

# City of Weston



## City Council

### Duane Thul, Mayor

Liaison: City Hall, UCSO (Police)

### Shannon Hoehna, Councilor

Council President

Liaison: Planning

### Mike Dowd, Councilor

Liaison: Code Enforcement, Public Works

### Shawn Monaco, Councilor

Liaison: Parks & Rec, Historic Landmarks

### Lois Phillips, Councilor

Liaison: WCDC, Parks, Library

## City Phone Numbers

- City Hall: 541 566-3313
- Hours 7:00am-5:30pm M-Thurs
- Closed 11:00am-1:30pm Lunch

### Sheila Jaspersen, City Recorder

Recorder@cityofwestonoregon.com

**Library:** 541-566-2378

**Police/Dispatch:** 541 966-3651

**Public Works:** 541-566-3976

We're online at:

[www.CityofWestonOregon.com](http://www.CityofWestonOregon.com)

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**Labor Day** is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the **first Monday in September** in any given year (i.e. a single day from September 1 through September 7) to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States.<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> It is the Monday of the long weekend known as **Labor Day Weekend**.

Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City.

In 1887, **Oregon** was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty states in the United States officially celebrated Labor Day.<sup>[4]</sup>

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## City of Weston Meetings are slowly starting to resume, but may go back to virtual.

- WCDC is September 1<sup>st</sup> at the Memorial Hall Check for time.
- City Council September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Gizmo
- Planning Commission September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in Gizmo

Meeting information for other city commissions was not available at press time. Please check with City Hall to confirm date, location, and time.

**City Hall/Library/Public Works will be closed on Monday, September 6 for Labor Day.**

# WESTON LIBRARY PAGE

www.westonpubliclibrary.com

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Visit us on Facebook!

## Sidewalk Book Sale

Friends of Weston Library (FOWL) will be taking their annual used book sale to the sidewalk this year. The sale will be Saturday, September 25 from 9 am—1 pm on the sidewalk in front of the Weston Library at 108 East Main Street, Weston.

Books and other items will be priced at \$1 each to streamline the process. We are asking folks to bring small bills, as change is more difficult to manage in this setting. At 12 noon the bag sale will commence, and all the books you can get in a bag will cost you only \$1!

Do you have books you would like to donate to the FOWL book sale? We will gratefully

accept donations on Friday afternoon until 5 pm. We are able to accept donated books at that time only.

FOWL board members are working hard and planning carefully to bring the safest, most awesome book sale ever to our community. Please observe the current Covid-19 mandates when you attend the book sale. With your cooperation we can make this happen!



## Library Card Sign-Up Month

September marks the 34th anniversary of National Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when local libraries remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all! Library cards are free to folks in our service area. To get a card, just bring in some form of ID, proof of residency, and for minors, the signature of a guardian. All new library cards issued at our library in September come with a free book bag. There's nothing more empowering than a library card, for people of all ages. Get yours!



- 9/7 Library Board 5 pm (Library)
- 9/25 FOWL Book Sale 9am-1pm (Library)
- 9/30 Novel Readers 5 pm (Library)
- Storytime Fridays 10 am (Library lawn)

### New at the Library

*Billy Summers*, fiction by Stephen King

*Getaway*, fiction by Zoje Stage

*Lightning Strike*, fiction by William Kent Krueger

*The Madness of Crowds*, fiction by Louise Penny

*Rhyming Dust Bunnies*, children's fiction by Jan Thomas



## Weston Public Library

These theme backpacks are available for checkout. They contain books and objects relating to these subjects: Space, Birds, Dinosaurs, Bugs, and ABCs. Perfect for day-care and preschools, families, and hot summer days!



### Weston Public Library Photo Archives

The Weston, Oregon Public Library Photo Archive contains about 413 photo images, 7 maps, and 60 Weston Weekly Leader newspaper display ads.



This digital archive is dedicated to the memory of Margaret Sutherland, who took special interest in collecting and preserving local history and photo images while serving as the City Librarian from 1955 until her retirement in 1995, and to Kathleen

Schmidtgall who took over as City Librarian in 1995, and has carried on to preserve and expand the archive.

