

At the foot of Weston Mountain

The Blue Mountain Dispatch

Courtesy of the Weston Area Development Association

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Celebrating Weston's Citizens

This was our inaugural occasion as hosts for the 57th Annual Weston Citizens Award Dinner, and we felt



privileged to take on this responsibility. The turnout was remarkable, with the venue filled by

members of the community, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and celebration.

Citizen of the Year: Scott Carlson

Educator of the Year: Kati Funderburk

Youth of the Year: Reed Glover and Charlee Gannon

The Umatilla



Scott Carlson

entertainment at the event. Their musical contributions added a special atmosphere to the evening.



In addition to their performance, the band members played a crucial role in supporting the event. They assisted with setting up the venue, served dinner to guests, and helped with cleanup afterwards. We are deeply appreciative of these young individuals for their dedi-

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Umatilla Cultural Coalition Awards Grant

WADA was awarded \$686.00 grant by the Umatilla Cultural Coalition to print brochures. The brochures will replenish brochures for the Weston History Exhibit on display at the Long Branch Café & Saloon.



The funds will also update the Weston Walking Tour brochure. Some of the information will be updated.

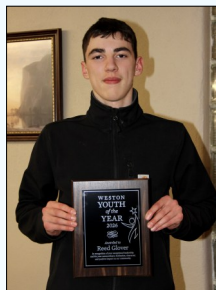
The brochures should be available by May in time for Historic Preservation Month and the annual Pioneer Picnic in June.

County Pioneer Association announced the 2026 Queen and Grand Marshal: Suzanne and Larry Coppock from Adams.



Katie Funderburk and Ann Vescio

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Weston-McEwen High School Bagpipe Band, under the direction of Jacob Gau, for providing outstanding en-



Reed Glover



Weston Area Development Association

WADA was organized as a nonprofit to assist in obtaining grants, appropriations, donations, and other types of funding to work on historic preservation, economic development, and more in the Weston area — not just downtown.

Weston needs funding to restore the downtown buildings as well as develop economic opportunities for the community. WADA will work cooperatively with local, state, and federal government resources.

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Seeking Weston Area Historic Preservation Advocates!

Weston Area Development Association (WADA) was organized as a nonprofit to encourage restoration and revitalization in downtown Weston and the general area that results in economic development and a positive sense of community. We have a vision to preserve and enhance the historic charm and uniqueness of the history of Weston.

The Weston Area Development Association (WADA) will work cooperatively with local, state, and federal government resources as well as other organizations and individuals.

Interested persons should be at least eighteen years of age, live in Weston preferably but not required. The WADA Board looks for members who are willing to commit time and energy to our Mission and Vision.

Board of Director positions are 3-year terms beginning in the corporate year of January to December. The Board meets monthly via Zoom.

If you are interested in joining us please request our board application form by email at WADA97886@gmail.com.

If you prefer to call, you can reach us at 541-626-7229.

Check us out at: <https://WestonOregon.com>

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cation and willingness to lend a hand.



Weston-McEwen High School Bagpipe Band, under the direction of Jacob Gau

Special recognition goes to Terry and Deb, who worked closely with the students in the kitchen. Your guidance and support are greatly valued and appreciated.

We were honored to have Judy Fortney as our guest speaker. Judy shared the fascinating history of her ancestor, Suzanne Cayuse, providing insight and connection to our community's heritage.



Judy Fortney



The dinner also served as a fundraiser for the band. During the event, the traditional "chamber pot" was circulated among attendees. When it returned, donations totaled

\$471.00, demonstrating generous support for the band. An anonymous donor contributed \$500.00, giving the band a total of \$971.00.



Reflections from the Corner Office...

Over the past six months, the WADA board has been busy organizing and hosting two major community events: the annual Potato Show and the annual Citizens Award Dinner. Despite being a small board, we successfully managed both events with minimal stress.



When Sheldon and I first established WADA, our primary mission was historic preservation. We never anticipated that hosting annual historic events would become a significant part of our mission.

We are grateful for the strong business support we received for the Potato Show. Sponsorships played a crucial role in ensuring the success of this annual community gathering. The financial contributions were invaluable, and we were able to extend our support to the Weston Food Pantry through donations.

