

Public Meetings

(Dates×subjecttochange,checkwithCity Hall)

- 9/2 5:30 pm: Planning Commission @ City Hall
- 9/5 10:00 am: Coffee with Mayor Christie @ City Hall
- 9/8 7:00 pm: City Council Meeting @ City Hall
- 9/9 11:00 am: Friends of the Winston Library (F.O.W.L.) @ Library (Community Center)
- 9/9 Noon: Economic Development Committee @ City Hall
- 9/15 10:00 am: Non-Profits/City Organizational Meeting @ City Hall
- 9/17 5:30 pm: Urban Renewal Agency Meeting @ City Hall
- 9/21 7:00 pm: City Council Meeting @ City Hall



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Community Service Announcements

Are you ready for the Winston-Dillard Annual Melon Festival from September 18th through 20th at Riverbend Park

Greetings Winston Senior Citizens

We invite each of you to join us for fellowship, games, trips, and senior lunches furnished on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday by Douglas County at 11:30 am in our Senior Room in the Community Building on Thompson and Grape Street. Suggested donation for lunch is \$3.50.

Our Penny Bingo is on Wednesday at 10:00 am. Arrive by 9:30 am to dab your paper games. This is a social bingo and very low-key. You may only play up to six hard cards at 2 cents per card per game (we play 12 games), and paper games are 25 cents per paper (we play 5 games).

Two Mile Travelers (a division of Winston-Dillard Seniors)

It's been a long time coming. We have not done this trip since before Covid. RENO BOUND on October 18, 19 and 20. We travel on a deluxe motor coach with a bathroom. Silver Legacy is our destination. All Senior Citizens are invited to travel with us. Our fee includes room for two nights, resort fee, tourism fee, city tax, luggage carried to and from room to coach AND the motor coach travel fee. To make this trip even more fun, we are getting a side trip to Virginia City on the 19th for those of us who are not hard core game players. To make reservations please call Nancy Tisdale, 541-679-7344. Fees are:

- \$345 for single occupancy
- \$250 each for double
- \$225 each for triple
- \$210 each for quad

A deposit of \$100 is due by September 16th and full payment by October 3rd.

For more information please call Nancy T at 541-679-7344

Volunteers are needed for National Flag Display days to help put flags up around town.

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A Message from the City Manager

Hello Winston,

We extend our best wishes and hope you all had a fulfilling summer. As we transition into fall and receive updated budget projections, the City must carefully review expenditures and make necessary reductions.

Rising costs of medical insurance and public retirement expenses have placed increased pressure on the City's General Fund, which supports the Parks Department, City Hall, a portion of the Community Center and most importantly, our Police Department.

We understand that budget reductions can have real impacts on our community. These decisions are not being made lightly. Our goal is to make thoughtful, responsible choices that protect the City's financial stability and ensure Winston remains sustainable and able to provide essential services for years to come.

We also want to assure Winston residents that City Administration and City Council view fee increases as a last resort. We will pursue reasonable internal reductions and cost-saving measures before considering any fee adjustments.

We encourage residents to stay involved throughout this process. City Council meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at City Hall, and all are welcome.

Thank you for your continued support of the Winston community.

Thomas McIntosh | City Manager
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Mayor Christie Wants You to Know

Hello wonderful community,

It has happened already...the children have gone back to school. PLEASE, watch out for the little ones, and the not so little ones. When the bus stops...YOU STOP. Remember the speed in a school zone is 20mph.

Coming up is the Winston-Dillard Melon Festival September 18 to 20th. We start with a parade and have lots of food and fun for the family. I look forward to seeing you all there.

I look forward to having coffee and cookies with you on the 5th of September from 10:00 to 12:00 at City Hall. Look for my flag. By the time this comes out, we will have restructured the Winston Park Board. Their subcommittee will be able to fund raise for the parks. I look forward to seeing what our community can do to put another playground at Riverbend Park. Let's pray that the fires go out soon and our firefighters come home safe. Let the rain begin!

Additional Info:

Volunteers needed for the following:

Economic Development Committee - meets on the second Wednesday at Noon @ City Hall

Budget Committee
First meeting late April 2027

Traffic and safety Committee meets Quarterly

A Message from the Winston-Dillard Water District

The Winston-Dillard Water District's water tank replacement project is coming along nicely. Ground and grade work in preparation for the foundation is nearing completion. They are planning to pour the concrete base the 3rd of September, starting at 4am and continuing all day until around 4pm. There will be a lot of cement trucks climbing Galaxy Drive. If you're in the area, please keep an eye out for them.

A Message from the Urban Renewal Agency

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

A Message from Central Douglas Fire & Rescue

September Fire Prevention Focus: Know Before You Go Outside

As we continue through a very active Oregon fire season, Central Douglas Fire & Rescue reminds everyone to check the current Public Use Restrictions before starting any outdoor activity that could create heat, sparks, or flames.

Restrictions can change as weather and fire conditions change. Activities such as mowing or trimming dry grass, using power equipment, cutting, welding, and other spark-producing work may be limited or prohibited depending on the current restriction level and time of day.

Before heading outside to work, check the current restriction level and make sure your activity is permitted. Do not assume that because you were allowed to do something yesterday, you are allowed to do it today.

Current Public Use Restrictions are available on the Douglas Forest Protective Association's website. If you have questions about what is allowed, contact Central Douglas Fire & Rescue at 541-673-5503.

A few minutes checking the restrictions could prevent wildfire and help keep our community and firefighters safe.

What's New Around Town

New Business Licenses Issued in July

All About Beauty - Tonya Smart - Winston
Cedar and Stone Land Improvements, LLC - Jared Lane - Winston

A Message from the Chief of Police

As families prepare for a new school year, the Winston Police Department would like to remind everyone that keeping our children safe is a responsibility we all share.

With school back in session, we will once again see more children walking and biking to and from school, crossing streets, and waiting near roadways. Drivers should expect increased pedestrian traffic, especially during the morning and afternoon hours.

Please slow down, stay alert, and eliminate distractions while driving. Watch carefully for children at intersections, crosswalks, and along neighborhood streets. Young children may not always recognize traffic hazards or accurately judge the speed and distance of an approaching vehicle, so it is especially important for drivers to be prepared for the unexpected.

We also want to remind motorists to pay close attention to posted school-zone speed limits. The Winston Police Department will have officers working in and around our school zones as the school year begins, with an emphasis on speeding and other unsafe driving behaviors.

Our goal is simple: we want every child to arrive at school safely and return home safely at the end of the day. A few extra seconds of patience behind the wheel can make a tremendous difference.

Parents and guardians can help by reminding children to use sidewalks and designated crosswalks whenever possible, look both ways before entering a roadway, and avoid distractions such as phones or headphones when crossing streets.

As we begin another school year, please help us keep Winston's students safe. Slow down, stay alert, and watch for kids.

On behalf of everyone at the Winston Police Department, we wish our students, families, teachers, and school staff a safe and successful school year.

Chief Brandon Sarti
Winston Police Department