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News in the Grove Weekly Newsletter | June 6, 2025

Steak feed , two house fires, the 55th Annual Gales Creek Strawberry Festival and more are in this week's newsletter!



Chas Hundley
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News *in the* Grove

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Today, we have 255 free email newsletter subscribers and 46 paid email subscribers.

Good afternoon, Forest Grove! This is our eighteenth email newsletter.

This week, we hit a big milestone: Between our paid and free newsletter subscribers, we crossed the 300 subscriber threshold! Thank you all for reading, and please keep forwarding this email to a Forest Grove friend.

This week, I was on-the-ground for two house fires, and attended several city government meetings. We're not yet writing too much about local government actions; right now, I'm learning the "who's who" in elected and appointed positions and seeing what the city is working on. Good, responsible coverage of city government takes a lot of knowledge, time, and resources, so we'll slowly ramp that up as capacity builds.

You can help us grow faster right now by forwarding this newsletter to a Forest Grove friend, [getting a subscription or even a News Club membership](#), or checking out our [Amazon wishlist](#).

-Chas Hundley, founder

What's in this newsletter?

Inside this newsletter:

- Two Forest Grove homes were damaged by fire, and nine cats were killed.
- The Gales Creek Strawberry Festival returns for a 55th year June 14, and there are many Forest Grove crafters, small businesses, and food carts involved.
- Free fishing this weekend and an event at Hagg Lake to teach you how to do it.

Plus more stories, events and blurbs at the bottom of the email! **I have also hidden a secret link in this email.** If you find it, click on it, and follow the instructions, you can look for a \$10 Telvet gift card I hid somewhere in downtown Forest Grove.

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This week's email newsletter is not sponsored.

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

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Forest Grove in 1925: Young farmer killed, sewer controversy

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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.](#)

Friday | June 6, 2025

- CALC Graduation - [Fern Hill Elementary](#)
- 🎭🎭 [JT Wise](#) (live music) - Garage Door @ McMenamins Grand Lodge
- [Arsenic and Old Lace](#) - Theatre in the Grove

- [Rotary Club of Forest Grove Steak Feed](#) - University Center @ Pacific University

Hm, what does this button do?

Saturday | June 7, 2025

- [Forest Grove High School Graduation](#) - FGHS
- [St. Anthony Picnic in the Park](#) - Rogers Park
- [Mosaïque](#) (live music) - Garage Door @ McMenamins Grand Lodge
- [Clarke Allen Rose](#) (live music) - Waltz Brewing
- [Arsenic and Old Lace](#) - Theatre in the Grove
- [Old Train Station Museum open 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.](#) - Friends of Historic Forest
- [Summer Food Truck Series](#) #1, ft. Oregon Fish Company - SakéOne

Sunday | June 8, 2025

- [Arsenic and Old Lace](#) - Theatre in the Grove
- [New Owners On Tap: Open House](#) (live music + more) - The Growler Garage
- [Red Shoes Band](#) (live music) - Carpenter Creek Farm and Winery
- [2nd Sunday Market](#) - Zesti Food Carts
- [David Tutmark](#) (live music) - Zesti Food Carts

Monday | June 9, 2025

- [Giggles! Wiggles! Stories!](#) - Forest Grove City Library
- [Teen Library Council](#) - Rogers Room @ Forest Grove City Library
- [City Council Meeting](#) - Community Auditorium
- [Urban Renewal Agency](#) meeting - Community Auditorium

Tuesday | June 10, 2025

- [Forest Grove School Board meeting](#) - FGSD offices
- [Free ESL Class \(Intermediate Level\) | Clase de inglés gratis \(Nivel intermedio\)](#) - Forest Grove City Library
- [Trivia](#) - Waltz Brewing
- [Sister City Committee Meeting](#) - Online
- [Committee for Community Engagement](#) (Rescheduled) - Community Auditorium
- [Lunch with Meals on Wheels People](#) - Forest Grove Senior & Community Center

Wednesday | June 11, 2025

- [Farmers Market](#) - Main Street
- [Old Train Station Museum open 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.](#) - Friends of Historic Forest Grove
- [Karaoke Night](#) - Zesti Food Carts

Thursday | June 12, 2025

- [Jack McMahon](#) (live music) - Garage Door @ McMenamins
- Open Mic (signup 6 p.m., starts at 6:30) - Taqueria Corona
- [Economic Development Commission](#)
- [Bingo](#) - Zesti Food Carts
- [Bluegrass Jam Session](#) - Waltz Brewing
- [Line Dance Lesson](#) - Zesti Food Carts

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Around town & coming up

Things that didn't quite make it to a full story and upcoming events beyond this week. Disappointed? Us too. [Get a subscription so we can hire a full-time Forest Grove journalist!](#)

Paninis are coming to Guidetti's Marketplace

[The Italian-style shop](#) offers wine, coffee, and gelato in downtown Forest Grove. Starting Tuesday, they'll offer paninis, too, thanks to a new panini maker they were experimenting with today.

Several events coming up beyond our calendar:

- [Forest Grove Gardenwalk](#) - June 14, 15
- [WasabiFest](#) (not in Forest Grove, but hosted by Forest Grove's SakéOne with support from other Forest Grove businesses) - June 14

That's all for now, folks!

This is the end of the newsletter. There will not be another in May, because May is coming to an end.

-Chas Hundley

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News in the Grove Weekly Newsletter | June 13, 2025

Oh hey, the universal community events calendar is finally here (also 10+ stories about Forest Grove).

By Chas Hundley — 13 Jun 2025

Six garage sales in Forest Grove this weekend

News in the Grove is soft-launching our live events calendar today, and one thing we're very excited to roll out is the garage and yard sale calendar! We drove around town and added six garage sales to the list for Friday and Saturday shopping.

By Chas Hundley — 13 Jun 2025

'No Kings' protest planned in Forest Grove Saturday

A nationwide protest against President Donald Trump's administration will include a Forest Grove protest at the flagpole Saturday, June 14 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

By Chas Hundley — 12 Jun 2025

Rep. Bonamici to host Washington County Town Hall in Hillsboro June 17

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici will host a Washington County Town Hall on Tuesday, June 17 at 6 p.m. at the Raymond Arthur Brown Middle School gym in Hillsboro.

By Chas Hundley — 12 Jun 2025

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