

Saving 120-year-old Historic Weston House One Brick at a Time

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By David Laufer

Joan and Dave Laufer moved into the 120-year-old Greer House from Keizer, Oregon in 2020 having originally come from Pennsylvania. Their dream was to fix up a charming but somewhat neglected historic two-story brick home in a prominent location at the South end of Weston.

Having renovated the interior, their attention was drawn to a failing section of a brick addition that consists of the kitchen and main bathroom on the south side of the structure.



Dave and Joan Laufer were awarded Yard of the Month in 2025. 412 S Water Street.

Over the years numerous factors including a lack of gutters, insufficient soil grading, multiple plumbing leaks due to outdated pipes, inadequate insulation, and a partial foundation led to sinking of that corner of the building causing an extensive and widening diagonal crack in the brick that threatened a catastrophic failure of that section of the wall.

Dave consulted with and eventually hired Houk Masonry from Walla Walla, Washington, a respected brick and concrete outfit with exper-

ience in historic brick restoration to develop a plan to mitigate the problem.



But first, Dave and Joan hired Derstine Construction of Milton-Freewater to install appropriate guttering. Dave then installed perimeter drainage away from the house. Next, the Laufers hired Smith Insulation of Walla Walla who installed fiberglass batting in the bays between floor



Photo of crack in brick wall of the addition.



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**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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joists to protect the water lines under the bathroom. Lastly, they brought in Merriman Plumbing from Pendleton who replaced the failing water supply lines for the kitchen and bath with new PEX.

Now that the obvious secondary factors contributing to the sinking corner were corrected, it was time to focus on rebuilding the crumbling brick. Having brought on Houk Masonry for the concrete and brickwork, Dave recognized the need for a general construction contractor to address framing and other non-masonry issues. So, on the



Rebuilding the brick wall.

The greatest challenge of the project was how to integrate the new construction with the remaining original and intact but slightly leaning wall. The mason recommended demolishing and rebuilding the entire south wall in order to make all surfaces plumb and level. This would have required, however, significant additional expense and major repair of the already renovated kitchen interior, both of which Dave and Joan opted to avoid. The final result was a brand new, fully supported corner seamed to the existing wall with a mildly stepped control joint. And because the old brick was reused as a veneer, the repair blends nicely with the rest of the house.

Dave and Joan couldn't be happier with the outcome. They are grateful for the professionalism and workmanship of all the trade profes-

Photos contributed by David Laufer



Close up of brick wall.

recommendation of a trusted friend, Dave called upon Splinter Construction from Pendleton.

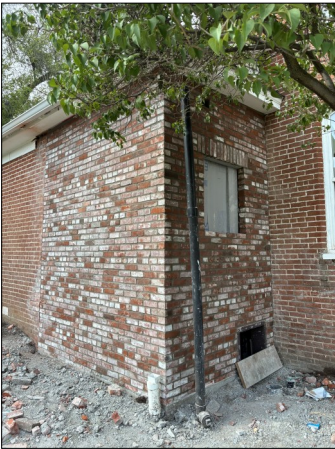
Together, they worked out a plan that included removing and replacing 9 ft x 11 ft 6 inch of double-width brick and footing on the south wall and 6 ft 6 inch x 11ft 6 inch of double wythe brick and footing on the east wall, new wall constructed with 4 inch cmu on the interior and used brick on the exterior, installation of 12 LF of new footing under the existing brick veneer, and reinforcement of floor joists and bottoms of roofing trusses during de-bricking and foundation re-pouring.



Detailed view of rebuilding the brick wall.

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Completed repair of section of house.

sionals who helped to extend the life of their historic house, and are hopeful that it will continue to be admired for generations to come.



Completed repair of section of house.

The house is not listed on the National Register for Historic Places at this time. The project was privately financed. No grants were used.

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.

Reflections from the Corner Office...

Historic Preservation Month, celebrated annually in May, is a national initiative spearheaded by the National Trust for



National Trust for Historic Preservation

Historic Preservation to recognize the value of historic

places in fostering local pride, heritage tourism, and economic benefits.



Originally established in 1973 as a week-long event, it was extended to the entire month in 2005. WADA has been celebrating since 2023. This year's theme is "All People Are Created Equal."