At the end of December, the board agreed to take on the responsibility of hosting the Weston Citizens Award Dinner. The Umatilla County Pioneers Association had approached us with this request, and we agreed to take over as hosts.

Given the short timeframe, we had limited opportunity to seek financial backing for the event. Our main focus was on organizing the dinner with only four board members. I would like to thank Chuck Price and Sheldon Delph for their prior involvement in the event, which greatly assisted us in planning.

Jackie Gentry was instrumental in answering my many questions during the planning process. Although I had attended a few of these events while living in Weston years ago, this was Vicky Mast's first experience. Bruce Ross also provided moral support from a distance.

Just as everything seemed to be falling into place, our caterer canceled a week before the dinner, causing some panic. We quickly sought a local replacement and were fortunate to have Pendleton Catering Co. step in. However, their services came at an additional cost of \$1,000, which was unplanned and nearly

depleted our treasury. Despite this, we were able to offer a wonderful menu, and the dinner turned out even better than we had initially hoped.

The plaques for the event ended up costing more than expected due to tariffs on wood. Who would have thought plaques could be affected by tariffs? Nonetheless, Creative Designs did an excellent job producing the plaques based on our design.

We received several donations for the event, and we deeply appreciate the support. Additionally, we were able to help raise \$471.00 for the Weston-McEwen High School Bagpipe Band during the dinner and a private donation of \$500.00 allowing us to send them \$971.00.

Fortunately, we have an entire year to prepare for next year's dinner and to conduct fundraising efforts in advance. We are aware that costs will likely rise over the coming year.

More importantly, we need volunteers to help us continue hosting these community events. It truly takes a community effort to ensure their continuation. We were especially grateful for the band students who assisted with setting up for the dinner, serving meals, and cleaning up afterward. These young people were outstanding!

The Potato Show has a history spanning 104 years. Although it has evolved into more of a crafts fair, its roots in agriculture remain strong within the community. Organizing the event involves overseeing set-up at Memorial Hall and managing the show for a couple of days. Extra help, particularly with sponsorships and donations, is always needed.

The Weston Citizens Award Dinner has been held for 57 years. This important event celebrates outstanding members of the Weston community, including its youth. There are many facets to organizing the dinner, and while we managed on short notice this year, having more volunteers or board members would make future events much easier to organize.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Potato Show or the Citizens Award Dinner, please reach out to us. It is truly a community effort to keep these historic events alive.

WADA is deeply thankful for the continued support from the community.

~ Trish Neal, President

Main Spotlight: The State of Main Streets in a Time of Change



adaptability and commitment to their communities.

Collaboration remains a defining strength of the Main Street network. Programs are leaning on partnerships with local governments, businesses, and community groups, while also benefiting from peer learning across the national network. Sharing strategies, tools, and experiences allows communities to respond more effectively to common challenges.

Main Streets are being asked to do more with less. Photo by Dan Roberts, City of San Marcos.

By: **Michael Powe, Ph.D.** Senior Director of Research, and **Emi Morita** Manager of Research

Main Streets across the country are operating in a time of rapid change, shaped by economic uncertainty, shifting community expectations, and constrained resources. Findings from the 2026 Director’s Survey highlight both the challenges and opportunities facing local Main Street programs as they work to support downtown vitality.

Many organizations report being stretched thin, balancing limited funding and staffing with increasing demands. Programs are taking on expanded roles—supporting small businesses, addressing vacancy, fostering community engagement, and contributing to broader economic development goals. Despite these pressures, local leaders continue to demonstrate



Main Streets are facing new challenges due to reduced funding and support. Photo by Main Street America.

CHALLENGES FACED

When leaders were asked what local challenges were impacting their Main Street organization:



Nearly 40% mentioned **resource constraints**, citing financial uncertainties, competition for resources, limited staff capacity, and reductions in volunteerism.



More than one-quarter mentioned **relational or political friction**, citing a lack of support from local government, or cultural and social tensions.



Close to one in four respondents pointed to **built environment challenges**, citing absent property owners, poor building conditions, or commercial displacement.



More than 50 respondents (16%) saw **perceptions of their Main Street as a top challenge**, citing negative public opinions related to safety, homelessness, or drug use in the district.

