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# West Linn Update

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## Most Frequently Asked Questions at City Hall

West Linn residents keep City reception staff on their toes with calls and questions about a variety of topics. Here's a listing of the top seven questions the City has received so far in 2010:

### **1. How do I make a park reservation for my summer event?**

You can make picnic shelter and field reservations beginning on March 1 for City residents and March 8 for non-residents. Please call Parks and Recreation at 503-557-4700 to make a reservation.

### **2. How do I renew my dog or business license?**

The City now processes all dog and business licenses securely online via credit card, check, money order, or cash payment. This new, streamlined process is safe, secure, eco-friendly and saves the cost of printing and mailing hard-copy certificates to each dog or business owner.

### **3. When is the next Council meeting and can I testify at the meeting?**

City Council meetings are on the second and fourth Mondays of each month and begin at 6:30 p.m. The Council welcomes public comment during the "Community Comments" portion of the meeting. When you arrive at City Hall, fill out a comment form in Council Chambers and submit it to the City Recorder.

### **4. Is the City up to date on audits?**

Yes, all West Linn audits are up to date. The FY08 & FY09 audits received "clean" and unqualified opinions. West Linn is now the only city in Oregon that holds all three national awards (Budget, Audit, and Annual Report) from the Government Finance Officers Association.

### **5. When is the next Library program?**

The Library features program guides and a monthly calendar of events for adult and kids' programs – pick one up the next time you are at the Library. Or, check out the Library's web site at <http://westlinnoregon.gov/library> and click the "Programs and Events" tab and/or the "Kids and Teens" tab for an online listing.

### **6. Who is West Linn's city manager?**

Chris Jordan is the city manager; he was hired in 2005. The city manager is hired to serve the Council and the community and to bring to the local government the benefits of training and experience in administering local government projects and programs on behalf of the governing body. The manager prepares a budget for the Council's consideration; recruits, hires, and supervises the government's staff; and carries out the Council's policies. West Linn's charter defines West Linn's Council/Manager form of government. Contact Chris at [cjordan@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:cjordan@westlinnoregon.gov) or 503-657-0331.

### **7. Where can I get a copy of the City's financial reports?**

Please visit <http://westlinnoregon.gov/finance/second-quarter-financial-report-fy-2010> for the most recently published quarterly financial statement. In this quarterly report, for the first six months ended December 31, 2009, you will find each fund's financial results through the second quarter. Budgeted data for the fiscal year is also presented showing how each fund is tracking against their annual budget for the fiscal year 2009-10 which will end in June 2010.



## New Plots Available in Community Garden

Several new plots are available in West Linn's Community Garden in Fields Bridge Park for the 2010 season. Gardeners get a 500-square-foot plot, water, compost, lime, roto-tiller, weed whacker, fencing with a locked gate and storage shed space. For more information, please contact Steve Hopkins at 503-635-7465.

### March

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### City Meetings

- 1 - Book Club, 6:45, Library
- 1 - City Council Work Session, 6:00, City Hall
- 2 - Historic Resources Advisory Board, 7:00, City Hall
- 2 - Author Talk: Scott Burns, 6:30, Library
- 2 - Financial Planning Series, 7:00, Rosemont Ridge MS
- 3 - Planning Commission, 7:30, City Hall
- 5 - First Friday: Teen Tech Night, 6:30, Library
- 6 - Mary S. Young Work Party, 9:00, Park
- 8 - City Council Meeting, 6:00, City Hall
- 8 - Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6:00, City Hall
- 9 - Robinwood NA, 7:00, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
- 10 - Willamette NA, 7:00, Pacific West Bank
- 11 - Film Screening: A Sea Change, 6:30, Library
- 15 - President's Day - All City Offices Closed
- 15 - Bolton NA Meeting, 7:00, Bolton School
- 16 - City Council Work Session, 6:00, City Hall
- 16 - Sustainability Advisory Board, 6:00, City Hall
- 16 - Hidden Springs NA, 7:00, Rosemont Ridge MS
- 17 - Planning Commission, 7:30, City Hall
- 17 - Utility Advisory Board, 6:00, City Hall
- 18 - Maddax Woods Monthly Meeting 7:00, Mkt of Choice
- 20 - Maddax Woods Restoration Work Party, 9:00, Woods
- 22 - City Council Meeting, 6:00, City Hall
- 23 - Marylhurst NA, 7:00, Adult Community Center
- 24 - Transportation Advisory Board, 6:00, City Hall
- 25 - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, 7:00, City Hall
- 25 - Springbreak Ski & Snowboard Camp, 6:30am, WLPD
- 31 - Parker Crest NA, 7:00, City Hall

## The U.S. Census is Coming!

**What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.

**When:** You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery.

**Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every ten years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**How:** Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

Achieving a complete and accurate 2010 Census is important. The form is short, your answers are protected, and many benefits rely upon an accurate count.

For more information go to: [2010.census.gov](http://2010.census.gov)

## Imagine a World Without Fish

**Film Screening:** A Sea Change: Imagine a World Without Fish, by Sven Huseby and Barbara Ettinger. West Linn Public Library, March 11, 6:30pm.

It is a frightening premise, and it is happening right now. *A Sea Change* follows the journey of retired history teacher Sven Huseby on his quest to discover what is happening to the world's oceans. Sven becomes obsessed with the rising acidity of the oceans and what this "sea change" bodes for humankind. His quest takes him to Alaska, California, Washington, and Norway as he uncovers a worldwide crisis of which most people are unaware.

