

*The official newsletter of the City of West Linn*

ONE WEST LINN

# FRAMING UR FUTURE

COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS

IN THIS ISSUE

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION

FRAMING OUR FUTURE IS A LONG-TERM, COMMUNITY-DRIVEN EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SERVICES RESIDENTS VALUE MOST AND HOW WE CAN SUSTAINABLY FUND THEM IN THE YEARS AHEAD >





## WEST LINN WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### WONDERING WHAT'S UP IN WEST LINN?

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The City of West Linn also uses social media in a variety of ways to communicate and connect the West Linn community. Find all of them in one convenient, mobile-friendly interface at [linktr.ee/westlinn](http://linktr.ee/westlinn)



# DEAR WEST LINN NEIGHBORS,

In West Linn, we pride ourselves on doing a lot with a little, and we want to take a moment to share what your City government is delivering—and ask for your guidance on where we go next.

Every day, your tax dollars and service fees help fund a full range of essential services: police protection, traffic control and safety improvements, street maintenance, clean drinking water, sewer and storm water management, planning and building review, parks and recreation, and much more. For a relatively small city, West Linn provides the same spectrum of services you'd expect in much larger communities, but with a far leaner organization and careful budgeting.

Consider a few examples that might surprise you. West Linn has one of the lowest property tax rates in the area, with the City receiving only thirteen cents of every tax dollar you pay—the rest goes to schools, county services, and other districts. As a bedroom community, we don't benefit from the industry and commercial tax base that many of our neighbors have. This means the City must work hard to keep core services as stable and predictable as possible, even as costs rise year after year.

Behind the scenes, your City Council and staff focus on stretching every dollar. We use multi year financial planning, conservative revenue assumptions, and targeted investments in infrastructure to try to avoid sudden spikes in rates and fees. Volunteers on advisory boards

and committees amplify a relatively small city staff, adding community expertise to decisions about parks, the library, land use, and long term planning.

Now we are launching a new initiative—"Framing Our Future"—to bring this conversation directly to you. This online hub will make it easier to see what services the City provides, understand how they are funded, and explore the tradeoffs involved in adding, reducing, or reshaping services in the years ahead. You'll find clear explanations and opportunities to share your priorities in ways that work for your schedule—short surveys, discussion questions, and options to sign up for news and future events.



To make smart choices, we need to hear from you. Do you want more services, fewer services, or for things to stay about the same—but perhaps delivered differently? Are there areas where you would support doing more, even if it costs a bit extra, and other areas where you'd prefer the City to scale back? Your

feedback will help guide future budgets, staffing, and project priorities so that our limited resources align with what matters most to West Linn residents.

Please take a few minutes to visit the Framing Our Future website at [yourwestlinn.com](http://yourwestlinn.com) and share your thoughts. If you prefer to engage in person, we will also be hosting community meetings and listening sessions throughout the year, and we invite you to attend, ask questions, and tell us what you think.

Together, we can ensure that West Linn continues to be a safe, welcoming, and well run community where we live within our means while investing wisely in our shared future.

Sincerely,  
**The West Linn City Council**

## FRAMING OUR FUTURE

*Smart budgeting for a sustainable tomorrow.*



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# FRAMING OUR FUTURE

COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS

# FOUR PHASES

[YourWestLinn.com/FramingOurFuture](https://YourWestLinn.com/FramingOurFuture)



**DISCOVER  
MORE TODAY!**



## 1. Community Listening

Open-ended, two-way community conversations about expectations and hopes for City services.

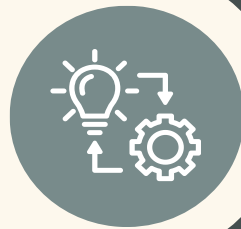
**MARCH 2026**



## 2. Draft Priorities

Draft a priorities list based on community conversations. Match desired services to cost and funding mechanisms.

**APRIL 2026**



## 3. Review & Reflection

Review priorities list and funding options with public. Seek further input to refine priorities and plan next steps.

**MAY & JUNE 2026**



## 4. Strategic Plan

Deliberate, discuss, and decide. Review full body of community input to prepare and publish a Financial Strategic Plan.

**JULY & AUGUST 2026**



# WHAT SERVICES DOES THE CITY OF WEST LINN PROVIDE?

DISCOVER HOW WEST LINN RUNS & SHARE WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU



## 01 INFRASTRUCTURE

Paved roads, street signs, bike lanes, traffic control devices, snow routes, street sweeping.

