

Public Meetings

(Dates & times subject to change, check with City Hall)

- 2/2** 7:00 pm: City Council Meeting @ City Hall
- 2/7** 10:00 am: Coffee with Mayor Christie @ City Hall
- 2/10** 4:00 pm: Park Board Meeting @ City Hall
- 2/11** 11:00 am: Friends of the Winston Library (F.O.W.L.) @ Library (Community Center)
- 2/11** Noon: Economic Development Committee @ City Hall
- 2/11** 5:30 pm: Planning Commission @ City Hall
- 2/17** 7:00 pm: City Council Meeting @ City Hall
- 2/19** 10:00 am: Non-Profits/City Organizational Meeting @ City Hall
- 2/19** 5:30 pm: Urban Renewal Agency Meeting @ City Hall

Volunteers needed for the following:

- ✓ Economic Development Meets 2nd Wednesday at Noon

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Community Service Announcements

Tax Prep for Seniors: An AARP sponsored program. Starting February 2nd, trained rep's will be at City Hall Annex on Mondays and Wednesdays after 10 am to assist Seniors with tax forms for 2025. Appointments can be made by calling (541) 236-2113.

An informational meeting for all non-profits organizations is being held at City Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am, hosted by the City of Winston and WACP. This meeting is intended to get everyone in the same room at the same time to hear firsthand what is happening in our city and to discuss their upcoming needs and events.

Coming Up

The Winston-Dillard Senior's "Two Mile Travelers" have a outing planned for February 7th, 2026 to the Museum of Natural History and Culture on the University of Oregon Campus. Now excepting reservations. Contact Nancy or Shirley.



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A Message from Our City Manager

Hello Winston,

We hope the new year has greeted you well. Our city staff and Winston City Council would like to provide you with an update on the different ways the city is fighting to bring grant funding to our community.

We are currently approved for three major and two minor grant packages. The largest being a four-million-dollar grant/loan from the Department of Environmental Quality to complete two large sewer projects within the city. The city also has standing approvals for a safe routes to school grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation for improvements around McGovern School and a Business Oregon Grant to extend the sewer line down Highway 42 to the Old Brockway Store to open options for needed development.

The two minor grant approvals will allow the city to study Lookingglass Creek for flooding behavior and to study the downtown business district and identify ways to revitalize commercial activities.

Grant funding approvals are currently at 6.2 million, with the city only required to pay back 2.4 million. These essential funding packages allow the city to target areas of deficiency including improving the sewer system, infrastructure surrounding our schools and the downtown commercial district. Saving to our citizens equals 3.8 million.



Continued:

We are still eager to keep making progress and the city has goals for this coming year to target energy cost savings grants through Energy Trust of Oregon. The full presentation can be viewed on our website at <https://winstoncity.org/>.

We remain committed to the continued effort of bringing funding here to improve this great community.

Thomas McIntosh
City Manager

A Message from Traffic & Public Safety Committee

If you have any traffic or public safety concerns in Winston, please reach out to me with details, and I will bring them to the attention of the Committee at the April 13th meeting. My email address is stitcher101879@yahoo.com.

Thank you,

Teri Fink
Committee Chair



A Message from the Urban Renewal Agency

The URA will entertain grants for business owners and property owners for reasonable amounts that are designed to improve the appearance of our city.

Applications are available at City Hall.



Editors Note

The editorial staff of the Winston News would like to recognize Mr. Dave Cunningham, Ward 2 and President of the Winston City Council, for his contribution of the article on understanding your property tax statement that was published in the January edition.

In looking around town this past week, there has been some noticeable changes to the Winston Shopping Centers appearance. There is a lot of new paint on the exterior of the building and a noticeably cleaner interior to the vacant shops. It appears that the mechanical equipment on the roof has been replaced with new units. Sunrise is still operating as per their agreement with the new owners.

Across the street, the Northwest Wholesale Truck & Auto Sales facility has been cleaned up quite substantially on both sides of Rose St., a nice improvement, here's hoping that it continues.

Steven Johnson
Editor



A Message from the Chief of Police

Dear Community Members,

As the school year continues, I would like to take a moment to remind everyone of the importance of vehicle safety around school bus stops. Each morning and afternoon, children throughout our community rely on drivers to make safe, responsible decisions as they travel to and from school.

School bus stops can be unpredictable environments. Children may cross the roadway, step off the bus unexpectedly, or be distracted by their surroundings. For this reason, it is critical that motorists slow down, remain alert, and be prepared to stop whenever approaching a school bus or a known bus stop location.

Oregon law requires drivers to stop when a school bus is displaying flashing red lights, and its stop arm is extended. Passing a stopped school bus under these circumstances' places children at serious risk and can have tragic consequences. Even when a bus is not present, drivers are encouraged to reduce speed in residential neighborhoods and near bus stops, especially during morning and afternoon hours when children are most likely to be present.

The Winston Police Department will continue to monitor school zones and bus stop areas to help ensure compliance with traffic laws and protect the safety of our children. Enforcement alone, however, cannot prevent every incident. Keeping kids safe requires awareness, patience, and cooperation from everyone who uses our roadways.

Protecting our children is a shared responsibility. Taking a few extra seconds to slow down and pay attention can make all the difference. Thank you for your continued commitment to the safety of our community.

Respectfully,

Chief Brandon Sarti
Winston Police Department