At the same time, Main Street leaders are rethinking traditional approaches. There is a growing emphasis on flexibility, innovation, and inclusivity—ensuring that revitalization efforts reflect the needs of diverse populations and changing market conditions. This includes exploring

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Historic Preservation in America and How it Can Impact Communities

By Carol Holden

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Historic preservation refers to the protection, conservation, and maintenance of buildings, landscapes, and artifacts of historical significance. Common approaches include preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction.

In early American history, preservation was not widely valued. As settlers moved west in the late 1700s, many historic and Indigenous sites were looted for souvenirs. Since most buildings were still relatively new, there was little urgency to preserve them. However, attitudes began to shift in the mid-1800s with the founding of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, which successfully preserved George Washington’s estate and set a

precedent for future preservation efforts.

Progress slowed during the Civil War, and for many years preservation depended largely on private owners, who often weighed financial profit when deciding whether to maintain historic properties. Government involvement increased with the Antiquities Act of 1906, which protected archaeological sites on federal lands, and later with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, which emphasized the importance of preserving the nation’s cultural heritage for public benefit.

Historic preservation provides both intangible and tangible benefits. It strengthens community identity, fosters pride, and connects people to their cultural heritage. Preserved sites also serve as educational resources, allowing future generations to experience history firsthand. Additionally, historic

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new uses for downtown spaces, supporting emerging entrepreneurs, and strengthening local economic resilience.

Looking ahead, sustaining this work will require continued investment, strong partnerships, and a willingness to evolve. While the environment is complex, Main Street programs remain essential anchors in their communities—driving connection, economic opportunity, and a sense of place.

Full Article: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2chs3j>

Weston Celebrates Easter



The Weston Leader, March 29, 1918

At the United Brethren church Sunday there will be preaching at 11 a. m., subject, *The Resurrection*. The Junior Y. P. C. E. will render an Easter program in the evening, at 7:30. All other services at the usual hours. E. F. Wriggle, pastor.

The Weston Leader, April 21, 1916, page 3

Special Easter services both morning and evening are announced for next Sunday at the **Methodist church**. Appropriate anthems will be sung by the choir.

The Weston Leader, Apr. 9, 1920 pg 1

Club Has Delightful Afternoon

Mrs. E. M. Smith extended delightful hospitality when she entertained the Saturday Afternoon club at her home, April 3. Flowers appropriate to the Easter season decked the rooms, lending an attractive note to the scene. Roll call was answered by quotations on Spring. At the close of the business session program numbers were given as follows:

Vocal solo—Mrs. E. M. Smith.
Lakes of Killarney—Mrs. L. R. Van Winkle.
Cork—Mrs. F. D. Watts.
River Shannon—Mrs. W. S. Price.

An Easter motif was developed in the refreshments served by Mesdames N. P. Bennet and H. Goodwin. Covers were laid at an attractively appointed table, centered with a stately Easter lily, for twelve members and two guests—Mrs. A. G. Fisk of Parma, Idaho, and Mrs. Mary C. McNee.



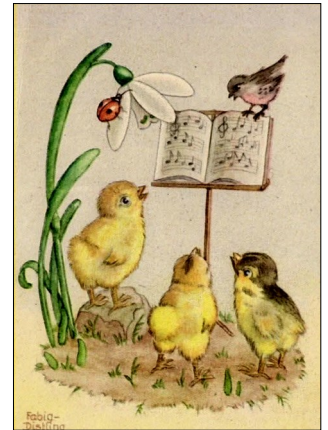
The April 17th meeting of the organization will be held at the home of Mrs. S. A. Barnes, and a full attendance is desired, as the annual election of officers is scheduled for that date.

The Weston Leader, Apr. 1, 1921 pg 1

Mrs. George Gerking and daughter Miss Blanche, visited during the Easter vacation at Spokane, where Miss Lillian Gerking is attending school.

Mrs. Delbert Clore and little daughter Betty Jean are in the city from their home at Vale, Malheur county visiting Mrs. Clore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor.

Worth Watts came down from Pullman Wednesday to enjoy a few days vacation over the Easter period at the home of his parents in Athena. Worth drove down in his car.



In honor of Miss Areta Littlejohn who is here from U. of O. for the Easter vacation, Miss Lucinda Dell and Miss Audra Winship entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Samuel Haworth. A large party of school friends were the guests.

