



# HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GRESHAM

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## July is Art Month!

**H**istoric Downtown Gresham is a special place to those of us who live and work in the area all year round! The month of July is particularly special because of the amount of Art and Art events being brought to the City during this one particular month. These events include the following:

**Music Mondays** – after a successful June edition of Music Mondays the Center for the Arts Plaza will play host to three performers during the month of July on the Plaza (note: no Music Mondays performance is scheduled for Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> because of the holiday weekend). Music Mondays runs from 12 noon – 1:30 pm and on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> Wayne Richards & Southern Nights - A popular NW attraction for years and called by the A&E “Spicy Americana Originals,” will be bringing their funny, up tempo and slightly risqué music to the Music Mondays series. Already having a fan base in Gresham because of their performances at the Gresham Farmers Market, Wayne Richards and Southern Nights are looking very forward to their performance. July 19<sup>th</sup> will answer the question of what music would sound like if you combined James Brown, Chicago, Stevie Wonder, Dave Matthews, Jack Johnson and Steely Dan. Jacob Merlin is a Portland native and performing with his 5 member band they are able to bring all of these outstanding musicians’ sounds together to create their own new style funky, jazzy, pop rock. Wrapping up the July Music Mondays programs on the 26<sup>th</sup> a performance by Cody Weathers who is arguably Portland’s premier underground acoustic scat-rock singer-songwriter. Known for his hyperactive, tongue-twisting singing and rugged good looks, Weathers has written more than 400 songs chronicling his bittersweet nerd feelings.



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## Calendar of Events

### Pub Talk

Thu, July 1<sup>st</sup> 5:15-7:00pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Street Brewing Co.  
Cost: \$5.00

### Business Assoc. Meeting

Tue, July 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 am  
SBDC office (3<sup>rd</sup> & Roberts)

### Walk & Learn Series

Sat, Jul 10<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:30am  
Meet @ Farmer’s Market  
(Miller Ave & 3<sup>rd</sup> St)

### Third Thursday Party

Music – Art – Wine  
Thu, July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Downtown Gresham

### Gresham Art Walk

Sat, July 17<sup>th</sup> 9am-5pm  
Main Ave. Downtown

### Walk & Learn Series

Wed, Jul 21<sup>st</sup> 12:15-12:45  
Meet @ Sweet Betty’s

## July is Art Month!

**Celebration of the Arts** – Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> the Center for the Arts Plaza will host the traditionally Celebration of the Arts events where local non-profit arts organizations including the Gresham Art Committee, Nutz-n-Boltz Theater Company, Mount Hood Pops, The Columbia Symphony Orchestra and the Mount Hood Arts Guild will have an opportunity to tell people about their upcoming seasons and celebrate the Arts & Culture events in our own backyard. Hosted by the Center for the Arts Foundation, in conjunction with the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce, the event is scheduled from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm and will feature a live performance by the Mount Hood Community College Jazz program while complimentary food and beverages are served. This is an event not to miss!

**Third Thursday** – Starting at 5:30 pm on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and held in coordination with the Celebration of the Arts, the Third Thursday events in Historic Downtown feature approximately 20 Main Avenue business who remain open until 8:00 pm to provide for an ‘open house’ atmosphere all evening long. Stores host wineries and music fills the streets with several performers between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Powell Boulevard. In July this event is unique because vacant storefronts are being opened up, thanks to the Gresham Downtown Development Association (GDDA) and will be filled with individual artists as well as Historic Downtown Gresham Business Association Members who have businesses located off Main Avenue who want to participate in the exciting event. While weather has hampered our May and June Third Thursday events, this is a program that you will not want to miss!

**Art Walk** – In its 9<sup>th</sup> year and held on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 5 pm, the Gresham Art Walk is an event that is family friendly and features art for sale, live music, free children’s arts and crafts and the opportunity to visit many unique shops and restaurants in the core of Historic Downtown Gresham. During the Art walk, more than 125 arts fill Main Avenue and feature everything from garden art to pottery to beadwork to oil paintings. This is an event that truly brings many forms of art to life.

