

City of Westfir Newsletter

October 2020



Happy
Halloween!



City Hall Hours: Mon Wed Fri 9am – 2pm

*City Council meetings are the first Monday of the month at 5:30pm.
Meetings are currently held remotely via audio/video teleconference.*

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Volunteer for the Great Willamette Clean Up Saturday, October 10, 9AM–12PM

Where: Westfir Portal Park

What: We will be cleaning up areas in the Portal, Mill Site and up the Aufderheide along the North Fork Willamette River.

Details: Please bring water, face mask, hand sanitizer, and sturdy closed-toe shoes. We will provide trash bags, non-latex gloves, trash pickers and masks for those without their own. Volunteers are required to wear masks and practice social distancing for the duration of the event.

Please register at <https://conta.cc/2S9C9PZ>.

(E-mail westfircity@gmail.com, and we will send you the link.)



Can I Mow My Lawn and Cut Firewood Now?

Westfir is following restrictions set by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). At the time of this writing, **mowing dry or cured grass and the use of equipment like power saws is prohibited from 1pm to 8pm**. You should equip each power saw with a shovel and fire extinguisher or gallon of water.

As conditions change, check the ODF website for restrictions at:

oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/restrictions.aspx

Or give us a call at City Hall: 541-782-3983.

Top 10 Ways to Be a Good Septic Owner (and help protect our watershed)

- ☑ Have your system inspected every three years by a qualified professional or according to your state/local health department's recommendations
- ☑ Have your septic tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years
- ☑ Avoid pouring harsh products (e.g., oils, grease, chemicals, paint, medications) down the drain
- ☑ Discard non-degradable products in the trash (e.g., floss, disposable wipes, cat litter) instead of flushing them
- ☑ Keep cars and heavy vehicles parked away from the drainfield and tank
- ☑ Follow the system manufacturer's directions when using septic tank cleaners and additives
- ☑ Repair leaks and use water efficient fixtures to avoid overloading the system
- ☑ Maintain plants and vegetation near the system to ensure roots do not block drains
- ☑ Use soaps and detergents that are low-suds, biodegradable, and low- or phosphate-free
- ☑ Prevent system freezing during cold weather by inspecting and insulating vulnerable system parts (e.g., the inspection pipe and soil treatment area)

Outdoor Burning Update

Due to high fire danger this year, the outdoor burning season may be delayed. Burn permits will be available from the City as soon as the season is open. Permits cost \$6.00 or \$3.00 for seniors.



Lane County Sees Rise in Daily New Cases of Covid-19

There has been an uptick in daily new cases in Lane County in the past couple of weeks, particularly in Eugene.

While Oregon is doing better than most other states, this increase in cases is a reminder to **keep wearing those masks and keep social distancing**. And please stay home if you are sick!



There is Still Time to Register to Vote!

You have until **October 13** to register to **vote** in the November 3, 2020 election.

Registration cards are available at City Hall and online at oregonvotes.gov