**CURRENT UPDATES Operations Building** - Work on the City's new Operations Complex is expected to begin this summer. The facility will house the City's Public Works Department (Water, Environmental Services, Streets), Parks Maintenance, Facilities Maintenance, and Fleet Maintenance and replace the current facility on Norfolk Street. The new Complex will store equipment, materials, workshops, and offices for the crews. The increased storage space will help reduce wear and tear on equipment by getting it out of the elements and allow the City to stock more materials, reducing costs, and increasing efficiency. <https://yourwestlinn.com/wloc>

**Safe Routes to School** - Crews will be installing sections of sidewalk along Long/Bit-tner/Exeter Streets to increase safe pedestrian access to Sunset Primary School and Sunset Park. Work is expected to take place over the summer and to be completed prior to the start of school.



**Safe Routes to School**



City of West Linn

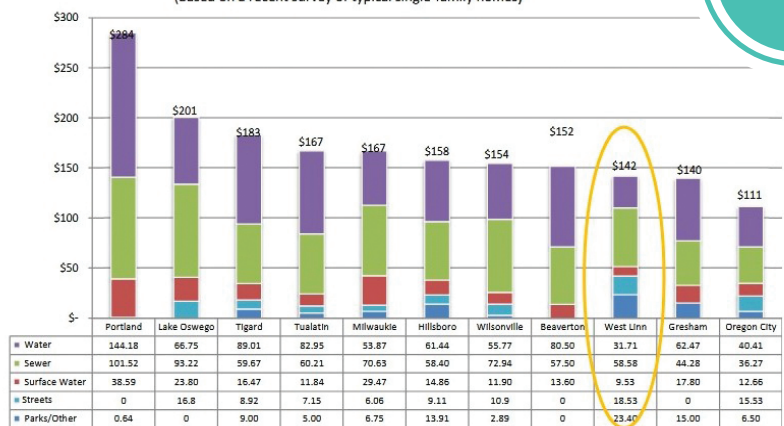
## 02 UTILITIES

Clean water, sewer services, stormwater management, testing and monitoring.

**Water Charges** - It is the Utility Advisory Board and the City of West Linn's goal to provide the West Linn community with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The City purchases water from South Fork Water Board, a wholesale water provider to the cities of Oregon City and West Linn. The City of West Linn's water rate structure is as follows: consumption up to the first 7 CCF (5,236 gallons) is included in the fixed base monthly rate, and each CCF used over 7 is an additional charge.

### 2.13. Fees for Utility Services

Comparing Fees on Monthly Utility Bills  
(Based on a recent survey of typical single-family homes)



This above graph compares the typical (i.e. median) utility bill for the neighboring cities surrounding West Linn. As some cities bill monthly, some bill every two months, and some bill every three months, these amounts are converted to typical monthly amounts so they are comparable to West Linn. Also, cities increase different rates at different times during the year; therefore, this graph is simply a picture in time reflecting the rates at the time that the survey was conducted. And finally, cities have different typical water consumption amounts per household; so for the sake of this comparison, these rates are computed using an average 10ccfs of water used per month so as to be most comparable.



### Utilities continued...

Water rates typically adjust each January 1, up to a maximum of 5% without a vote, to maintain the quality level of water service while keeping up with inflating costs.

**Sewer Charges** - The City provides safe, efficient, and cost-effective operation of the sewer system, while protecting from health hazards, flooding, property damage, and environmental damage.

Tri-City Service District is the separate entity that treats City of West Linn sewage and accordingly, the City passes through their charges to West Linn citizens. These pass-through charges are not determined by the City, but rather by the Tri-City Service District and historically have changed every July 1.

**Storm Drain Charges - Surface Water Management** - The City provides removal of pollutant loads from street/gutter systems to avoid storm-water contamination, meet community objectives for clean streets, and keep streams, wetlands, and waterways clean. The Surface Water Management Fee typically adjusts January 1 of each year to keep up with inflating costs of managing the City's surface water needs.



## 03 POLICE

Public safety, emergency response, behavioral health services, code enforcement.

Public safety is foundational to what makes West Linn a place where people feel secure, connected, and able to thrive. Each year, the West Linn Police Department responds to approximately 12,000 calls for service—supporting residents in emergencies, assisting those in crisis, resolving conflicts, and partnering with the community to maintain a high quality of life.

As our community grows and expectations evolve, so do the challenges of sustaining these services. Like many cities across Oregon, West Linn faces staffing limitations that can impact response times and reduce opportunities for proactive policing, such as traffic enforcement and community engagement. These realities highlight the importance of planning intentionally for the future.

Through Framing Our Future and the One West Linn approach, the City is engaging residents in conversations about how public safety services should evolve. This effort begins with understanding—what services are most valued, what expectations exist, and how to deliver them sustainably in the years ahead. Community input will play a critical role in shaping priorities and guiding decisions.

### MODERNIZING SERVICE: TECHNOLOGY & THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

At the same time, the City is exploring how emerging technologies can support more efficient and effective service. Tools such as artificial intelligence have the potential to reduce administrative workload by assisting with report writing, evidence organization, and records processing. By streamlining these tasks, officers can spend more time in the community—strengthening relationships, increasing visibility, and focusing on what matters most.

