

City of Westfir Newsletter

October 2024



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.

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Candidates on the Ballot in the General Election

Mayor:

- Shawn Anderson

Two Council Seats, but
one candidate on ballot:

- Linda M. Love

It's Fall Cleanup Season!

The dumpster has arrived at City Hall.

It's available through October 7,
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

Recent rainfall was not enough
to bring an end to fire season, so
the opening of the fall outdoor
burning season has been delayed
until October 15, 2024.

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.



LTD's "Diamond Express" Serves Westfir

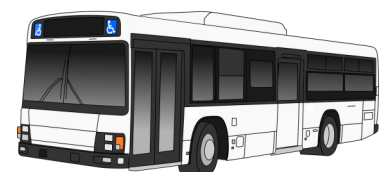
Lane Transit District offers transportation between Eugene/Springfield
and Oakridge/Westfir on the Diamond Express.

There are four daily trips on weekdays and one on Saturdays. A single
ride on the Diamond Express costs \$2.50. A day pass costs \$5.00 and
includes a round trip on the Diamond Express and an LTD day pass.

The bus is equipped with an external bicycle rack. Bicycles are allowed
inside the bus if space is available.

Schedules are available at City Hall or
on the LTD website:

www.ltd.org/system-map/route_900



There's still time to register to vote. You have until **October 15 to register to vote** in the November 5, 2024, election: oregonvotes.gov



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 and biodegradable.
- ◆ Prevent system freezing during cold weather by inspecting and insulating vulnerable system parts (e.g., the inspection pipe and soil treatment area).

Fire Prevention Week is October 6–12

The theme of this year's campaign is
Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You!

- ⚙ Around 80% of home fire deaths in Oregon happen in homes where working smoke alarms are not present.
- ⚙ Test alarms at least once a month by pressing the test button.
- ⚙ Install smoke alarms inside bedrooms, in the sleeping area outside of bedrooms and on every level of the home.
- ⚙ DO NOT remove batteries for nuisance alarms. Push hush button to temporarily silence alarm.
- ⚙ Replace all smoke alarms that are 10 years old.



Vacation Rentals Regulation

The City Council is considering an ordinance to regulate the number of vacation rentals within the City of Westfir.

While we appreciate the tourism dollars that visitors bring, tourism must be balanced against the need to preserve community and to have rental units available for locals.

The Council would appreciate citizen input on the issue of vacation rentals.