

# City of Westfir Newsletter

July 2024



## 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.*

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## Will you be Mayor of Westfir?

The incumbent will not be running again in 2024. The Mayor and two City Councilor positions are open.

If you have lived within Westfir city limits for the six (6) months immediately prior to the election and you are registered to vote in the City of Westfir, you can be a candidate!

If you are interested in participating in City government, please call or drop by City Hall, and we will walk you through the process.

In order to appear on the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot, **you must submit your signed petitions to City Hall by August 19 at 2:00 p.m.**, so they can be verified by the County in time for the filing deadline.

## “Bridge Lane” Event • July 17, 2–7 PM

### Oakridge High School Gym

Bridge Lane is a new initiative dedicated to enriching lives and enhancing opportunities for everyone across Lane County. These events facilitate access to career and entrepreneurial resources in both rural areas and urban settings. This event in Oakridge is Bridge Lane’s first.

- ◆ Get a job
- ◆ Connect to resources
- ◆ Resume writing and printing
- ◆ Raffle prizes
- ◆ Free onsite childcare
- ◆ Free shaved ice
- ◆ Bounce house



**Pre-register to get an extra raffle ticket! [www.bridgelane.org](http://www.bridgelane.org)**

## Summer Lunch Program

**July 8–August 15**  
(Mon-Thu)

**11:30am–12pm**

Ages 1–18



Westridge  
School or  
Oakridge  
High School

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## Septic Smart advice from DEQ Follow these septic system DOs and DON'Ts

DO	DON'T
Conserve water	Overload system
Substitute for bleach and ammonia cleaners	Flush medicines and hazardous materials down drain
Plant grass on drainfield	Plant deep rooted plants near tank or drainfield
Know location of all system components	Park, drive on, or allow animals access to drainfield
Perform periodic septic system maintenance and inspections	Wait until there is a problem before inspecting your septic system

## New City Ordinance Restricts Fireworks During Fire Season

City Ordinance 144 restricting the use of fireworks during fire season and “High” or greater fire danger was passed by the City Council on June 21, 2024. The ordinance will go into effect on July 21, 2024.

A copy of the ordinance will be included with water bills mailed at the end of July. The ordinance can be viewed on the City website:

[www.ci.westfir.or.us](http://www.ci.westfir.or.us)

Thank you for keeping Westfir green!



## Water Leaks—Water and Money Down the Drain

### Monitor your water bill

Checking your water bill for unusually high water use can alert you to leaks in your home. Knowing how much water your household typically uses make this easier to determine. If your water use seems high, first determine if the increase is due to changes in your daily routine. If not, you may have a leak.

### Periodically test and check for water leaks

If it's easy to find, check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak. Common household leaks include: running toilets, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. If leaks are found, repairing them in a timely manner will not only conserve water, but will save you money by reducing your water bill.

### Outdoor leaks

An irrigation system that has a leak 1/32nd of an inch in diameter (about the thickness of a dime) can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month.

## Business License Applications Are Due

Ordinance #136 states that all business activity in Westfir requires a license, regardless of gross receipts or the location of the main office.

Applications are available on the website or at City Hall.

**You must submit your application by July 31, 2024, to avoid late fees.**