



# WEST LINN UPDATE

*Second Quarter, 2018*

## Thank You West Linn Voters



### A Moment with Mayor Axelrod:

I want to thank all West Linn residents that took the time to vote in the May special election, an election in which you approved two important measures that will help advance our City.

Measure 3-537 (Bonds to Improve Roads, Parks, and City Facilities) passed with 57 percent of the vote, and with this approval, the City will essentially renew expiring bonds to leverage up to \$20 million for valued City projects without raising taxes. Without the support and trust of this community, this opportunity to increase livability in the City without raising taxes wouldn't have been possible. Our Council, working with City staff and input from residents, spent

countless hours determining how best these bond funds could serve our community. And, while some more detailed decisions still need to be made, I am thankful our residents see the need and value in investing in our roads, parks and City facilities.

First and foremost, this bond measure is about implementing projects to improve our transportation infrastructure. Our transportation infrastructure is dominated by two corridors, Highway 43 and I-205, which are overseen by the state, rather than the City. While we have no direct oversight of these state highways, the bond funds will help improve portions of Highway 43 and will support many other local roadway projects to improve connectivity and safety and provide more alternatives for our residents.

The bond funds will also help improve critical elements of our parks and various City facilities. We are blessed with a great network of parks and City facilities, and, in order to maintain the level of satisfaction we have grown to expect it is necessary to invest in our valued assets.

In addition to the bond measure approval, voters in West Linn also approved Measure 3-528 (Advisory vote for annexation of 6.47 acres

on Bland Circle) with 67 percent of the vote. The result of this measure shows that residents continue to agree with annexing small land parcels ("islands") already within City limits and within Metro's regional Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

Again, thank you to those who took the time to vote in this special election and for making an effort to help improve our City. Voting is a core element of our democratic system and it is one way to have your voices heard. Only about a third of West Linn's registered voters cast a ballot in the May special election. Next time, let's work together to improve voter participation.

### GO Bond Breakdown

- Now that the bond passed, no increase to the City's existing overall bonded tax rate of about \$0.42 per \$1,000 of assessed value is expected;
- Funds from this GO Bond will be allocated toward: Transportation, City Facility and Park projects;
- The City is expected to start spending money on appropriate bond projects after July 1, 2018.

# A Symbol of Peace

Peace for all.

That was the message of the May 22 Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony, in which representatives from the City, the West Linn High School Interact Club and the West Linn Rotary Club came together to install an international sign of peace.

"Today, personally, I find the Peace Pole a symbol of love and compassion, of a need to reach out to every person in our community, and the world, to let them know that we care, that we have their backs', that we respect each other, that we embrace our differences as a symbol of strength and unity and com-



mon purpose for this precious life we are all blessed with on this amazing planet that we all share," said Mayor Russ Axelrod at the event. "This peace pole will forever be a symbol for us to embrace, to seek hope and to heal."

The Peace Pole that now stands outside City Hall promotes multicultural understanding and world peace.

There are thousands of Peace Poles in 180 different countries that stand to represent world peace.

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## City News Briefs

- We ask that residents maintain both their private property and any adjacent City right of way, in accordance with Chapter 5.470 and 5.600 of the Municipal Code.  
If property owners have questions about maintenance responsibilities or need assistance on how to start, please contact Public Works Streets Supervisor Jeff Randall at 503-742-6090.
- Any concerns of violation of the Municipal Code can be directed to Code Enforcement using the City's YourGOV service request system at <https://westlinnoregon.gov/YourGOV>.
- Enroll in our paperless eBill service to receive your bill online. You can also schedule your payment to be made automatically, or make payments online each month. To enroll in eBill online, register at [municipalonlinepayments.com/westlinnor/utilities](https://municipalonlinepayments.com/westlinnor/utilities).
- West Linn Police Officers will be on mountain bikes patrolling the parks for off-leash dogs throughout the summer. The only areas in the City where it is legal for a dog to be off leash is the "Off Leash" field in Mary S. Young Park and the signed beach area in Mary S. Young Park.

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## Axelrod Named as Locks Chair

On May 2, Mayor Russ Axelrod was selected to chair the Willamette Falls Locks Commission, and Clackamas County Commissioner Martha Schrader and West Linn Resident Sandy Carter were named co-vice chairs. Gov. Kate Brown appointed Axelrod and 22 other individuals to the Commission to oversee the potential recommissioning of the Willamette Falls Locks.

The Commission will work to advise state,

local and regional stakeholders on the development and implementation of policies relating to the repair, reopening, operation and maintenance of the Willamette Falls navigation canal and Locks. The Commission will also oversee transfer of ownership from the Corps, as well as the operation and financing of the navigation canal and Locks.

