

Willamette NA March 12, 2025 ACC + Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President Kathie Halicki.

The **minutes** of the February meeting were approved

The **treasury** has a balance of \$2,597.11 reflecting 2 checks approved last month.

TVF&R gave a presentation reflecting their duties and scope of operations:

1. covers 11 cities with 29 stations in 4 counties
2. in 2024, most calls were medically related. a paramedic goes out with each call. There are 3 stationed in West Linn
3. small percentage relate to fires but still require full service
4. hazardous fires require heavy equipment
5. small and large engines carry water
6. home owners are encouraged to clear area around house to avoid fires from sparks. Pamphlets and website give details
7. evacuation plan advised for home and camping

The West Linn crew arrived and introduced themselves. They have 3 24hour shifts 24/7. Their expertise covers water rescue, paramedic and engineering.

The Community Academy is offered twice a year as a way to introduce residents to the workings of the TV&R.

Residents can sign up for emergency alerts for their phones. Response during floods, ice storms and power outages still rely on electronic communication.

Meals on Wheels operates out of the Pioneer Community Center in Oregon City with an Intergovernmental agreement with Clackamas County.

In addition to delivery of hot meals Tuesday and Thursday in West Linn, they can offer transportation to doctors, etc for those lacking transportation. Persons needing these services apply to Meals on Wheels.

1. 6,254 meals were delivered in West Linn last year.
2. 1785 rides were provided
3. 74 persons required case management
4. 34 home assessments are proved
5. each meal costs \$12.25 to deliver. \$3.21 comes from the government.

Social services include some Alzheimers support. This month, they will fund raise with "March for Meals". The West Linn Community Center offers meals also.

Food Pantry operates differently from Meals on Wheels. It provides boxes of food for families who sign up with them. An average of 60 families a week are served. Any fresh leftovers can be frozen.

Several recent food drives have helped the Food Pantry. The grant from Clackamas County has been received. The FP Board will decide how it will be spent (new fridge, new freezer?)

Clients who need help with rent will be addressed by "Care Oregon".

Main Street has 5 active committees. The topper for the drinking fountain will appear soon as will a biking kiosk. The latter will include artwork. Informational signage and more historic plaques are planned as well.

March 17 will celebrate St Patrick's day in Willamette with vendors

May 5 will be Cinco di Mayo with help from his school students

April 5 will be a Wine Walk with 10 wineries. Tickets will be available for sale.

Willamette now has 100 businesses. 70 vendors have signed up for the Summer market. This fall a Willamette Fest will be staged.

Rebecca is celebrating her 5 year anniversary as Main Street director!

The "**Welcome to Willamette**" sign is ready to be installed on Willamette Falls Drive. Kathie and Elizabeth will meet with Public Works to determine the location.

Land Use 1790 5th owner has made an inquiry about making a garage an ADU. The City Council has denied the street vacation near the holding pond. Kathie was thanked for encouraging WNA residents to send their comments to City Council.

Community Comments

The Robert Moore Award suggestions are due April 3rd.

The bond measure for the purchase of Oppenlander field will not be on the May ballot.

Clackamas County has an emergency survey for residents to fill out.

Highway tolling is not dead. Indications are afoot to revitalize it.

5:30 Sunday March 16 Senator Merkley will have a town hall meeting at CCC

School District candidates will be on the May ballots. Be alert. Ask them how thoroughly they research their projections of student population.

Improvements in Fields Bridge Park are not complete and there is no indication when they will be. A fence or wall along portions of the roadway path is needed for safety. Currently final work is 6 months behind.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Elizabeth Rocchia

secretary