



West Linn Update

FEBRUARY 2010

West Linn is proud to be a Tree City for 16 years

The Tree City USA® program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 120 million Americans call home.



Photo courtesy of Kendra Frankle

In an effort to continue to preserve our urban forest, the City regulates the removal of trees on private and public property.

The Tree Ordinance ensures that the City and areas that may become part of the City of West Linn will continue to realize the benefits provided by its urban forest, and to establish a process and standards which will minimize uncontrolled cutting or destruction of trees or wooded areas in West Linn. It is the intent of the Tree Ordinance to establish, maintain, and increase the quality of the tree cover on public and private lands within the City; maintain City trees in a healthy and non-hazardous condition through good arboricultural practices, and to provide a stable and sustainable urban forest.

The current version of the Tree Ordinance has been in effect since 2006. The key elements are:

- Oregon White Oak, Pacific Madrone, and Pacific Dogwoods require a permit for removal if they are 6" or greater in diameter at chest height.
- All other species require a permit if

they are 12" or greater at chest height.

- All permit applications require a completed application form, a site map showing where the tree is on the property, pictures that illustrate the reasons for removal, and the tree to be marked in the field with a ribbon or other type of flagging.
- Permits for hazard trees can usually be processed and approved in a day
- Permits for otherwise healthy trees can take up to 30 business days before removal can occur
- There is currently no cost for a permit
- Permits are only issued to the property owner. If it's not on your property, don't cut it!



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Tree Ordinance and permit form may be found online at: westlinnoregon.gov/parksrec

The City of West Linn has three certified arborists on staff:

- Ken Worcester – Parks Director
- Mike Perkins – City Arborist/ Park Development Coordinator
- Ron Jones – Parks Maintenance

There is still the possibility for strong winter wind storms to hit our area this season. Please don't hesitate to call our office (503-557-4700) if you have concerns about a particular tree.

February

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Help West Linn Parks

design new trails for West Linn

Go to: www.westlinntrailsplan.org

and share your opinion.

■ 1 - Book Club, 6:45, Library

- 1 - City Council Work Session, 6:00, City Hall
- 2 - Historic Resources Advisory Board, 7:00, City Hall
- 3 - Planning Commission, 7:00, City Hall
- 5 - First Friday, 6:30, Library
- 6 - Mary S Young Restoration Work Party, 9:00
- 6 - Parents' Morning Out, 9:30-11:30, Library
- **6 - Happy Trails Riding Center, 2:00, Library**
- 8 - City Council Meeting, 5:45, City Hall
- **8 - Author Talk: Molly Gloss, 6:30, Library**
- 8 - Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6:00, City Hall
- 9 - Robinwood NA, 7:00, Emman. Pres. Church
- 10 - Willamette NA, 7:00, Pacific West Bank
- 15 - Bolton NA Meeting, 7:00, Bolton School
- 15 - City Council Work Session, 6:00, City Hall
- **16 - Music in the Stacks, Oregon Trail Trio, 6:30, Library**
- 16 - Sustainability Advisory Board, 6:30, City Hall
- 16 - Hidden Springs NA, 7:00, City Hall
- 17 - Planning Commission, 7:00, City Hall
- 17 - Utility Advisory Board, 6:00, City Hall
- 20 - Maddax Woods Restoration Work Party, 9:00-12:00
- **20 - Soap-Making Craft, 2:00, Library**
- **22 - Documentary: Wild Horse Redemption, 6:30, Library**
- 22 - City Council Meeting, 5:45, City Hall
- 23 - Marylhurst NA, 7:00, Adult Community Center
- 24 - Parker Crest NA, 7:00, City Hall
- 24 - Transportation Advisory Board, 6:00, City Hall
- 25 - Parks & Recreation Board, 6:00, City Hall
- 26 - 789 Jam Dance, 7:30-10:00

* **Bold calendar items reflect the "West Linn Reads" events**

West Linn Reads

The West Linn Public Library has selected The Hearts of Horses by Molly Gloss for the 2010 community-wide reading program "West Linn Reads." Exciting events are planned throughout the month of February, including a visit from author Molly Gloss!

Additional events are highlighted in bold to the left and online at

www.westlinnoregon.gov/library



Winter Storm Surprise

December 29, 2009 caught weather forecasters and commuters unaware by quickly blowing in a strong but short-lived snowstorm throughout the area. West Linn Public Works crews responded quickly to the sudden snow with sand and deicer to keep the main snow routes open for travel. Crews continued to work through the night preparing for the morning commute.

Inclement weather information and a winter weather map was mailed with December's utility bill and is also available on the City's website at

www.westlinnoregon.gov

Bus Drivers

Needed

Volunteer Drivers with current C.D.L. needed to drive 18 passenger bus for Senior Adult Programs at the West Linn Adult Community Center.

Call Lynn at (503) 557-4704

Activities Guide

Registration

The West Linn Winter/Spring Activities Catalog is now available! Download the catalog by chapter or view the entire listing of activities at

www.westlinnoregon.gov/parksrec

Lasting Relationships: Couples Workshop

Whether you're "just looking," dating, engaged, married, or somewhere in between, Lasting Relationships' Workshops for Couples is the ideal investment in your lifelong happiness.

4-Week Series begins January 19, 2010

West Linn High School 7:00 - 9:00 PM

\$10 per couple

Register online at www.westlinnoregon.gov/parksrec or call (503) 557-4700