Communities across the United States are also celebrating the preservation of our heritage.

The City of Weston City Council adopted a proclamation at their recent council meeting recognizing Historic Preservation Month for Weston. The proclamation is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Bright orange signs will be in many of Weston's historic buildings during May that proclaim that the building is on the National Register of Historic Places. That is an important designation.

WADA has several activities planned for the month. You can check out the activities on our website: www.WestonOregon.com under *Preservation Month*. We hope that you will check it out.

WADA was organized in February 2022 by Sheldon Delph and Trish Neal to work towards saving Weston's historic buildings. They were concerned that deferred maintenance was starting to take its toll on the historic brick buildings downtown and around the community.

Saving the buildings is going to take the entire community. WADA is working diligently on finding

Looking Back: Decoration Day in Weston

Decoration Day, Tuesday, May 30, was very appropriately observed at Weston under the auspices of the Odd Fellows and Masonic lodges. The march to the cemetery was led by the Weston Concert Band, behind which came a veteran of the famous Iron Brigade, Allen Richal, carrying the Stars and Stripes. Next in line were a number of little girls, daintily attired in white and bearing small flags. A large number of automobiles followed, the foremost of them carrying union and confederate veterans. The program at the cemetery included band music; an address by Rev. N. D. Wood; brief remarks by H. A. Barnes outlining the work accomplished by the Odd Fellows and Masonic lodges in beautifying the cemeteries and urging the cooperation of the public in this good work; a male quartet selection, and remarks of appreciation by A. T. Metz in behalf of the old soldiers.

The Weston Leader June 2, 1916



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9:00am to Noon
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<https://IshamSalingHouse.com>*



Memorial Day Observance

Memorial Day will be observed in Weston Thursday, May 30.

The local veterans and all others who desire to march to the cemetery will meet at 1 p. m., and upon their return they will assemble in the park, where appropriate exercises will be held.

A suitable program is being arranged and will consist of selections by the Weston Concert Band and vocal music, and an address by Clark Thomas of Pasco, Wash.

The committee having the observance in charge says:

"It is desired and expected that all business of every nature—including the work of the store, shop and farm—be suspended between the hours of one and four; and that we thoughtfully and reverently meet together and thus contribute to a cause which is most sacred and which occupies the highest and most exalted place in the heart and mind of the American people today."

The Weston Leader May 24, 1918



WESTON GROUNDS

Sunday, May 30

At 2:30 p. m.

MILTON-FREEWATER vs. WESTON

Admittance 25c.

Grand Stand Free to Ladies and Their Escorts

The Weston Leader May 28, 1915



HEY YOU GUYS!!! "The Goonies," our first Family Movie Night at the Gem is scheduled for Satur-

day, May 2 with shows at 5:50 and again at 8:10. General admission \$6 per person per show, cash or card, tickets available at the door only. No online box office will be used for movie nights, since it would add to the ticket price. Old fashioned theatre popcorn hot from our 1946 popper is \$1.50. Cold canned soda is \$1.00.

JOIN THE FUN. Dress like your favorite Goonie! The top three Goonies in each show win a

quart of Tillamook Rocky Road ice cream.

It has been sixty years since the Gem hosted an event like this. This is the 40th anniversary of "The Goonies" and the "Gem Goonies"-- who never say die--are celebrating our twenty year renovation. THANK YOU to Price Computers for sponsorship of the first Family Movie Night at the Athena Gem Theatre, 239 W. Main in Athena.



PIONEER DAYS!
It not too late to join the Parade!!
Entry deadline is May 20, 2026
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5th & 6th

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EVENT CALENDAR

FRIDAY

6:00 PM
Queen Coronation Ceremony
at Weston Memorial Hall

2026 Pioneer Queen Suzanne Lozier Coppock
2026 Parade Grand Marshal Larry Coppock

SATURDAY

6:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Firemen's Breakfast at Elliot Memorial Park

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Sailing House Open House

9:45 AM
Children's Parade - (start at Suzi's Market)

10:00 AM
Pioneer Picnic Parade - Water Street
Sailing House open during Parade

11:00 AM
Elliott Park Activities:

Barbeque Lunch
FREE KIDS' GAMES
Vendor Booths
Entertainment

12:00 PM
Kid's Races

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Rooster Crowing Contest

1:00 PM
Quiet Neighbors at Kee's Cemetery

6:00 PM
Doors open at 5PM for visiting
Alumni Dinner - Memorial Hall
(for those who attended Weston Union High
& Weston McEwen High School)

What is Adaptive Reuse (and Why is it Important)?

What is Adaptive Reuse?

Adaptive reuse is the process where existing buildings are reused in a different capacity to their original purpose. Buildings that undergo this process are usually at the end of their lifespan. Reusing them allows elements of their appearance, design, cultural heritage and historic significance to be maintained, while serving a new function and preventing them from being demolished in processes that consume a significant amount of energy.

Adaptive Reuse vs Retrofitting

Adaptive reuse projects are not the same as retrofitting. While both processes can offer significant sustainability benefits, retrofitting focuses on optimizing an existing building's efficiency, consumption and waste generation, without addressing the use of the building itself. Reuse of buildings may involve elements of retrofitting, but it is instead focused on the repurposing of a structure for a different use. Both methods are increasingly popular and sustainable alternatives to demolition.

Why Adaptive Reuse Projects are Growing in Popularity: 4 Key Benefits

It's been said that three-quarters of the infrastructure that will exist by 2050 has yet to be built – a worrying statistic when you consider the amount of energy creating (and demolishing) buildings produces. In the case of the aforementioned M&S Oxford Street redevelopment, campaigners claimed as much as 40,000 tons of CO₂ would be produced by the project.

As with retrofitting, reusing a building for a new purpose is a far more sustainable alternative than choosing to demolish and redevelop the existing site. While a new building might be more energy efficient, it can take 10-80 years to offset the amount of energy consumed in its construction.

There are other benefits of adaptive reuse projects, including:

1. Maintaining cultural heritage

One of the chief arguments against the M&S Oxford Street campaign was the loss of a historic building that, while denied listed status, carried cultural significance. The adaptive reuse model allows historical buildings and cultural landmarks to be maintained while they serve a new purpose.

2. Reduced construction costs

Adaptive reuse projects can often be significantly

cheaper for a company than having to demolish and rebuild from the ground up. What's more, adapting a building for a new purpose can be faster, too. You'll also circumvent many of the legal, regulatory and political challenges of demolition projects (as Marks and Spencer experienced), depending on the location of the existing building.

3. Optimized energy consumption

It's not just in the construction process that adaptive reuse is more sustainable than demolition and redevelopment. When repurposing a historic building, you also have the opportunity to convert the building with environmentally friendly heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems that make it more energy efficient and reduce running costs.

4. Helps combat urban sprawl

Instead of having to seek a new construction site further afield, adaptive reuse gives builders more choice and allows them to choose from existing sites that help reduce urban sprawl and offers them geographical advantages.

The drawbacks of adaptive reuse strategies

While building reuse can offer benefits over traditional demolition projects, this process isn't without its challenges and potential obstacles.

Safety issues and hazards: Historical buildings that weren't constructed to meet modern standards and regulations can have serious issues and potential safety hazards – with a case in point being the RAAC crisis. These can be costly and difficult to address.

• Achieving environmental standards:

Similarly, to bring a historic building up to modern sustainability and energy efficiency standards can require significant upgrades and enhancements – all of which will increase the cost of your construction project.

Legal and regulatory challenges: While increasingly favored as an alternative to demolition, any building reuse will require approval from the relevant authorities, and you may find adapting your building to existing laws a challenging process.

5 Types of Adaptive Reuse

Here are five different adaptive reuse strategies:

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They Sent a Poem

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Proebstel Sr. of Portland were unable to come to Weston as they anticipated, for the pioneers reunion. Mrs. Proebstel sent the following lines of her own composition, which were read from the platform by President Watts:

We greet you, pioneers!
May all your coming years
With joy be blest.
And well-earned rest
When comes life's eventide,
And you camp on the great divide.
May doubts nor fears dismay,
For there's the shining way
That leads to endless day,
Where love and peace prevail,
Where ends in joy the trail.

