



From the Desk of  
**Mayor Will Finn**

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Hello Neighbor!

Hope this message finds you well! Heather and I hope you are enjoying the final weeks of summer as a family before getting back-to-school.

I have started an Instagram account! Give me a follow to see happenings in and around Woodland. This is another way to communicate with the community, along with other social media platforms like Facebook. Instagram - @mayorwillfinn

My door is always open! Send me an email or call. I am always ready to assist or answer questions.

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We are still looking for submissions for 'Yard of The Month'. We had great participation last month with submissions and voting. August submissions are due by the close of business August 25th. If you want to be recognized, or want to recognize a neighbor, fill out the online form and attach a photo of the property. Once a month a winner will be selected and highlighted for their outstanding efforts. [Yard of the Month | Woodland Washington](#)



## New Life Coming to the Old Fire Station

Public Works

Public Works is putting some minor touch-ups on the Old Fire Station located at 100 Davidson. The city has been seeking out proposals in hopes of revitalizing the old building. There have been some proposals for a theater, brewpub/brewer, and several other suggestions. Parts of the building needs repairs that are not currently budgeted for to make any project work... until now! I am excited to say the city has another "out-of-the-box" idea! We will be opening the fires bay doors to allow for seating and hosting food vendors outside the building. The indoor/outdoor seating will also host a children's area. This is a pilot project to stimulate downtown! We want to enhance existing businesses, not take away from them. Money

collected for space lease will be put into the park fund and back into the building. This is a temporary use through the end of December. If this venture goes well and we think it will, a full proposal will be provided to City Council to make the area permanent.

Speaking of downtown, I want to welcome Bell Studios to Woodland! The owner, a Woodland resident, has relocated the business from Rainer, OR to downtown Woodland. Bell Studios is setting-up shop in the old post office on Davidson, bringing some new excitement into downtown! The business brings a thriving business, along with 40 employees! WELCOME!

## We are Hiring!

Looking for a job!? – We are in desperate need in the Public Works Department. The positions are currently temporary, but could lead to full-time employment. If you are just looking for a few months of work (*home from college, retired, or just needing to get out to the house for a few months*). Also looking for individuals interested in law enforcement.

[Job Openings | Woodland Washington](#)



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# Keeping Sidewalks Clear

## Community Development

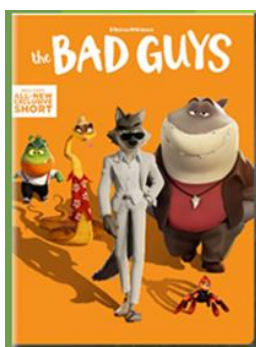
From time-to-time, we receive citizen communication about sidewalk obstructions. It is the property owner's responsibility to keep the sidewalks in front of their home or business free of obstructions so pedestrians can move freely. Placing your trash cans on the roadway along the curb, cutting back trees/bushes, and ensuring vehicles are not parked blocking the sidewalk are very important for access.

A number of residents have mobility challenges and need the sidewalks clear. Here is a handout to help on ensuring the area in front of your home or business is up to code! [keep\\_right-of-way\\_clear\\_flyer.pdf \(woodland.wa.us\)](#)

The Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments wants to hear from you about regional trails. [swrtpo\\_flyer.pdf \(woodland.wa.us\)](#)



The Community Development Department is the welcome mat for all developments in the city. They are also the customer service agent for those relocating a business to the city. Here is a list of city projects you may be interested in! [City Projects | Woodland Washington](#)



Tailgate Night  
August 25th

Truck and Side-by Side Tailgate  
in the Park

## Side by Side and Truck Tailgate Night

### Public Works

Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> will be the last Hot Summer Nights and Movie in the Park for 2023. The live band is 24-7 and it is Truck and Side-by-Side night. So bring your truck or side-by-side and park in the park and watch the movie from your tailgate. Downtown Woodland Revitalization (DWR) will be hosting a beer garden that night to raise money for the park too. Thanks to everyone who attended through the summer. I will once again be hosting a table with information on what we

have accomplished and plans for the future. A beer garden will be available (6:00 PM - 8:30 PM) and the Woodland VFW will have a hotdog meal available for \$5. [Hot Summer Nights & Movies in the Park | Woodland Washington](#)

## What is going on around Town?

### Public Works

Schurman Way and the Guild Road intersection will be closed the week of 8/21 for paving. Please visit the website for road closures in the community.

WSDOT will be doing repairs to the I-5 Northbound North Fork Lewis River Bridge. Construction will begin mid-August through early Fall (*dates are subject to change*). There will be significant delays during peak travel times. [I-5 NB/SB North Fork Lewis River Bridge - Bridge Deck Repair & Overlay | WSDOT \(wa.gov\)](#)

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## Would you like to be on the Park and Recreation Board?

### City Hall

The City of Woodland has several vacancies that need to be filled. The Park and Recreation Board is looking to fill two (2) vacancies. Interested persons may fill out an application online or pickup a packet at City Hall 230 Davidson Ave Woodland, WA 98674. For more information, visit our website.

[Park Board | Woodland Washington](#)

[Visit our City Calendar on the website for upcoming events!](#)

August 17, 2023 - Planning Commission Meeting 7PM

August 21, 2023 - City Council Meeting 7PM

September 4, 2023 - Labor Day - City Offices Closed

September 5, 2023 - City Council Meeting 7PM