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News in the Grove Weekly Newsletter | March 7, 2025

More than 25 local Forest Grove events, Bi-Mart arson investigation, interviews with five Forest Grove people on why they're protesting, Hagg Lake mill expansion and so much more!



Chas Hundley
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Today, we have 127 free email newsletter subscribers and 27 paid email subscribers.

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

In this week's edition: [A protest movement is growing in Forest Grove](#), [police opened an arson investigation into a Bi-Mart dumpster fire](#), [Stimson Lumber is planning an expansion at their Hagg Lake mill](#) and much more!

The big internal news? 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, local fish stocking dates and more.

Want to add your events? Email chashundley@newsinthegrove.com!

Don't have a paid subscription yet? Reply to this email and I'll send you a coupon!

This week's email newsletter has no sponsor :'(

I built a list of supplies I need and [have turned it into an Amazon wishlist](#), and our readers have sent me some much-needed office supplies. I just added two items to the list this week!

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.

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.

Protests at Forest Grove flagpole grow over Trump, Musk, and Ukraine



At least two protests in Forest Grove in February have drawn increasingly larger groups of people to the flagpole protesting President Donald Trump's administration, Ukraine policies, and tech billionaire Elon Musk's influence in the federal government.

A small protest held Feb. 15 drew around 20 people to what has become [a common protest spot](#) in Forest Grove: the giant flagpole east of Safeway at the triangle formed by the start of Forest Grove's one-way grid.

A significantly larger crowd gathered at the flagpole on Friday, Feb. 28.

Nearly 50 people joined a protest in response to President Donald Trump's policies on the Russo-Ukrainian War.

News in the Grove interviewed five attendees to hear their thoughts on why they chose to protest. Read the full story by clicking the link below!

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Protests at the flagpole: From opposition to Elon Musk’s role in the federal government to outrage over Trump’s latest moves on Ukraine, protests in Forest Grove are growing. “Politics is always local,” one protester said.

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[Forest Grove Police: Bi-Mart dumpster fire 'is being investigated as arson'](#)

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[Forest Grove Aquatic Center closed until June 2 for tile replacement, gutter repair](#)

The Forest Grove Aquatic Center closed Monday for a planned three-month closure for repairs.

While the pool is closed, those looking to swim may be eyeing the next largest standing body of water in Forest Grove, Fernhill Wetlands.

Don't.

The Fernhill Wetlands are the [final step in treating human sewage](#) before water is returned to the Tualatin River, and the [site's rules do not allow swimming or boating](#).

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Stimson Lumber’s representatives will host a community meeting to outline plans to build a new structure, an early step in a planned \$50 million investment at their sawmill near Hagg Lake on Tuesday, March 4.

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Forest Grove's dreams of an armory axed by governor's veto in 1925

Forest Grove's dreams of an armory axed by governor's veto, a war hero visits Forest Grove and more in 1925.



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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.](#)

Today, Friday | March 7, 2025

- [Tualatin Valley Gem Club Rock and Gem Show](#) — Forest Grove Armory
- 🎵🎵 [Mr. Wilson Duo \(live music\)](#) - Garage Door @ McMenamins Grand Lodge
- [Indivisible Forest Grove Protest](#) - Forest Grove Flagpole

Saturday | March 8, 2025

- [Grand Lodge Hiring Call](#) - Children's Cottage @ McMenamins Grand Lodge
- 🎵🎵 [Kendall Lujan \(live music\)](#) - McMenamins Grand Lodge, Garage Door
- [Buffalo Soldiers: Fighting on Two Fronts](#) - Grand Lodge Theater @ McMenamins Grand Lodge
- [St. Anthony Crab & Seafood Dinner](#) - St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
- [Tualatin Valley Gem Club Rock and Gem Show](#) — Forest Grove Armory
- [Featured Artists Opening Reception](#) - Valley Art Gallery
- 🎵🎵 [Mae Day Band \(live music\)](#) - Carpenter Creek Farm and Winery
- 🎵🎵 [Mardi Gras Party and Lucky Beaucoup \(live music\)](#) - Waltz Brewing

Sunday | March 9, 2025

- [Tualatin Valley Gem Club Rock and Gem Show](#) — Forest Grove Armory

Monday | March 10, 2025

- [Giggles! Wiggles! Stories!](#) - Forest Grove City Library
- [Teen Library Council](#) - Roger Room @ Teen Library Council
- [Preschool Storytime](#) - Forest Grove City Library
- [Dorman Pond possible trout stock day](#) - Dorman Pond @ Gales Creek

Tuesday | March 11, 2025

- [Free ESL Class \(Intermediate level\) | Clase de inglés gratis \(Nivel intermedio\)](#) - Forest Grove City Library
- [Forest Grove School Board meeting](#) - FGSD Offices

Wednesday | March 12, 2025

- [Reading Buddies | Compañeros de Lectura](#) - Forest Grove City Library
- 🎵🎵 [Women Rising: Mary Whitmore's 50 Year Battle for Equal Rights](#) - Tran Library @ Pacific University

Thursday | March 13, 2025

- [Canta Con Amigos](#) - Forest Grove City Library
- [Teen Zone Crafting Hour](#) - Forest Grove City Library
- [Economic Development Commission](#) - McMenamins Grand Lodge
-   [Mick Overman \(live music\)](#) - Garage Door @ McMenamins Grand Lodge
- [The 39 Steps](#) - Tom Miles Theatre @ Pacific University
- [University Council](#) - Berglund Hall @ Pacific University
- [2025 OSAA / OnPoint Community Credit Union 4A Boys Basketball State Championship](#) begins - Forest Grove High School
- [2025 OSAA / OnPoint Community Credit Union 4A Girls Basketball State Championship](#) begins - Forest Grove High School

That's all for now, folks!

Next week: Find out by reading it.

READ MORE

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

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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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