



# WEST LINN UPDATE

*Second Quarter, 2015*



Welcome,  
Mayor Russ Axelrod!

On May 19, Russ Axelrod was elected to serve out the remainder of John Kovash's term as mayor of West Linn. Here are some fun facts about our new mayor:

**Favorite park:** In West Linn: Camassia and Mary S Young, otherwise Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks

**Favorite restaurant:** Local - fish and chips at Stillhouse in Oregon City

**Favorite book:** Recent - Bartender's Tale by Ivan Doig

**Favorite movie:** Forest Gump

**Favorite song:** Imagine, John Lennon

**Favorite food:** Thai

**Favorite beverage:** Hoppy IPA

**Favorite vacation spot:** Kauai

**Something that most people don't know about me:** Was lead geologist on major archaeology expedition in Syria

**If I won the lottery I would:** Have my wife retire and we'd bike and hike more

**If I could have dinner with three people, dead or alive, I would invite:** Nelson Mandela, Dali Lama, and Billy Crystal

**Something that local government does really well:** Helps us appreciate corny humor

**Something that local government could improve upon:** Not take itself too seriously

**Top goal for the city now that I'm mayor:** Lighten up and celebrate each other and our community

*Please schedule a time to chat with Mayor Axelrod by emailing [RAxelrod@WestLinnOregon.gov](mailto:RAxelrod@WestLinnOregon.gov), tweet at [@Axelrod82](https://twitter.com/Axelrod82), or call 503-657-2804.*



Looks WHO, WHO is new in town!

CoWL the Owl is the newest resident in the city of West Linn. Our feathered friend has already been busy getting to know the city and its residents.

Recently, CoWL was spotted hanging out with WLPD Officer Brad Moyle. He was seen reading a book (about owls, of course) with a child at the public library. He has even stepped up and helped out the public works department sweeping streets! He also already had a playdate with Old Time Fair Queen McKenna Wright.

Be on the lookout for CoWL at Parks and Rec events as well as library events this summer. CoWL is a real hoot!

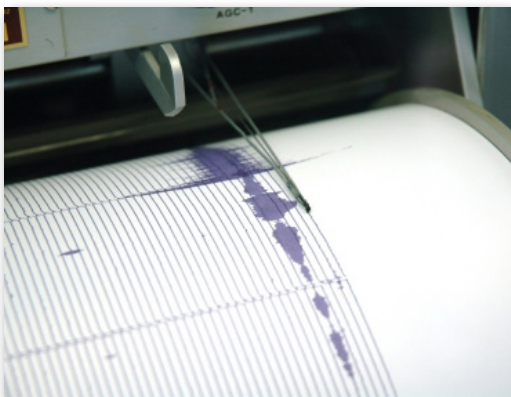
Keep in touch with CoWL and his whereabouts on his Facebook page! Visit [Facebook.com/pages/Cowl-the-Owl](https://Facebook.com/pages/Cowl-the-Owl).



# Is your family prepared for an emergency?

The West Linn City Council set two council goals for 2015 related to emergency preparedness. In the last month, we have experienced a boil water notice and earthquakes off of the Oregon Coast. It's important to make sure your family is prepared. Here are three easy steps you can take. Want to learn even more? Schedule time to meet with the Public Safety Advisory Board members who organize periodic training opportunities.

Please email Lori at [LHall@WestLinnOregon.gov](mailto:LHall@WestLinnOregon.gov) to schedule a meeting.



## City Council Emergency Preparedness Goal #1:

*Develop a city-wide Map Your Neighborhood rollout strategy to ensure all West Linn neighbors have an opportunity to learn about and engage the Map Your Neighborhood program.*

Grant Oakes is West Linn's Map Your Neighborhood expert. As a member of the Public Safety Advisory Board,



Grant provides valuable training on how you can build a neighborhood support network that will come in handy during an emergency.

The City of West Linn also publishes Map Your Neighborhood materials online here: [WestLinnOregon.gov/MapYourNeighborhood](http://WestLinnOregon.gov/MapYourNeighborhood).

The Map Your Neighborhood program outlines a nine-step Neighborhood Response Plan that immediately helps you to know what to do both at your home and in the neighborhood.

You will learn how to respond to injuries, utility problems and assisting people such as the elderly, those with disabilities or children who may be home alone.

## City Council Emergency Preparedness Goal #2:

*Coordinate with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, local civic and neighborhood groups, and other local agencies to plan an Emergency Preparedness Fair for the West Linn community.*

Save the date! The City of West Linn and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue will host an emergency preparedness fair on Thursday, September 24. The fair is free and will have booths and informational sessions for you and your family.

In addition, the city has created a dedicated website to all things related to emergency preparedness. Please bookmark [WestLinnOregon.gov/WestLinnReady](http://WestLinnOregon.gov/WestLinnReady) to make sure you have the latest news and information available.



## Another Great Way to Receive Emergency Notifications:

*The City of West Linn uses the Clackamas County Emergency Notification System (CCENS) to call citizens during an emergency. Please sign up today!*

The CCENS system is programmed with telephone numbers. You must sign up online to receive emergency alerts by: cellphone, Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) or email. Use this link to sign up: [Clackamas.us/emergency/ccens.html](http://Clackamas.us/emergency/ccens.html)

If the call is picked up by an answering machine, it will leave a message and not call back. If the number is busy or there is no answer, the system will call twice more. The system also contacts TTY/TDD devices used by the deaf and hearing impaired.