<http://www.weston-publiclibrary.com/>

## WESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Weston Chamber is in need of Volunteers to operate the Chamber. They're in need of a President, Vice President, Treasurer. They have a Secretary. The board is in need of Volunteers also. The chamber sponsors The potato show, Christmas lighting contest, the awards banquet, and last Monday of September invites the school teachers and board. In February invites the City Council. We need help as the 3 positions available are being held by individuals who are retiring. If nobody steps up the chamber will fold up. For more information call 551-566-3737 or 541-310-7076.

**Dues are \$5.00 per person or  
\$15.00 per Business**

*"The purpose of the Weston Chamber of Commerce shall be to foster goodwill among its members, to promote any worthy enterprise that will be for the benefit of Weston or the community at large, and to enter into, and support such area development that will in turn assure better living within this community."*



**City Hall is now open to the public. A mask is required to conduct business inside the building. Payments can be made via phone (debit/credit) and/or the drop box on the side of City Hall.**

**City Hall: 541 566-3313**

**Hours 7:00am-5:30pm Monday—**

**Thursday**

**Closed 11:00am-1:30pm**

**Closed on Fridays**

**Recorder@cityofwestonoregon.com**

**Code Enforcement**

**Evening office hours are Tuesdays  
from 6:00-8:00pm.**

**Complaints can be filed then or at City  
Hall during regular business hours.**



## Umatilla County Pioneers Seeking Photographs

Do you have photographs of past Pioneer Queens or Grand Marshals? Photographs of past parades? Someone is looking for photos of the 1973 parade with

the float for Pioneer Queen Ruby Collins. Wasco County Pioneer Association would like to have photographs for the website to add to the history of the organization. We're also looking for biographies for many of the past Queens and Grand Marshals. Check the website to see what we have so far: [www.UmatillaCountyPioneers Association.com](http://www.UmatillaCountyPioneers Association.com)

If you scan photos, please scan them at least at 300 dpi and email them to Trish Neal at [TrishaNeal@hotmail.com](mailto:TrishaNeal@hotmail.com) *Don't have a scanner? Please let Trish know and arrangements can be made so that the photos never have to leave Weston.*

## Attention Weston Senior Citizens!

**CANCELED**

Until further notice.



**The Food Pantry** is located at the Franklin Street door of City Hall. The Weston Food Pantry will distribute food each month on the Saturday after the 3rd Friday between 10:00a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Citizens from Weston, Athena, Adams, and the surrounding area are welcome. Please

bring your own bags or box. Don't be late. We must close on time. Contact person: Greg Phillips 503-880-6360 (Supported by CAPECO).

The Weston Food Pantry is open each month on the Saturday after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. They have wonderful food supplies for folks in need. BUT, paper products are not part of what they provide. So, the **Weston-McEwen Lions Club** gathers paper towels and toilet paper to be part of the offerings. You can help!! There are boxes for your paper donations in the US Bank in Athena and in the Weston City Hall. We appreci-



## Be sure to "Like" the Community of Weston Facebook page.

Keep up to date on what's happening, important notices, etc. This Facebook page is intended to supplement the City of Weston's website and the community website, [WestonOregon.com](http://WestonOregon.com)

You may post items to this page, too!

Be sure to invite your friends and family to "Like" the page, too.



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## Local Links

- Weston-McEwen High School: <http://wmhs.athwest.k12.or.us>
- Athena-Weston School District: <http://www.athwest.k12.or.us>
- Weston Middle School: <http://wms.athwest.k12.or.us/>
- Athena Elementary School: <http://aes.athwest.k12.or.us/>
- Weston Community Development: [www.WestonCommunityDevelopment.com](http://www.WestonCommunityDevelopment.com)
- Weston Historic Landmarks Commission: [www.WestonHistoricLandmarks.com](http://www.WestonHistoricLandmarks.com)
- Weston Parks and Recreation Commission: [www.WestonParksandRec.com](http://www.WestonParksandRec.com)
- Weston Public Library: [www.WestonPublicLibrary.com](http://www.WestonPublicLibrary.com)
- Weston Chamber of Commerce: [www.WestonChamberofCommerce.com](http://www.WestonChamberofCommerce.com)
- Historic Weston Oregon: [www.HistoricWestonOregon.com/](http://www.HistoricWestonOregon.com/)



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

**Main Office: 541-276-3322  
Pendleton**

Call to schedule a presentation, explore  
volunteer opportunities or to  
make a Donation.

**541-567-0424 Hermiston**

Call either office for assistance with  
Domestic & sexual violence or stalking.

**24 Hour Crisis Line  
1-800-833-1161**

## **Pendleton Advocacy Center**

Office: 541-276-3322

Monday-Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm  
1103 SE Court Place

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DHS M-W and F 8:00am to Noon

## **Hermiston Advocacy Center**

Office: 541-567-0424

Monday-Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm  
240 SE 2nd St., Suite B & C

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DHS M-W and F 8:00am to Noon

## **Milton-Freewater Advocacy Center**

Office: 541-276-3322

DHS Thursday 8:00am to Noon

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Thursday—1:00pm to 5:00pm  
722 S. Main (City Hall Basement)

## **Boardman Advocacy Center**

Information — Call 541-567-0424

Thursday—1:00pm to 5:00pm  
200 City Center Circle (City Hall)

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DHS Thursday—8:00am to Noon

## **Heppner Advocacy Center**

Information — Call 541-276-3322

## **Heppner Women's Group**

Information — Call 541-271-3322

**Volunteer Training, Parenting Class,  
Mental Health First Aid — Call 541-276-3322**

**Domestic Violence Services**  
provides direct services to victims of  
domestic/sexual and dating violence  
and stalking:

**24 Hour Crisis Line**

**1-800-833-1161**

**Sexual Assault Advocacy  
Domestic Violence Advocacy  
Bilingual Advocacy**

## **Shelters:**

- ⇒ **Awakening House in Pendleton**
- ⇒ **Casa de Esperanza in Hermiston**

## **Confidential Crisis Support Information & Referral**

**Safety Planning**

**Confidential Abuse Assessment  
Assistance with Restraining Orders  
Court Support & Advocacy**

## **Presentations:**

**Community and Student Education**

**Speakers available for businesses clubs,  
schools, churches & civic groups.**

## **Parenting and Mental Health**

**First Aid Classes**

**Call 541-276-3322**

## **Support Groups:**

**Pendleton Women's Group  
Call 541-276-3322 for information**

**Hermiston Women's Group  
Thursday 6:00pm to 7:30pm**

**Hermiston Spanish Language  
Women's Group  
Thursday 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
Children's activities provided  
Call 541-567-0424 for information**

**Milton-Freewater Women's Group  
Thursday 5:30pm to 7:00pm  
Call 541-276-3322 for information**





## WCDC is Selling Brick Pavers.

A 4x8 sells for \$50.00, COMES WITH A 2x4 bronze plaque that will hold up to 54 letters on three lines.

The 8x8 pavers sell for \$100.00 and come with 4" diameter bronze plaque that holds up to 102 letters on 6 lines.

Monies for this project will be used for landscape around the wall and for future lighting projects.

Forms are available at City Hall or from Tim Crampton, or Chuck Price.

# Blue Mountain (Kees) Cemetery

[www.BlueMountainCemetery.com](http://www.BlueMountainCemetery.com)



Andrew F. Kees was born in Washington Co., Pennsylvania in 1817 and died in Umatilla Co., Oregon in 1886. In 1860, he married Nancy Osborne (a survivor of Whitman Massacre) and they settled 2 miles south of Weston. From his farmland Mr. Kees deeded 1 and 9/16 acres for a cemetery site in 1875.

All official records of the Blue Mountain Cemetery were destroyed. Fortunately, Mrs. E.C. Miley and Mrs. O'Neal spent many days researching and re-establishing the county records as complete as possible. The list of burial sites on the website is a compilation of their efforts.

Information on Burials including photos of headstones, some obituaries, and other related historical information can be found on this website. There is also a map on the website.

The original website was a labor of love by Bob Gilliland. It was a miracle that it could be recovered from an archive website with only a few items not recoverable as the domain expired.

If you have photos to contribute or updated information that can be verified, please send the information to Trish Neal at [TrischNeal@gmail.com](mailto:TrischNeal@gmail.com) Information has to be verified before it will be added to the site to make sure that the information is as accurate as possible. I know that Bob would appreciate knowing his work lives on. ~Trish Neal

# Community Service: Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer

Thinking of becoming a volunteer? See a list of reasons that will help you make up your mind.

