

City of Westfir Newsletter

October 2021



Happy
Autumn!



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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Saturday, October 9, 9AM–12PM

What: We will be cleaning up areas along the North Fork of the Willamette River.

Where: Westfir Portal Park. Please meet at the large shelter on the west side of the portal at 9 a.m. sharp for safety talk and assignments.

Details: Please wear weather-appropriate clothing. Pack along water; a face mask to be worn during check-in and when working in close proximity to others; work gloves, if you have them; and sturdy closed-toe shoes. We will provide trash bags, non-latex gloves, and trash pickers.

Please register at <https://bit.ly/gwcuwestfir21>

#GreatWillametteCleanup – Follow us on Instagram and/or Facebook.



City Council Positions Filled

The City of Westfir has a full City Council again with the addition of former Councilor Nicole Davis and Kelly Packard, who is new to the Council.

Thank you to all of our City volunteers!

It's Fall Cleanup Season!

The dumpster has arrived at City Hall.

It's available through October 13, or until the second bin is full.

Please don't dump banned items, including mattresses, roofing, tires, electronics, paint, appliances, batteries, and propane tanks. Electronics are accepted for free at the Oakridge transfer station.

Unfortunately, there is no metal recycling this year.

Outdoor Burning

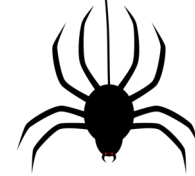
Burn permits will be available from the City as soon as the season opens, which is on October 15 this year.

Burn permits cost \$6.00 or \$3.00 for seniors.



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Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWA)



In the next few months, Oregon anticipates receiving the funds to begin administering the new federal Low-Income Household Water Assistance (LIHWA) Program.

This program will provide assistance to low-income Oregonians in the form of direct payments to their water and wastewater utilities.

We will keep you posted as more information becomes available.

If you've been putting it off...

It's not too late to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The Oakridge Pharmacy has walk-in appointments. Hours are Monday–Friday, 9:30–5:30 (but closed 12:30–1:30 for lunch). They stock Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Bring your insurance card, if you have one.

The vaccine is free even if you don't have insurance.

Movie Night at Portal Park

There is a tentative plan to hold a public movie night at Portal Park on Saturday, October 30.

Details to follow on the City website and Facebook.



Remember the "ABCs of School Zones"

After more than a year of distance learning, staggered schedules, and empty playgrounds, children across Lane County are back in school — and traffic around school zones has increased.

The Safe Lane Transportation Coalition has launched a campaign reminding parents and other people driving around school zones to be **attentive** while driving, have **both hands** on the wheel, and slow down when **children are around**.

Remember the ABCs
of Driving in a



Attentiveness

Both Hands on the Wheel

Children Around, Slow Down

The safety campaign comes at an important time: 2020 saw an alarming 7% increase in national traffic fatalities, while Oregon traffic fatalities hit a 17-year high.

As school resumes, drivers can expect an increase in:

- ◆ Congestion – More drivers during the morning and afternoon commutes
- ◆ Pedestrians – Students walking to and from school or the bus stop
- ◆ Buses – Picking up and dropping off students
- ◆ Bicyclists – Traveling to and from school
- ◆ Fines – Speeding in a school zone in Lane County can cost up to \$875 per ticket