

# City of Westfir Newsletter

October 2022



Happy  
Autumn!



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

***City Council meetings are the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm.***

***Meetings are held at City Hall and also via audio/video teleconference.***

## CITY DIRECTORY

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### Mayor:

- ◆ D'Lynn Williams  
mayor@ci.westfir.or.us  
541-782-2080

### Councilors:

- ◆ Katherine Bishop  
kbishop@ci.westfir.or.us
- ◆ Deretta Huey  
dhuey@ci.westfir.or.us
- ◆ Edward Johnstone  
ejohnstone@ci.westfir.or.us
- ◆ Kelly Packard  
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## Candidates on the Ballot in the General Election

Mayor:

- D'Lynn Williams

Two Council Seats:

- Deretta M. Huey
- Kelly Packard
- Les C. Zak

## It's Fall Cleanup Season!

The dumpster has arrived at City Hall.

It's available through October 12,  
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.

For woody debris and plant material,  
please call City Hall for options.

## Outdoor Burning Delayed

Due to a dry and warmer than  
average weather outlook, the  
opening of the fall outdoor  
burning season has been delayed  
until Saturday, October 15, 2022.

Burn permits will be available from  
the City as soon as the season  
opens, and prices remain  
unchanged at \$6.00  
or \$3.00 for seniors.



## JOB OPENING—Relief City Operator

The City of Westfir is accepting applications for the part-time position of **Relief City Operator**, which is primarily water and wastewater management. This is a part-time position that requires an individual to work weekend and holiday shifts. The position pays \$14–\$16 per hour, based on experience.

Applications and a brief 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.

Please e-mail your 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 application deadline is Friday, October 14.**

The City of Westfir is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer.

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## Ways to Be a Good Septic Tank 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
- ◆ 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)

## Drug Take-Back Program

A new, free program allows Oregon residents a convenient, safe, and secure way to dispose of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medicines.

Just pick up a prepaid, mail-back envelope at City Hall or order your mail-back supplies online at: <https://medtakebackoregon.org>



### Did you know?

*18 million people in the U.S. over the age of 12 have misused medications at least once in the past year.*

## Oakridge/Westfir Communities Attain Clean Air Act Standards

The EPA announced that the air quality in the Oakridge-Westfir communities now meets the fine particulate National Ambient Air Quality Standard under the Clean Air Act. The airshed had been a “non-attainment area” since 1987.

It's especially good news, coming after a rough year for forest fire smoke, that we can expect healthier air quality in the cold season.

## There's Still Time to Register to Vote

You have until **October 18** to register to vote in the November 8, 2022, election.

Registration cards are available at City Hall, or register online at [oregonvotes.gov](https://oregonvotes.gov).

