

2. City Manager's Report

Eric Schmidt, City Manager, will present his monthly report to council.
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The following is my City Manager report this evening:

- A particular highlight is the outstanding work of Gresham Police Officer Mark Smith, who recently recovered the 500th stolen vehicle as part of the Stolen Vehicle Operations that began in 2022. This is a significant milestone and speaks to the dedication and success of police department's efforts in combating vehicle theft.
- Officer Nathan Still was recognized by the homeowner for going above and beyond in supporting victims of a recent home invasion - "A calming bright spot for us was working with clearly well-trained officers and detectives of the Gresham Police Department, especially Officer Nathan Still. My husband and I want to commend Officer Still for his professionalism, courtesy, and his very kind, caring personality as he helped us navigate through this terrible experience. He returned the next night to update us and to see how we were doing."

- The levy-funded lateral firefighter academy candidates graduated on March 6, 2025. The seven firefighters excelled during the academy and have now entered the next phase of training as apparatus operators. This training will be completed on March 27, 2025, after which they will join their respective shifts and crews to serve our community.
- Gresham Fire has successfully concluded the interview process for the entry-level recruit academy starting on April 7, 2025. We are pleased to extend 12 job offers and are excited to welcome new members to our family.
- The Fire Stations Bay Ventilation Project is officially completed, and all systems are up and running. Inspections are complete and permits closed out.
- Phase 2 (Air Quality Testing) is now commencing. Testing equipment was deployed at stations 72, 75 and 76 on Monday the 17th, and will be collected for analysis on March 20. Testing equipment will be deployed at all other stations in early April.
- PFAS Groundwater Testing at the Fire Training Center- the RFP process is completed and a contractor (GSI Water Solutions) was selected. Next month, the sampling plan should be completed and test well drilling should commence around May.
- Station 73 Workout Trailer- the location for this trailer on the property was modified to maximize the site's efficiency. The trailer is slated to be delivered later this month.
- Station 72 Second Floor Addition- The project is progressing as planned and the crews are preparing to be out of the station starting in July for 8-9 months while construction work commences.

- Youth Advisory Council (YAC): Several members of the City's Youth Advisory Council just returned from the National League of Cities conference held in Washington D.C. It was an incredible opportunity for Gresham youth to experience public service on a national level. We are looking to have those YAC members present on their trip to Council at an upcoming meeting.
- Community Engagement just wrapped up awarding \$26,500 in cultural events grant and will be opening the community enhance grant cycle, funded by Metro, this Friday the 21st. It will remain open until 4/18. Neighborhood matching grants will be opening in May, exact dates will be shared shortly.
- The 7th annual Lilac Run, presented by Unitus credit union is sold out! The waitlist is still open, and we are still accepting runners, 12 and under, for the free little lilac run. This year's beneficiary is Loco Por La Aventura, a Gresham nonprofit. Thanks to all our sponsors they receive the run's registration fees to help promote educational equity and outdoor activities for the Latino community.
- This year's Green and Clean has been scheduled for Saturday May 17th. Stay tuned on the City website for more details.
- March 9 -15 was National Groundwater Awareness Week. While it might seem like an obscure holiday to recognize, it is an important reminder of the work taking place through the Cascade Ground Water Alliance to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable water is available to our community. With the construction of the new treatment facility well underway, the Cascade Groundwater Alliance is on track to complete the groundwater system expansion by 2026.
- The web team and GIS team have been working with the fire department to rebuild their presence on the City's website. Along with a new data transparency dashboard and dedicated recruitment pages, the updated fire department web pages will be available by the middle of April.
- Last but not least... The Trader Joe's TI permit was issued last week!