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Forest Grove Police holding tours and open house, Forest Grove firefighters head to North Carolina and more!

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Today, we have 161 free email newsletter subscribers and 31 paid email subscribers.

Good morning, Forest Grove! This is our eleventh email newsletter.

This week's edition is a day late, and well, a dollar short: I was out of the office with some health stuff for part of the week. As a reminder, we're in prelaunch and don't yet have any staff, other than me, so please bear with me! I am unfortunately not going to have this week's event listing in here, but we have some big news coming on that front.

The big news of the day, is starting now, the Forest Grove Police Department is throwing open their doors to the public to answer questions about the city's efforts. Take a look at that story below.

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As a reminder, News in the Grove is in prelaunch. We don't have staff or stable funding yet, which means our publishing schedule is irregular and limited, but will grow as our capacity builds.

On to the Forest Grove news.

Inside the Forest Grove Police Department



The interview room at the Forest Grove Police Department

Detective Darren Pomeroy said trying to use the single interview room in a way that works with the trauma crime victims bring into the building is important to the Forest Grove Police Department, but space constraints make it a challenge. That's not the only time space is an issue, Pomeroy said.

"If we have a big, big case going on, we usually bring in outside help, and we have to have places for people to land, to work, and that just doesn't really exist anymore here," he said.

Sometimes the department works with interagency groups like the Washington County Major Crimes Team, and when that happens, the already cramped quarters become a "major hurdle," Pomeroy said.

Detective Roberto Nava said the department has only one dedicated room to interview both suspects and victims, and the room is designed as a suspect interview room.

"A victim interview room is supposed to be a little more warm, so people are more comfortable. We don't really have that," he said.

Read the full story below.

Inside the Forest Grove Police Department

The Forest Grove Police Department is throwing open the doors of their 48-year-old building Saturday and in April and May to answer questions from the public in advance of a May ballot measure asking voters to pay to build a new station.



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Oregon Department of Forestry sends firefighters to aid North Carolina in wildfire fight

Oregon firefighters deployed last weekend to assist with wildfires in North Carolina. In the first round, 10 were from the Northwest Oregon Area, headquartered in Forest Grove, and then two more from the Forest Grove district were added to a second batch of firefighters.

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This week's history column

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1925 in Forest Grove: ‘Let us not resort to lawless means to enforce law’

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That's all for now, folks!

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A 'Ruck' will bring marchers, soldiers through Forest Grove Saturday

A Saturday, May 3 event starting at the Forest Grove National Guard Armory will bring "ruckers" through Forest Grove to raise funds and food donations.

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Red Rooster turns one, Forest Grove runners excel at half marathon, so many events and more!

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From the newsroom: I'm leaving for two weeks

I'm going out of town, so nobody do anything newsworthy until May, please.

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Red Rooster Saloon to host '80s party for first anniversary

The Red Rooster Saloon is turning one, and to celebrate, the saloon at the corner of Main Street and Pacific Avenue is throwing an '80s anniversary party Saturday, May 3.

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