



West Linn Update

DECEMBER 2009

Celebrate the holidays...

Holiday Tree Lighting

On Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., join your neighbors at West Linn Central Village for the annual holiday tree lighting and community celebration. Performances by: West Linn Community Chorus, West Linn High Jazz Quartet, and Radio Disney. Enjoy warm beverages, holiday cookie decorating for kids, photos with Santa, and special offerings from the Central Village merchants and the West Linn Library.

Holiday Parade

On Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., please attend the Holiday Parade along Willamette Falls Drive. The 2009 theme is "Jingle All The Way," and TVF&R will offer visits with Santa and cocoa. Donate a new unwrapped toy at the fire station. Enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides and shopping discounts from the Willamette Merchants. Register online to be in the parade at <http://westlinnoregon.gov>.

Understanding your Tax Bill

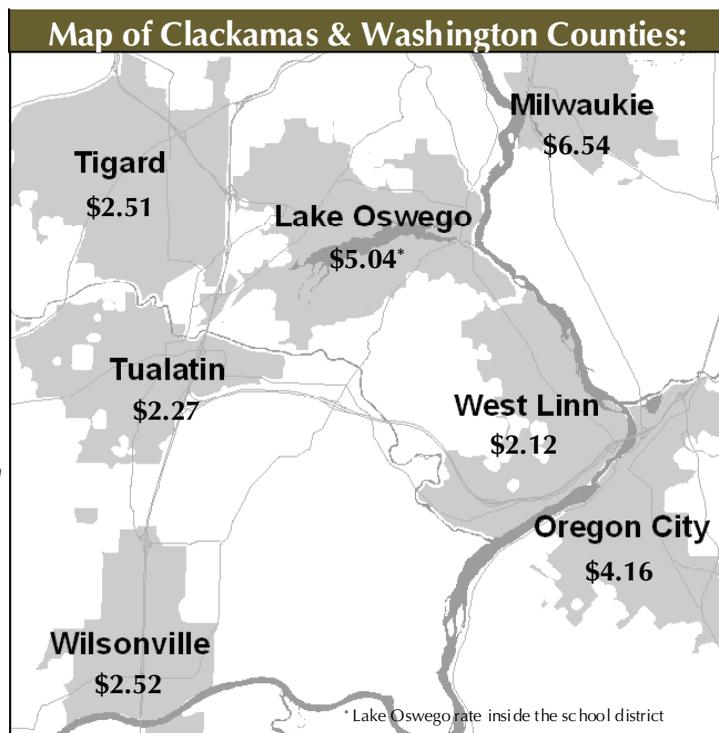
Each November, West Linn residents pay property taxes for Police, Library, Education, Fire & Rescue, and Parks & Recreation. Of the taxes accessed by Clackamas County, 14 percent is allocated to The City of West Linn. To better understand your property tax bill, the County has a helpful webpage specifically on this topic at: <http://www.clackamas.us/at/bill.htm>



West Linn taxpayers have the lowest city tax rate in the region:

In 1997, Measure 50 set a permanent tax rate for all cities in Oregon. The permanent tax rate and taxable assessed value (TAV) of a home (expressed in units of \$1,000) are used to calculate property taxes owed. For example, a West Linn home with a TAV of \$200,000 would pay \$424 in property taxes to the City. A home in Oregon City with the same TAV would pay \$832.

The permanent tax rate does not allow the City of West Linn to raise taxes. The City is not increasing your local tax rate to pay for the rising costs associated with the provision of police, parks, library, water, sewer, stormwater, or street maintenance services. The City must therefore rely on local option levies or fees-for-service to ensure that all critical and requested services can be provided to West Linn residents.





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City Meetings & Events

- 1 - Historic Resources Advisory Board Mtg., 7:00, City Hall
- 3 - Savanna Oaks NA Meeting, 7:00, City Hall
- 4 - First Friday, 6:30, Library
- 5 - Tree Lighting, 6:00, Central Village
- 6 - Make Your Own Holiday Cards, 1:00, Library
- 7 - Book Club, 6:45, Library
- 7 - City Council Work Session, 6:00, City Hall
- 8 - Terrific Tuesday, 6:30, Library
- 8 - Robinwood NA Meeting, 7:00, Emmanuel Pres. Church
- 9 - Music in the Stacks: Ronn McFarlane, 6:30, Library
- 9 - Willamette NA Meeting, 7:00, Pacific West Bank
- 12 - Holiday Parade, 10:00, Willamette Falls Dr.
- 14 - City Council Meeting, 6:30, City Hall
- 15 - Hidden Springs NA Meeting, 7:00, Adult Comm. Ctr.
- 16 - Transportation Advisory Board Mtg., 6:00 City Hall
- 16 - Utility Advisory Board Meeting, 6:00, City Hall
- 16 - Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00, City Hall
- 21 - Bolton NA Meeting, 7:00, Bolton School
- 21 - City Council Work Session, 6:00, City Hall
- 22 - Terrific Tuesday, 6:30, Library
- 24 - Special Christmas Eve Library Hours 10:00 - 4:00
- 25 - Christmas Day - City Offices & Library Closed
- 28 - City Council Meeting, 6:30, City Hall
- 29 - Marylhurst NA Meeting, 7:00, Adult Comm. Ctr.
- 30 - Parker Crest NA Meeting, 7:00, City Hall
- 31 - Special New Year's Eve Library Hours, 10:00 - 4:00

Did You Know?

In 2006-07, the total West Linn property tax rate was \$3.26/1,000 assessed value. In 2009-10, the rate is \$2.45/1,000, a reduction of \$0.81/1,000. For example, a \$200,000 home in West Linn now pays \$162 less.

Sign up to Stay Informed!

The City of West Linn puts out weekly email updates & RSS feeds
www.westlinnoregon.gov

Inclimate Weather

During winter storms, please use the following information to determine where to place your call. A big part of storm response is accurately dispatching calls for service to the appropriate responding organization.

To report a safety or traffic hazard caused by the weather: Non-Emergencies (Public Safety Dispatch): 503-635-0238

To report flooding, downed trees, or a blocked storm drain:
Public Works: 503-656-6081

If your power goes out:
A: PGE: 503-464-7777

Citizen Advisory Groups

Log on to <http://westlinnoregon.gov> to apply to be a member of a West Linn Citizen Advisory Group. These groups provide input on a variety of topics. The application process is easy, and appointments will be made by the City Council in January 2010. Applications are due on December 16 at 5:00 p.m. There are openings on:

- Citizens' Budget Committee
- Clackamas Cable Advisory Board
- Historic Resources Advisory Board
- Library Advisory Board
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Commission
- Public Safety Advisory Board
- Sustainability Advisory Board
- Transportation Advisory Board
- Utility Advisory Board

Music in The Stacks



Ronn McFarlane is one of the most outstanding lutenists performing today, and is largely responsible for bringing the transcendent charm and timeless quality

of the lute into the musical mainstream. Ronn has numerous recordings including solo recordings, over ten CDs with the Baltimore Consort, and ballad recordings with Custer LaRue and members of the Baltimore Consort. His recently-released solo album, Indigo Road, received a Grammy Award nomination.

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