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# The Blue Mountain Dispatch

NEWSLETTER OF THE WESTON AREA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION



OUR COMMUNITY

OUR HERITAGE

OUR FUTURE



## The Anchors of Rural Identity: Reimagining Historic Preservation in Small and Rural Towns

For small and rural communities, historic preservation is not an exercise in nostalgia; it is a core strategy for economic survival and cultural resilience. In rural America, the cheapest square foot a town can develop is the one that is already built. By utilizing existing in-



frastructure, small towns can leverage their unique architectural heritage to spark downtown revitalization, foster local entrepreneurship, and strengthen community identity. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

Historic preservation acts as a powerful economic catalyst while keeping small-town life anchored in real, tangible places. [1]

### The Economic Catalyst: Main Streets and Tourism

Preservation transforms aging structures from perceived liabilities into high-performing financial assets. [6]

### The Main Street Advantage:

Historic downtown corridors naturally attract small businesses due to competitive rents and unique character. Programs like the [National](#)

[Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Approach](#) utilize historic assets to diversify commercial economies in towns with populations under 50,000.

- **Heritage Tourism:** Preserving distinct regional architecture helps towns stand out against a sea of identical big-box conglomerates. Travelers seeking authentic cultural experiences inject critical dollars directly into rural hospitality, retail, and arts sectors.

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## Board of Directors and Officers Reelected

The WADA board of directors were reelected to a 3-year term of office. In addition, the officers were reelected to the same role on the board.

The board includes: Trish Neal, President/Treasurer; Sheldon Delph, Vice President; Chuck Price, Secretary; Vicky Mast, At Large Board Member.

Bruce Ross continues as an advisor to the board. This position is not an elected position.

WADA continues to seek board members to support the mission of the organization.

Contact WADA if you are interested learning more about the duties of the secretary at 541-626-7229 or email [WADA97886@gmail.com](mailto:WADA97886@gmail.com)

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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.

**Board of Directors**

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Sheldon Delph
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*WADA is a Connected Communities member of Oregon Main Street*

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*National Trust Preservation Forum Member*

*Nonprofit of Oregon*

*We are a Gold Star at <https://www.guidestar.org>*



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- **Job Creation and Property Value:** Historic rehabilitation projects support the local economy by employing nearby specialized tradespeople. Furthermore, real estate values within designated local historic districts routinely appreciate faster than non-designated neighborhoods. [2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12]

ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RETURN BLOCK	
Financial Returns	Cultural & Social Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stimulates small business</li> <li>• Drives heritage tourism</li> <li>• Creates local trade jobs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revitalizes civic pride</li> <li>• Fosters social connection</li> <li>• Maintains local identity</li> </ul>

**Beyond Buildings: Cultivating Lived Traditions**

True rural preservation extends far beyond brick-and-mortar structures to encompass the "cultural landscapes" and intangible history of a region. [13, 14]

- **Community Gathering Hubs:** Historic structures—such as old post offices, grange halls, and historic houses of worship—serve as vital public spaces. When a small town loses its primary gathering places, it risks losing its collective identity.
- **Activating Spaces:** Successful projects use heritage-led placemaking to breathe life into historic areas. Converting historic barns, train depots, or manufacturing plants into community spaces preserves the architecture while creating venues for farmers' markets, seasonal festivals, and public concerts.
- **Intergenerational Knowledge:** Documenting local oral histories and honoring regional skills (such as heirloom farming techniques or traditional crafts) keeps the unique narrative of a small town alive for future generations. [2, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18]

**Key Strategies for Sustainable Rural Preservation**

To successfully balance historical integrity with modern necessity, small towns rely on adaptable, community-driven toolkits. [2, 19]

**1. Adaptive Reuse**

- **Lower Infrastructure Costs:** Reusing vacant commercial buildings or industrial spaces utilizes existing utility lines and roads, saving municipal tax dollars.



- **Environmental Sustainability:** Keeping an existing building standing prevents construction and demolition waste. It can take a brand-new "green" building up to 80 years to recoup the carbon impacts of its initial construction.

