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News in the Grove Weekly Newsletter | May 30, 2025

Two Forest Grove festivals, a final hurrah for Vex Bar and 35 other events, how to evacuate when your world is on fire, and so much more pack this week's newsletter!



Chas Hundley
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News *in the* Grove

May 30, Volume 1, issue #17.

Today, we have 249 free email newsletter subscribers and 45 paid email subscribers.

Good evening, Forest Grove! This is our seventeenth email newsletter. It is jam packed. This remains a side gig for me, and yet I managed to publish eight stories, all about **FOREST GROVE** (and Hagg Lake) since last week's newsletter. Imagine what we could do with a full-time journalist.

You can help 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, editor/founder/etc

What's in this newsletter?

Inside this newsletter:

- ?? Nearly 200 gather in Forest Grove to honor fallen U.S. service members
- ?? Woman missing since March reunited with family

?? Brush up on wildfire evacuation levels now before everything around you is in flames
...And so many more stories, events, and bits and bobs, including a tiny election update, live theatre, the Forest Grove Festival of the Arts and more.
Here is a visual representation of the stories and events in this newsletter:
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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.
[Stimson Lumber debarker building near Hagg Lake damaged in fire](#)
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Forest Grove Festival of the Arts, part 2

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Dark comedy ‘Arsenic and Old Lace’ runs through June 15 at Theatre in the Grove

Theatre in the Grove will present “Arsenic and Old Lace” beginning Friday, May 30 with performances running through June 15.



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Forest Grove firefighter among ODF crews sent to Alberta, three states to fight wildfires

The Oregon Department of Forestry deployed 22 firefighters Friday to Canada and three states in what the agency said would be their “last big out-of-state resource push” until rains return this fall. One firefighter was out of the Forest Grove District.



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Missing Forest Grove woman ‘reunited with her family’

A Forest Grove woman missing since early March has been located and reunited with her family, the Forest Grove Police Department said Wednesday.



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This week's history column

"Memorial Day to See 'Closed' City," an 86 foot fir flag pole and more in this week's history column showcasing Forest Grove life from one hundred years ago!

1925 in Forest Grove: An 86 foot tall flagpole raised for Memorial Day

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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 | May 30, 2025

- [Arsenic and Old Lace](#) - Theatre in the Grove
- [FGHS Jazz Band and Jazz Combo Concert](#) - FGHS Auditorium
- ?? [Pure Jasper](#) (live music) - Zesti Food Carts
- ?? [Eric Leadbetter](#) (live music) - Garage Door @ McMenamins Grand Lodge

Saturday | May 31, 2025

- [Arsenic and Old Lace](#) - Theatre in the Grove
- [FGHS Marching Band, Color Guard, & Vikettes at the Starlight Parade](#) - Portland
- [Viking House Open House – 50th Anniversary](#) - 1236 Parkside Ave, Forest Grove
- [Mariachi Tradición](#) - The Reser (Beaverton)
- [Cornelius Elementary School – Open House and Goodbye](#) - Cornelius Elementary School
- [JT Wise Band \(live music\)](#) - Waltz Brewing
- [Old Train Station Museum open 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.](#) - Friends of Historic Forest
- [Laura Gibson \(live music\) and Black Belt Eagle Scout soundwalk](#) - Sain Creek Recreation Area @ Hagg Lake
- [Lovely](#) (live music) - Garage Door @ McMenamins Grand Lodge
- [3rd Annual Grand Lodge Brewfest](#) - McMenamins Grand Lodge
- [Vex closing party](#) - Vex Bar

Sunday | June 1, 2025

- [Arsenic and Old Lace](#) - Theatre in the Grove

Monday | June 2, 2025

- [Local Athletic Group Feedback on Parks & Recreation Cost Recovery Plan](#) - Forest Grove Light & Power
- [Planning Commission](#) meeting - Community Auditorium

Tuesday | June 3, 2025

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

Wednesday | June 4, 2025

- [Farmers Market](#) - Main Street
- [Forest Grove Festival of the Arts](#) - Forest Grove
- [Opening Reception for featured artist Janyce Kittler](#) - A Framer's Touch
- [Line Dance Lesson](#) - Bullets Burgers & Brews
- [Books on Tap book club](#) - Waltz Brewing
- [Old Train Station Museum open 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.](#) - Friends of Historic Forest Grove
- [FGPD: Meet us at the Market](#) - Forest Grove Farmers Market

Thursday | June 5, 2025

- [Bingo](#) - Zesti Food Carts
- [Line Dance Lesson](#) - Zesti Food Carts
- [Bluegrass Jam Session](#) - Waltz Brewing
- Open Mic (signup 6 p.m., starts at 6:30) - Taqueria Corona
- [John Bunzow](#) (live music) - Garage Door @ McMenamins
- [Rise & Shine](#) - Forest Grove Senior & Community Center
- [Lunch with Meals on Wheels People](#) - Forest Grove Senior & Community Center

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](#)

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Forest Grove City Library summer reading begins June 1

Kids teens and adults all have options to tackle their summer reading goals while winning prizes, finding camaraderie, and challenging themselves.

And reading News in the Grove can help you out.

"What counts as reading?" The [city's library queries in a webpage for the program](#). "Not just books! Newspapers, magazines, audiobooks, online articles, and graphic novels count, too," the Forest Grove City library said.

Police station vote count: Yes vote gains one vote in Friday tally

The latest [results from the Washington County Elections Division \(.pdf\)](#) narrowed the gap between the ayes and nays by just one vote on the measure to fund the replacement of the city's police station. Now, the no vote leads by 189 votes. It's the last major vote update.

The election will be certified mid-June.

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

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[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.](#)

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['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.](#)

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[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.](#)

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