The Weston Leader, April 1, 1921, pg 3

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Hall and son Maurice and Bud Hall of Touchet, Wash., visited Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Hall. They took occasion to welcome the new son who arrived recently at the Hall household in this city.

The Weston Leader, April 28, 1916, pg 3

The Ladies' Guild was delightfully entertained on Easter Monday by Mrs. Harry Beathe and Mrs. Frank Skinner at the home of Mrs. Skinner. A large number of members and the following guests were present: Mrs. W. B. Price, Mrs. J. H. Price and Miss Sylvia Beathe. A profusion of wild flowers had been tastefully used in garniture enhancing the attractive appearance of the room, and the lunch-



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eon was elaborate and inviting. The hostesses were assisted in serving by Mrs. Frank Graham, Mrs. R. G. Saling, Miss Sylvia Beathe and the little daughter of Mrs. Saling and Mrs. Skinner. The guild's annual election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. L. S. Wood, president; Mrs. L. I. O'Hara, vice president; Mrs. A. James, secretary; Mrs. E. M. Warren, treasurer.

The Weston Leader, March 25, 1921, pg 1

Ralph and Edwin McEwen are at the McEwen ranch this week, for their Easter vacation.

Mrs. F. B. Boyd spent the first of the week at the home of her daughter in Pendleton.

Mrs. Lula Read and daughter Jennamae and Miss Rea Allen are visiting Miss Violet Kendig in Walla Walla, during the Easter vacation



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Engineering, Event
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Area of Significance: Architecture, Commerce,
Industry, Agriculture
Period of Significance: 1925-1949, 1900-1924,
1875-1899
Owner: Local , Private
Historic Function: Commerce/Trade, Educa-
tion, Industry/Processing/Extraction, Social
Historic Sub-function: Clubhouse, College,
Manufacturing Facility
Current Function: Commerce/Trade, Domestic,
Government, Recreation and Culture
Current Sub-function: Business, Museum

The Weston Commercial Historic District is one of
only two Historic Districts in Umatilla County.

<https://historicwestonoregon.com>

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 - ◆ 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am to 12pm
- Questions: call or text (541) 709-3562

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**Regret goes only one way. The preservation
of historic buildings is a one-way street. There
is no chance to renovate or to save a historic
site once it's gone. And we can never be
certain what will be valued in the future.
This reality brings to light the importance
of locating and saving buildings of historic
significance—because once a piece of
history is destroyed, it is lost forever.**

*From "Six Practical Reasons to
Save Old Buildings" by Julia Rocchi
<https://tinyurl.com/42ezucrt>*

Weston Food Pantry Needs You!

The Weston Food Pantry is open to the public on the first Tuesday of the month from 5-7 p.m. and the third Saturday of the month from 10-noon. We serve about 100 families each month.

Our food comes to us once a month from the Oregon Food Bank distributed through CAPECO in Pendleton. We use donated funds to supplement what we get from CAPECO.

We buy eggs, cheese, milk and butter each month with a cost of about \$1500/month.

Donations are always welcome. The money is used to keep the shelves stocked so that our patrons can have the food that they need.

Checks can be made to Weston Food Pantry and mailed to P.O. Box 173, Weston, OR 97886.

We are thankful for our donors and those who are food insecure are served by us and your donations. Thank you for considering helping the food pantry continue to feed people in need in our community.

If you have any questions you may send an email to westonoregonfoodpantry@gmail.com or call Preston Winn, Manager at 541-969-2225.

Food Pantry Hours

- ◆ First Tuesday of the Month 5pm to 7pm
- ◆ Third Saturday of the month 10am to 12 noon

Suggestion for donation for the Weston Food Pantry to help your neighbor's birthdays special.



To make cake without eggs, oil, or water just add one can of Sprite and bake according to package directions.

Preserving the Farmer's Bank: A Call to Action for Historic Restoration

Urgent Need for Restoration



Despite its enduring legacy, the rear of the building—especially the south side—faces serious threats due to severe weathering and ground settlement, exacerbated by its proximity to Pine Creek. Repairs made in the 1970s unfortunately used the wrong type of mortar, resulting in rapid deterioration. While restoration work in 2012 utilized \$190,000 from the city's

contingency fund, this was the first such effort in 25 years and did not fully address all necessary repairs.

The City of Weston urgently seeks public support to stabilize the mortar and complete the vital tuck-pointing repairs on the south wall.

