

City of Westfir Newsletter

January 2026



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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Dog Licenses Are Due This Month

If City Hall has a record of a dog in your household, you will find an application for 2026 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, 2026.**

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, which is planned for a Saturday in April, the date TBD.** 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.)



City Hall will be closed
Monday, January 19 for
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Volunteers are needed...

to take down the lights and decorations on the bridge and at Portal Park on **Saturday, January 10 at 12 PM.** Lunch included.

Please call Viki Sprague at 541-515-8382 to sign up. Or just show up on the day.



What's up with the Westridge School?

The Oakridge School District plans to sell the old Westridge Middle School building, which the district no longer needs. Westfir has started a conversation with the OSD about the possibility of using the facility.

Jude Anderson of RAIN Catalysts is organizing meetings of a fact-finding group to explore the feasibility of the City of Westfir leasing or acquiring the building. Stay tuned as the discussion develops.

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Be Septic Smart!

SOME SIMPLE THINGS WE CAN DO TO HELP PROTECT WATER QUALITY:

- ☑ Have your septic tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years.
- ☑ Follow the system manufacturer's directions when using septic tank cleaners and additives.
- ☑ Maintain the plants and trees near the system to ensure roots do not block drains.
- ☑ Keep cars and heavy vehicles parked away from the tank and drain field.
- ☑ Don't flush non-degradable products (floss, disposable wipes, cat litter). Put them in the trash instead.
- ☑ Don't pour things like oil, grease, chemicals, paint, or medications down the drain.

What do you know

about battery recycling?

Take the Survey!

Lane County is working to make battery recycling safer and easier for everyone. To tackle this growing problem, we need your input!

Please take this quick, confidential community survey. Your answers will help local experts understand current recycling knowledge and the barriers people face when trying to dispose of batteries properly.

Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey today:

LCBattery.org

For each survey that's completed, \$1 will be donated to the nonprofit recycling organization BRING.

Survey open through January 11, 2026



Hello Westfir & Happy Holidays!

The City of Westfir was indeed in the Christmas spirit! The Bridge Lighting Festival was fantastic and the flame dancers were enjoyed by all ages! The hot chocolate line was never ending, as were smiles on faces. Thanks to Viki Sprague (*fka* Burns), John Hayes, Bill and Barb Desser, Deretta Huey, James Cleavenger and all the volunteers who assisted!

The Westfir Lodge sported its 100th year celebration in a beautiful Christmas display. Thanks to owners Jara & Andrew and their elves who did a spectacular job with the decorations and lighting.

Thanks to everyone who made this a special event. Also, our sincere appreciation to Lane County Public Works and Lane Electric for their assistance with holiday bridge lighting.

—Richard Watson, Mayor



Please Join the Budget Committee!

The City of Westfir is seeking to fill two vacancies on the Budget Committee for a three-year term.

The Budget Committee is composed of five City officials and five appointed citizen members.

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:

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Your voice is needed!