**Addressing Modern Needs:** Adaptive reuse can satisfy modern demands for mixed-use commercial space or affordable housing options without con-

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suming valuable surrounding greenfield land. [5, 8, 10, 11]

**2. Collaborative Planning and Rapid Assistance**

- **Leveraging Experts:** Initiatives like the American Planning Association's Design-Preservation Rapid Assistance Team (D-PRAT) dispatch multidisciplinary planners to small towns. They help rural leaders analyze affordable housing layouts and plot out sensible downtown revitalization strategies.
- **Asset Mapping:** Successful preservation starts with an audit. Towns inventory their architectural, natural, and human resources to build a future layout explicitly shaped around what they already own.
- **Incentives Over Restrictions:** While rigid local rules can sometimes trigger pushback from property owners, successful towns balance zoning laws with education, public partnerships, and federal tax credits. [19, 20, 21, 22]

**Overcoming Rural Preservation Challenges**

Preservation in small communities faces steep hurdles, from resource extraction booms that destabilize local landscapes to the "brain drain" of younger generations moving to urban centers. Additionally, remote projects often grapple with structural damage hidden inside decades-old frameworks and the complexity of sourcing historically accurate building materials. [3, 23, 24]

To survive, rural preservation must remain dynamic. It cannot be about freezing a town in amber; rather, it is about managing inevitable economic change while honoring the distinct physical legacy that makes a small town feel like home. [14, 17, 25]

[1] <https://www.linkedin.com>  
 [2] <https://jcshepard.com>  
 [3] <https://www.hcn.org>  
 [4] <https://www.sog.unc.edu>  
 [5] <https://www.planning.org>  
 [6] <https://jcshepard.com>  
 [7] <https://dailyvonder.com>  
 [8] <https://savingplaces.org>  
 [9] <https://www.placeeconomics.com>  
 [10] <https://theplanninglady.com>  
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 [21] <https://oldhomerescue.com>  
 [22] <https://www.governing.com>  
 [23] <https://thecela.org>  
 [24] <https://advancedrestoration.org>  
 [25] <https://www.achp.gov>

Pioneer Picnic June 4th and 5th

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Twenty - Ninth Annual

**Reunion**

**Umatilla County Pioneers**

Weston, Oregon

**June 3 AND 4, 1921**

**COME and GREET the FRIENDS**  
**of "AULD LANG SYNE"**

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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](mailto:WADA97886@gmail.com). If you prefer to call, you can reach us at 541-626-7229. Check us out at: <https://WestonOregon.com>

## Introducing the Big & Small Book Club at Weston Public Library!

We have an idea, and we want to know if you're in.

The Big & Small Book Club pairs an adult (a parent, grandparent, guardian, aunt, uncle, mentor, neighbor, whoever your "big" is) with a child to read the same book together and then meet at the library to talk about it with other pairs who read it too.

We'll be drawing our titles from the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) reading list, so kids who participate in OBOB at school will get a head start, and kids who haven't discovered it yet will get a great introduction to some of the best middle-grade reads out there.

### HERE'S THE PLAN:

- 📖 One book per meeting, read (or listen) together at home at your own pace
- 📅 Book Club meetings at the Weston Library (we'll shoot for every other month to start)
- 👤👤 Open to any adult-child pair in our community

👂 We want to hear from you before we finalize anything. Drop a comment below if this sounds like something you would enjoy, and tell us: what day of the week and time of day generally works best for you? We'll use your input to find a time that works for as many people as possible.

? Questions: Reach out to Heather at the library. She'd love to talk books with you!

📍 Weston Public Library | 108 E Main St.  
[wcolibrary@cityofwestonoregon.com](mailto:wcolibrary@cityofwestonoregon.com) | 541-566-2378



# Athena's Gem Theatre restoration wins Oregon Heritage Excellence



The Gem Theatre in Athena, Oregon sat vacant on Main Street for more than fifty years before a group of volunteers came together to bring it back to life. The project, led by local music teacher Rob McIntyre, began in 2006. He had no idea the effort would span two decades.

In April, McIntyre was honored with an Oregon Heritage Excellence

Award for his work on the Gem Theatre and its neighboring Star Saloon building. The heritage commission chose to highlight McIntyre and the Gem Theatre largely because of this dedication to youth involvement, a rarity in similar preservation efforts. "Kids are the future of everything," McIntyre said. "And we have to find a way to involve them in these projects."

Read more at > <https://tinyurl.com/3k2zmwpc>



## 132<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL UMATILLA COUNTY Pioneer Picnic in WESTON, OREGON



JUNE  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

2026

PIONEER  
QUEEN  
**Suzanne Lozier  
Coppock**

PARADE  
GRAND MARSHAL  
**Larry  
Coppock**

## 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)

# Pedal Power Begins: Oregon's 1971 "Bike Bill" Changed Oregon's Roads Forever



June 11, 1971 Governor Tom McCall signs the bike bill on the seat of a ten-speed bicycle at the capitol in Salem. To his left is Don Stathos, who authored the law. (The Stathos family gave ODOT permission to use this photo.)

