



# WEST LINN UPDATE

*First Quarter, 2016*

## 2016 City Council Goals

The West Linn City Council unanimously adopted the 2016 City Council Goals on February 8, 2016. Here are the top priorities for the city this year:

### Hire a New City Manager

- Work with Prothman to implement the best manager search process and timeline.
- Involve citizens in the search and interview process so it includes community values.
- Provide frequent status updates to the community until announcement of hiring.

### Refine Arch Bridge Area Master Planning & Assess Potential Property Acquisitions

- Reengage contract to hold property owner meetings, community engagement, neighborhood association outreach, and town hall meetings to prepare potential development alternatives and examine zoning options and other potential measures to preserve property values and meet long-term planning goals.
- Use alternatives to determine costs related to property acquisition and master plan financing options.

### Research the Feasibility of a West Linn Fiber Network

- Retain a consultant to evaluate the current and potential future state of the broadband market in West Linn, and report back to the City Council with pros and cons of potential network implementation.
- Engage the community and adopt a strategic approach that works best for West Linn.

### Become an Active Regional Partner on Transportation Issues

- Participate in all regional transportation committees and opportunities - show up, build trust, build relationships and share information.
- Pursue funding for critical transportation projects that affect West Linn, including Highway 43, Interstate 205 and other projects.

### Address Community Development Code and Comprehensive Plan Changes

- Work with the Planning Commission to identify code and plan refinements to address and resolve in sensible packages.
- Work with staff to edit and make minor changes, and with special interest task forces, if necessary, for more complex code changes.

### Resolve and Define the Best Uses for Underutilized City Properties

- Convene a public process to take action on the Robinwood Station, including discussions on land use and ownership.
- Convene the City Property Task Force to use the draft goals and objectives to evaluate five city-owned properties: Old Police Station, Willamette Drive/West A property, Parker Road, Pete's Mountain Parcel, and Bolton Fire Station.

### Prioritize Community Outreach & Communications

- Reengage the Commission on Citizen Involvement to address a range of public involvement issues, including land use engagement, town hall meetings, web site functionality, Neighborhood Association engagement, and other related topics.
- Prioritize youth engagement by initiating a high school youth council in fall 2016 and a middle school engagement activity in winter 2016/17.
- Modify the City Council rules to address and encourage citizen engagement opportunities.



## Mayor Russell B. Axelrod Delivers State of the City Address on February 22, 2016

Mayor Axelrod delivered his first State of the City address to a packed house on February 22, 2016. Here are some notable quotables from his speech:

*"As your mayor, it's my pleasure to report that the state of our city is strong and our future is bright."*

*"We're building bridges and opportunities by developing a more effective working relationship to the community we serve; this is the foundation of my goal as mayor - to have our Council and city better serve you, our West Linn community."*

*"In the year ahead... our projects will continue in earnest... [We] will begin updating our sewer and storm drainage master plans, coordinate with the... school district on major roadway and drainage improvements around the new Sunset School project, complete water line replacements on Kenthorpe around the LOT project, and continue to update and improve our Highway 43 plan."*



**OREGON MAYORS ASSOCIATION**

**If I Were Mayor, I Would...**

**Student Contest**

**Win an iPad Air 2 tablet!**

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders: share your creative ideas in poster format about what you would do as West Linn's mayor!

The Oregon Mayors Association and the city of West Linn invite West Linn fourth and fifth graders to enter the "If I Were Mayor..." contest. Local winners are entered into the state contest for a chance to win an iPad Air 2! Entries due to West Linn City Hall by close of business on Monday, May 2, 2016.

**POSTER RULES:**

- The poster contest is open to students enrolled in grades 4 and 5 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2015-16 school year.
- Poster size must be a minimum of 17" and a maximum of 28" in height or width.
- Students are encouraged to be creative and may use any art medium (e.g., poster paints, felt pens, colored pencils, pastels, crayons, three-dimensional art, etc.). The poster may be in color or black and white.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear on the back of the poster.

**GENERAL RULES:**

- All submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form. All forms for students under age 18 must be signed by the student's parent or guardian. Entry forms may be photocopied. Entry forms available online at [WestLinnOregon.gov/IfIWereMayorIWould](http://WestLinnOregon.gov/IfIWereMayorIWould).
- Only one submission per student will be accepted at the state level.
- State level submissions become the property of the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA).
- OMA retains the right to publish state-level entries along with the names and likenesses of each student.
- Previous statewide winners may participate but are not eligible to receive prizes.
- League of Oregon Cities (LOC) employees and dependents are not eligible to enter.
- First-place statewide winners will receive their prizes during the OMA Summer Conference, to be held July 21-23, 2016 in Lincoln City.



**West Linn Public Library News & Events**

**Comedy Night**

*Thursday, March 31, 7pm*

Join us for a night of fun and laughs. Alex Falcone, Betsy Kauffman, Joanie Quinn, and Bri Pruett will perform their stand-up routines. Refreshments will be served.

**Trivia Night**

*Thursday, March 24, 6:30pm*

Form teams of up to five people and join us at the library for after-hours trivia fun! Pizza and snacks will be served.

**Get a Job!**

*Friday, April 1, 6:30pm*

It's not too early to line up your summer job, teens! Rick Walker (the proprietor of Subzero Ice Cream and Yogurt) will teach you the skills to successfully apply for, interview for, and KEEP a job.

**Better Photography With Your Phone**

*Tuesday, March 22, 3pm*

Learn to take better pictures on your smartphone! We'll show you the best way to utilize your phone's camera app, then we'll talk about some of our favorite photography apps. Bring your fully-charged iPhone or Android phone.

