

City of Westfir Newsletter

April 2020



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

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

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City Government in a Time of COVID-19

Recently there have been changes to business as usual due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the need to keep everyone safe. City Hall is closed to the public, but staff are here to help by phone and e-mail. If you need an in-person meeting, please call to make an appointment. For the foreseeable future, public meetings will be held remotely for everyone's safety and security. We will be posting more details about how to participate in virtual meetings in upcoming days. Send an e-mail to westfircity@gmail.com if you would like to receive meeting invites by e-mail.

Unfortunately, we've had to cancel the Easter Egg hunt this year, but don't forget to enjoy the signs of Spring—the virus can't stop flowers and sunshine!

A Message from Mayor Meske

I encourage all of you to be healthy, exercise, and be safe. This pandemic is challenging everyone and everything we do. Check with your neighbors and make sure they have what they need. Lots of services we are accustomed to are not available. If we all do our part, the better and faster we can get through this. We have lots of forest trails around us and Forest Service trails without trailhead restrooms are still open. Check them out. As Nicole said we will be doing our Council meetings online through a video meeting platform called Zoom. You can download this app to your smart phone for free. I'm not familiar with this type of communication, so it's a learning experience for me too. YouTube has several videos on how to use Zoom. I found those helpful.

Stay healthy, Matt

B U D G E T

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, 2020, to June 30, 2021, will take place on April 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting can be joined online, by phone, or in person at City Hall, at 47441 Westoak Road. Space is limited at City Hall due to social distancing requirements. For remote access instructions, please visit www.westfir-oregon.com, e-mail westfircity@gmail.com, or call City Hall at 541-782-3983.

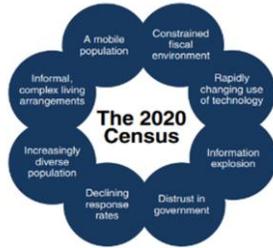
The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained by appointment on or after April 13, 2020 at 47441 Westoak Road, Westfir, Oregon 97492, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

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CENSUS DAY IS APRIL 1st!



Actually, April 1st is the beginning of “Census Season.” During the first part of April each household will be asked to fill out the 2020 Census form. You should have already received a card in the mail giving you directions for completing the 2020 Census.

This year the Census gives you the option of completing the form online. We had planned to make computers available at City Hall in the Council Chamber for residents, but that service is postponed for the time being.

The direction card you receive will also give you the other options for completing the Census such as by phone or with a paper form.

Keep in mind that if you do not respond there will be a Census Worker knocking on your door. (Although the Census Bureau has suspended field operations temporarily out of concern about the health and safety of its workers and the U.S. public from the novel coronavirus.)

Please remember that the Census Bureau is not allowed by law to share any personal data with any other government or non-government entity nor is there any question on the form regarding citizenship.

The Easter Egg hunt, scheduled for April 11, has been cancelled.

Outdoor Burning – No Plastics or Garbage, Please!

It’s time to begin yard and garden clean-up in preparation for Summer flowers, fruits and veggies.

Clean-up usually results in debris that needs to be burned so keep these points in mind:

1. Make sure it is a “Burn Day” by calling LRAPA at 541-726-3976 option 4.
2. Be sure you have a current Burn Permit from the City of Westfir.
3. Attend your fire at ALL TIMES.
4. Burn only dry, loosely stacked debris.
5. **You MAY NOT burn plastics, household garbage, etc.**

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



PROTECT OUR POLLINATORS!

Don’t use chemical weed killers in your yard. For more info on natural alternatives plus recipes go to:
<http://www.propollinators.org/>