

West Linn Centennial • 1913-2013



# WEST LINN UPDATE

May 2013

## Century Garden Day at the McLean House

5350 River Street, West Linn

Saturday, April 27, 2013, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Friends of McLean Park and House are sponsoring a Century Garden Day in celebration of the West Linn's Centennial Celebration. The public is invited to visit the historical McLean House, to stroll the grounds and to participate in a variety of scheduled events and activities. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. At 11:00, attend a lecture on "What Was Gardening Like 100 Years Ago?" And at 1:00 p.m. the Royal Rosarian Court of Honor will hold a traditional "Rose Planting Ceremony".

West Linn Mayor John Kovash and June McLean will be honored. Rosarian Prime Minister Gayle Whitehorse, and Rosarians Adam Baker and Larry Roberts, all of West Linn, will help plant the rose "Pop the Cork". Other activities include "The Kid's Corner" where families can plant seeds in containers to grow at home. "The Kids Corner" is led by OSU Extension Service Master Gardener's Cheryl and John Borden. Please join us at this fun Centennial event.



## Water Pipe Insurance Policies Not Affiliated With the City of West Linn

Please note that American Water Resources of Oregon (AWR), a private insurance company, informed the City of West Linn that they will be doing a sales mailing offering water service line insurance in West Linn. **The City of West Linn wants to remind our customers that such offers are not associated with the City water system, nor does the City have any connection with AWR, or any other such insurance carrier.** On occasion, private companies send letters to residents offering a repair plan for the water service line extending from the resident's house to the water distribution pipeline, which usually runs in the street in front of the house.

These letters state that the line extending from the house to the water meter is the homeowner's responsibility. This means that if the home service line experiences a crack or break, the resident is responsible for all associated costs. While this is true, some sales literature from such insurance company has **confused some residents, making them feel that they are required to have an insurance policy that is separate from their homeowner's policy to cover any water utility line damage.** Please contact the City at 503-657-0331 if you have any questions about private water service line insurance offers.

## City Council Goals Update: Economic Development

In response to community ideas and feedback during our visioning work for the Highway 43 and Willamette Falls Drive corridor last year, the City Council is forging ahead with steps necessary to implement some of this economic development work. Starting this month, our Economic Development staff will undertake an audit of the City's land use regulations, fees and procedures to identify the extent of regulatory barriers that exist for developers and businesses in West Linn to determine whether the City has the capacity to provide incentives that will encourage positive economic development outcomes in years ahead.

Also on the palette of economic development work this year, and another recommendation from your feedback during the Highway 43 Vision Plan, is the creation of a master plan for the area near the historic West Linn/Oregon City Arch Bridge. Our Planning and Economic Development staff have been working closely with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Metro and Oregon City to identify funds necessary to undertake this work. If successful in securing funds, this work will include the identification of opportunities and constraints in this area and will result in a plan to guide and encourage positive future growth.

We have an online forum up and running at [WestLinnIdeas.com](http://WestLinnIdeas.com) where you can share your ideas and give us feedback about these projects. Your continued support and feedback is critical in ensuring that our recommendations are comprehensive and meaningful.

## Celebrating the West Linn Centennial • 1913-2013



THEN: 1913 view of Willamette Falls.  
Photo restored by Old Oregon Photos from Clackamas Co. Historical Society originals.



NOW: 2013 view of Willamette Falls.  
Photo courtesy of Kendra Frankle, Rosemont Ridge Middle School.

### Take Care of West Linn Day

May 18, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board's mission for Take Care of West Linn Day is to promote the value of volunteerism and community pride by making available opportunities for community members to participate in projects to give back to their community and maintain the high quality of life in West Linn. Each year we have more than 20 different projects, located at 15 different sites, accomplished by more than 20 groups. When you are done volunteering, please join us for an appreciation picnic at Mary S Young Park from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Your organization can still choose to organize your own project. The Parks and Recreation Department will help with identifying a project, planning your project, promoting your project to obtain additional volunteers, and recognizing the effort of your volunteers. Please let us know if your organization is interested in participating in Take Care of West Linn Day. Contact Ken Warner at 503-557-4700 or email [kwerner@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:kwerner@westlinnoregon.gov) to set up group project.

### Centennial Celebration Events & Activities May 2013

Please visit [WL100.org](http://WL100.org) for more information.

May 1:

May Day Garden party with a May Pole at West Linn High School

May 11:

West Linn Garden Club Plant Sale at Hammerle Park at 9:00 a.m.

May 18:

Take Care of West Linn Day

Any day in May:

Historic Willamette Walking Tour - brochures available at City Hall

### "If I Were Mayor..." PowerPoint/Video Contest

High school students: Imagine a West Linn where YOU are the mayor. Share your creative ideas about what you would do as mayor. Local winners are entered into a state contest for a chance to win a new laptop. You are encouraged to be creative and share your ideas using video or PowerPoint. This contest is open to high school students (grades 9-12) in West Linn, Oregon.

General Rules:

- Submissions must be submitted by May 1, 2013 at noon.
- Submissions will become the property of the City of West Linn and the Oregon Mayors' Association (OMA).
- Submissions may be posted on the social media networks.
- One entry will be selected by Mayor John Kovash as the City of West Linn's official entry into the OMA contest.
- Statewide winners and their parents will be invited to attend the OMA Summer Conference in Corvallis on July 27, 2013 where they will be recognized at a special award luncheon.

Video or PowerPoint Details:

- The video/PowerPoint contest is open to students enrolled in high school (grades 9-12) or home schooled at the high school level for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Presentations must be one to three minutes in length.
- All presentations must be submitted via email or DVD to the City of West Linn by the May 1 deadline: [webmaster@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:webmaster@westlinnoregon.gov) or to City Hall, 22500 Salamo Road, West Linn, OR 97068.
- Please include the students' name and an email address for the parent or guardian with the email or DVD.
- The winning submission must complete an OMA form after the mayor's selection is made.



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