

# City of Westfir Newsletter

July 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.***



**City Hall will be closed  
Monday, July 4  
for Independence Day.**

**City Council meeting  
July 11 at 5:30 pm**

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS CITY OF WESTFIR

Notice is hereby given that on November 8, 2022, an election will be held for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two persons to Westfir City Council to fill the following positions:

MAYORAL POSITION: One (1) two-year term  
COUNCIL POSITIONS: Two (2) four-year terms

Each candidate for an office listed above must be a resident of the City of Westfir for at least six months prior to the date of the election and be a registered voter of the City of Westfir.

Election packets can be picked up at Westfir City Hall at 47441 Westoak Road during normal business hours (9 AM–2 PM, MWF) or downloaded from the City website at [https://www.ci.westfir.or.us/?page\\_id=312](https://www.ci.westfir.or.us/?page_id=312)

Perfected petitions should be submitted to City Hall no later than **August 22, 2022, at 2:00 PM**, to allow time for signature verification by Lane County Elections. Petitions received after that date may not qualify for inclusion on the November General Election Ballot.

## Summer Lunch Program



The summer lunch program runs from June 27–August 25, serving every Monday–Thursday, except for July 4.

- OES Front Lawn: 11:00am–11:30am
- WAC Park: 11:15am–11:45am
- Hemlock Park: 11:30am–12:00pm

Children must eat on site.

## S-L-O-W D-O-W-N

School is out and children are at play.

Keep them safe by observing speed limits and being vigilant for kids in the road.



## **Lane County Public Works Responds to Westfir Citizen Petition to Reduce Speed Limit on Westfir-Oakridge Road**

In December 2021, 28 residents of Westfir-Oakridge Road (WFR) submitted a petition to the City Council asking the Council to request that Lane County reduce the speed limit on WFR to 25 MPH for the entire length of the road. In addition, the citizens asked for electronic speed sensors be placed 100 yards inside City limits and for speed cameras to record license plates for the purpose of issuing speeding citations. The City Council backed the petitioners and sent a letter of request with a copy of the citizen petition to County Commissioner Heather Buch on April 15, and cc'd Public Works. The City received an email response from Traffic Engineer Steve Gallup on May 27. The key points of his response follow:

1. Traffic Operations performed a speed study that indicated current posted speed zones along WFR appear to be appropriate, and the request for a 25 MPH zone for the entire roadway is not supported by the data.
2. The new Lane County Bicycle Master Plan recognizes WFR as a priority bicycle network and recommends capital investments to improve safety. The County needs to identify funding for improvements, which it will continue to explore through grant opportunities. Until funding is available for safety improvements, the County believes that increases in bicycle and pedestrian traffic can be addressed with additional warning signage.
3. Speed feedback signs that display actual speeds are an effective traffic calming tool, and the County supports installation of a permanent feedback sign near the middle portion of the straightaway on WFR.
4. The request for automated enforcement by a speed camera is not approved because Lane County is not on the list of jurisdictions authorized for operating photo radar under ORS 810.438.

In response to Mr. Gallup's email, the Council expressed concern that the traffic study took place before the tourist season. The Council will request that the County run another test at peak season. The Council authorized the purchase of a permanent solar speed sign to be installed on WFR. In addition, the Council will ask that the County consider a reduction of the 45 MPH zone to 35 MPH on WFR. The Council agreed with the idea of additional pedestrian and cyclist warning signs.

### **July Events at the Portal and Mill Site**

**Triple Summit Challenge** (foot race)  
July 8, 2022

**Tenkara Bug Out** (fishing)  
July 8–10, 2022

**Office Bridge Celebration Doubles**  
(disc golf)  
July 23, 2022

**NICA Women's Gathering** (cycling)  
July 28–31, 2022

### **Business License Applications Are Due**

Ordinance #136 states that all business activity in Westfir requires a license, regardless of gross receipts or location of main office. Applications are available on the website or at City Hall.

**You must submit your application by July 31, 2022.**

### **HELP WANTED**

The City of Westfir is accepting applications for the part-time position of **Relief City Recorder**. The applicant must have strong organizational skills; knowledge of word processing, data entry, and bookkeeping; and the ability to work with the public. The position pays \$14–\$16 per hour, based on experience.

Applications and a job description are available at [www.ci.westfir.or.us](http://www.ci.westfir.or.us) or at Westfir City Hall at 47441 Westoak Road, Westfir, OR 97492 during business hours. If hired, the applicant must incur the modest cost of a background check.

Please e-mail completed application and resume to [cityhall@ci.westfir.or.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.westfir.or.us), or mail to PO Box 296, Westfir, OR 97492. The position will remain open until filled. The City of Westfir is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer.