

City of Weston



City Council

Duane Thul, Mayor

Liaison: Public Works, City Hall,
Sherriff's Office

Shannon Hoehna, Councilor

Council President

Jessica Aldrich, Councilor

Liaison: Planning Commission

Shawn Monaco, Councilor

Liaison: Historic Landmarks

Lois Phillips, Councilor

Liaison: WCDC, Library,
Parks & Rec

City Phone Numbers

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

Sheila Jasperson, 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

*"This institution is an equal
opportunity provider and employer"*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



CITY OF WESTON
1865



CONGRATULATIONS!
to our newly elected officials:

Mayor: Duane Thul

Councilor: Shannon Hoehna

Councilor: Mike Dowd

Term of office 2021-2024

Thank you to all candidates AND voters!
You all make a difference!

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conduct business inside the building.**

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drop box on the side of City Hall.**

WESTON LIBRARY PAGE

www.westonpubliclibrary.com

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Visit us on Facebook!



Essential Holiday Reads

Curling up with a good book has not been cancelled, in spite of the pandemic! There are plenty of books about the holidays for adults and kids. So pick something from the list, grab your favorite beverage and settle in for a good read. Most of these titles are available at our library or from Library2Go.

- * **A Christmas Carol**, by Charles Dickens
- * **How the Grinch Stole Christmas**, by Dr. Seuss
- * **Skipping Christmas**, by John Grisham
- * **Holidays on Ice**, by David Sedaris
- * **The Christmas Train**, by David Baldacci

- * **A Christmas Memory**, by Truman Capote
- * **Winter Street**, by Elin Hilderbrand
- * **The Gift of the Magi**, by O. Henry
- * **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**, by Barbara Robinson
- * **The Polar Express**, by Chris Van Allsburg
- * **The Good Shepherd**, by Frederick Forsyth



Goodie Bags for Kids

We are feeling sad that Santa won't be able to visit the library this year! He has promised to return next December, and we can't wait to see him again. Instead we will be handing out bags containing a book, candy cane, and simple craft project for kids on **Monday, December 21 from 2:00-5:00 PM**. Stop by the library and pick up your goodie bag during that time, while supplies last!



- 12/1 Library Board
5 pm location TBA
- 12/ FOWL Board
4:30 PM location TBA
- 12/10 Novel Readers
5 pm location TBA
- 12/21 Kids' Goodie
Bags distributed
@ the Library
- 12/24-25 CLOSED

New at the Library

The Sentinel, fiction
by Lee Child

Invisible Girl, fiction
by Lisa Jewell

In A Holiday, fiction
by Christina Lauren

*Polar Bear in the
Snow*, children's
fiction by Mac
Barnett

Becoming
Muhammad Ali,
nonfiction by James
Patterson

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 chamber is looking for new members! You don't have to own a business to become a member. Come and join the chamber for better ideas and a better future for Weston.

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."

www.westonchamberofcommerce.com



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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

If you scan photos, please scan them at least at 300 dpi and email them to Trish Neal at 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 3rd 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, Weston-

Oregon.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

Weston Historic Landmarks Commission: www.WestonHistoricLandmarks.com

Weston Parks and Recreation Commission: www.WestonParksandRec.com

Weston Public Library: www.WestonPublicLibrary.com

Weston Chamber of Commerce: www.WestonChamberofCommerce.com

Historic Weston Oregon: 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**



REMINDER:

**PLEASE PACK YOUR WATER
METER
FOR THE WINTER!**

**(PLEASE DO NOT USE CLOTH-
ING OR
UN-BAGGED LEAVES**

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



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 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



TO FLUSH, OR NOT TO FLUSH?

THERE SHOULD BE NO QUESTION.

Find out what happens when you flush more than your personal business. ▲

DO NOT FLUSH THESE ITEMS



Any Wipes (even the 'flushable' ones)



Paper Towels

Hygiene Products



Cat Litter

Fats, Oils, & Grease



SO WHAT?

These items cause backups that flood your home and streets, requiring costly repairs and ruining everything.

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

Attorney General Ellen F. Rosenblum

JUST HANG UP

THE PHONE ON IMPOSTER SCAMS!

IF THE CALLER...

- ✓ asks you to wire money or buy a prepaid card;
- ✓ says you have won a prize or a gift but you need to pay fees or taxes first;
- ✓ asks you to visit websites or download software;
- ✓ asks for usernames, passwords, account numbers, or your home address;
- ✓ says the offer is only good for today; or
- ✓ asks you to keep the call a secret, **JUST HANG UP!**



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CONSUMER PROTECTION

FIGHTING FRAUD ■ PROTECTING OREGONIANS

Contact us at 877-877-9392



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE!
(TREE IS LOCATED AT CITY HALL)

STOP BY & PICK UP A TAG FOR A BOY OR GIRL & BRIGHTEN THEIR HOLIDAY!

Gifts need to be returned with tag, unwrapped or wrapped, to City Hall no later than Wed, Dec. 16th.

Monetary donations accepted as well. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The **Weston Chamber of Commerce** is Proud to announce the Annual Christmas Lighting Contest will take place again this year . Get your lights out and light up your house and yard. Categories are Glitz and Glitter, Reason for the Season, and Old Fashioned Christmas. 1st and 2nd prizes for each category will be awarded. The date for judging will be announced at a later date.

The Weston Chambers Christmas Lighting Contest is ready to go. Get your lights and decorations up and Let light up Weston. JUDGING will be on Saturday December 19th. Make sure you have your lights turned on after 4:00.