

City of Westfir Newsletter

January 2025



*Happy
New Year* ★★



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 20.

CITY DIRECTORY

City Hall: 541-782-3983
47441 Westoak Rd

cityhall@ci.westfir.or.us
www.ci.westfir.or.us

Mayor:

- ♦ Vacant (as of January 6)

Councilors:

- ♦ Seat 1
Vacant—application pending
- ♦ Deretta Huey
dhuey@ci.westfir.or.us
- ♦ Seat 3
Vacant
- ♦ Linda M Love
lmlove@ci.westfir.or.us

Dog Licenses Are Due This Month

If City Hall has a record of a dog in your household, you will find an application for 2025 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, 2025.**

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 5.** 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.)



Westfir Without a Mayor

The City of Westfir is going into 2025 without a mayor after Mayor-elect Shawn Anderson resigned for personal reasons. There are also two vacant Council seats, and it's been uncertain whether the Council will have the quorum of three required to conduct business. Fortunately, a well-regarded citizen stepped forward and the outgoing Council will likely appoint him, giving the new Council a quorum.

Please consider joining City government. To be eligible for City office you must: Have resided in the City for six months prior to appointment; be registered to vote in the City; and not be an officer, agent or employee of the City. Submit a letter of interest by the January 6 meeting to cityhall@ci.westfir.or.us; to City of Westfir, P.O. Box 296, Westfir, OR 97492; or in person at 47441 Westoak Road. Thank you.

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Join the Budget Committee

The City of Westfir is seeking to fill **three** vacancies on the Budget Committee for three-year terms.

To be eligible for appointment, the applicant must:

1. Live in the City for one year prior to application;
2. Live and be registered to vote in the City; and
3. Not be an officer, agent or employee of the City.

Call or email City Hall to learn more: 541-782-3983; cityhall@ci.westfir.or.us

Volunteers Are Needed ...

to take down the lights and decorations on the bridge and at Portal Park on **Sunday**, **January 5, at 12 PM**. Lunch is included.

Please call Viki Burns at 541-515-8382 to sign up. Or just show up at the event.

Thank you, volunteers!



JOB OPENING

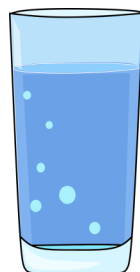
The City of Westfir is seeking a Relief City Operator to back up our tireless City Operator.

Be part of the team that keeps clean drinking water flowing to Westfir households and sanitized wastewater flowing back to the river.

Relief City Operator is a part-time position of 8–12 hours per week. Work is on weekends and holidays, and as needed by the City Operator; and requires being on call for City emergencies.

Application and job description are available at www.ci.westfir.or.us or at Westfir City Hall (47441 Westoak Road) during business hours, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM, MWF.

The first review of applications will be on January 6.



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 |