West Linn is committed to approaching innovation thoughtfully, with strong safeguards, transparency, and community involvement. This is not about rapid change, but about careful evaluation, responsible implementation, and shared decision-making.

Together, through partnership and planning, we are shaping a future that keeps West Linn safe, resilient, and reflective of our community values.

# WELCOME TO WEST LINN, CHIEF ROLLINS



**The City of West Linn is pleased to welcome Chief Oddis Rollins as the new Police Chief.**

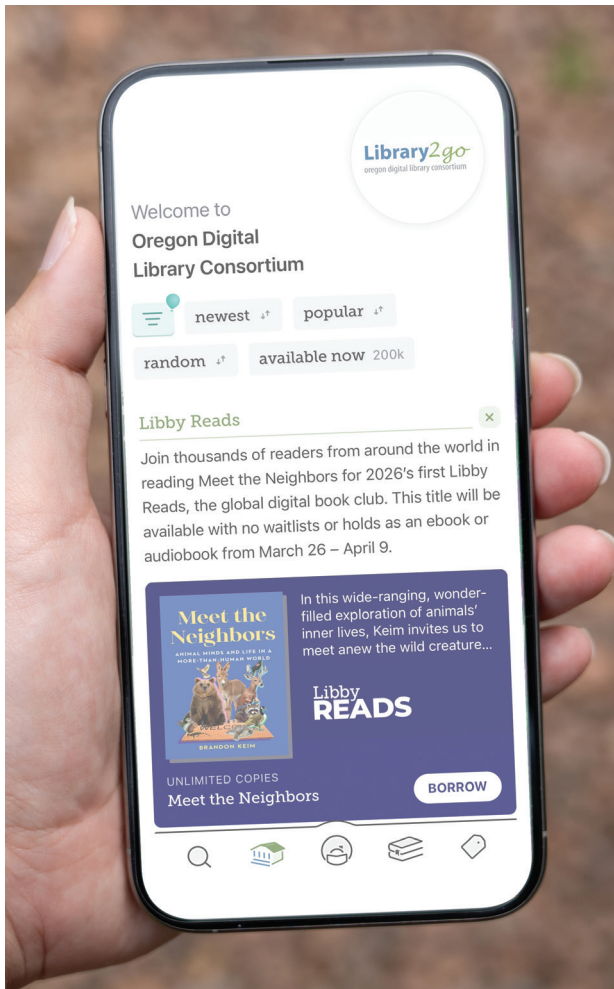
The City looks forward to his leadership and the experience he brings to the community. West Linn values service, transparency, accountability, and respect, and is confident these shared principles will continue to strengthen the Police Department.

The City is proud of the dedicated professionals who serve the community and is excited to support his efforts to build trust, enhance public safety, and positively impact the lives of those who live, work, and visit West Linn.



## 04 LIBRARY

Books, DVDs, games, Library of Things, workspaces, research help, and community programming.



### EXPANDING ACCESS: UNDERSTANDING OUR DIGITAL LIBRARY COLLECTION

West Linn residents increasingly rely on digital books and audiobooks through Libby for convenient, on-the-go reading. While this service is popular and growing, it also comes with unique challenges that impact how libraries manage access, availability, and cost.

Unlike physical books, digital titles are significantly more expensive for libraries. A single ebook can cost up to five times more than a consumer copy—often around \$75 for an ebook and nearly \$90 for an e-audiobook—while a physical copy of the same title may cost closer to \$18. In addition, digital materials are not owned in the tra-

ditional sense. Many licenses expire after 24 months or a limited number of checkouts, requiring libraries to repurchase titles to keep them available.

These limitations make it difficult to maintain access to complete series or long-term collections, especially for popular authors. Some publishers also delay or restrict library access to certain digital titles, further impacting availability.

West Linn is part of the Oregon Digital Library Consortium, sharing a digital collection with 46 other library systems. This partnership expands access statewide but also contributes to longer wait times and system-wide limits, such as a six-hold maximum per patron, to ensure equitable use.

To better serve local readers, the West Linn Library invests in additional copies of high-demand titles so LINCC patrons can move through waitlists more quickly. Looking ahead, the library plans to increase funding for digital materials by approximately 15% in the next fiscal year, while also supporting broader efforts to advocate for more sustainable e-content pricing.

Community participation plays an important role in maximizing access. Returning digital items early when finished allows others to borrow sooner and helps the library make the most of each license.

As reading habits evolve, West Linn remains committed to balancing access, cost, and sustainability—ensuring a strong, responsive library collection for the entire community.

### A Fresh Start: West Linn Library Goes Fine-Free

The West Linn Public Library has eliminated overdue fines as of January 2026, creating a more welcoming and accessible experience for all. Existing overdue fines have also been cleared, giving patrons a fresh start.

