



WEST LINN UPDATE

First Quarter, 2018

Stengthening Our Foundation



our goals under the founding Principles of our *Imagine West Linn* visionary document, and they include: Sense of Community; Land Use & Quality of Life; Sustainability; Community Institutions; and Cultural Diversity Education & the Arts. Goals this year range from improving the City's land use process and moving

While the theme for this year's speech was *Strengthening our Foundation*, I would be remiss if I didn't mention how continuing to focus on last year's theme of *Reaching Out* is still a vital aspect to our success. By participating as a regional partner with our neighboring cities and regional stakeholders, West Linn is better leveraged to serve our own interests and quality of life concerns, while also creating a better urban setting with our neighboring cities.

A Moment with Mayor Axelrod:

In 2018 the City is *Strengthening our Foundation* through better planning and collaboration, fiscal restraint and enhanced community engagement. The City Council's 2018 goals reflect this, as do our accomplishments over the last three years. It is through these focused efforts that we are *Strengthening the Foundation* of West Linn as a smart, sustainable and compassionate community with an exciting future – and this was the focus of my State of the City address this year.

Our council goals this year embrace a broad range of objectives, and include several ongoing projects from last year. This year we also organized



On behalf of our council, we look forward to engaging further with you as we continue to *Reach Out and Strengthen our Foundation* together.

forward with the Highway 43 and Waterfront projects, to continuing to evaluate fiscal sustainability and strengthening the arts and culture foundations in the City.



2018 CITY COUNCIL GOALS

GUIDING PRINCIPLE #1:SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Citizen Engagement

1. Identify public involvement issues related to the land use process and complete the recommended CDC revision items.
2. Restore Citizen Vision Goals to the Comprehensive Plan.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE #2:LAND USE AND QUALITY OF LIFE

Planning and Community & Economic Development

1. Complete the Three-Cities IGA process to protect the City's interest for the Stafford area.
2. Complete baseline inventory of significant land parcels and existing zoning to evaluate consistency with community goals.
3. Support efforts to repair and reopen the Willamette Falls Locks, including participation on the Willamette Falls Locks Commission authorized by SB 256.
4. Continue West Linn's Waterfront Planning Project with robust community engagement.
5. Pursue planning opportunities for the use of the Old City Hall property.

Transportation

1. Move forward Phase 1 of the Highway 43 Concept Plan project.
2. Complete planning process to amend the 2016 Transportation System Plan to include the Willamette Falls Drive Streetscape Plan.
3. Implement select high priority transportation/safety measures identified in the TSP.
4. Explore improvements to 10th St. and Salamo Dr. traffic control.
5. Explore approaches to improve transit services and infrastructure.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE #3:SUSTAINABILITY

Fiscal Sustainability

1. Finalize the project list for General Obligation Bond financing and refer measure to voters in May.
2. Identify any deficits in City funds for Biennium 2020-2021 and make recommendations for expenditure reductions and/or new revenue sources.
3. Assess the City's legal services with the goal of optimizing quality and costs.

Environmental Sustainability

1. Evaluate, prioritize, and incorporate environmentally sustainable practices in City activities and decision making.

Utilities

1. Continue to engage the affected cities, Clackamas County, and Water & Environmental Services (WES) in governance discussions to protect West Linn ratepayer interests.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE #4:COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

1. Strengthen relationship between Council, City staff and residents.
2. Improve communication and collaboration with West Linn-Wilsonville School District.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE #5:CULTURAL DIVERSITY, EDUCATION AND THE ARTS

1. Prepare to establish an Arts & Culture Commission.
2. Explore establishing a sister city relationship.



Community Grant Applications Now Open

The City of West Linn is currently accepting applications from community organizations to help support their yearly events, operations and activities as part of the City's Community Grant Program. Those interested in applying must submit a standardized application form and a detailed budget describing the anticipated use of requested funds. The grant funding is intended to support operations and programs between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

All documents are available on the City's website and applications are due by April 6, 2018.

Completed applications should be emailed to cwl_communitygrants@westlinnoregon.gov; applications can also be scanned at City Hall.

Submitted application forms are evaluated by the citizen members of the Citizens' Budget Committee. This citizen group determines how best to allocate available funding based upon the criteria and then forwards their recommendations to the City Council for approval.

