

City of Westfir Newsletter

December 2022



Happy
Holidays!



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, December 26
and Monday, January 2

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It's Time to License Dogs!

License Fees Increase January 1, 2023

Every dog that resides within the Westfir City limits is required to have a license (see Westfir City Ordinance #120). Licenses are valid January 1 to December 31 each year.

Residents on our list of dog owners will receive an application for 2023 with their December water bill. **Please fill out the application and return it to City Hall (with the appropriate fee) by January 31, 2023.**

License fees as of January 1, 2023:

- **Intact animals: \$16 regular or \$8 for seniors**
- **Neutered / spayed animals: \$8 regular or \$4 for seniors**
- **A \$15 late fee will be assessed to owners who have not renewed a license within 30 days of its expiration. (See Resolution 521.)**

All dogs are required to have a current rabies vaccination certificate on file with the City in order to be licensed.

The annual low-cost rabies vaccination clinic is planned for late March or early April.

If you have a dog and don't receive an application with your water bill, please stop by City Hall and pick one up, or give us a call and we will post or e-mail one to you.

It is required that all dogs in our City have a license, are vaccinated, and have an ID tag. If you need a City ID tag for your pet's collar, we have them available. Just let us know!



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Process to Report Animal Bite Incidents (City of Westfir Residents)

1. Report any *dog* bites to the Oakridge Police.
2. Submit a report to the City of Westfir. The Animal Bite Form can be found on the City website or picked up at City Hall.
3. The City will assess the incident and determine whether to request the assistance of Lane County Animal Services (LCAS).
4. If Westfir requests assistance from LCAS, the complainant will be contacted and asked to complete an online report. **Please note:**
 - ➔ Only adult victims or parents of juvenile victims can file complaints. Witnesses cannot file a complaint on behalf of an adult victim.
 - ➔ LCAS will not respond to incidents more than three weeks old.
 - ➔ LCAS will want to know the full extent of events leading up to the bite to determine whether it is a citable offense.

According to Westfir's agreement with LCAS, they will respond to only the following incidents, in order of priority:

- Animal bites (owner unknown and animal is a large)
- Animals endangering public safety (vicious animal at large)
- Injured animals
- Neglect/abuse to animals (animals in immediate danger)

LCAS only handles domesticated animals. For incidents involving wild animals, contact Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife at 541-726-3515. For a wild animal bite that breaks the skin, contact Lane County Department of Environmental Health at 541-682-4480.

Thank you, Bridge-Lighting Volunteers!

It's another year without the Bridge Lighting Festival. However, we can enjoy the lights and decorations, thanks to Councilor Deretta Huey, Mayor D'Lynn Williams, resident volunteers—and Lane Electric, as always.

Let's make it a priority to find a volunteer organizer for the festival in 2023.



Thank you, City Hall Volunteers!

A big thank you to volunteers Elizabeth and Randy Stark for sprucing up City Hall with flower planters, paint, and badly needed brush clearing in the rear of the building.

They also have plans to paint the model covered bridge next year, if necessary repairs can be made to the structure.



Petition to District Attorney



Joy Kingsbury of Kingsbury Real Estate is circulating a petition directed at addressing unprosecuted crimes in Oakridge and the surrounding communities.

The petition will be presented to the District Attorney's office for review. She is aiming to collect 200 signatures.

If you are interested in making your voice heard, a copy of the petition will be available to sign at Westfir City Hall, or call Joy Kingsbury at 541-782-3160.