic at the crosswalk, and
- minor revisions to driveway approaches.

Work will begin in June or July and is scheduled to be completed by the fall. Lane closures during construction will be necessary. Information about these and other projects can be found online at www.forestgrove-or.gov/projects.



The Forest Grove City Library is here for you in all the ways we can be - virtually - as we all navigate our way through this global pandemic.

Since we've been closed the Library has lacked the presence of the community we serve. We miss you! Tell us what you are looking forward to when we open our doors again - hopefully soon! Let us know by sending your comments to fgl-reference@wccls.org.

Dial-In Storytime

Do you miss storytime at Forest Grove City Library? Have you been safe in your house social distancing for several weeks? Do you live in Forest Grove or Cornelius? Are you between the ages of 3 and 6? Try Dial-In Storytime – a fun, low tech way for your kids to connect with their favorite library storytellers! You contact us to schedule a storytime session (nathanj@wccls.org or 503-992-3281), then Nathan, Joan or Adriana will call you at the appointed time to tell you a story and sing a song together. Calls will take about 10 minutes. **Available in English and Spanish.**



Life during COVID-19: a Library Blog

We welcome and encourage contributions from **everyone** in the community regardless of age, ability, native language, socioeconomic perspective, or creative skill level. Help us document tomorrow's history today! Email your stories, poems, drawings, photographs, or personal reflections to fgl-reference@wccls.org and we'll post them on the blog. For submission details & to view entries, visit <https://forestgrovehistory.wordpress.com/>



The Library has a new Instagram Account! It's geared towards teens in Forest Grove! The Teen Library Council helps out with running the account. Check it out at <https://www.instagram.com/fglteens>

See more ways to use the digital library online at <https://www.forestgrove-or.gov/library>



URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY AWARDS SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

The City of Forest Grove Urban Renewal Agency awarded grants up to \$2,500 to 80 local small businesses to assist with April rent or mortgage payments.

“We are very aware that our small businesses are hurting from this pandemic” stated Mayor Peter Truax, adding, “I am pleased the Urban Renewal Agency is able to help and hopefully bridge the gap to reopening once the pandemic is over.”

The awards amounted to \$126,100 and all eligible businesses have or will receive funding. City staff continues to work to help Forest Grove businesses to identify federal, state and county assistance programs and other tools during the pandemic crisis. For assistance or more information, contact 503-992-3293.

YOU COUNT!

More than half of the households in the U.S. have responded to the census — that’s almost 80 million responses! If you haven’t responded yet, remember that it’s quick, easy, and secure. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail.

OREGON COUNTS!

It is important to participate in the census to get local funding and state representation on the federal level. So far, Oregon is ahead nationally with 57.2% of households responding — let’s keep the trend going. The deadline to respond is October 31, 2020. For more information, visit: 2020census.gov

KINDERGARTEN / PRE-K REGISTRATION

With the school closure due to COVID-19, kindergarten registration has been restructured. If you have a child who will turn five years old (or four years old for pre-K) before September 1st and would like to register them for kindergarten, please visit fgsdk12.org. If you need assistance please contact: Michelle Ornelas- Zepeda

Early Learning Family Resource Coordinator
Mon, Wed, Thurs | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
(503) 359-2598 x 5510



ESSENTIAL NEEDS COORDINATED FOR WESTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Emergency Management Team has been coordinating efforts in response to an ongoing increase in demand for food resources and other essential needs.

Families or individuals needing assistance with food, medications, shelter, or supplies such as clothing, diapers, etc., can call **2-1-1**.

Food Distribution Centers in Western Washington County (locations/times may be change)

Monday: 2 to 4 PM

Forest Grove High School, 1401 Nichols Lane

Tuesday: 2:30 to 4:30 PM

Virginia Garcia, 170 North 10 Avenue, Cornelius
(St. Alexander Catholic Church)

1st Wednesday: 1 to 3 PM

Cornelius United Methodist Church, 1095 S. Beech Street, Cornelius

4th Wednesday: 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Centro Cultural, 170 North 10 Avenue, Cornelius
(St. Alexander Catholic Church)

Thursday: 10:45 AM to 12:45 PM

Solid Life Food Bank, 1719 Cedar Street, Forest Grove

Thursday: 2 to 4 PM

Forest Grove High School, 1401 Nichols Lane

Thursday: 5 to 7 PM

Wapato Valley Church, 212 Front Street, Gaston

Friday: 3 to 6 PM

Crossroads Church, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Forest Grove

Friday: 3 to 5:45 PM

Adelante Mujeres, 1777 Mountain View Lane
(NAMS), Forest Grove

Details and updates found online at www.preventprotectserve.com

DONATIONS: Anyone interested in providing donations of food or supplies may call **2-1-1** or email help@preventprotectserve.com

2-1-1 is not meant to replace 9-1-1 or non-emergency numbers for fire, police or medical. This is for essential needs for families and individuals.

50 YEARS OF HEALTHY WATER FOR ALL

With your support, Clean Water Services and our partner cities keep our communities and habitats thriving.

See how we protect the water we all depend on at cleanwaterservices.org.



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Due to the financial stress many families and businesses are feeling from the COVID-19 pandemic, Clean Water Services is recommending sanitary sewer and surface water management rates remain at their current levels in the new fiscal year beginning July 1 and defer planned rate increases until economic activity in the region recovers. We will manage our budget by delaying planned operating and capital investments.

You're welcome to attend our **June 5** Budget Committee meeting and **June 23** Board of Directors public hearing where we'll present our Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 budget and proposed rates. To learn more about how you can participate, please visit cleanwaterservices.org/budget.

Once the economic activity in the region recovers, we will implement the proposed rate increases to restart delayed investments. Our FY 2020-21 budget includes a provision for a delayed **4.2%** combined increase for the average household. The sanitary sewer rate would increase by **\$1.84 (4%)** a month, and the surface water management fee would increase by **\$0.50 (5%)** per month. These rates are shared proportionately by CWS and partner cities, which may charge additional fees to meet local needs. For more information on these added fees, please contact the **City of Forest Grove**.

Rates support our work in protecting water resources as we look beyond this pandemic and keep up with changing needs. This requires additional investments in aging infrastructure, ensuring our long-term water supply and meeting stricter federal and state pollution control rules.

For 50 years Clean Water Services has produced clean, healthy water and created a sustainable watershed for the people and businesses of Washington County. In this unprecedented time of COVID-19, we continue to keep your safety and health at the forefront – so all of us have clean water for drinking, washing our hands and helping prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Healthy water & healthy communities

In 2019, your investments helped:

Create 24 billion gallons
of clean water

Generate 19 million kWh
of renewable energy

Restore 141 miles
of riverbanks

Combining science and nature, we work in partnership with our Tualatin Basin cities to safeguard the river's health and vitality, ensure the economic success of our region, and protect public health for more than 600,000 residents and businesses in urban Washington County.



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