This change reflects national research showing that fines do not significantly improve return rates but can create barriers to access. By removing them, the library aims to ensure all community members can fully enjoy its resources and services.

While fines are gone, accountability remains. Items still have due dates, and replacement fees apply for lost or damaged materials. Items overdue by 30 days may be billed, but fees are removed if returned.

This update supports a more inclusive, community-centered library experience.



# 05 PARKS & RECREATIONS

Restrooms, playgrounds, splash pads, trails, sports courts, event space, camps, community events & classes.



### CARING FOR OUR PARKS: HOW MAINTENANCE FUNDING SUPPORTS WEST LINN.

West Linn’s 548 acres of parks, natural areas, and waterfront spaces are essential to community life—offering places to gather, play, and connect with nature. The Parks Maintenance Utility Fee provides dedicated funding to care for these spaces and keep them safe, clean, and accessible year-round. This funding supports maintenance operations and staffing, including landscape care, trail upkeep, playground and sports field maintenance, irrigation systems, and facility repairs. Crews also maintain docks, splash pads, and park amenities that residents rely on every day. It is important to note that this fee is used only for park maintenance and does not fund recreation programs or staff. By investing in ongoing care, the City helps preserve the beauty, safety, and long-term sustainability of West Linn’s parks for the entire community.



Scan the QR code to see the full list of Community Events!

### POLLINATOR WEEK CELEBRATION

June 25, 2026 | 4-7pm  
Mary S. Young Pollinator Garden

### WEST LINN OLD TIME FAIR

July 10-12, 2026  
Willamette Park

### MUSIC IN THE PARK

July 23-August 20, 2026 | 6:30-8:30pm  
Thursdays at Tanner Creek Park

### MOVIES IN THE PARK

August 4-18, 2026 | Dusk  
Tuesdays at Willamette Park

### FALL FEST IN THE FOREST

October 17, 2026 | 11am-2pm  
Mary S. Young Park

# PARKS & RECREATION: OUR WHY

West Linn Parks and Recreation is dedicated to creating life-enhancing experiences that support the health and well-being of the community. Through more than 600 acres of parks, trails, natural areas, and riverfront spaces, along with a wide range of inclusive programs, the department helps residents stay active, connected, and engaged. Whether enjoying outdoor recreation, participating in a class, or gathering at community events, these opportunities are designed to be safe, welcoming, and accessible for all ages.

Guided by a mission to promote a healthy community, Parks and Recreation focuses on maintaining high-quality spaces, offering diverse recreation services, and fostering meaningful community connections. Core values such as safety, inclusivity, and environmental stewardship shape how services are delivered and how spaces are cared for.

This work is grounded in four key pillars of well-being: physical, mindful, environmental, and social. From fitness classes and sports to yoga, nature experiences, and community events, these offerings support whole-person well-being. Together, they create opportunities for residents to stay active, reduce stress, connect with nature, and build relationships.

Through thoughtful planning and community input, West Linn Parks and Recreation continues to evolve—ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to thrive, connect, and belong.

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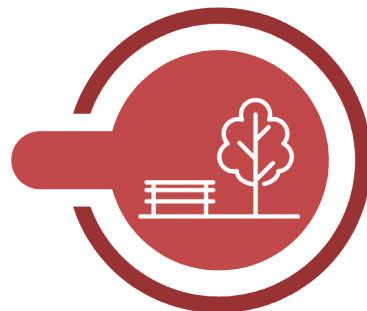
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services



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celebrations, street decorations



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small business support, long-term  
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## Communication 10

City website, public records,  
meetings, newsletters, community  
outreach, social media, surveys

**& SHARE WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU**



## 06 PERMITS & LICENSES

Tree permits, business licenses, building inspections, court services.



### WHY BUILDING PERMITS MATTER: PROTECTING SAFETY TO LIFE AND PROPERTY

Springtime forecasts mark the unofficial kickoff to the City of West Linn’s peak building season when property owners seize the warm, dry months for project work. Helping bring your project from digital plans to structural reality, our Building Department acts as a partner to ensure safety, compliance and long-term property value—protecting you and your home or business.

A key step in this community benefit is to inform the City of building plans by submitting an online building permit application. Serving licensed industry professionals to homeowner DIYers alike, the Building Department offers on-going education, strategic guidance and responsive communication to advance applicants through the permitting process—from intake to issuance—so you can start construction with confidence.

### DO I NEED A PERMIT? WHY?

From residential and commercial building improvements, remodels, additions and repairs to deck replacements, new home construction and so much more, visit the Building Department to learn whether a project requires a building permit.

The Building Department supports the safety of citizens, job site, property and community through strict adherence to statewide building code standards. Applying for a building permit is the best way to protect life and property safety. By working with us, you gain peace of mind that your permitted project complies with Oregon state building code.