Your Support Matters

The city has secured \$32,000 in grants from the Wildhorse Foundation and The Kinsman Foundation to initiate the restoration. However, current bids and estimates exceed \$128,000, leaving a funding gap of approximately \$96,000 that must be filled to complete the south wall's restoration.

How to Give: Donation Instructions

The Weston Area Development Association (WADA) is partnering with the City of Weston to facilitate donations for this project, making donors eligible for tax credits. WADA is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization (Tax ID: 88-0783069), and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donors are encouraged to consult a CPA or tax attorney for guidance regarding their contributions.

Donations can be made online at Zeffy.com, or by check or cash at City Hall. Upon making a donation, you will receive an initial receipt and then a formal thank you from the City of Weston confirming your contribution and its amount.

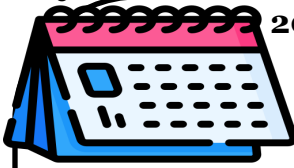
Online donations:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdd2bb34>

Check donations:

Please make check payable to WADA and deliver to City Hall or mail to City of Weston, PO Box 579, Weston, Oregon 97886

Cash donations: Take directly to City Hall (do not mail cash)



2026 Weston Calendar

Weston History Exhibit Opens at the Long Branch Cafe—Come view the exhibit's photos and related historical research. Sponsored by WADA.

- May 2026 — Historic Preservation Month**
- June TBA — Annual Pioneer Picnic and Parade**
- July 5—America 250**

AA Meeting on Thursdays at 5:30pm at Weston Community Church. All are welcome!

Weston City Council meeting 3rd Tuesday at 6pm.

Oregon 250 Calendar:
<https://tinyurl.com/w6hmzafr>

Share your meeting dates and events here!



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Deadline is 25th each month.
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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 Planning Commission: <https://tinyurl.com/ypz5fdn6>
- Weston Community Development: <https://tinyurl.com/ypz5fdn6>
- Weston Historic Landmarks Commission: <https://tinyurl.com/ypz5fdn6>
- Weston Parks and Recreation Commission: <https://tinyurl.com/ypz5fdn6>
- Umatilla County Pioneer Association: <https://umatillacounty.pioneerassociation.com/>
- Domestic Violence Resources: <https://www.dvs-or.org/>



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architecture enhances the visual character of communities.

Economically, preservation can stimulate local development. Heritage tourism—defined as travel to experience historically significant places—brings substantial revenue. Visitors to such sites often stay longer and spend more, supporting local businesses and creating jobs in sectors like hospitality and retail. In the U.S., heritage tourism generated approximately \$119.7 billion in 2021 and is expected to continue growing.

Preservation is also environmentally sustainable. Re-using historic buildings reduces the need for new construction, conserving materials and energy.

To measure the economic impact of preservation, communities often analyze job creation, property values, and tourism activity. Successful heritage tourism initiatives rely on strategic planning and collaboration. Key best practices include partnering with local organizations, setting realistic goals, using appropriate tools, engaging the community, and remaining adaptable to change.

In conclusion, communities with historic assets should consider preservation not only for cultural and educational reasons but also for its economic and environmental benefits. Grants and advisory resources are widely available to support such efforts, making preservation a practical and valuable investment in the future.

Continue researching the information, call in different experts for unique perspectives on historical topics.

The use of these core concepts will help ensure a credible, authentic, and consistently positive experience for the cultural and heritage traveler. Sticking to these best practices will ensure that the local community receives economic benefits and increased interest in their community without negatively impacting the community's natural and cultural resources.

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The Weston Food Pantry is open for anyone who is food insecure twice each month. In December the pantry served 100 families who needed food! The Weston Food Pantry helps anyone who comes to the pantry and says that they need food. The Weston Food Pantry doesn't care where people live, no one gets turned away. Typical food includes fruit, vegetables, canned food, dried food, bread, milk, eggs, cheese, butter and a variety of meats.

Link to Register: <https://tinyurl.com/33vpvcr>
 Link to Donate: <https://tinyurl.com/m69mycrj>

Athena Weston Education Foundation

AWEF is a non-profit organization which raises and distributes funds to support the enrichment of programs, expansion of opportunities, and placement of resources to empower students in the Athena-Weston School District to thrive.