The Weston Leader June 11, 1920

The Weston Leader June 6, 1920

Newton Loveridge has been busy the past few days trimming off underbrush and mowing grass in the City park, so that it will present an attractive appearance to pioneer picnic visitors.



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Project Needs:

- Students can do park and street cleanup, light landscaping, and outdoor beautification within city limits.
- Students may not enter houses, remove trash, ride equipment, or use power tools.
- No animals present during cleanup.

May 22
8:15 am - 12:15 pm

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- ◆ 1st Tuesday of each month from 5pm to 7pm
 - ◆ 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am to 12pm
- Questions: call or text (541) 709-3562

Donations can be dropped off inside Weston City Hall.
Monday thru Friday
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Your Representatives in Washington, D.C. and in Salem, Oregon.

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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/42ezucr>*

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.

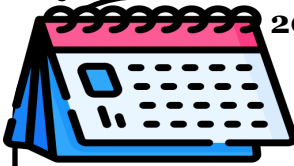
Online donations:

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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 5-6 — 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!



List your meetings and events here!
Deadline is 25th each month.
Email: WADA97886@gmail.com



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The Weston Walking Tour is Online at:
www.WestonOregon.com

Download the phone app at
www.TheClio.com
or on our website.

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>
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- 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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Historic Preservation Month Briefing

As we celebrate National Historic Preservation Month in May, Preservation Action, in cooperation with the bipartisan Historic Preservation Congressional Caucus, is excited to host the Historic Preservation Month Congressional Briefing on May 11th at 12pm ET.

Every year we work closely with the Historic Preservation Caucus and partner preservation organizations to host this annual briefing with the goal of educating congressional staff on federal preservation program and key legislative issues impacting historic preservation.

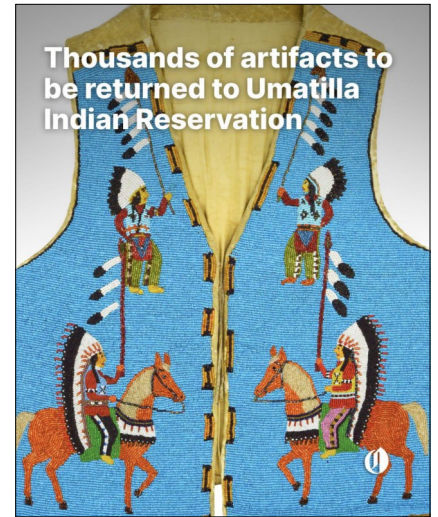
This year's briefing will feature a panel of experts to discuss the important role historic preservation plays in creating affordable housing, stimulating economic development, facilitating efficiency while continuing to balance history with progress. We are especially excited to be joined by speakers from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Trust Community Investment Corporation, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and PlaceEconomics.

Register here: bit.ly/maybriefing2026

Thousands of Artifacts Returned to Umatilla Indian Reservation

Hundreds of beaded bags and pouches are among the thousands of historic items that will be returned to the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

On March 31, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation signed an agreement to acquire Fred L. Mitchell's collection of tribal artwork and artifacts.



Read more: <https://tinyurl.com/36dek5vp>

2026

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1. Facade

Facadism, or facadectomy, is a type of adaptive reuse where a building's facade (front part or exterior) is preserved, while the rest, for example its inner structure, are demolished and modernized. While not a 'true' repurposing of a building, it's viewed by many as being better than simply demolishing a building entirely.

2. Integration

In an integration, a new structure is built around the existing building, allowing the original structure to be maintained while enclosed in a new site. The historical building will still be modernized during this process in order to preserve it, and it may still be used for its original purpose.

3. Renovation

Renovation is a form of adaptation that seeks to modernize and replace elements of historical buildings that are in poor condition whilst maintaining their core structure and appearance. A great example of this is the [Schuurkensstraat](#) in Ghent, Belgium – a house dating from the late 19th century that, while optimized with modern enhancements, retains its original appearance.

4. Infrastructure

Historical buildings aren't the only candidates for modernization and repurposing – adaptive reuse interventions can also be applied to infrastructure, from bridges and viaducts to hangars and even grain silos.

