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# News in the Grove Weekly Newsletter | March 21, 2025

Pelagic Brewing grand opening, a church moves downtown, State of the City draws crowd, 20+ events, and so much more!

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**Chas Hundley**  
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# News *in the* Grove

*March 21, Volume 1, issue #10.*

*Today, we have 149 free email newsletter subscribers and 30 paid email subscribers.*

**Good evening, Forest Grove!** This is our tenth email newsletter.

In this week's edition: Two downtown drinking establishments closed last year - now, we have two stories on what's next for the former Ridgewalker and The Lazy Eye buildings.

Also, news about school funding at the Forest Grove School District, Pacific sports, the Forest Grove State of the City, and **EVENTS! SO MANY EVENTS!**

**Don't forget: We've added an event listing inside this newsletter!**

**It's toward the bottom of the newsletter, and features live music, government meetings, theater and film events, and more.**

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*This week's email newsletter has no sponsor.*

**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.*

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**This week's history column**

A famed fire chief quits Forest Grove for Washington, the Mazamas (and some Boy Scouts) take a train from Portland and then trek from Dilley to find fossils, and the city plans to enclose Council Creek in the news of a century ago.

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**Pacific Sports**

Tennis on the Up Swing

Women’s tennis looks to bounce back to the Northwest Conference tournament

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- Byson Vasquez

## Forest Grove events

What's going on this week?

🎵🎵 = Free show or live music

Looking for Pacific University sports events? [Visit the Boxers calendar here.](#)

We're working to bring FGHS sports to the calendar soon. Stay tuned!

### Today, Friday | March 21, 2025

- [Indivisible Forest Grove Protest](#) - Flagpole
- [Friday Nite Barn Dance with Coppermill Country Band](#) (live music) - Carpenter Creek Farm & Winery
- 🎵🎵 [Country Night](#) - Bullets, Burgers and Brews
- 🎵🎵 [The Boom & The Bust](#) (live music)- Garage Door @ McMenamins

### Saturday | March 22, 2025

- 🎵🎵 [Blue Flags & Black Grass](#) (live music) - Waltz Brewing
- 🎵🎵 [Sonny Hess](#) (live music) - Garage Door @ McMenamins
- [Women's Military History Week Social and Panel Discussion](#) - Pacific University
- [Forest Grove Elkettes Rummage Sale](#) - Forest Grove Elks Lodge

### Sunday | March 23, 2025

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### Monday | March 24, 2025

- [Giggles! Wiggles! Stories!](#) - Forest Grove City Library
- [Teen Library Council](#) - Rogers Room @ Forest Grove City Library

### Tuesday | March 25, 2025

- [Preschool Storytime](#) - Forest Grove City Library
- [Free ESL Class \(Intermediate level\) | Clase de inglés gratis \(Nivel intermedio\)](#) - Forest Grove City Library
- [Trivia](#) - Waltz Brewing
- Drag Trivia, 7 p.m. - Vex

### Wednesday | March 26, 2025

- [Reading Buddies | Compañeros de Lectura](#) - Forest Grove City Library
- [Let's Make: Flower/Nature Crowns](#) - Forest Grove City Library

### Thursday | March 27, 2025

- [Canta Con Amigos](#) - Forest Grove City Library
- [Kumihimo Loom Bracelets](#) - Forest Grove City Library
- [Robert Sarazin Blake](#) (live music) - Garage Door @ McMenamins
- [Bluegrass Jam Session](#) - Waltz Brewing

## Around town

*Things that didn't quite make it to a full story*

### Thatcher Park Dog Park is open

"It's time for tails to wag, and pups to play again," the city of Forest Grove said. A yearly seasonal closure at the Thatcher Park Dog Park (750 David Hill Road) is over.

Thatcher Park Dog Park OPEN MARCH 21 2025

Thatcher Park Dog Park will reopen this Friday, March 21st. It's time for tails to wag, and pups to play again!



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## Library Friends group seeks volunteers for book sale

The Friends of the Forest Grove Library is looking for volunteers to help out at their May book sale and during setup and cleanup. Volunteers get two free books of their choice per shift! Visit the site below for more information.

Friends of the Forest Grove Library

Every library needs its Friends



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## Knickers in a bunch is online, too

[Knickers in a bunch](#) is exhibiting now through April 12 at the Kathrin Cawein Gallery of Art at Pacific University, but if you can't make it there in-person, [it's online, too!](#)

## That's all for now, folks!

See you next week. Don't have a membership yet? [Please consider supporting us with one so I can hire a full-time Forest Grove reporter!](#)

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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.

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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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