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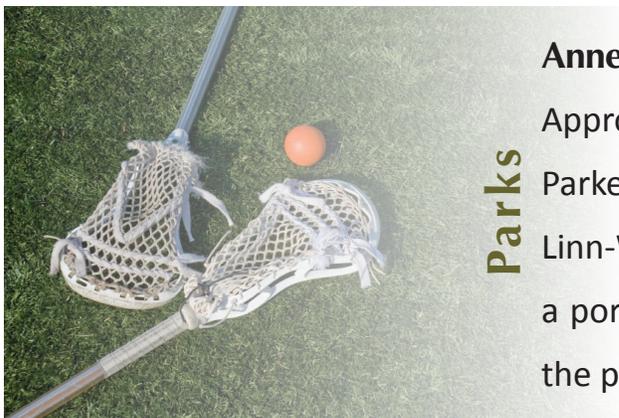
The May 18, 2010 ballot will include three measures for voter consideration. These ballot measures impact West Linn public safety, schools, and parks. Learn more about the ballot measures in this newsletter, or log on to <http://westlinnoregon.gov/policestation> for more information.



Public Safety

GO Bonds for New Police Station

Approval of Measure 3-356 would authorize the sale of up to \$10.8 million in general obligation bonds for land acquisition and to construct, furnish and equip a new police and court facility located on Parker Road. The existing police station was constructed in 1936 and is an earthquake hazard. *Read more on page two...*



Parks

Annexation of Parker Road Property

Approval of Measure 3-357 would annex 7.5 acres of property on Parker Road. The City would purchase this property from the West Linn-Wilsonville School District and construct a new police station on a portion of the property on Parker Road, leaving the remainder of the property for parks and recreation. *Read more on page three...*



Schools

Sale of a Portion of Sunset Park to School District

Approval of Measure 3-358 would authorize the sale of a portion of Sunset Park to the West Linn-Wilsonville School District. If the City sells a portion of Sunset Park to the School District, there would be sufficient land to keep Sunset Primary School at its current neighborhood location. *Read more on page three...*

Police Station General Obligation Bond

Approval of Measure 3-356 would authorize the sale of up to \$10.8 million in general obligation bonds for land acquisition and to construct, furnish and equip a new police and court facility. Tax rates would increase about 29 cents per thousand of assessed value.



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The existing police station was constructed in 1936. The building is an earthquake hazard, and the emergency exit from the second floor of the building is a wooden fire escape over the dumpsters. A remodel of the current site is not feasible because of site constraints and lack of parking.

There is inadequate evidence storage, technology wiring is exposed, and replacement parts for the building's boiler must be reconditioned from demolished buildings because the boiler's parts are no longer commercially available. The building is poorly insulated and has mostly single pane windows, causing the building to be very cold in the winter and very hot in the summer. Much of the first floor does not meet current accessibility standards.

How much does the issuance of \$10.8 million in bonds cost West Linn residents?

Tax rates would increase about 29 cents per thousand of assessed value. For a home with an assessed value of \$200,000, the approximate cost would be:

- \$0.16 per day
- \$5.00 per month
- \$60.00 per year

Why can't the police station be built at the current location?

The City owns the footprint of the existing building but not the surrounding land or parking lot thus, there is no police vehicle parking and no room to expand on the existing site. Also, it is estimated that it would cost more to remodel the existing building given its current state of decay and the limitations of the current site.

What are the current interest rates right now?

Tax-exempt interest rates are currently approximately four percent. The standard term length for general obligation bonds is 20 years.

When was the last time a City general obligation bond was approved by the voters?

In 2000, for the Library remodel. The City has two outstanding general obligation bonds that are currently subject to annual debt service.

Will the operating costs of the new facility exceed the old facility?

Because of the condition of the old facility and the LEED Gold standard of the new facility, the operating costs are expected to be approximately the same.

Information & Questions About Measure 3-357: **Parker Road Property Annexation**

Approval of Measure 3-357 would annex 7.5 acres of real property located at 3332 and 3151 Parker Road. If the sale of Sunset Park and the GO Bond for a new police station are approved, the City of West Linn would purchase this property from the West Linn-Wilsonville School District, and would construct a new police station on the portion of the property adjacent to Parker Road. The remainder of the property would be used for parks and recreation. This site was selected for the proposed new police station after an evaluation of potential West Linn sites that factored in cost, availability, accessibility and functionality factors.

What happens if the annexation and park sale are approved, but the GO bond is not approved?

The City of West Linn will purchase the Parker Road property if the annexation and park sale are approved, even if the GO bond is not approved. The City has funds budgeted for land acquisition and would proceed with that portion of the police station cost, and the City Council would likely consider available options to pursue the additional funding required. (If approved, a portion of the GO bond would be used to refund the money that was budgeted for land acquisition.)