Join [us](#) to celebrate 55 years of Oregon's "Bike Bill" on June 11, 2026 at 12:30 p.m. at the Oregon State Capitol State Park in Salem. Bike, roll, walk or drive; however you get here, just come!

This historic legislation was the first of its kind in the

nation, requiring road projects to include accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians and designating at least 1% of highway funds for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

**ODOT invites you to celebrate this milestone and to continue supporting safe roads and streets for biking, walking and rolling.**

**Location:** Oregon State Capitol State Park, North Side of Court Street

**Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2026

**Time:** 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

**Free gift:** ODOT's newly designed Oregon Coast Bike Route Map aims to boost local, national and international tourism along our vibrant and scenic coastline.

**All welcome:** ODOT invites the public to celebrate this milestone. Bikes, trikes, strollers, wheelchairs, skates, bring whatever moves you. We'd love to see you.

**History:** Oregon's "Bike Bill" was sponsored by Republican State Representative Don Stathos, a dad in Jacksonville who wanted to bike safely with his children. The bill, signed into law in 1971 by Governor Tom McCall, has been instrumental in creating a transportation system that is safer for people who walk, bike or roll.

**Did you know?** All government agencies, including cities and counties, that receive state highway funds, must invest in bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure when building, rebuilding or maintaining roads and streets.

**Questions:**

**How to participate:** Ian Davidson  
[ian.t.davidson@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:ian.t.davidson@odot.oregon.gov)

**Media requests:** Jenny Cherrytree  
[jenny.cherrytree@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:jenny.cherrytree@odot.oregon.gov)

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It is a safe site and allows WADA to be good stewards of funds donated by our supporters.

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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>



**The Gem Theatre website** is up, with thanks to Kalen for putting it together and to Gary Bashor who hosted a website for the Gem for almost twenty years

while we struggled to reconstruct the building. <https://gemtheatre.org/>

The "Coming Events" section will be updated with June 5 Community Movie Night information. There is a link to donate to the Gem on the page.



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### Reunion Dates and Committees



Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5, were fixed as the dates of the next annual

meeting of the Oregon Pioneers of Umatilla county, at a meeting Monday held in the directors' room of the Farmers' Bank of Weston.

M. L. Watts, president of the association, came over from Athena to preside, and started the subcommittee ball rolling with an encouraging momentum by

an offer of \$50, which generous boost was no doubt is felt that the forthcoming reunion will prove to be the most successful of the many successful annual gatherings of pioneers held in this city.

President Watts announced the appointment of the following committees:

Grounds—J. M. Ashworth, W. H. Gould, E. R. Van Winkle.

Finance—L. B. Davis, Nelson H. Jones, W. A. Barnes.

Program—J. H. Williams, F. C. Clark Wood.

Concessions—L. L. O'Harra, R. L. Reynaud, R. G. Saling.

Printing—S. A. Barnes, Walter Milton, F. C. Green.

Speakers—E. M. Smith, Frank Price, W. L. Rayborn.

Sports—J. M. Price, J. F. Snider, F. G. Lucas.

Badges—H. Goodwin, Leon Lundell, J. A. Lumsden.

Reception—J. M. Banister, Joe Hodgson, G. W. Staggs.

Music—J. H. Price, O. A. Adams, Carl Brandt.

Decorations—S. J. Culley, Claud Price, C. L. Pinkerton.

**The Weston Leader  
April 4, 1920**

# OPEN HOUSE!

ISHAM SALING HOUSE

314 N. WATER STREET



SATURDAY  
JUNE 6, 2026



9:00AM  
TO  
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FREE ADMISSION

## STEP BACK IN TIME

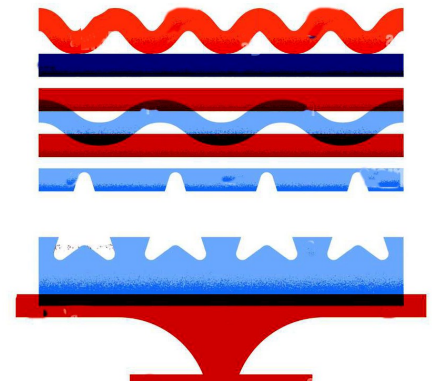
DISCOVER OUR LOCAL HISTORY

Explore the historic Isham Saling House, a treasured landmark in the heart of Weston.

Learn about its rich history, preservation efforts, and the stories that shaped our community.

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# 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 a.m.–noon. We serve about 200 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 \$3000/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



### DONATIONS

We are thankful for our donors and those who are food insecure are served by us and your donations.



### QUESTIONS?

Email us at [westonoregonfoodcentlity@gmail.com](mailto:westonoregonfoodcentlity@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 additional ingredient. Bake according to package directions. ♥



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## Support Historic Preservation in Weston!