We are excited to announce the **Third Annual AWEF Dinner and Auction Fundraiser, "Hats & Horses: a Derby-Themed Party,"** which will be held on **Saturday, June 13, 2026**, time and location TBD.

Please join us for a fun evening that will include a BBQ Dinner and silent auction. Tickets will go on sale May 1, 2026.

athwestfoundation@gmail.com



For information on renting Weston-Athena Memorial Hall, please contact the new Hall Manager, Scott Carlson, @ 541-720-1888.



Transit Bus Schedules

KAYAK PUBLIC TRANSIT Bus Schedule Links Below

Express Park-n-Ride

The Confederated Tribes of Umatilla operates the transportation program and offers Free Bus Services.

Commuter Bus Routes - The Hopper, Arrow, Rocket, and Whistler are Commuter-route buses that are primarily connecting outlying areas with a central city through bus service.

Transit Bus Schedules: <https://tinyurl.com/4j6z5ep7>

Blue Mountain (Kees) Cemetery

www.BlueMountainCemetery.com

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 had expired. **New digital map is online!**



Isham Saling House
Weston, Oregon

Weston's Historic Brick Home

<https://IshamSalingHouse.com>



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The most comprehensive database of funding sources available for historic preservation and restoration, cultural resource management, and the arts.

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Weston Area Development Association (WADA) was organized as a nonprofit to encourage restoration and revitalization in downtown Weston and the general area that results in economic development and a positive sense of community.

We have a vision to preserve and enhance the historic charm and uniqueness of the history of Weston.

www.WestonOregon.com

WADA is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. All donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law. We recommend that you consult your CPA or Tax Attorney regarding donations. Tax ID: 88-0783069

Here Are Ways to Support Our Mission & Programs

- ◆ **Become a Member!** Join today! WADA depends on memberships and donations to cover administrative costs such as insurance, publishing the monthly The Blue Mountain Dispatch, postage, phone, memberships in organizations that benefit WADA, and more. <https://tinyurl.com/48sunenka>
- ◆ **Support the Isham Saling House Restoration Project**
WADA became the Stewards of the Isham Saling House during 2024. While restoration projects have been accomplished, there is more that needs to be done. Your support of this project saves an important Weston icon. <https://tinyurl.com/hhnvrnu9>
- ◆ **Oregon Cultural Trust**
For more than two decades, the Oregon Cultural Trust has played a vital role in enriching our state's cultural resources, supporting more than 1,600 nonprofits across Oregon. We have woven a unique and awe-inspiring cultural tapestry, united by artistry, defined by stories and guided by wisdom. We are listed as *Weston Area Development Association*. <https://www.culturaltrust.org>
- ◆ **Leave Your Legacy or Donate Stock Shares** Your legacy lives on with a designated contribution through your Will whether it is a one-time donation or an endowment fund. Donation of stock shares is also a way to support WADA. Please contact us for more information. WADA97886@gmail.com
- ◆ **Advocate for WADA and Historic Preservation!** Contact your local leaders and your mayor to promote the importance of Historic Preservation in our community. Contact your state legislators and congressional leaders to promote the importance of Historic Preservation in our community as well as state-wide. Historic Preservation projects benefit the local economy.
- ◆ **Employer Gift Match Program** Does your employer offer a matching gift program to allow you to double your donation to a non-profit? We welcome your support. Please contact us for our tax information!

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Support Historic Preservation in Weston!



Scan QR code to donate

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Donations may be mailed to:
Weston Area Development Association
PO Box 256
Weston, OR 97886
or online at:
<https://tinyurl.com/yckn3uv7>
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Weston OR 97886
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City Hall Hours:
Monday - Friday
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Weston Public Library: 541-566-2378
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Police/Dispatch: 541-966-3651
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Payments can be made via phone (debit/credit), online, or the drop box on the side of City Hall.

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WCDC Facebook: <https://tinyurl.com/3766z53n>

WCDC Proposes Mural to Celebrate Weston's Heritage



Mural concept generated by ChatGPT. The mural artwork was recently approved by the City of Weston. The project has been proposed by Weston Community Development Commission (WCDC).