## #10: IT'S GOOD FOR YOU.

Volunteering provides physical and mental rewards. It:

- **Reduces stress:** Experts report that when you focus on someone other than yourself, it interrupts usual tension-producing patterns.

**Makes you healthier:** Moods and emotions, like optimism, joy, and control over one's fate, strengthen the immune system.

## #9: IT SAVES RESOURCES.

Volunteering provides valuable community services so more money can be spent on local improvements. The estimated value of a volunteer's time is \$15.39 per hour.

## #8: VOLUNTEERS GAIN PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.

You can test out a career.

## #7: IT BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER.

As a volunteer you assist in:

- Uniting people from diverse backgrounds to work toward a common goal  
Building camaraderie and teamwork

## #6: IT PROMOTES PERSONAL GROWTH AND SELF-ESTEEM.

Understanding community needs helps foster empathy and self-efficacy.

## #5: VOLUNTEERING STRENGTHENS YOUR COMMUNITY.

As a volunteer you help:

- Support families (daycare and eldercare)
- Improve schools (tutoring, literacy)
- Support youth (mentoring and after-school programs)
- Beautify the community (beach and park cleanups)

Source: *World Volunteer Web*

## #4: YOU LEARN A LOT.

Volunteers learn things like these:

- **Self:** Volunteers discover hidden talents that may change your view on your self worth.

- **Government:** Through working with local non-profit agencies, volunteers learn about the functions and operation of our government.

- **Community:** Volunteers gain knowledge of local resources available to solve community needs.

## #3: YOU GET A CHANCE TO GIVE BACK.

People like to support community resources that they use themselves or that benefit people they care about.

## #2: VOLUNTEERING ENCOURAGES CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

Community service and volunteerism are an investment in our community and the people who live in it.

## #1: YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Every person counts!

### Tips for Getting Started Volunteering

First, ask yourself if there is something specific you want to do.

For example, do I want...

...to make it better around where I live

...to meet people who are different from me

...to try something new

...to do something with my spare time

...to see a different way of life and new places

...to have a go at the type of work I might want to do as a full-time job

...to do more with my interests and hobbies

...to do something I'm good at

*The best way to volunteer is to match your personality and interests. Having answers to these questions will help you narrow down your search.*



## Historic Weston, Oregon

*A Town Rich in History*



<http://historicwestonoregon.com/>

Weston, Oregon History  
History Notes  
Cully Fire  
Looking Back  
Pea Production  
Canning Process  
Weston in 1922  
Weston-Elgin Highway  
Celebration  
Historic District  
Commercial District  
Historic Buildings & Sites  
Traveling The Oregon Trail

Century Farms &  
Ranches  
Key Century Farm  
Sams Century Farm  
Cemeteries  
Weston Cemetery  
Blue Mountain (Kees)  
Cemetery  
Hyatt Family Cemetery  
History Links

# Recruiting for City of Weston Commissions

*Here is a way to support your community!*

## WESTON PARKS AND REC COMMISSION

Chair: Juan Avila [wprc@outlook.com](mailto:wprc@outlook.com)

<http://westonparksandrec.com>

**There are vacancies on this commission.**

The Commission does not have the authority to make decisions without the approval of the City Council:

- The purpose of the Weston Parks and Recreation Commission is to act as an arm of the City in planning and overseeing improvements to the park system in Weston.
- The Commission defined a "Park" as any outdoor recreational space within Weston City limits and any buildings on the site (e.g. Elliott Memorial Park has kitchen and bathroom facilities on the property).
- The Commission does not have the authority to make decisions without the approval of the City Council, but will identify problem areas, research solutions, seek grants, and make recommendations to the City Council for approval.
- The Commission shall consist of four members and two alternates (one being a current setting council member).
- Any resident or business of Weston, Oregon and environs of legal age (or with guardian consent) shall be eligible to be elected a Commissioner.
- Commissioners shall be elected by the public present at the annual general meetings of the Commission for a term of three years.

Full Ordinance at: <https://tinyurl.com/28984f4v>

## WESTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Chuck Price at 541-566-2014 or [cmpricefamily@gmail.com](mailto:cmpricefamily@gmail.com)

<http://westoncommunitydevelopment.com>

**There are several vacancies on this important group! If you are interested in helping shape the future of Weston, this is the committee to join!**

The Commission shall be advisory only...

- Advise the City Council of the Commission's recommendation for community and economic development, housing, parks, and recreation matters within the Weston City Urban Growth Boundary.
- Investigate and recommend to the City Council models of financing for recommended improvements. Research and plan for anticipated grown needs in community and economic development, housing, parks, and recreation matters within the Weston City Urban Grown Boundary.
- The commission consists of 9 members: 7 regular and 2 alternates. At least 5 of the 9 members shall have a residential or business address within the City of Weston.

Full Ordinance at: <https://tinyurl.com/2ceufyvv>

## Historic Landmarks Commission

Sheldon Delph at 360-520-3819 or [s\\_delph@hotmail.com](mailto:s_delph@hotmail.com)

<http://westonhistoriclandmarks.com>



**There are currently three vacancies. If you love history and historic preservation, this is the commission for you!**

**Historic Landmark Commission;** a program for the identification, evaluation, and designation of historic resources as landmarks; public incentives for the preservation of Designated Landmarks; and land use regulations regarding the alteration, moving or demolition of Designated Landmarks and Historic Resources of Statewide Significance.

The commission is comprised of 7 members and 2 alternates. At least 5 members shall have a residential or business address within the City of Weston.

Full Ordinance: <https://tinyurl.com/28jta8ur>

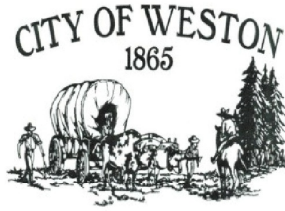
**The application to apply for either of these commissions can be found on the back page of this newsletter or online at: <https://tinyurl.com/ruppkkke>**

**Need more information?**

**Please contact The City Recorder, Sheila Jaspersen at 541-566-3313**



Application for Boards, Commission and Committees



114 East Main PO Box 579 Weston, OR 97886

Tel\* (541) 566-3313 \*Fax (541) 566-2792

**recorder@cityofwestonoregon.com**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Board, Commission, or Committee you are applying for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Budget Committee (registered voter)

\_\_\_\_\_ Planning Commission

\_\_\_\_\_ WCDC or Historic Landmark (circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Other

Have you served on any of the above commissions or special committees?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes what Commissions and when? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently an employee of the City of Weston? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Why do you want to serve? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any special qualifications you may have: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

All Commissioners names are posted on the City's Website. Names only

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return to City Hall, Weston Oregon



<http://HistoricWestonOregon.com>

## ***Are You Interested in Historic Preservation?*** **Please Attend the Informational Virtual Meeting**

**P**reserving our local historic buildings is important. Since many of the buildings are privately owned, it is imperative to form a nonprofit organization to support saving those buildings. The proposed nonprofit organization will be for all owners of historic buildings whether the buildings are listed on the National Register for Historic Places or not. If you are a resident of Athena or Adams, you are welcome to attend the meeting.

*To see what buildings might be eligible for nominations check out the survey list at <https://tinyurl.com/tku64xap>*

**An initial meeting will be held on  
Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time via Zoom**

The purpose:

- Discuss organizing as a 501 c 3 nonprofit to be able to apply for grants, seek funding from Foundations, and allow donors to use donations as a tax incentive.
- Develop a list of work that needs to be done on each historic building such as bricks needing repointing, foundation work, windows, etc.
- Prioritize the work that needs to be accomplished for each building and then prioritize the buildings based on work needed. *It may be possible to combine work such as brick repointing to cover all of the buildings that need this work done as one project.*
- Work with building owners who would like to have their buildings nominated for the National Register for Historic Places.
- Workshops and webinars on historic preservation practices to learn more about preservation.
- Work with local city government(s) to advocate for historic preservation funding for projects.

The meeting will be facilitated by former Weston resident, Trish Neal, who currently lives in Alaska and is the president of *Preservation Alaska*; a 40 year old statewide nonprofit advocating for historic preservation. She serves as the state representative to the national organization *Preservation Action* which advocates for historic preservation.

**RSVP to [TrishaNeal@hotmail.com](mailto:TrishaNeal@hotmail.com) or 907-717-8117** for the link to the Zoom meeting. You can join via computer or phone (cell or landline). If you are unable to attend, please RSVP to receive the link to the recording.

*The goal is to support the future of Historic Weston, Oregon!*