The City’s Building Official, Building Plans Examiner and Building Inspector work all hands-on deck to advocate and uphold compliance with Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC) and Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC). In 2025, this three-member team boasted an average daily activity of: 4 Permits Issued, 16 Inspection Trips, and 1 Completed Building Plan Review.

Completing the permit application process, plan review and any required inspections will help protect your property investment.

### TELL ME MORE...HOW DOES THIS WORK?

The Building Department is 100 percent self-funded through building permit fees. All department services are provided year-round to the community at no cost to the taxpayer. Building permit and plan review fees collectively fund staff’s time to process applications, coordinate with cross-department City stakeholders like Planning and Public Works/Engineering teams, and examine building plans. Permit fees also fund staff’s time allocation in the field, inspecting properties to ensure fire and life safety.

With the world building the equivalent of Madrid every week to meet industry demand for infrastructure and buildings\*, the Building Department takes pride in protecting safety to life and property here in West Linn, and works passionately to create the safe spaces you enjoy while also safeguarding our community standards and future development.

### SHARED SERVICES: BUILDING SMARTER PARTNERSHIPS FOR A STRONGER CITY

Earlier this year, the City of West Linn explored a strategic partnership model to further advance the resources, value, revenue opportunity and positioning of the self-funded Building Department. After careful evaluation, the City proactively entered into the Building Evaluation Support Agreement (BESA), a voluntary agreement created by the Oregon Building Codes Division (BCD) that allows our Building Department to tap into a statewide network of participating jurisdictions to share resources directly.

**What does this mean?** BESA is a cost-saving, efficiency-driven approach that allows smart scaling of department services like plan review and inspections. It will give our jurisdiction the agility to address increased demands on department resources without compromising local project responsiveness and customer service—all with our existing staff headcount and operations. This intergovernmental agreement for collaboration will free the Building Department’s lean resources to focus on ongoing community priorities and future investments.

## OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Under the guidance of the City Attorney, the in-house Legal Department is committed to delivering

thorough, high-quality legal advice, responsive to the needs of the client, that supports city officials and employees to execute vision-specific deliverables for the community. With a commitment to a culture of learning and empowerment, with the highest standard of government ethics, the Legal Department emphasizes the importance of early and active issue spotting, in partnership with city employees, to support compliance with applicable laws, reduce legal risk, and avoid costly litigation, with the ultimate goal of reliably providing essential services to residents and enhancing the quality of life for the entire West Linn community.



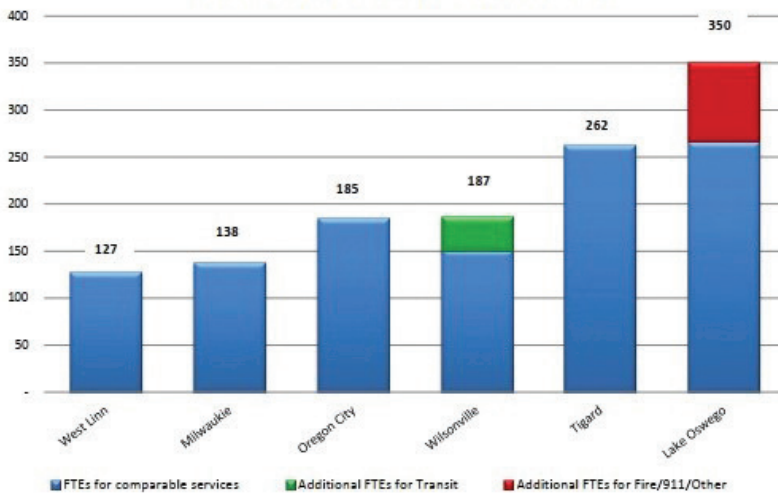
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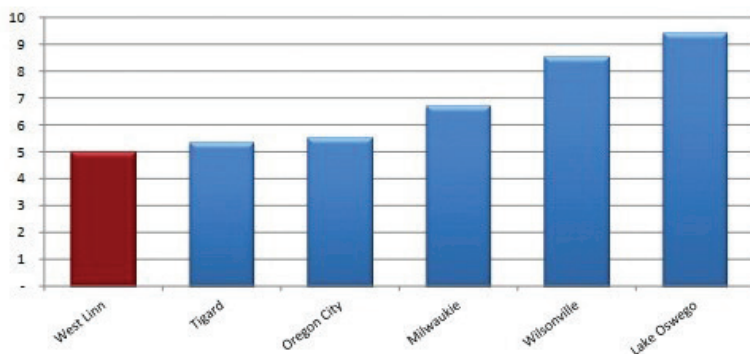


## HOW MANY PEOPLE HELP THIS HAPPEN?

Number of City Employees by City (FTEs)



Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) per Capita (per 1,000 Population)



# SUPPORTING COMMUNITY EVENTS

West Linn Parks & Recreation events are made possible in large part through the generous support of local sponsors. These partnerships help maintain the quality, accessibility, and variety of events offered throughout the community.

