

# City of Westfir Newsletter

July 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.***

## Happy 4th of July!

City Council meeting will  
be held Monday, July 10.

City Hall will be open  
Monday, July 3.



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## Oakridge–Westfir Community Wildfire Safety Night July 14, 5–7 p.m. at Greenwaters Park

- ➔ Fire Preparedness Info Booths  
(Get a “Vial of Life” at the Westfir booth.)
- ➔ Forest Service Plans for Cedar Creek &  
Wildfire Risk Management
- ➔ Community Discussion & Expert Panel Q&A



### FREE chainsaw raffle Stihl MS180



- ★ Hot dogs & chips provided
- ★ Get to know community partners
- ★ Replacement filters for air purifiers
- ★ Learn more about Firewise

Open house begins at 5:00 p.m. and  
community discussion at 6:00 p.m.

## Summer Lunch Program

The free summer lunch program runs  
from **July 5–August 17**, serving the first  
week on Wednesday–Friday, and  
thereafter serving on Monday–Thursday.

- Oakridge Elementary School:  
11:30am–12:00pm

Children must eat on site.  
Ages 0–18.



## July 1 marks the start of a new fiscal year.

The 2023–2024 budget is tight due  
to the escalating cost of police and  
fire contracts with Oakridge.

The City will need the  
input of citizens in  
coming years to decide  
how to bridge that gap.

A copy of the budget is  
available on the City  
website or at City Hall.



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## Septic Tips to protect your home, health, environment and property value

### ☒ **Protect It and Inspect It**

A typical septic system should be serviced every one to three years by a professional.

### ☒ **Pump Your Tank**

Ensure your septic tank is pumped at regular intervals as recommended by a professional.

### ☒ **Don't Strain your Drain**

Use water efficiently and stagger use of water-based appliances, such as your washing machine or dishwasher.

### ☒ **Think at the Sink**

Limit use of your garbage disposal and avoid pouring fats, grease, solids and harsh chemicals down the drain.

### ☒ **Don't Overload the Commode**

Don't flush diapers, wipes or other items meant for a trashcan down the toilet.

### ☒ **Shield your Field**

Divert rain and surface water away and avoid parking vehicles and planting trees on your drainfield.

Learn more at [www.epa.gov/septicsmart](http://www.epa.gov/septicsmart)

## 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, 2023.**

## What is the Rural Tourism Marketing Program? (RTMP)

Annually Lane County allocates a portion of Transient Room Tax receipts to rural cities for tourism-related projects. The program is called the Lane Rural Tourism Marketing Program (RTMP).

The program focuses on promoting rural Lane County with emphasis on the following areas:

- Attraction of visitors to rural communities
- The length of stay by visitors
- County-wide visitation
- Return visits to rural Lane County communities

The City of Westfir receives \$10–13,000 in RTMP funds each year. The City provides grants to local events that bring visitors to the area. RTMP funds also pay for the Bridge Lighting Festival and the welcome banners along Westfir Road, among other items.

RTMP funds are generated from overnight stays and are used for programs that will generate more overnight stays. The grants are not paid out of local property taxes.