**Party on the Plaza** – Do you remember the former Street Dance that used to occur every summer? This event is a revitalization effort to bring back an old favorite while creating an event that people will look forward to attending every year. Being held on the Center for the Arts Plaza on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, this exciting concert event will feature headlining performer, Super Diamond, a well known Neil Diamond cover band hailing from California, who has a knack for selling out venues around the country including Portland’s Crystal Ballroom. The program will also include local up and coming country music artist, Kurt Van Meter who recently performed to a sold out crowd at Duke’s along with Chris Young. Gates open at 5 pm and with State Representative Greg Matthews playing emcee and host for the evening, you will want to arrive early along with your blanket or lawn chairs and get set up for a great show. You will have an opportunity to enjoy food & beverages from our local restaurants including Boccelli’s Restaurant, 4<sup>th</sup> Street Brewing Company, Café Delirium and a new edition to Gresham, Bella Cupcakes. The Party on the Plaza promises to be a fun-filled, family-friendly evening in Historic Downtown Gresham! Tickets are available online at [www.greshamartsplaza.org](http://www.greshamartsplaza.org) or by calling the Center for the Arts Foundation’s office at 503-665-7800. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for children 12 and under or seniors with proceeds benefiting the Center for the Arts Foundation.





## Gresham Art Walk

**Gresham Art Walk wows with artisans, cultural performances - Regional arts celebration expands with record number of juried artists in 2010.**

Renowned bronze sculptor Rip Caswell, of Caswell Gallery in Troutdale, has caught the artistic spirit that brings thousands of people to the Gresham Art Walk on Saturday, July 17.

“Rip has this fantastic plan to place sculptures throughout the Art Walk in historic downtown Gresham for everyone’s enjoyment,” says Judy Han, Gresham Art Walk coordinator. The public is invited to join Caswell and 125 talented artisans from around the region at the ninth annual Gresham Art Walk from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 17, along Main Avenue and surrounding streets in historic downtown Gresham.

The family event is free and includes art for sale, live music, cultural performances, free children’s arts and crafts, and unique shops and restaurants in the downtown core. “The Art Walk has expanded to accommodate more talented artisans, and the art work is just incredible this year,” Han said.

Art for sale includes pottery, photography, beadwork, watercolors, textiles, glass, wood, oil paintings, garden art, recycled art, and much more. Visitors get to meet the artists behind the work.

In addition to art for sale by the artists, live music is offered from 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. all along Main Avenue. (See sidebar.) Guests are invited to dance in the street, wear funky balloon hats, and relax in one of the event’s whimsy-painted chairs by the Gresham Art Walk Committee.

The Children’s Corner is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring the Roots & Shoots Children's Forest Corner exploring the conservation of our planet through art. Gresham’s local Trillium Roots and Shoots will have crafts and activities to help keep the orangutans in the forest, a goofy ape photo board, rainbow butterflies and dirt babies, endangered animal mosaics, and sock art.

The Gresham Art Walk began as the idea of downtown businesswoman Judy Han, a patron of the arts who often displays her collections from abroad in Sunny Han's Wok & Grill. Han decided it was time to bring more art opportunities to Gresham and in 2001 with volunteers hosted the first Art Walk, in which 28 artists participated. Now a recognized nonprofit, the Gresham Art Walk Committee works year-round to produce an event to celebrate art.

“The intention of this event is to bring recognition to all the incredible artists in our area and regionally, showcase our downtown, and let the surrounding communities know what Gresham has to offer,” Han said.

The Gresham Art Walk’s 2010 presenting sponsor is Stamp-Connection.com. For more information about the Gresham Art Walk, call 503-661-9255 or visit the Web at [www.greshamartwalk.com](http://www.greshamartwalk.com).



# Carefree Commuter Challenge

**H**ave you or your employees been thinking about trying a different way to get to work? How about getting some exercise, saving some money, and *winning prizes*? GRCTMA encourages everybody in Gresham to participate in the Carefree Commuter Challenge during the month of July. The Carefree Commuter Challenge is a month-long event run by the Westside Transportation Alliance for employers and employees in the Metro region. It's a free, fun way for commuters to try something new, support coworkers, and win prizes along the way! Try it for 1-2 days a week, or the entire month! For employers, it's an easy, free way to reward your employees for their environmentally friendly commuting habits. Also, participation visibly demonstrates your commitment to a healthier workplace, workforce and community.

Here's how it works:

1. Employers register - it's free, quick, and easy...and GRCTMA can help.
2. Employees sign up online and log their environmentally friendly commute trips during the month of July, 2010 to win great prizes. Transit, walking, bicycling, carpooling, vanpooling and telecommuting (working from home) all count.
3. Everyone who logs more than 6 trips is eligible to win prizes, including bicycles, weekend getaways, restaurant gift cards, Zipcar memberships, and more.

