

# City of Westfir Newsletter

May 2022



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

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

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**City Hall will be closed  
Monday, May 30 for  
Memorial Day.**



## Water/Sewer Policy Update

The City Council voted on and adopted a **new water and sewer rates schedule that takes effect July 1, 2022**. Please see the enclosed letter for details.

The water base rate will increase to \$52 per month; the sewer base rate to \$56 per month; and new rates for businesses have been added. All other fees and usage thresholds remain the same. Rates were increased to accommodate rising costs for water testing, fuel, and chemicals.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE: WESTFIR CITY ORDINANCE NO. 138 PERTAINING TO NOXIOUS GROWTHS, GRASS AND WEEDS**

By City ordinance, no person in charge of real property shall allow noxious growths on the property. Noxious growths are hereby declared a nuisance. It shall be the duty of any owner or person in charge of real property to abate noxious growths from said property. The owner and person in charge shall be jointly and severally liable for the cost of abatement as provided in this ordinance. **Noxious growths are defined as:**

**a)** grass and weeds more than 12 inches high; **b)** poison oak and poison ivy; **c)** blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or cross a property line; **d)** vegetation that is **1.** a health hazard, **2.** a fire hazard, **3.** a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of the public thoroughfare or otherwise makes the use of the thoroughfare hazardous; **e)** noxious growths does not include vegetation that constitutes an agricultural crop unless that vegetation is a health hazard, a fire hazard, or a traffic hazard.

**Last publication date:  
May 21, 2022**  
**City abatement begins:  
June 1, 2022**

The City of Westfir intends to abate noxious growths at the expense of the property owner, 10 days after the last publication of this notice in the local newspaper of record.

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## Oakridge-Westfir Firewise Yard Debris Disposal

**Get your yard cleared before fire season!**

**FREE pick-up of yard debris on Fridays through May 20:** A \$15 permit is required. The first load is free with permit; each additional load is \$15. Senior, disabled, or low-income citizens are prioritized.

**Drop-off:** First Saturday of the month 12:00pm–4:00pm at the Oakridge industrial park or schedule a weekday appointment. \$15 permit required.

**Call:** 541-782-3422 ext. 3 to schedule pick-up or drop-off. **Accepted items:** tree trimmings, branches, leaves, brush, lawn trimmings, and other plant material.

**Westfir residents:** You may drop off yard debris at no charge at a designated site near the City's water plant. Call the office at 541-782-3983 to arrange a time.

## NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Westfir, Lane County, Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, will be held at Westfir City Hall at 47441 Westoak Road, Westfir, Oregon 97492 and via audio/video teleconference. The meeting will take place on **May 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**

Citizens may attend the meeting in the following ways:

In-person at City Hall; by computer, tablet or smartphone by going to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85626349365>; or by calling 1-253-215-8782, meeting ID: 856 2634 9365.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting in person, or via Internet or phone, to discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

The public is encouraged to submit comments and questions in writing prior to the meeting. Comments and questions received by 2:00 p.m. on May 9 will be read at the meeting.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained at 47441 Westoak Road, Westfir, Oregon 97492, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or on the Westfir website at [www.ci.westfir.or.us](http://www.ci.westfir.or.us).

## Join River Cleanup Event on Sunday, May 8

**EVENT:** Clean up riparian zones along the North Fork of the Willamette River in the Middle Fork Ranger District. Willamette Riverkeeper will provide trash bags, gloves, and trash grabbers. Please dress for the weather and bring water and sturdy closed-toe shoes.

**TIME:** Sunday, May 8, 9AM—12PM

**LOCATION:** Meet in the Westfir Portal Park across the covered bridge.

### **REGISTER and DETAILS:**

[willamette-riverkeeper.org/springforyourriver](http://willamette-riverkeeper.org/springforyourriver)

**BONUS:** Event's dumpster at City Hall may be used for Community Cleanup.\*

\*The usual restrictions apply: no tires, roofing, mattresses, household garbage, electronics, woody debris, paint, oil, or hazardous waste.