While some city funding supports events, sponsorships play a key role in keeping many of them free and accessible for all residents. More than financial support, sponsorships are an investment in community connection—creating spaces where neighbors can gather, celebrate, and build a sense of belonging.

*Each year, a sponsorship packet outlines opportunities for local businesses and organizations to get involved.*

Learn more at: [westlinnoregon.gov/parks-rec/sponsorship](http://westlinnoregon.gov/parks-rec/sponsorship)

From the Old Time Fair to the Holiday Parade, sponsors help create memorable experiences that strengthen community and tradition.





## 08 COMMUNITY GROUPS

Neighborhood Associations, Community Advisory Groups, Boards & Commissions.

Community groups are at the heart of the One West Linn approach—bringing residents, City leaders, and local perspectives together to shape the future of the community. Neighborhood Associations provide a direct voice between residents and the City, helping share information, identify priorities, and strengthen neighborhood connections. Community Advisory Groups, Boards, and Commissions play a complementary role by offering informed recommendations to City Council, helping guide policies, programs, and long-term planning. Together, these volunteer-driven groups create meaningful opportunities for residents to participate in decision-making, contribute diverse perspectives, and stay engaged in civic life. Through collaboration, communication, and shared responsibility, they help ensure that West Linn's future reflects the values, priorities, and voices of the entire community—truly embodying the spirit of One West Linn.



## 09 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Economic development, zoning, small business support, long-term visioning projects, futureproofing.

Community Development helps cultivate thoughtful, safe places where residents can experience a sense of belonging, live well and gather. Trusted with Planning, Building and Economic Development services, the department partners with the city, its residents, and businesses, in purposeful planning and to guide current and future development for a vibrant and more connected community that feels like home.

### Urban Renewal: Investing in West Linn's Future

**What Is Urban Renewal?** Urban renewal is a tool that helps West Linn improve areas that are older or in need of upgrades. The goal is not growth for the sake of expansion, but to enhance livability—creating safer, more connected, and more welcoming spaces for residents and businesses.

### How TIF Works

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) allows the City to fund improvements without raising taxes. As property values grow within a designated district, that increase is reinvested into projects like

## Discovering Robinwood's History: A Neighborhood Survey Highlights Mid-Century Charm

In March, the City Council adopted the 2025 Architectural Survey of the Robinwood Neighborhood, offering residents a closer look at the area's history and architectural character. The survey examined 625 homes and businesses built before 1975, documenting development patterns, architectural styles, and potential historic resources, and recommending areas for future, more detailed study.

Funded in part by a matching grant from the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service, the survey reveals that Robinwood's character is closely tied to post-World War II suburban development. This era marked a major shift from dense urban neighborhoods to suburban communities emphasizing privacy, safety, and family life.

The survey highlights a variety of architectural styles, including Mid-Century Modern, Modern Ranch, Split-Level, Contemporary, Minimal Traditional, Transitional Ranch, and Tudor Revival homes. Six areas of the neighborhood were identified as having particularly strong historic character:

**ROBINWOOD:** This area represents the greatest concentration of early development within the boundaries of the 1923 Robinwood Subdivision.

**CEDAROAK:** The densest, most cohesive collection of period homes in eastern Robinwood.

**OLD RIVER-CHEROKEE:** Notable for Mid-Century Modern and 1950s Ranch homes.

**SHA-WA-AWA:** Excellent examples of Mid-Century Modern, Ranch, Modern Ranch, and Split-Level houses.

**UPPER MIDTHILL:** Split-Level homes built between 1964 and 1975, including Modern Split-Level designs.

**MARIA COURT:** Eleven ranch-style houses built from 1960 to 1964.

Although the survey's cutoff was 1975, development continued for decades afterward, with several well-preserved Contemporary houses from the late 1970s and early 1980s reflecting the styles of the earlier period.

While the survey does not designate historic properties or impose regulations, it offers the community a detailed snapshot of Robinwood's past and provides a foundation for future preservation efforts. For residents, it's an opportunity to explore the stories behind familiar streets and homes. A copy of the Survey is available at the library.

## Community Development continued...

sidewalks, lighting, and safer intersections—improvements that benefit the community today while supporting long-term value.

### West Linn's Waterfront District

West Linn's first TIF district focuses on the Willamette River waterfront, supporting better public access, pedestrian-friendly spaces, and connections to parks and local businesses. These enhancements help create a more vibrant and accessible destination.

### Looking Ahead

The City could consider adopting a second TIF district in the future to support improvements along the Highway 43 commercial corridor. The Highway 43 Concept Plan shows possible projects such as safer street crossings, better sidewalks, and improved bike routes. TIF could help pay for these improvements without raising taxes. Any decision would include public conversations and City Council review.

### Why It Matters

Urban renewal and TIF give cities a practical way to reinvest in themselves. By using future value to fund improvements, West Linn can improve safety, support local businesses, and create more enjoyable public spaces. This helps build a more livable community for current and future residents.



# SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE HIGHWAY 43 CORRIDOR

West Linn and the community are collaborating to re-imagine Highway 43 to prioritize a safe and accessible environment for people to comfortably walk, bike, and roll; encouraging development patterns that give people a variety of options to move within the corridor and enhancing connections and access to neighborhoods and surrounding areas, and developing the corridor to serve as a hub for living, working, and recreational activities, featuring a mix of housing, shopping, restaurants, and recreational spaces.

### PROJECT GOALS

The primary goal of the VISION 43 is to engage the community to re-imagine Highway 43 as a safer, more accessible corridor:

### Create a New Community Vision for Highway 43:

- Promote development of diverse housing options, parks, shops, and workspaces for people of all ages, incomes, and abilities
- Identify Necessary Zoning Changes to Implement the Community's Vision
- Facilitate the development of thriving mixed uses that cater to the community needs, contributing to a vibrant local economy



### Ensures Safe Crossing Points and Neighborhood Connections:

- Identify near-term and long-term safe crossing points on Highway 43 for all modes of transportation
- Establish pedestrian connections that seamlessly link residents to essential goods and services and to neighboring

communities, enhancing overall connectivity

### Amend Development Code to Align with the Vision

- Create a new mixed-use zoning along the corridor

### PLANNING AREA

The VISION43 planning area consists of the 3.3-mile corridor on Highway 43 from the I-205 interchange to the West Linn/Lake Oswego border. Pedestrian and bicycle improvements and neighborhood connectivity are identified along the highway throughout the planning area.

Additionally, a new mixed-use zone is proposed within three focus areas along Highway 43 - Bolton/Market of Choice, Old Bolton Fire Station/ State Farm, and Robinwood/ Walmart/Sourdough Willys. In these areas, mixed-use development could occur, along with targeted transportation safety and connectivity improvements. Rezoning would primarily apply to properties currently zoned or used for commercial purposes.

### PROJECT PROGRESS

Over the past two years, the Vision 43 project has developed a draft mixed-use code and Vision Plan for the Highway 43 corridor, shaped by community input and stakeholder collaboration. The draft is now available for public review, with a community open house scheduled for February 12, 2026.

This effort reflects a shared vision to enhance safety, connectivity, local identity, and create a more vibrant, pedestrian-friendly corridor.

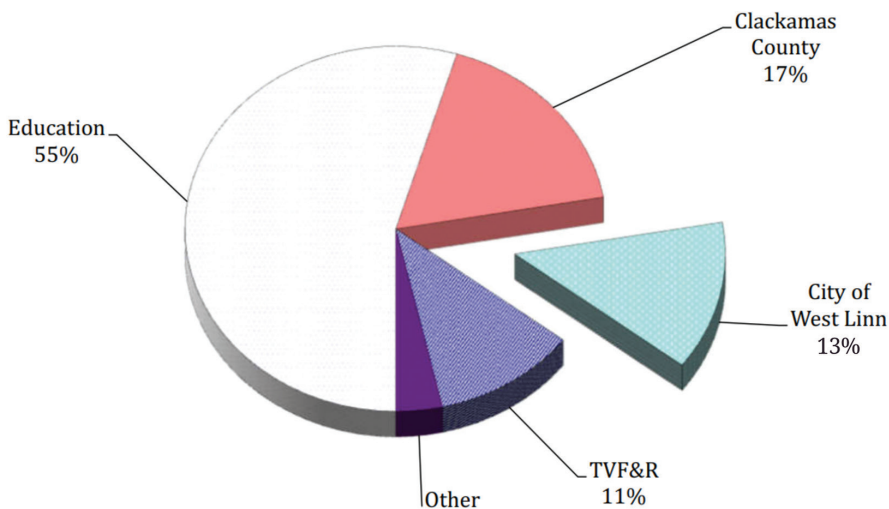
[yourwestlinn.com/waterfront-community-vision](http://yourwestlinn.com/waterfront-community-vision)



# 10 COMMUNICATION

City website, public records, meetings, newsletters, community outreach, social media, surveys.

