

City of Westfir Newsletter

April 2025



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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Low-Cost Rabies Vaccine Clinic

Saturday, April 5
10:00–11:30 am

- \$15 per vaccine, *cash only*.
- Have dogs on leashes.
- Have cats in carriers in cars.
- Everyone welcome!



Westfir Easter Egg Hunt at Portal Park

Saturday, April 19, 10 AM



- ◆ Bring your own basket.
- ◆ To volunteer, contact Barb at 541-852-0472.
- ◆ The covered bridge will be closed to traffic from 8 AM–2 PM.

With thanks to sponsors A&W, Banner Bank and Dairy Queen.

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Westfir, Lane County, Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be held at Westfir City Hall at 47441 Westoak Road, Westfir, Oregon 97492, and via audio/video teleconference. **The meeting will take place on April 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.**

Citizens may attend the meeting in the following ways: In-person at City Hall; by computer, tablet or smartphone by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88966711218>; or by calling 1-253-215-8782, meeting ID: 889 6671 1218 .

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting in person, or via Internet or phone, to discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

The public is encouraged to submit comments and questions in writing prior to the meeting. Comments and questions received by 2:00 p.m. on April 22 will be read at the meeting.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 14, 2025, at 47441 Westoak Road, Westfir, Oregon 97492, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or on the Westfir website at www.ci.westfir.or.us .

Financial Assistance with Defensible Space for Wildfire

Many residents of Westfir have received notification from the Oregon Department of Forestry that their home is in a High-Hazard Zone of the Wildland Urban Interface, and they may be required to create defensible space around their home.

The Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative (SWFC) has financial assistance available for defensible space work for low-income or physically disabled residents who live within city limits. SWFC will also consider veteran status, people over 65, and non-English speakers for financial assistance. In all cases, an assessment will be made to see if you qualify.

In addition, there is funding for brush and branch removal (but not large tree removal) on parcels of at least an acre. This brush clearing work doesn't have a low-income qualification and doesn't have to be within city limits.

Call SWFC Coordinator Dustin Rymph at 541-782-3422 to learn more.

The City will mail informational flyers about defensible space to all households in April.



Outdoor Burning: Rules to Remember

- Make sure it is a "burn day" by calling LRAPA at 541-726-3976, option 4.
- Be sure you have a current burn permit from the City of Westfir.
- Attend your fire at ALL TIMES.
- Follow daily start and stop times. Stop time is defined as the time the fire is required to be fully extinguished.
- Burn only dry, loosely stacked debris. Piles should not exceed 8 ft by 8 ft.
- Tree removal slash burns require a separate permit from LRAPA.
- Do NOT burn plastics, tires, roofing, household garbage, or hazardous waste.



Your neighbors appreciate your observance of these guidelines. For more information, contact LRAPA at 541-736-1056.

Public Notification of Water Service Disruptions

On the Sunday before Presidents' Day, the City of Westfir experienced an unplanned loss of water pressure for approximately seven hours due to a problem with a pump at the water plant. Many residents were unsure where to get information about the outage.

For information and updates about water service disruptions, please check the City website at www.ci.westfir.or.us; or the City Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WestfirCity. We will also post paper notices at City Hall and the Post Office, if possible.

For notification of severe weather, wildfire, evacuations or other emergency situations, please sign up for **Lane Alerts** at:

<https://www.lanealerts.org>

In the event of an emergency with the City's water system, such as a "boil water" notice, the City of Westfir will request emergency notification through Lane Alerts, in addition to posting on the City website and Facebook page.