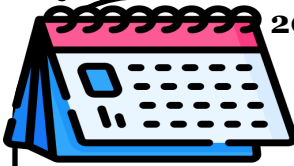
### Support WADA with Business Card Ads

Business card size ads for your business, event, or just to wish someone a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary. \$25 per month. Send your business card or we can design the ad for you. Deadline is the 25th of the month to appear in the next month's newsletter.

[WADA97886@gmail.com](mailto:WADA97886@gmail.com)

**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>*



### 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.

**June 5-6 — Annual Pioneer Picnic and Parade**

**June 6—Open House Isham Saling House 9-12**

**July 5—America 250**

**October 24—104th Annual Potato Show**

**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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**WADA is a Member of:**

National Trust for Historic Preservation  
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Nonprofit Association of Oregon  
<https://nonprofitoregon.org/>

**NATIONAL PRESERVATION PARTNERS NETWORK**

[prespartners.org](http://prespartners.org)

**The Weston Walking Tour is Online at:**  
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**Download the phone app at**  
**[www.TheClio.com](http://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>
- 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/>



24 Hour Crisis Line 1-800-833-1161 Pendleton 541-276-3322 Hermiston 541-567-0424

# Volunteers Needed for 2026 Annual Potato Show



It may seem a bit early, but WADA is looking for volunteers to help with the 104th Annual Potato Show to be held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday, October 24. We are looking for volunteers to help set up the hall on Friday, accept entries and help with vendors to the show on Friday, and be at the hall all day Saturday. Volunteers could divide the responsibilities, i.e. vendor set up, Potato Show entries, set up on Friday, tear down on Saturday. Help with promotion. We would like to



have the petting zoo again and activities for the kids.

- Friday: set up tables for vendors and the Potato show entries.
- Friday: Accept entries to the Potato Show and arrange for judges for the entries.
- Friday: Help vendors find their booth space and set up. There may be outdoor booths.
- Saturday: Early morning help with final set up for vendors.
- Saturday: Judging of the Potato Show entries and award ribbons before Potato Show opens.
- Saturday: Petting Zoo set up; activities for the kids. If available.
- Saturday: At close of show tables need to be put away, floors swept, and trash taken out. Make sure that outdoor area is cleaned up.



We will be supporting the Weston Food Pantry again this year. If you would be interested in volunteering to help put on the luncheon, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. It will include getting ready, serving food, and cleanup afterwards.

Interested? Contact WADA at 541-626-7229 or send and email to WADA97886@gmail.com

Do you have ideas for this year's event? Let's hear them!



<h2>Domestic Violence Services, Inc.</h2> <p><i>Serving Umatilla &amp; Morrow Counties Since 1977</i></p> <p><b>Safety, Help, &amp; Hope</b></p> <p><b>24 - HOUR CRISIS LINE</b> <b>1 - 800 - 833 - 1161</b></p>	<h2>Servicios de Violencia Doméstica, Inc.</h2> <p><i>Sirviendo los Condados de Umatilla y Morrow desde 1977</i></p> <p><b>Proteccion, Ayuda Y Esperanza</b></p> <p><b>LÍNEA DE CRISIS DE 24 HORA</b> <b>1 - 800 - 833 - 1161</b></p>
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# Preserving the Farmers Bank

## A CALL TO ACTION FOR HISTORIC RESTORATION

*Help us protect a cornerstone of Weston's history for generations to come.*



### THE FARMERS BANK BUILDING • WESTON, OREGON



#### 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.



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.



The exterior was recently completed for this round of repairs and is awaiting waterproofing once the mortar has cured properly. That should be completed in June.

### HOW TO GIVE: DONATION INSTRUCTIONS



#### 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)



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 (EIN: 28-808736669), 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.



Every contribution, big or small, makes a lasting difference.

**THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN WESTON'S HISTORY AND FUTURE!**



### Weston Commercial Historic District (added 1982 -- #82001515) E. Main Street between Water and Broad Streets, Weston, Oregon

**Historic Significance:** Architecture/Engineering, Event

**Architectural Style:** Italianate

**Area of Significance:** Architecture, Commerce, Industry, Agriculture

**Period of Significance:** 1925-1949, 1900-1924, 1875-1899

**Owner:** Local, Private

**Historic Function:** Commerce/Trade, Education, 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>

# 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](http://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**  
**Apprenticeships - Residencies - More!**

*Funding Categories Include:*

**Historic Preservation - Museums**  
**Archaeology - Downtown Revitalization**  
**Arts - Humanities - Libraries - More!**

