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# News in the Grove Weekly Newsletter | January 31, 2024

Our very first sponsored newsletter, news on federal funding freeze in Forest Grove, a tragic fire, and more.

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**Chas Hundley**

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# News *in the* Grove

Hey look: a new logo!

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Good evening, Forest Grove! This is our third email newsletter. I have managed to catch some illness and am scrapping my grand logo unveiling and dropping some other stories so I can go lie in a hole. But there's plenty to see in this newsletter, including our first paid advertisement, answers on why you don't have electricity, and more

As of today, we have 102 free email newsletter subscribers and exactly 14 paid email subscribers.

*I recently built a [brand-new webpage](#) with more ways to help us get funded. One of those items was an option to sponsor a newsletter, and lo and behold, someone walked into my office hours later and asked if have advertising options for an event they were hosting in Forest Grove. We do! And here it is.*

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& entertainment by JG the Comedian

★ We have a logo and there it is ↓. There's a badge style, there's a horizontal style, there's icons, there's colors, and we're in business. My thanks to Edwin Ouellette of [Olet Design](#) for the excellent work.

Sorry to everyone who liked the other logos. They will live on in your memory, and nowhere else.

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?? (rerun from last week) **I built a list of supplies** I need and [have turned it into an Amazon wishlist](#). If you'd like to buy an item, please make sure to select our P.O. box to ship the item to, or you'll get it delivered to your house and I'm not sure what you're going to do with *\*checks notes\** "Bright White 1" Wafer Tab Seals (No Perf) 5000 tabs per roll."

?? **I set up another meet-and-greet from 5 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5** at [Dauntless Wine Co.](#)'s Forest Grove tasting room (2003 Main Street). Come say hi, bring your ideas/thoughts/questions for a modern Forest Grove news publication! And buy a drink, it's not an open bar.



**WEDNESDAY FEB 5 • 5 - 7 PM**

# MEET THE EDITOR

**@DAUNTLESS WINE CO, 2003 MAIN ST**

DROP IN, BUY A DRINK, ASK  
QUESTIONS, OR JUST SAY  
HI!



**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 news.**

### **?? A house fire in Forest Grove turned tragic**

One person was found dead by firefighters responding to a house fire in Forest Grove Wednesday evening.

[Read the full story here.](#)

One dead in Forest Grove residential fire

One person is dead following a residential fire, Forest Grove Fire & Rescue said in a message to News in the Grove. The fire was near the corner of A Street and 26th Ave, according to the PulsePoint app.



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## This is what happened to your electricity today

"We are on scene of a non-injury crash at the intersection of Yew Street and 24th Avenue," Forest Grove Fire & Rescue said. "The vehicle collided with a power pole, severely damaging it and knocking out power to the surrounding area."



I don't think it's supposed to look like that. Photo courtesy FGF&R

❖❖ **There was a lot of confusion this week over a federal order freezing funding.** It's now been halted by judicial action, and withdrawn by the White House, but before all that happened, we reached out to local government bodies, including the city, for their take on how it could affect them. You might not know it, but almost every government jurisdiction, down to the smallest level, often relies on funds, either grants or loans, from the feds for a variety of programs and services.

[Here's the story I wrote on that](#); if you're looking for a top level overview of the actual order and what happened, find that in your favorite national-level news source. I focused on the local impacts.

Forest Grove, TriMet react to now-stayed federal funding freeze

"The city is doing due diligence with all of our partners to find out the status of funding for all our projects with federal funds," Forest

Grove City Manager Jesse VanderZanden said in a phone call with News in the Grove.

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Before I close the books on this one, here are statements from a couple more local governing bodies that came in after press time:

**Washington County**

"Washington County continues to monitor and assess the impact of the recent executive orders and federal actions," said Washington County spokesperson Philip Bransford in an email to News in the Grove. "Washington County receives a significant amount of federal grants, at least \$200 million currently, some over a multiple-year period, to support various services we provide to the community every day. Any disruption to federal funding received or awarded to the County would considerably impact the vital services we provide to our community. Our primary goal is to minimize service disruptions that could directly harm the safety and health of our community members and support our community-based partners the best we can with our limited resources."