Contact GRCTMA or go to [www.carefreecommuterchallenge.org](http://www.carefreecommuterchallenge.org) for more information.

Commuting alone in your car can be expensive, boring, stressful and unhealthy. The Gresham Regional Center Transportation Management Association (GRCTMA) works to help people living, working, and visiting in the Gresham Regional Center to get around more easily and conveniently. We provide free services to businesses to help you support your employees to walk, bike, carpool, and ride transit to work. Let us know how we can help! Contact GRCTMA at [grctma@gdda.org](mailto:grctma@gdda.org) or 503-665-3827.



SMALL BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT CENTER

## Weekly Connections

### Lunch & Learn: Intro to Social Media Marketing

Date: July 8<sup>th</sup>

Time: Noon-1:00pm

Cost: No Charge- Must RSVP.

### Lunch & Learn: Business Resource Center- Library

Date: July 15<sup>th</sup>

Time: Noon-1pm

Cost: No Charge- Must RSVP

### Upcoming Trainings

7/8 Going into Business: Start Smart

7/9 Marketing & Promoting Your Business

7/13 Financial Projections for a New Business

7/15 Contracting with the Government

7/16 Bookkeeping for Small Business

7/23 Building a Successful Website for your Business

7/30 Effective Online Marketing

\*Pre-registration is required.

For additional classes, visit [www.mhcc.edu/pages/1097.asp](http://www.mhcc.edu/pages/1097.asp)

For more information or to register:  
Call (503)491-7658

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## *Heavenly Maid Cleaning Service*

**H**eavenly Maid Cleaning Service, Inc. is a local maid service provider who serves residents in the Gresham and surrounding areas. They are also serving local heroes all year long by providing free house cleaning services through Cleaning for Heroes. Cleaning for Heroes is a non-profit organization that connects maid services across the nation to deserving individuals who have been injured or disabled in the line of duty. Cleaning for Heroes is dedicated to providing house cleaning services, at no cost, to disabled and elderly members of the United States Military, local police or fire departments.

Heavenly Maid Cleaning Service, Inc. was one of the first companies to step forward and offer their help for the state of Oregon. Mona Makela, owner of Heavenly Maid Cleaning Service explains, "It makes me feel good to show my appreciation for the commitment and dedication that has been provided to us by those who have risked their lives on our behalf. It's an honor to participate in such a heartwarming program."

Heavenly Maid Cleaning Service, Inc. has joined the ranks of professional residential maid services located nationwide that have elected to say "thank you" to deserving heroes for their sacrifices while protecting and serving our community and nation. Heavenly Maid Cleaning Service demonstrates to their community they are a compassionate and socially

responsible business by agreeing to provide their professional services at no charge for at least two veterans each month.

Heavenly Maid Cleaning Service, Inc. is a Native American and locally-owned cleaning service serving residents from Battleground to Wilsonville, Hillsboro to Sandy, and everything in between. They provide "green" cleaning, which is especially beneficial to veterans with severe burns or respiratory problems. Green cleaning is a healthy alternative to conventional cleaning. Their green cleaning methods and products are environmentally friendly, biodegradable, and non-toxic.

Heavenly Maid Cleaning Service was recently awarded and certified as a "Great Business" by the City of Gresham for their efforts in being an environmentally responsible company.

Mona Makela is a leader within her community by example and through her actions. She finds ways to positively impact her community with responsible business practices and charitable giving. In addition to Cleaning for Heroes, Mona also supports, contributes, or serves as a member to dozens of charitable and community organizations. She has also been featured in a book published by Atlantic Publishing, which can be purchased online or in any major book store.

Heavenly Maid Cleaning Service, Inc. and Cleaning for Heroes is committed to promoting a healthy, clean home environment for our disabled or elderly community heroes and their families.

You may learn more about Mona, her endeavors, or about Heavenly Maid Cleaning Service, Inc. by visiting her business website at [www.heavenlymaidcleaningservice.com](http://www.heavenlymaidcleaningservice.com).

You can reach Heavenly Maid Cleaning Service and Mona Makela at (503) 492-1121 or by email at [heavenlymaidcleaningservice@hotmail.com](mailto:heavenlymaidcleaningservice@hotmail.com).