"This truly is the last opportunity to deter-

mine if the Locks will be part of the Willamette River's future," Axelrod said. "Repairing and reopening the Locks to river users has the potential to significantly impact local redevelopment and other communities along the river. I am very excited about the challenge before us and the opportunity to participate on this Commission, and I'm confident that we will be most successful in carrying out the Governor's directive."

# MEET YOUR CHIEF



YOU'RE INVITED TO MEET WITH THE CITY'S NEWEST POLICE CHIEF, TERRY KRUGER,  
AT THIS EVENT

JUNE  
20  
2018

WEST LINN  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
COMMUNITY ROOM

WEDNESDAY  
7 PM



From the City Manager:

## Police Chief Recruitment Update

I am pleased to announce my appointment of Terry Kruger as West Linn's newest Chief of Police. Kruger is a 25 year resident of West Linn and a retired lieutenant from the Portland Police Bureau, an organization he served for 27 years. His last position with the Bureau was as Adjutant to the Chief of Police, which functions as the chief deputy to the Police Chief. He served as Lieutenant and Acting Captain of the Central Precinct, Portland's most diverse precinct, supervising 145 sworn personnel and six non-sworn staff. He also served as Team Leader for the Special Emergency Reaction Team (SERT) unit as part of the Tactical Operations Division.

The City of West Linn was fortunate to have great applicants and two excellent finalists for the position. Kruger was chosen for his experience with West Linn, his background, and the leadership qualities he will bring to the department. His first day on the job was June 4, he was sworn-in on June 7 and a public meet-and-greet will be held on June 20.

## Officer Receives Lifesaving Award



West Linn Police Sgt. Jake Howell was awarded the Lifesaving Award on May 14 at the City Council meeting for his actions following a shooting outside the Clackamas Town Center on March 29. Howell and his TRIMET detail partner, Portland Police Bureau Officer Samson Ajir, were the first to arrive on the scene and immediately began treating the victim, using their training in combat casualty care. The officers packed the wounds, and applied other life saving techniques for about 15 minutes until they were relieved by medical personnel.

"Based on Howell's quick and assertive actions the victim survived and was transported to a local hospital," said Capt. Neil Hennelly prior to presenting Howell with the award.



# Splish, Splash

The City's Sprayparks opened last month and will remain open through Labor Day. The hours for the sprayparks are 10 am to 9 pm.

Sprayparks are located at:

- Hammerle Park
- Marylhurst Heights Park
- Robinwood Park
- Tanner Creek Park
- Willamette Park



## Neighborhood News

### Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association

So far this year, the Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association has had many interesting speakers at its meetings. These speakers include TVF&R firefighters discussing water safety, Oregon Department of Transportation officials reviewing plans to widen, and possibly toll, I-205, a representative from Luscher Farm and a mason beekeeper. The Neighborhood Association is currently planning its summer neighborhood potluck. Anyone interested in attending or helping to organize this event is invited to contact the group at [SavannaOaksNA@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:SavannaOaksNA@westlinnoregon.gov).

### Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Association

Mark your calendars for the Skyline Ridge Fourth of July picnic and parade, which all are welcome to join.

- Date: July 4, 2018
- Location: Starts at 1322 Stonehaven Dr. and goes to Skyline Ridge Park (2 blocks away)
- Time: Starts at 11:45am with a parade of decorated bikes, alongside the TVFR Fire Truck, and parents walking to the Skyline Ridge Park.

11:45 am: Participants meet at the start location, 1322 Stonehaven Dr. to join the parade or cheer on our neighborhood veterans, TVFR and families walking or riding (bikes, strollers, scooters, etc.). We ask the children participating decorate their bikes, scooters, strollers or anything else they may be riding  
Noon: Following the parade there will be a picnic, games, music, fun and face painting. Attendees can bring a lunch or enjoy all you can eat tacos for \$10. Beverages are not included. Please bring a dessert to share.

## Summer Fun

### Movies in the Park: 7:30 pm in City Parks

- o July 6: Moana: Robinwood Park
- o July 13: Coco: Hammerle Park
- o July 27: Beauty and the Beast: Tanner Creek Park
- o Aug. 3: The Little Mermaid: Willamette Park
- o Aug. 10: Iron Man: Marylhurst Heights Park
- o Aug. 17: Pirates of the Caribbean: Deadman's Chest: Midhill Park

### July 14: Street Dance

### July 20-22: Old Time Fair

### Music in the Park: 6:30 pm at Tanner Creek Park

- o July 26: Remedy Band
- o Aug. 2: Conjunto Alegre
- o Aug. 9: My Happy Pill
- o Aug. 16: Barracuda: The Essential Heart Tribute Band
- o Aug. 30: Petty Fever: Tribute to Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers