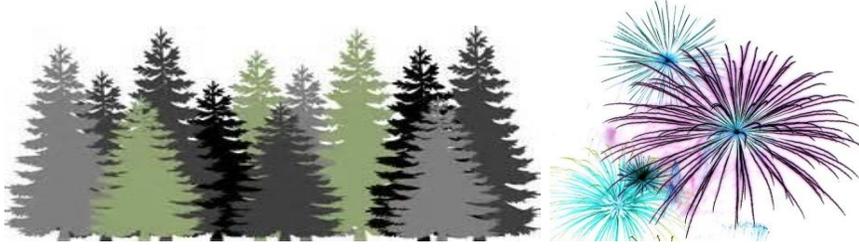# City of Westfir Newsletter

January 2020

Happy New Year 2020!

City Hall Hours: Mon Wed Fri   9am – 2pm

City Council meetings are the first Monday of the month at Westfir City Hall, at 5:30pm.

City Hall is closed the 1st for New Year's Day & the 20th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Thank you, volunteers!

Our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who made the Bridge Lighting Festival possible, especially Viki Burns who coordinates everything, and the ladies from Banner Bank who serve hot cocoa and cookies. Thanks to all who decorated the bridge, donated cookies, and those who donated money to help fund next year's event.

There will be another opportunity to lend a hand at the clean-up party on Saturday, January 4 starting at 11 am. Lunch will be provided! Please bring a ladder if possible and be sure to dress for the weather (bring gloves).

Dog Licenses are Due this Month

If City Hall has a record of a dog(s) in your household you will find an application for 2020, along with instructions, included with your water bill this month. If you have a dog(s) and do not receive the application with your water bill, then please stop by City Hall or download an application from the City website.

Applications require 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 on Saturday, March 29, 1—3 p.m. If you sign up for the clinic, we will defer that requirement until the clinic date.**

The cost for the license is $12.00 if your dog is not spayed or neutered, $6.00 if it is spayed or neutered. Senior Citizens get a 50% reduction on the fee.
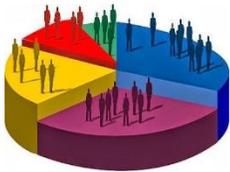
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STAND UP AND BE COUNTED! APRIL 1ST IS CENSUS DAY!

The United States Census will be taken this year as required by the U.S. Constitution. The Census is extremely important as the population count determines Federal monies/resources that are allocated to each community, and our Congressional Representation, among other things (we have a comprehensive list at City Hall if you would like to view it).

Each household will receive an "Invitation to Respond" to the Census between March 12 and March 20, with a follow up reminder between March 16 and March 24. This year you will be given the opportunity to respond by phone or online, in addition to the option of a paper questionnaire.

Westfir City Hall will be setting up computers in our Council Room for those who wish to respond online but don't have the internet connection needed. A schedule will be posted in the March and April Newsletters.

Census Facts:

Oregon received more than **$13 billion** in 2016 from the Federal Government based on the 2010 Census.

The Census is confidential – The information you supply is only used to generate statistics, it cannot be used for any other purpose. Census Bureau employees are bound by a confidentiality agreement.   Mark your calendar – April 1st is Census Day!

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

We will have the opportunity to recycle plastics again! EcoGeneration held its first Recycling Take-Back event last Sunday at Cedar Creek Café on Highway 58. There was a good turnout, and the next event is scheduled for Sunday, January 12. We will be posting a notice at City Hall and at the Westfir Post Office when the regular schedule is announced.

EcoGeneration recycles plastics #2, #4, and #5. They also take personal care packaging containers (shampoo, body wash, cosmetics, make-up), health and nutrition packaging, disposable razors, plastic bags, cigarette filters and packaging, and block Styrofoam. **Be sure all your containers are clean, dry and have the labels removed.**

This is a fantastic opportunity for our community so let's show our support and **RECYCLE!**