



**Bolton Neighborhood Association
August 16, 2022 Meeting cancelled**

Stuck in the waiting room...

As planned, our President and Secretary were not able to host last night's meeting. My sincere apologies to those of you who tried to sign into the meeting and were never admitted. I had password issues with the Bolton NA Zoom account and was not able to start the August 16 meeting. If I had your e-mail from recent communications, you were invited onto Google Meet to discuss the Bolton Social scheduled for September 24. In case I missed you, it was not intentional. Stay tuned for more information as we get organized and watch for a volunteer sign-up link.

Bolton Social: 2:00 – 5:00 pm, September 24, 2022 at Hammerle Park

What a beautiful summer we've had, and this will be an opportunity for the neighborhood to gather and celebrate the beginning of fall. Hopefully, the only chill will come from Kona Ice provided free by the Bolton Neighborhood Association. Come meet your neighbors, play some games, listen to music, and maybe win a raffle provided by one of our local businesses.

Community Outreach Discussions: 1:00 - 2:00 pm, September 15

E-mail BoltonNA@westlinnoregon.gov if you would like to participate in the West Linn Police Department's Community Outreach Discussions in person. We would like to send three representatives from our neighborhood. The goal is to help foster continued growth and success in community engagement for the West Linn Police Department. They want to hear what you feel is important and what you need from the police department. The location will be the John Satter Room at the West Linn Police Department located at 1800 8th Ave. West Linn, OR. 97068

Events this week at the McLean House

5:00 – 6:30 pm, Thursday, August 18: Meet the Candidates

JOIN THE WEST LINN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 • 5:00-6:30PM



MEET THE STATE REPRESENTATIVES HD 37 CANDIDATES

HAPPY HOUR NETWORKING
AT THE MCLEAN HOUSE OUTDOOR PAVILION

West Linn Vintage Road Show: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Sunday, August 21

"What's in **Your Attic?"**

Bring Your Antiques & Oddities to the

West Linn

Vintage Roadshow

**SUNDAY
21
AUGUST
11 am to 3 pm**

Featuring Appraiser
GARY GERMER

**TICKETS
\$10
GENERAL
ADMISSION**

**TICKETS
\$30
WITH ONE
ITEM
APPRAISED**

Join us for an entertaining afternoon on the beautiful grounds of the McLean House as we watch appraiser Gary Germer evaluate YOUR antiques and oddities! Bring a picnic lunch, or enjoy onsite concessions. For complete details, including ticket sales and COVID-19 guidelines, go to www.westlinnhistory.org

McLean House and Park
5350 River Street, West Linn, OR 97068

Excessive Noise Level on the River

Meeting held on August 10 identified difficulties in issuing citations to violators of the Oregon Marine Board's temporary 75 dB limit. The citation requires specific equipment to measure noise levels no more than 20 feet from shore. Future approaches to deal with non-compliant watercraft include officer citations, citizen citations, West Linn Police monitoring, Clackamas River Boat Patrols. See below for meeting notes.

New Members on Skyline Dr.

The Sunset Neighborhood Association submitted meeting minutes to West Linn. Redrawing the Bolton Neighborhood Association now waits at the City Council.

Memorial

A memorial was held this morning at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church for Elaine Mahoney. She was one of the founding members of Maddax Woods.

[Elaine Mahoney Obituary \(1939 - 2022\) - Portland, OR - The Oregonian \(oregonlive.com\)](#)

The Bolton Social will take the place of the September meeting. Our next Zoom meeting will be October 18. Future discussions include:

- 1) Safe routes to school**
- 2) Meet the Candidates for State Senate**
- 3) Future use of the Bolton Fire Station**

End of Bolton News. Below are meeting notes referenced above.

Thank you for reading.

**Erich Kunrath
Bolton NA VP
August 17, 2022**

Notes from August 10, 2022 Meeting to Problem Solve Excessive Jet Ski Noise

Councilor Mary Baumgardner, Chief Deputy Jesse Ashby, Sergeant Nate Thompson, Mike Arthur, Bob McCarthy, BNA president.

- There is general agreement that:

- Professional jet skis doing acrobatics in the vicinity of Meldrum Bar Park exceed the 75 dB rule set by the Oregon Marine Board at its July 28, 2022 meeting.
- Further, that those operating these professional two-stroke jet skis limit their noise when they observe officers of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department River patrol.
- Accurately measuring the noise level from this source is difficult. Sworn officer must be present to take the readings using a particular decibel measuring device. Further the rule requires the noise reading to be taken no more than 20 feet in the water from the shore. Only then, if the noise reading exceeds the 75 dB limit, can an officer issue a citation.
- It is possible for citizen to issue a citation to a party they believe is exceeding the 75 dB noise limit, but for that citation to hold up in court the citizen must use an acceptable noise meter and follow the same rules as a sworn officer. If the citizen issues a citation, a sworn officer will present the citation to that individual.
- Sgt. Thompson has spoken with jet skiers at Meldrum bar Park and several have been willing to make adjustments to their mufflers to lower the noise level of their jet skis. However the skiers most responsible for the loudest noise have not. This makes successful mediation unlikely.
- There was a discussion of the “prudent and responsible rule” as a possible means for citing professional skiers doing repeated acrobatics. However, citing an individual for violating the “prudent and responsible” standard is only done when that behavior is determined to be unsafe. A DOJ opinion is needed to clarify the meaning of “prudent and reasonable” as well as what an “effectively muffled muffler” is. It is not clear who will follow up on this.
 - Approaches agreed to:
 - A citizen citation.
 - Citation from a sworn officer from Gladstone or West Linn police departments.
 - Increased monitoring of the Clackamas County River Patrol to get more accurate readings of noise levels when the professional jet skiers are operating in full acrobatic mode.
 - Sgt. Thompson will provide the name and model number of the approved noise meter and make them available.

- Mike Arthur will talk to neighbors who live on the river and find a suitable location to monitor and video tape the jet skier in action.
 - Counselor Baumgardner will talk with West Linn Police Chief Mahuna to see if he's willing to provide an officer to do noise monitoring on the West Linn side of the river. Follow-up with the City of Gladstone Police Department is unclear.
- It was agreed that excessive noise produced by professional jet skis is a problem that must be solved both to meet the requirements of the OMB noise rule and make the river livable for everyone.
- It would be useful to have a follow up meeting in two weeks to assess progress.

Robert E. McCarthy
August 15, 2022