5. Heritage conservation/preservation

In perhaps the most comprehensive form of adaptive reuse, built heritage conservation involves

maintaining a building's materials, facade, integrity and structure while making minimal renovations in order to modernize it.

Final thoughts

The built environment is at the center of the battle against climate change. While the construction process is one of the biggest contributors of manmade emissions, there's a continuous demand for more infrastructure as the population grows and old, historical buildings reach the end of their lifespan.

All of this presents a conundrum for our sector, but far from being an insurmountable obstacle, we instead have an opportunity to influence change and drive sustainable practices. While it's not a full proof solution, adaptive reuse is an alternative to demolition we should all be considering.

Sustainability isn't a passing trend – it's here to stay and is constantly evolving.

Full article with photos: <https://tinyurl.com/3amfnd5>

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>



HistoricFunding.com

Historic Preservation | Cultural Resources | The Arts

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

**Grants - Loans - Tax Incentives
Rebates - CLG Funds - Easements
Scholarships - Fellowships/Internships
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Funding Categories Include:

**Historic Preservation - Museums
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Historic Weston, Oregon

A Town Rich in History



www.HistoricWestonOregon.com

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!

WADA is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization and has not provided any goods or services in exchange for this contribution. All donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law. We recommend that you consult your CPA or Tax Attorney regarding donations. We are registered with Gold Star at <https://www.guidestar.org> and registered with *Benevity* for ACH donations.

Support Historic Preservation in Weston!



Scan QR code to donate

501 (c) (3) nonprofit Tax ID: 88-0783039

Donations may be mailed to:
Weston Area Development Association
PO Box 256
Weston, OR 97886
or online at:
<https://tinyurl.com/yckn3uv7>
Registered with Benevity for donations.

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114 Main Street
Weston OR 97886
<https://www.CityofWeston.org>

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Recorder@CityofWestonoregon.com

City Hall Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Closed 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Weston Public Library: 541-566-2378
www.CityofWestonOregon.com/library

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>

**CITY OF WESTON, OREGON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WESTON, OREGON
RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH – MAY
2026**

WHEREAS, in 2026, the United States continues the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, reflecting on the enduring promise that “all people are created equal,” and recognizing the places and people who help preserve and share that history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Weston, Oregon is home to historic places, buildings, and landscapes that contribute to the community’s identity and connect residents and visitors to its rich past; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is a vital tool for managing growth and promoting sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering community pride, and maintaining the unique character and livability of Weston; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation supports economic vitality, environmental responsibility, and social well-being by encouraging the reuse of existing resources and strengthening connections across generations and cultures; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our daily lives and to recognize the efforts of local residents, organizations, and volunteers—including those throughout Weston and Umatilla County—who work diligently to preserve our shared heritage for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Weston Area Development Association supports and promotes National Historic Preservation Month and encourages community engagement in preservation efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Weston, Oregon hereby proclaims the month of May 2026 as

“NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH”

and calls upon the residents of Weston to recognize and celebrate this observance by participating in local activities, supporting preservation efforts, and honoring the historic places that tell the story of our community.

ATTEST:


Recorder


Mayor



★ WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! ★

Help strengthen our community — your time makes a difference.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



WADA Board Members and Advisors

Provide leadership and help guide community initiatives.



Isham Saling House Open House

Assist with welcoming visitors and event coordination.



Annual Potato Show

Be part of a fun local tradition — help with setup, activities, and more.



Annual Weston Citizens Award Dinner

Support this special evening honoring community members.



Grant Writer and Fundraiser

Help secure funding and resources to support our community projects and events.

GET INVOLVED

Whether you can volunteer once or take on a larger role, we'd love to have you join us.



WADA97886@gmail.com



(541) 626-7229



Together, we can make it happen!



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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: _____

Company/Organization (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

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

OTHER GIVING

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

Tell us More! I am:

- Historic homeowner Historic building owner Historic Society member Architect/Engineer
- Contractor/Consultant Part of an historic district Preservation Assoc. Member Non-profit
- Historic Preservation Commission Member Planning/Zoning Board Member Government
- I am interested in volunteering to support WADA’s mission



Search GuideStar for the most complete, up-to-date nonprofit data available.
<https://www.GuideStar.org>