Application forms, along with the evaluation criteria are available at westlinnoregon.gov/finance/community-grant-program-0.

Neighborhood Associations are not eligible for the Community Grant Program.



From the City Manager:

Police Chief Recruitment Update

As many of you are aware, the City of West Linn is looking for a new Police Chief following the retirement of Chief Terry Timeus. In late 2017 the City selected Ralph Anderson and Associates, an executive recruiting firm based in Sacramento, California, to handle the search for the new chief. Prior to the recruitment for the position opening, Ralph Anderson and Associates and the City created a position profile based on input from the community, the Council and staff. Applications for the position were accepted between Jan. 19 and Feb. 26; we received 47 applications. The recruitment firm is now conducting screening interviews and background checks to develop a short list of finalists for onsite interviews. These interviews will be conducted the week of March 26. We hope to have a finalist selected and announced by the end of April.



A Fond Farewell

At the State of the City Address on Feb. 26, the West Linn City Council recognized Lt. Mike Stradley for his service with the City. Stradley is now employed with the Oregon Police Academy, where he will have an impact on every new officer in the state.

Neighborhood News

Not sure which NA you live in? Visit WestLinnOregon.gov to find out!

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association

Accomplishments within the neighborhood:

- The final payment on the White Oak Savanna acquisition was made by the local nonprofit and citizens.
- An Eagle Scout project of an observation deck will be completed at the White Oak Savanna Park within a month. We have arranged for KGW to interview the scout.
- A local arborist will be trimming the large Douglas Fir that the observation deck will be highlighting.

Future Speakers and Events within the neighborhood:

- There will be a Bee Keeper and Luscher Farms presentation at our April meeting.
- There will be a presentation by TVF&R at our May meeting.
- A local arborist will be helping to take down trees in the riparian area of the White Oak Savanna. These trees are not conducive to a thriving habitat.
- Earth / Fire Wise Day will be held at the Savanna on April 21.
- Completion of the Natural Play Area in the Savanna is slated for later this year.
- A SONA Potluck will be planned for the Savanna once the Natural Play Area is complete.

Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Association

At the March 1 meeting there was a great discussion with members of West Linn Police Department regarding a layered security approach to home safety. Suggested ways for increased safety include locking doors, keeping areas well lit and having video surveillance. Ultimately though, neighbors watching out for neighbors, along with a home video surveillance system, is the best approach. We also learned that the West Linn Police will do vacation checks if you are gone; information is available on their website. Neighborhood watch is the next project we will explore and setup.

Parker Crest Neighborhood Association

We wish everyone a happy spring! Information on our upcoming meetings can be found on the Parker Crest webpage at Westlinnoregon.gov/parkercrest.

Waterfront Open Houses

Two Open Houses for West Linn Waterfront Project have been scheduled for April 3 and April 5. Both will be held in the Community Room at the West Linn Public Library from 5-7 p.m.

April 3: Traffic Open House: 5-7 p.m. @ West Linn Library

Three different traffic options will be presented, each with additional analysis on viability and impacts. These options are: realigning the streets to create a signalized four-way intersection at the base of the bridge; two new roundabouts to better control the flow of traffic; a realignment of Willamette Falls Drive to bring it down the slope and creating a signalized three-way intersection at the base of the bridge.

April 5: Land Use Pattern Open House: 5-7 p.m. @ West Linn Library

The West Linn Waterfront Project master plan needs to identify new land use patterns for this area best reflecting market reality, the desires of the property owners and the vision of the Community. Input from the first two open houses has been transformed into three land use options. This will be the final opportunity for community input before the preferred option is identified and more detailed regulations are drafted for review.

Explore the Hollow

The West Linn Public Library is celebrating the grand opening of its new event space, which is dedicated to children and teens, on March 21 from 12:30-2 p.m. The new space, known as the Hollow, will host many of the programs patrons have come to love: Tales to Tails, 3D Printing, STEM Activities, and much more.

At grand opening event Otto the Library Dog will be welcoming patrons and a raffle will be held for 3D objects, Book Nook gift certificates and more.

The Hollow will be a welcoming space for all ages, encouraging learning, engagement and fun!