Property tax percentage split by Government Type



## Where Do Your Property Taxes Go?

Examples from an average single-family home worth the median assessment value in West Linn

### Ongoing Services (about \$14.95)

#### \$7.27 → Education

- West Linn-Wilsonville School District
- Education Service District
- Clackamas Community College

#### \$2.12 → City of West Linn Services

- Clackamas County Services
  - ↓ includes \$0.39 for County library

#### \$0.19 → Metro

- Other small districts & urban renewal

### Voter-Approved Bonds (about \$4.15)

#### \$2.93 → School construction & facilities

#### \$0.37 → City of West Linn bonds

#### \$0.38 → Metro bonds

#### \$0.25 → Clackamas Community College bonds

#### \$0.13 → Fire & emergency services bonds

#### \$0.12 → County emergency radio bond

## UNDERSTAND GOLF CART LAWS IN WEST LINN

**Question:** Can a golf cart be driven on West Linn roads?

**Answer:** This topic arose last summer and has continued to be one of interest at some City Council meetings. The City understands that residents really enjoy driving their golf cart, but we encourage you to carefully read the text of the state law that applies. ORS 810.070 states: "A road authority, on any of its own highways **that are located adjacent to a golf course**, may permit the operation of golf carts between the golf course and the place where golf carts are parked or stored or located within or bounded by a real estate development." The road authority for West Linn is the City Council and highways include, but are not limited to, roads, streets, and bridges. ORS 801.305. There is no getting around the fact that **state law** only allows golf carts to be driven on roads "that are located adjacent to a golf course." A local ordinance **cannot replace state law limitations**. In other words, even if the Council enacted a local ordinance, it would not help the situation because the places we are seeing golf carts driven most commonly are in the Willamette neighborhood, which is not adjacent to a golf course. The City's hands are tied: **residents may not drive a golf cart on West Linn roads**. By contrast, under state law, **Low Speed Vehicles (LSVs)** can be operated on roads with speed limits below 35 MPH, including in West Linn. For the definition of LSV, look to ORS 801.331 and be sure to research additional safety requirements, including those in OAR 737-00-0010. Let's stay safe West Linn!

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# TOOLS & TIPS



*With a new season ahead, now is the perfect time to check your household supplies and ensure you're ready for whatever comes your way.*



## WILDFIRE SEASON

The City of West Linn works with fire specialists, such as our partners at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) and Oregon Department of Forestry staff to assess and reduce wildfire risk in City spaces. Now is the best time to start preparing your home for wildfire season. Small fires become large incidents when dry fuels are left near the home, in gutters or on roofs and become ignited by fire embers. Even far-off wildfires can impact air quality and affect public health, especially for those with chronic health conditions. Learn how to prepare your home for wildfire season and find resources to reduce the health effects of wildfire smoke at our Heat and Wildfire Safety Website: [westlinnoregon.gov/communications/heat-wildfire-safety](http://westlinnoregon.gov/communications/heat-wildfire-safety)



It could take days or weeks for assistance to arrive after a major disaster. That's why everyone should take steps to "Be 2 Weeks Ready." Being 2 Weeks Ready means having an emergency plan and enough supplies for you and everyone in your household to survive for at least two weeks following a disaster. The Be 2 Weeks Ready Program provides a helpful Tool Kit that helps get you ready!



Individuals can work through the Tool Kit alone, but we strongly encourage groups of neighbors, church members, non-profits and more to get together and discuss emergency preparedness together to build community resilience. The City will provide printed Tool Kits and resources to any group that would like to work on emergency preparedness together. Visit our website for more information: [westlinnoregon.gov/westlinnready/be-2-weeks-ready](http://westlinnoregon.gov/westlinnready/be-2-weeks-ready)



## #ClackCo PublicAlerts

### STAY INFORMED:

The City of West Linn utilizes Clackamas County's Public Alerts system to notify residents of critical emergency issues affecting life and health safety. Emergency messages could include notices to evacuate, shelter-in-place, boil water or other extremely important information. Please sign up now to ensure you receive urgent emergency messages via email, text, or phone at [clackamas.us/dm/publicalerts](http://clackamas.us/dm/publicalerts)

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

From water main breaks to downed power lines to gas leaks, here is a handy list of who to contact during an emergency.

**EMERGENCY:** Call 911  
**NON-EMERGENCY:** (503) 635-0238  
**POLICE BUSINESS OFFICE:** (503) 655-6214

**SMELL GAS? CALL:**  
NW Natural - (800) 882-3377  
[nwnatural.com](http://nwnatural.com)

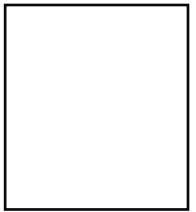
**FIRE? CALL TVF&R:**  
Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency (503) 649-8577

**WEST LINN PUBLIC WORKS:**  
(503) 656-6081 - 7AM - 4:30PM  
(503) 635-0238 - After Hours

**POWER OUTAGE OR POWER LINE ISSUE:**  
PGE - (503) 464-7777  
[portlandgeneral.com/outage](http://portlandgeneral.com/outage)

**HIGHWAY 43/TRAFFIC SIGNALS:**  
ODOT - (888) 275-6368  
[oregon.gov/odot](http://oregon.gov/odot)

**RETURN TO:**  
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22500 Salamo Rd.  
West Linn, OR 97068

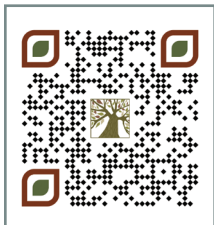


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