**New Hikes on the Oregon Coast**

*Tuesday, April 12, 6:30pm*

Oregon's hiking guru, William Sullivan, will give a talk and slide show about new hikes he's discovered on the Oregon Coast while researching the latest edition of his book, 100 Hikes/Travel Guide: Oregon Coast & Coast Range.





## West Linn Parks & Recreation News & Events

**March:** A **Healthy Eating, Active Living, Fun Choices Community Wellness Fair**, at the newly expanded Adult Community Center, will be held Saturday March 5th from 9:30 am – 4 pm. All ages are welcome to come enjoy a variety of demonstrations, hands-on workshops and the entertainment of Michael Allen Harrison. For the full schedule visit [www.westlinnoregon.gov/parksrec](http://www.westlinnoregon.gov/parksrec).

**April:** **Arbor Week** 3-9, 2016 - Watch for informative articles about the City's Street Tree Program. Youth groups are welcome to propose a tree planting project by contacting City Arborist, Mike Perkins or participate in tree preservation by removing ivy in the Parks. Complimentary beneficial plant & tree seedlings will be available at City Hall through Parks and Recreation while supplies last. **West Linn Adult Community Center Open House** on Friday, April 8th at 4 pm. Stop by to see the newly expanded building. The celebration will include entertainment, demonstrations, refreshments, raffles and more. Learn about the ways the Center, staff and volunteers serve the community!

**May:** Choose from a beautiful selection of hanging baskets, vibrant perennials and hardy vegetable starts at the **Spring Plant Sale** at the Adult Community Center May 5 & 6, from 9 am – 3 pm. **Take Care of West Linn Day** is on Saturday, May 14th from 9 am – 12 pm. This is a great opportunity to create your own volunteer project on public property in West Linn. Is there an area in your neighborhood you're interested in seeing planted or spruced up? This volunteer day is open to individuals, families and organizations. Suggest a project or join one organized by the Park's Department. Tools and plant materials provided. An appreciation lunch at Mary S. Young Park is served to all volunteers from noon- 1:30 pm.



## Scenes From the Bolton Reservoir Replacement & Skyline Drive Sidewalk Construction







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 11 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 participating NAs:*

### Parker Crest Neighborhood Association

A joint NA Meeting to is scheduled for March 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the West Linn Adult Community Center. The subject of the meeting will be the proposed 46 lot PUD and subdivision for the property located at 1270 Rosemont Rd. A Land Use pre-application conference is scheduled for April 7, 2016 at 10:00 AM for the proposed annexation, Zoning Map Amendment and PUD Subdivision of the properties located at 3015 and 3001 Parker Rd. Attendance at the meetings will provide the Parker Crest NA with information on how it can continue to serve the interests of the community.

### Rosemont Summit Neighborhood Association

The Rosemont Summit NA is currently seeking officers. Please email [RosemontSummitNA@WestLinnOregon.gov](mailto:RosemontSummitNA@WestLinnOregon.gov) if you're interested in serving this NA.

### Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association

Savanna Oaks NA had a productive meeting with a local developer. Several ideas were discussed in this brainstorming meeting about what he might want to build on his property that would enhance the neighborhood. Officers from the Willamette NA joined us for this meeting.

We recently received the good news that Metro has granted us an extension until November to raise the money needed to acquire the White Oak Savanna's lower 5.65 acres. We'll be doing several fund raisers and hope you will support us again this year. You can also buy a memorial bench for a loved one which will be placed in the Savanna. Visit the website of the local non-profit, NLWL, at [www.nlwl.org](http://www.nlwl.org) for details.

Oak Savanna Fundraising Schedule 2016, April - December  
(Five fundraisers have already taken place this year).

- April 13 (5 to 8 pm) Burgerville Partnership Night
- April 23 (Earth Day) Sub Zero Ice Cream 15% all day goes to the Savanna
- May 1 (8:30 to 11:00 am) 5th Annual Run/Walk -Rosemont Ridge Middle School Track
- June 8 (5 to 8 pm) Burgerville Partnership Night
- July 14 (all day) Papa Murphy's 15% donation to Savanna if you say you're a supporter of the park
- August 10 (5 to 8)Burgerville Partnership Night
- September 10 (10 am to 6 pm) Festival at the Farm -Fiala Farms 21231 Johnson Rd
- October 12 (5 to 8 pm)Burgerville Partnership Night
- November 19 (10 to 6) and 20th(TBA) Holiday Craft Fair-W.L. Lutheran Church 20390 Willamette Dr.
- December 14 (5 to 8 pm)Burgerville Partnership Night

***We hope that you will join us for our next meeting.***

### Marylhurst Neighborhood Association

Marylhurst Neighborhood Association meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm at Robinwood Station at 3706 Cedarok DR. Our next meeting is March 22. Please join us!

#### Our 2016 Goals:

- Engage members in process for recommending transportation improvements for Marylhurst area
- Look into status of city plans for Marylhurst Heights Park regarding parking lot and street improvements
- Install refurbished Marylhurst NA sign in the previous location at Marylhurst DR
- Include Map-Your-Neighborhood program at future meeting or annual social event

Thank you to our returning and new board members:

Karie Oakes, President; Teri Cummings, VP-Secretary; Cathy Boucher, Treasurer. Visit our web site at

[westlinnoregon.gov/marylhurst](http://westlinnoregon.gov/marylhurst) to:

- Sign up for monthly email
- Meeting dates and agendas
- Past meeting minutes
- Marylhurst neighborhood map and plan

