

# Public Meetings

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

- 1/5** 7:00 pm: City Council Meeting @ City Hall
- 1/12** 7:00 pm: Traffic & Safety Committee @ Police Dept.l
- 1/13** 4:00 pm: Park Board Meeting @ City Hall
- 1/14** 11:00 am: Friends of the Winston Library (F.O.W.L.) @ Library (Community Center)
- 1/14** Noon: Economic Development Committee @ City Hall
- 1/14** 7:00 pm: Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall
- 1/15** 5:30 pm: Urban Renewal Agency Meeting @ City Hall

Volunteers needed for the following:

- ✓ Economic Development Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at Noon
- ✓ Budget Committee - Starting in April 2026

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# Community Service Announcements

The **Winston Library** is in need of Volunteers to work in the Library

## Coming Up

- 2/14** Valentine's Day Dance & Fundraiser: Sponsored by Winston Area Community Partnership
- 2/7** The Winston-Dillard Senior's "Two Mile Travelers" have an outing planned to the Museum of Natural History and Culture on the University of Oregon Campus. Now excepting reservations. - Contact Nancy or Shirley.

## New Businesses

- Superior Sews Service
- Lookingglass Estates,



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# WINSTON NEWS

**January 2026**

The official newsletter of the City of Winston, Oregon.



# A Message from Our Mayor



# A Message from Our City Manager

Hello Winston, Welcome to 2026 !

We are looking forward to this new year with great enthusiasm.

We have new owners in the largest store fronts.

We have new businesses coming into the community.

We have utility projects funded and ready to start.

We have a new director for the Chamber of Commerce.

We have flower baskets going up this spring. Thank you, Douglas High School FFA program.

We have a year of bright possibilities to look forward to.

Our council and city staff are set up to make things happen this year.

We need YOU! We need you to volunteer with WAID, Melon Festival, WACP, Community Unity, Winston Budget committee, Economic Development.

We want everyone to get involved.

Don't forget, Coffee with Christie on the FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. Come sit down with me at City Hall, have some coffee, eat a cookie and tell me what it is that you would like to have happen.

Thank you Winston Citizens.

Christie Knutson  
Mayor

Happy New Year Winston,

As we usher in the new year, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all volunteers and citizens who dedicated their time to improving our city this past year. We have good people from all demographics who serve to better the community. We thank you and offer our full support as we continue to work together to benefit this city.

We want all our citizens to know as we start a new calendar year that Winston City Council and Staff are committed to this city taking the next step forward. Our Mayor and Council have a clear vision on making Winston a thriving community anchored on consistent infrastructure projects, economic vitality, and productive housing development. All rounded out by a dedicated volunteer base. Doing the hard things is never easy. We need your help! We have much still to accomplish and a long way to go. If you would like to donate some of your time please feel free to contact City Hall and talk with us about how to use your talents to benefit and improve the community. Thank you!

Thomas McIntosh  
City Manager

# 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.

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## A Message from the City Council

As we welcome a new year, many Winston residents are taking time to look over their property tax statements. We know these statements can raise questions, so we want to offer a clear explanation of how your tax dollars are allocated.

Only three portions of your property tax bill are not tied to voter-approved measures:

- City Taxes
- County Taxes
- School District Taxes

Every other line item on the statement is the result of levies or bonds approved by the voters.

Here is the general breakdown of how the total property tax is distributed:

- 40% supports the school district
- 38% goes to general government services (excluding the City of Winston)
- 22% funds the City of Winston

When you review your complete property tax bill, you'll find that the largest share comes from voter-approved levies and bonds, not from the city portion alone. The City of Winston continues to maintain a tax rate that is noticeably lower than many other components of the overall tax structure.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our community. We look forward to serving you throughout the coming year.

# A Message from the Chief of Police

Dear Winston Community,

I am pleased to share an important update regarding our ongoing efforts to improve traffic and safety in and around our schools. Earlier this year, the Winston Police Department applied for an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) grant to fund the installation of radar speed signs in designated school zones. I am proud to announce that our department was awarded \$24,000 through this grant program funding that has allowed us to purchase six new radar speed signs for our community.

Two of these signs have been installed on Thompson Avenue within the school zone, and two additional signs have been placed on Cary Street, also within the school zone. These locations were selected based on traffic patterns, safety concerns expressed by residents, and the goal of creating safer routes for students walking or biking to school.

In the coming weeks, the remaining two signs will be installed in the Lookingglass community near Lookingglass School. This expansion into the surrounding area reflects our commitment to supporting the safety of students not only within Winston, but in neighboring communities as well.

These radar speed signs serve as both a reminder and a tool helping drivers remain aware of their speed while promoting safer travel through areas where our children are present. While enforcement remains an important element of traffic safety, education and awareness are equally critical. These signs help us achieve that balance.

On behalf of the Winston Police Department, I want to thank the City of Winston Public Works Department for its support with the installation, ODOT for its financial support, Douglas County Public Works for its partnership, and our community members for their continued dedication to safety. Together, we are taking meaningful steps to protect our kids and create a safer environment for everyone.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the Winston Police Department. We are here to serve you.

Respectfully,  
Chief Brandon Sarti  
Winston Police Department