The project consists of installation of a 75ft x 16ft hand painted mural elevation of the beauty of the Weston area in its prominent location as a gateway to the Blue Mountains. Artist Michael W. Butler was chosen to design the mural. Mr. Butler is an award-winning Artist born in Walla Walla Washington with strong connections to the Weston area. Michael is a self-taught artist experienced in portrait, landscape, and mural painting.

The mural will be installed on the commercial building at the corner of West Main Street and S. Water Streets owned by Lori Humbert. The exterior of the building will require prep work to prepare the wall for the mural installation.

The Weston Area Development Association (WADA) board of directors have approved working with the Weston Community Development Commission (WCDC) to oversee the proposed mural project which includes seeking funding of the project.

WADA will be executing an agreement with WCDC to oversee the project. The project will be funded with grants and donations. No date has been set for the start of the project. Once funds have been secured the project will begin.

Estimated costs of the project is \$8,000. Donations can be sent to WADA by check designating the funds for the mural project. Checks may also be dropped off at city hall. WADA, PO Box 256, Weston, OR 97886 WADA97886@gmail.com

Volunteers and Partners Needed!

The entire year will be spent celebrating America's Birthday! WADA would like to sponsor the "America's Potluck" on July 5th. We could use volunteers and/or partners to help organize the event. This would be a community event. We aren't sure of the location yet.



It would involve the community bringing hot and cold dishes, desserts, etc. for the community potluck. If we have financial support, it would be possible to include a BBQ or have the potluck catered and sell tickets to cover the costs. What are your thoughts?

Individuals and organizations that would be interested in helping celebrate America 250, should contact WADA at 541-626-7229 or WADA97886@gmail.com

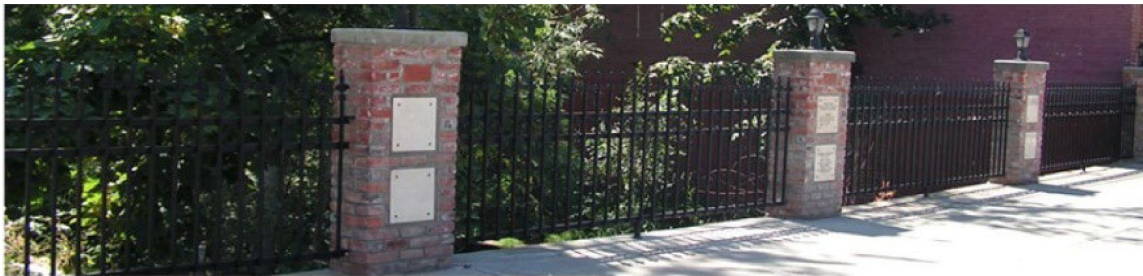
WADA uses Zeffy.com for Donations

It is a safe site and allows WADA to be good stewards of funds donated by our supporters. We chose Zeffy.com because we receive 100% of the donated funds.



While it is suggested that donors cover the fee, it is not required. That is pretty amazing considering PayPal, GoFundMe, and others charge around 3% or more of the total donation. It is a safe site.

For more information on Zeffy.com here is our link: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfjwrr8>



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Individual/Household Member

- \$15 Student
- \$25 Individual
- \$45 Household
- \$50 Preservation Friend
- \$100 Preservation Contributor
- \$250 Preservation Advocate
- Other \$ _____

Business/Non-Profit/Government Member

- \$45 (non-profits & government agencies)
- \$100 Preservation Contributor
- \$250 Preservation Advocate
- \$500 Preservation Patron
- \$1000 Preservation Circle
- Other \$ _____

MEMBER INFORMATION

Contact Name: _____

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Your email address will ensure that you receive timely communications from us and helps save postage costs. We do not share your information!

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In addition to my membership, I am enclosing a gift to help support:

- WADA (Unrestricted – use donation as needed.)\$ _____
- Isham Saling House (Unrestricted – use donation as needed.) \$ _____
 Online: <https://ishamsalinghouse.com/donations/> (Secure site)
- Historic Preservation Fund for future projects.\$ _____
- Please send me information about including WADA in my Will or making gifts of stock.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Enclosed is a check payable to Weston Area Development Association. Total: \$ _____
 Send check or money order to PO Box 256, Weston, OR 97886
- Pay online at: <https://westonoregon.com/support-wada/> (Secure site)

All donations to WADA are tax deductible as allowable by law. 501(c)(3) Tax ID: 88-0783039

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