

# Public Meetings

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

- 4/4** 10:00 am: Coffee with Mayor Christie @ City Hall
- 4/6** 7:00 pm: City Council Meeting @ City Hall
- 4/8** 11:00 am: Friends of the Winston Library (F.O.W.L.) @ Library (Community Center)
- 4/8** Noon: Economic Development Committee @ City Hall
- 4/8** 5:30 pm: Planning Commission @ City Hall
- 4/13** 7:00 pm: Traffic and Safety Committee @ WPD Station
- 4/14** 4:00 pm: Park Board Meeting @ City Hall
- 4/16** 5:30 pm: Urban Renewal Agency Meeting @ City Hall
- 4/20** 7:00 pm: City Council Meeting @ City Hall
- 4/21** 10:00 am: Non-Profits/City Organizational Meeting @ City Hall

# Community Service Announcements

Tax Prep for Seniors: An AARP sponsored program. Starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>, trained rep's will be at City Hall Annex on Mondays and Wednesdays after 9 am to assist Seniors with tax forms for 2025. Appointments can be made by calling (541) 236-2113.

## Two Mile Travelers

Senior Citizens, you are invited to a day trip to the Glass Forge Gallery & Studio on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, in Grants Pass, OR where artisans will tell us about the art of glass blowing. Lunch will be at Wild River Pizza. Travel on a deluxe 56 passenger motor coach with a bathroom. Cost of the trip is \$50 per traveler. Seats reserved. For reservations, please call: Nancy T (541)679-7344 or Shirley R (541)679-7627. LETS ROLL!

# New Business in Town

- Clutter-Crew, Winston, OR.
- C and C Home Improvements Inc., General Contractor, Roseburg, OR.
- Redbarn Dispensary (RB Bandon 1 LLC), Winston, OR.
- T Shirt Printing by Tonya, Winston, OR.

## Volunteers needed for the following:

- ✓ Economic Development Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at Noon
- ✓ Budget Committee First meeting mid-April

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# WINSTON NEWS

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## A Message from the City Manager

Hello Winston,

We are hoping the good citizens of Winston can potentially consider assisting with a situation that has risen within one of our long-standing non-profit partners. This year Riverbend Live celebrates its 30th year operating within the local park, holding annual concerts for the benefit of the public. Riverbend Live has a board of directors that performs all decision-making on its operation, and after many years of service, many of the board members are ready for deserved retirement.

We strongly encourage any able and willing members of the community to consider volunteering in a board member capacity. If positions are not filled before next year's season, Riverbend Live potentially faces the very disappointing reality of discontinuing its annual proceedings.

If you are interested in assisting in this great event venue, please feel free to contact us here at City Hall or Liz Jones (Secretary) at [Dandelionjo@gmail.com](mailto:Dandelionjo@gmail.com).

Thank you to all those in advance who step forward!"

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## Editors Note

### Let's talk about what didn't happen on Presidents' Day

A day that is set aside to celebrate the past presidents of this great country.

Under normal circumstances, this day would have had flags flying all over town. That didn't happen for a number of reasons that I'll get to in a moment.

First, let's address the requirements for displaying our country's flag. They are clearly defined in the United States Flag Code, Section 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code (4 U.S.C. § 1 et seq). The code states, among many other things, "It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open ". And quote "The flag should not be subject to weather damage, so it should not be displayed during rain, snow, and high wind storms, unless it is designated as an all-weather flag".

So what happened on that Presidents' Day in February?

Early on the morning of February 16th, it was pouring rain in Winston. A small group of volunteers gathered at the Community Center, knowing they had 88+ flags to put out. Some know that they were not all-weather flags, as required by the code. The group was advised that if they were put out in the rain, they did not have the facility to properly clean and dry them afterward, and that they really needed a lot more people to get the flags up and back down that afternoon. So, the decision was made NOT to put them out.

That decision has apparently disturbed quite a few people in this community, and I can tell you that the lack of proper storage facilities and flags appropriate for the weather is now front and center on the table of our community leaders and will be addressed as quickly as possible.

In closing, I will say that the non-profit organization that does the lion's share of the public-related activities in this town needs much more support from this community. So, if you want to see things done, get up, get out, and start helping.

Steven Johnson  
Editor

## A Message from the Urban Renewal Agency

The URA will entertain grants for business owners and commercial property owners within the Urban Renewal District. Grants are designed to improve the appearance of our city. Applications are available at City Hall.

### Winston-Dillard Water District

The Winston water tank replacement project is underway. This consists of replacing the two existing tanks at the top of Galaxy Dr. with one larger tank. Over the next several months, there will be added construction traffic on Lookingglass Road, Galaxy Dr. and the surrounding area.

### Winston Shopping Mall Update

The owners were in town for the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and submitted a revised paint scheme for the exterior structure that was approved by the URA.

Some of the things they are adding to the facility are an Electric Vehicle charging station (TESLA) and the possibility of a "Food Court for Food Trucks" at the west end of the building. Consisting of a covered area to be surrounded by the trucks for outdoor eating.

They also submitted a list of projects that are completed and for those still be completed that would indicate reasonable progress is being made. No new occupants have been selected as some interior renovations are still ongoing. However, they have retained a property management firm to work on finding possible tenants.

## A Message from the Chief of Police

The Winston Police Department is pleased to announce the Retirement of K9 Nike

After a distinguished career spanning more than eight and a half years, K9 Nike is retiring from active duty.

A Belgian Malinois born in the Netherlands and trained in the Dutch police dog sport KNPV, Nike joined the Winston Police Department in 2022 alongside his handler, Officer Cordell, after previously serving with the Roseburg Police Department. Known for his intelligence, discipline, and reliability, Nike was trained to track lost or fleeing individuals, conduct building searches, locate hidden persons and articles, and assist in suspect apprehensions.

During his career, K9 Nike participated in approximately 110 deployments and contributed to 65 captures. He also helped recover numerous pieces of critical evidence—including drugs, firearms, and knives—playing an important role in keeping the community safe.

Beyond his operational accomplishments, Nike became a beloved local figure. He is known for his calm, friendly temperament, especially his remarkable patience with children at community events, where he eagerly greeted residents and quickly became a favorite among families.

Beginning March 1, K9 Nike will transition to semi-retirement and will no longer participate in active police operations. He will continue serving the community as an ambassador for the Friends of the Umpqua Valley Police K9 Programs through outreach and public engagement.

The Winston Police Department extends its sincere gratitude to K9 Nike for his years of loyal service, his role in protecting the community, and the joy he has brought to so many residents.

Respectfully  
Winston Police Department