**HistoricFunding.com**

## Historic Weston, Oregon

*A Town Rich in History*



[www.HistoricWestonOregon.com](http://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](http://www.WestonOregon.com)

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## 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/48unenka>
- ◆ **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](mailto: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

**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.*

**City of Weston**  
**PO Box 579**  
**114 Main Street**  
**Weston OR 97886**  
<https://www.CityofWeston.org>

**Phone:** (541) 566-3313  
**Fax:** (541) 566-2792  
**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](http://www.CityofWestonOregon.com/library)

**Police/Dispatch:** 541-966-3651  
**Fire:** 541-566-2311  
**Public Works:** 541-566-3976

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>

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1865



# Weston Community Development Commission

## Investing in Community Pride & Beautification

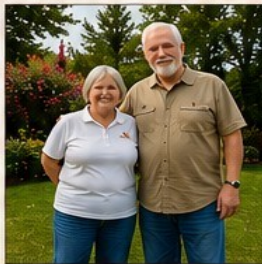


Working to preserve Weston's heritage, recognize community excellence, and create welcoming public spaces.



### HERITAGE WALL & ROSE GARDEN

The Heritage Wall honors the individuals and families who helped shape Weston's history. The surrounding rose garden is maintained to provide a beautiful gathering place for residents and visitors alike.



### YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Rick Stephens and Peggy Reichert, recipients of the Yard of the Month award.

The Yard of the Month program recognizes residents whose efforts enhance the beauty of our community. Their creativity, hard work, and pride inspire others throughout Weston.



Rick Stephens and Peggy Reichert  
Weston Yard of the Month recipients



### NEW FLAGS & FLOWER BASKETS

Seasonal flower baskets and replacement flags help create a welcoming first impression for residents and visitors entering Weston. These projects contribute to the charm and character that make Weston special.



Get Involved!  
Volunteers and donations help make these projects possible. Thank you for your continued support!



LEARN MORE ABOUT COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Celebrating Our  
Facebook Group



Scan to  
Join!

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# ★ 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](mailto:WADA97886@gmail.com)



(541) 626-7229



*Together, we can make it happen!*



106 East Main Street

Weston, Oregon

Open Daily Wednesday - Saturday 11:00am to 6:00pm

541-566-0363

*Please call ahead for large orders*

## HAND SCOOPED ICE CREAM

Served in a Sugar Cone - Waffle Cone Add .25

**1 Scoop** - \$3.50

**2 Scoops** - \$4.25

**3 Scoops** - \$5.25

**Milkshake** - \$6.25

## FOOD

**Slot Hot Dog** - \$4.00

**Mini Beef Bratwurst** - \$5.50

**Regular Beef Bratwurst** - \$7.00

**Chili Dog** - \$4.50

**Waffle Dog** - \$4.75

**Cup of Homemade Chili** - \$4.75

**Nacho & Cheese** - \$4.00

**Nacho's Plus** - \$6.00 (Jalapenos, Onions, Chili, Cheddar, Tomatoes)

**Chips** - \$1.75



## DRINKS

**Sodas** - \$2.00    **Water** - \$1.00    **Juice** - \$1.00    **Hot Tea** - \$1.25

### **\*Traditional Old World Coffees\***

**Espresso** - \$3.50    **Cappuccino** - \$4.75    **Latte** - \$6.25

**Affogato** (Espresso Over Ice Cream Served in a Cup) - \$7.25

**Italian Moka Pot coffees** - Hot or Iced

***Book your next event here at Stagecoach!***

Preserving Our Heritage.

# SAVING WESTON'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS.

Preserve Today. Protect Tomorrow.

## WESTON AREA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (WADA)



541-626-7229



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WestonOregon.com

### 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 BENEFITS



Support historic preservation in Weston



Help revitalize our community and local economy



Stay informed and make your voice heard



Join a network of neighbors, businesses & supporters



Help keep Weston's history alive for future generations

*Your Support Makes a Difference!*

#### OTHER GIVING

- ✓ 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Pay online at: [WestonOregon.com/support-wada/](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

#### 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.*

#### TELL US MORE! I AM:

- |                                                                  |                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic homeowner                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic building owner      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Consultant                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Part of an historic district |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation Commission Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning/Zoning Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in volunteering         | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Society member      |
|                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Architect/Engineer           |
|                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit                   |
|                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government                   |

*Be a Part of Weston's Future!*

JOIN TODAY!



Gold Transparency 2026  
Candid.

Search GuideStar for the most complete, up-to-date nonprofit data available.

<https://www.Guidestar.org>