

City of Westfir Newsletter

January 2023



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, January 2 and
Monday, January 16.

The January City Council
meeting will be held
Monday, January 9.



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Dog Licenses Are Due this Month

If City Hall has a record of a dog in your household, you will find an application for 2023 included with your water bill this month. **Please fill out the application and return to City Hall (with the appropriate fee) and rabies vaccine certificate by January 31, 2023.**



Applications require that a current rabies certificate be submitted at the time of licensing. **If your dog needs a new rabies certificate you can take advantage of our low-cost rabies clinic, planned for Saturday, April 1.** If you sign up for the clinic, we will defer that requirement until the clinic date.

If you have a dog and do not receive the application with your water bill, please stop by City Hall or download an application from the City website.

Notice: A \$15 late fee will be assessed to owners who have not renewed a license within 30 days of its expiration. (Per Resolution 521.)

Seeking Volunteers

Bridge Lights: Volunteers are needed to take down the lights and decorations on the bridge on **Friday, January 6 at 11 AM**. Please call Deretta Huey at 541-782-4335 to sign up. Or just show up on the day.

Advisory Committees: Please join one of two new committees to gather information, liaise with citizens, and generate ideas to pass on to the Council. One committee is for ongoing City business and the other is for planning for the future of Westfir. Email or sign up at City Hall.

Thank you to the many volunteers who keep the City moving!

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Be Septic Smart!

SOME OF THE MANY THINGS WE CAN DO TO HELP PROTECT WATER QUALITY:

- ☑ Have your septic tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years.
- ☑ Use soaps and detergents that are low-suds, biodegradable, and low- or phosphate-free.
- ☑ Maintain the plants and trees near the system to ensure roots do not block drains.
- ☑ Keep cars and heavy vehicles parked away from the tank and drain field.
- ☑ Don't flush non-degradable products (floss, disposable wipes, cat litter). Put them in the trash instead.
- ☑ Don't pour things like oil, grease, chemicals, paint, or medications down the drain.
- ☑ Have your system inspected every three years by a qualified professional.
- ☑ Repair leaks and use water efficient fixtures to avoid overloading the system.
- ☑ Follow the system manufacturer's directions when using septic tank cleaners and additives.
- ☑ Prevent system freezing during cold weather by inspecting and insulating vulnerable system parts (e.g., the inspection pipe and soil treatment area).

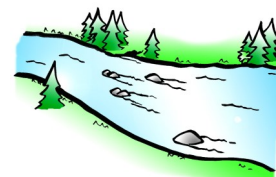
Please don't dump yard debris on the riverbank

There is the potential for spreading plants downstream if there are mature berries; some plants sprout easily from cuttings, too. Please dispose of yard debris in designated areas:

- The first Saturday of the month from 12–4 pm, yard debris can be taken to the industrial park in Oakridge. The \$15 permit is good for one year, and can be purchased at Oakridge City Hall or onsite.
- Westfir residents can call City Hall to schedule a weekday time to drop off yard debris at a designated site near the City's water plant. Same day appointments are generally not available. Please plan 1–2 days ahead.

Note: Per Lane County code 9.020, dumping yard debris upon public lands, public places, or in public waters, constitutes illegal dumping.

Thank you for helping to keep the river pristine.



Community Firewood Program

The Community Firewood Program (CFP) offers seasoned, dry firewood to the residents of Oakridge and the surrounding communities, to reduce the wood smoke impacts locally that are caused from burning green and unseasoned wood.

The price for senior, disabled, low-income or exempt is \$175 per cord. The general price for other community members is \$225 per cord. Priority will be given to the subsidized program. Optional delivery is \$35 per cord.

Sale Hours: Monday–Friday, 8AM–12PM; Call: 541-782-3422.