My kids love playing lacrosse and soccer on the Parker Road fields - will they still have access?

Yes. If approved and constructed, the police station will only take up a portion of the Parker Road site, near the skate park. The remainder of the property will continue to be used for sports fields. In the future, if the City Council wishes to advance the issue to the ballot, voters may be asked to consider an aquatic center on this site.

Information & Questions About Measure 3-358: **Sunset Park Sale**

Approval of Measure 3-358 would authorize the sale of a portion of Sunset Park to the West Linn-Wilsonville School District. The City would sell 1.6 acres of the 5.1-acre park to the School District. The School District has indicated that Sunset Primary School should be replaced soon, and that the School District would maintain Sunset Primary School at its current location provided that the school property could be expanded. The City-owned Sunset Park property is adjacent to the school. Agreeing to sell a portion of Sunset Park to the School District would provide sufficient land to keep Sunset Primary School at its current location.

Do Sunset neighbors have an opinion on this measure?

The Sunset Neighborhood Plan includes a goal of keeping Sunset Primary School in the Sunset neighborhood. At a March 2010 Neighborhood Association meeting, neighbors voted 28-1 in support of "the City taking necessary action, including the sale of a portion of Sunset Park, to keep Sunset Primary School in its current location."

How can we be sure that Sunset Primary School will remain in its current location if voters agree to sell a portion Sunset Park?

The City and the School District have agreed to very specific terms and conditions related to the sale of the park property that clearly specify expectations for use of the property. Also, the District agrees to work with the City when master planning the Sunset School site to maximize recreational opportunities while preserving significant trees on the site.

This Month in West Linn

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Police Station Open House

Please join the West Linn Police Department for a tour of the current police station. Displays and information on three upcoming ballot measures will be available. Information and activities for all ages. Also, free children's fingerprinting!

Open Houses:

- **Saturday April 24 10:00 - 12:00**
- **Sunday April 25 2:00 - 4:00**

22825 Willamette Drive, West Linn



May Calendar

- 3 - Book Club, 6:45, Library
- 3 - City Council Work Session, 6:00, City Hall
- 4 - Historic Resources Advisory Board, 7:00, City Hall
- 5 - Planning Commission, 7:30, City Hall
- 6 - Financial Planning and Options, 6:30, Library
- 7 - First Friday: Sherlock Holmes, 6:15, Library
- 10 - Music in the Stacks: WL Comm. Chorus, 6:30, Library
- 10 - City Council Meeting, 6:00, City Hall
- 11 - Parks & Rec Teen Advisory Comm., 4:30, City Hall
- 13 - Aging in Place, 6:30, Library
- 15 - Maddax Woods Restoration Work Party, 9:00
- 15 - Take Care of West Linn Day, 9:00
- 17 - Container Gardening Basics, 6:30, Library
- 17 - Bolton NA Meeting, 7:00, Bolton School
- 17 - City Council Work Session, 6:00, City Hall
- **18 - Election Day - Ballot Drop Off at City Hall & Library**
- 18 - Sustainability Advisory Board Mtg., 6:00, City Hall
- 18 - Hidden Springs NA Mtg., 7:00, Rosemont Ridge MS
- 19 - Utility Advisory Board Meeting, 6:00, City Hall
- 19 - Rosemont Summit NA Meeting, 7:00, City Hall
- 19 - Planning Commission, 7:30, City Hall
- 20 - The Next Chapter, 6:30, Library
- 24 - City Council Meeting, 6:00, City Hall
- 24 - Public Safety Advisory Board, 7:00, City Hall
- 25 - Marylhurst NA Meeting, 7:00, ACC
- 26 - Transportation Advisory Board, 6:00, City Hall
- 27 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 7:00, City Hall
- 31 - Memorial Day - City offices closed

Celebrating Older Adult Month

A series of three programs celebrating Older Adult Month will be held at the West Linn Public Library in partnership with the West Linn Chamber of Commerce. All sessions will take place on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 and the public is invited to attend these free events.

- "Financial Planning and Options" will discuss Medicaid spend-down, income cap trusts, veterans benefits, long term care insurance, financial planning, wills, and estate planning on **May 6**.
- "Aging in Place" will address medical versus non-medical home health care, home modifications and equipment, and estate sales on **May 13**.
- "The Next Chapter" will address placement options, independent retirement communities, assisted living, adult care homes, memory care, hospice, and funeral planning on **May 20**.

Please contact the Library for more information at 503-656-7853 or visit <http://westlinnoregon.gov/library>.

Utility Service Changes



The City of West Linn is committed to providing the best customer service possible. As a reminder, water meter service requests will be processed within two full business days from the date of receipt. To ensure proper account setup for utility accounts, the new customer is required to contact the City to provide billing information; otherwise the City will shut off service until such information has been received.