By signing up, you will receive emergency notification for your home or any other address (such as a business). You will only be contacted when your associated address is affected by an emergency. In cases where emergency actions may be necessary you will receive notification on what measures to take during a disaster or in the case or about a hazardous situation near your home that may require a public response.



# Your passport to summer fun!

[WestLinnOregon.gov/Summer-Passport](http://WestLinnOregon.gov/Summer-Passport)

No need to pack your bags for summer fun. Our Passport will take you to the ends of West Linn, the far reaches of your imagination and to new heights of entertainment. Make your own passport, collect stamps all summer long at our area parks, events and library programs. When you collect the required number of stamps, claim your prize!

## New day & time for West Linn Farmers Market

*The West Linn Farmers Market is changing its day and time. It is now on Sundays, 11 to 3, May 31 to September 13 on Willamette Falls Drive between 12th and 14th Streets. The market showcases a variety of vendors – fresh local produce, handmade artisan crafts, hot food, live music and more. The West Linn Library has a booth at the farmers market, featuring story times for kids and the most popular books from the "Lucky Day" shelf.*



## Let the fun begin:

Full listing of parks, recreation and library summer events:

- Summer Reading Program - June 12-Aug. 30
- Daddy-Daughter Dance - June 19, 6 p.m.
- Mad Science - June 23, 2 & 4 p.m.
- Super Legos - June 24, 2 p.m.
- Game Night - June 25, 6:30 p.m.
- Intro to Geocaching - June 29, 6:30 p.m.
- Movies in the Park - Fridays at dusk, July 10-Aug. 21
- Street Dance - July 11, 5 p.m.
- Old Time Fair - July 17-19
- Music in the Park - Thursdays, July 23-Aug. 27, 6:30 p.m.
- Great Outdoor Adventure - Aug. 8-9
- Grand Prize Drawings - Aug. 30, 2 p.m.

[WestLinnOregon.gov/parksrec](http://WestLinnOregon.gov/parksrec) or 503-557-4700

[WestLinnOregon.gov/library](http://WestLinnOregon.gov/library) or 503-656-7853



## “Building a Strong Infrastructure”

Your Clackamas County Commissioners are holding a Town Hall in **Milwaukie** on June 17! All residents, business owners and other stakeholders of the County are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Come share your thoughts about...

- Road Maintenance Funding
  - Willamette Falls Locks
  - Sunrise Corridor Project
- with your Commissioners!

Milwaukie High School commons  
11300 SE 23rd Ave.  
Milwaukie, 97222

**June 17**  
**6:00 PM**



Not sure which NA you live in? Visit [WestLinnOregon.gov](http://WestLinnOregon.gov) to find out! You can also sign up for an email newsletter about your NA meetings!

## Updates from West Linn Neighborhood Associations:

Neighborhood Associations (NAs) are citizen engagement groups organized by the City of West Linn. Participating with your NA is one way to share your ideas and concerns with the city. Residents of an NA address issues affecting your neighborhood and community, such as land use items. There are 10 NAs in West Linn and they are different from Homeowners Associations (HOAs). For example, one NA may include multiple HOAs. Each quarter, we ask the NAs to share news and information in this newsletter. Here are the updates received from NAs:

### Savanna Oaks NA

On Saturday, June 27, from Noon to 2 PM there will be a thank you barbecue at the White Oak Savanna. This is a thank you for all who have volunteered their time and/or money to help with acquisition and restoration of the park. Anyone can attend. The barbecue is free and sponsored by Haggens Market and Neighbors for a Livable West Linn.

Also, Savanna Oaks NA will be holding our annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 12, 1 - 3 in Douglas Park. There will be ice cream sundaes and cones for all. In addition, there will be games for kids and adults, alike. At 2 PM any kids present will have a chance to break a pinata filled with candy.

### West Linn NA Map

We've had requests for copies of this cool NA map, created by West Linn GIS Coordinator Kathy Aha! If you'd like a copy to display in your home to show your West Linn pride, email Kirsten at [kwyatt@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:kwyatt@westlinnoregon.gov).

### Skyline Ridge NA

It is time to plan the 30th Annual Skyline Ridge Fourth of July picnic and parade. We are looking for someone to help direct the Picnic & Parade this year. To sign up and volunteer, please send Tracey an email at [skylineridgena@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:skylineridgena@westlinnoregon.gov).

SRNA thanks the neighbors who have already volunteered to make this Fourth of July party (2015) a great one: Dan Boyer, Rian Olsrud, Keith Morris, Paul & Jennifer Fryer, Ryan Kling, Bryan Gilbert & Lori Gibson.

### Sunset NA

The Sunset NA picnic is on Sunday, June 28, at Sunset Park, 1-4pm. Enjoy music by Global FM band and food provided. Please come and get to know your neighbors!

The next SNA quarterly meeting Tuesday, September 22 at Sunset Primary School.

### Marylhurst NA

Marylhurst Neighborhood Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Adult Community Center. We are planning our social for September or October and invite your ideas and help. It will include a opportunity for neighborhood businesses to have tables were they meet neighbors, give information or display their wares.

In conjunction with Take Care of West Linn Day, about 20 neighbors spent several hours weeding and planting the labyrinth at Marylhurst Park; and we are looking into getting a bench for the area. It was a lot of fun work and a good time to meet each other. We also reviewed the Transportation Plan for our neighborhood and made eight recommendations as part of the city's update to the plan. I hope you will join us for our next meeting on June 23.