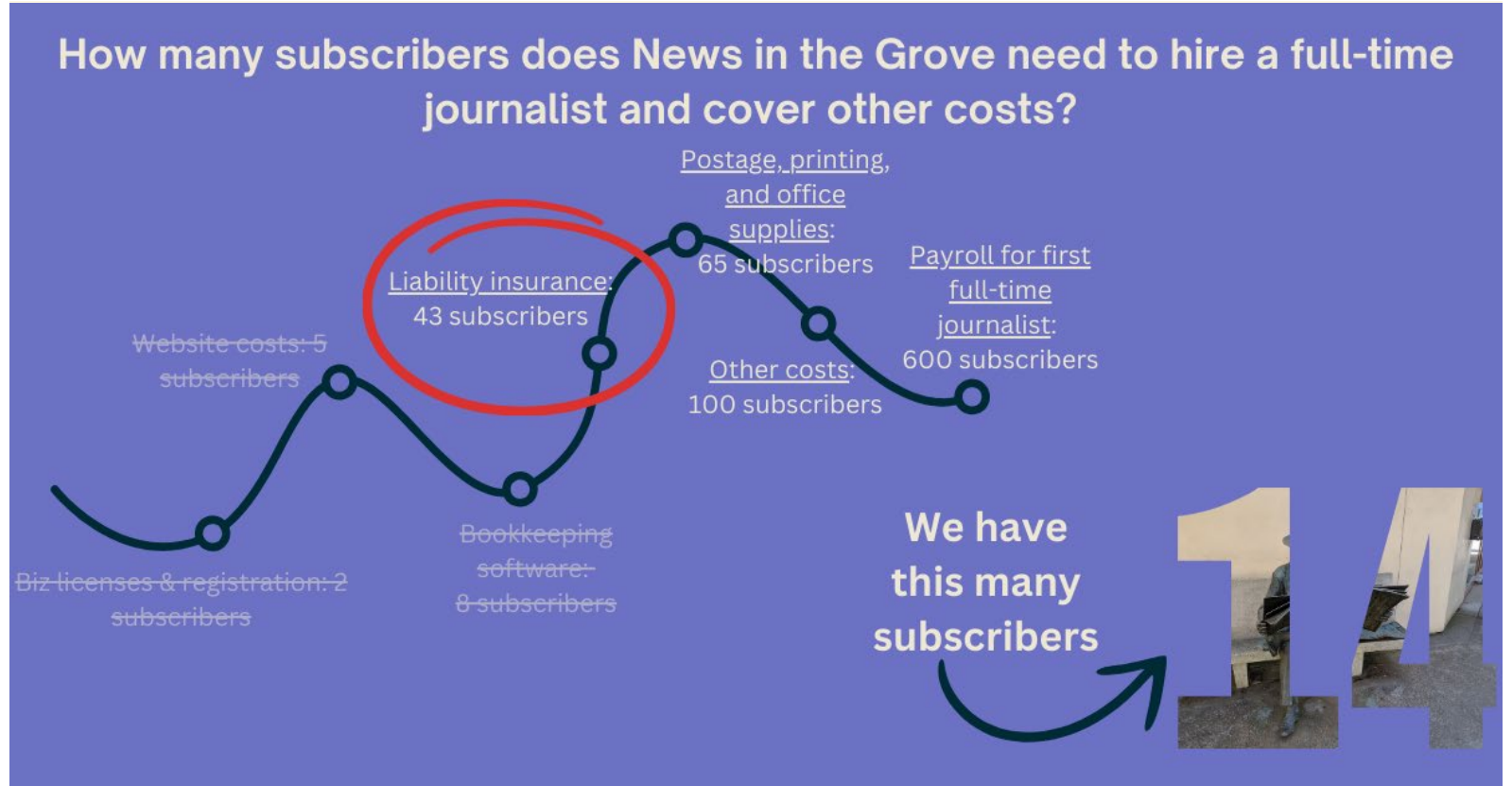
**Metro**

“Right now, there are many questions and little clarity about what the federal government is doing. I’m relieved the White House withdrew the order," said Metro Council President Lynn Peterson in a statement furnished to News in the Grove. "That said, nothing that happens at the federal level changes our mission or our values, and we remain hard at work. Supportive housing services have kept thousands of families from being evicted and got thousands more into housing. Our planning department coordinates with 24 cities and towns to make our roads safer. We manage the garbage and recycling systems. Our parks department oversees 18,000 acres of Oregon habitat. And we’re all eagerly awaiting the arrival of a baby elephant at the Oregon Zoo. The work we do directly impacts the 1.7 million people we serve, and we will not be deterred from it.”

History in the Grove: January 29, 1925  
An early Forest Grove history, armory bill heads for a vote and more in the news of a century ago.

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**That's all for now, folks!**

See you around. Please check out our [new funding page](#), and I'll see y'all on Wednesday!

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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.

By Chas Hundley — 02 May 2025

### News in the Grove Weekly Newsletter | April 18, 2025

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

By Chas Hundley — 18 Apr 2025

### From the newsroom: I'm leaving for two weeks

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

By Chas Hundley — 18 Apr 2025

### 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.

By Chas Hundley — 18 Apr 2025

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