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Council Meeting Summary June 10, 2024

Airport gets new name: Salem – Willamette Valley Airport

With an eye toward expanding awareness of the airport's proximity to the Willamette Valley, a popular tourist destination, the Salem City Council voted to change the airport's name to the Salem – Willamette Valley Airport.

In addition to being Oregon's Capitol, Salem is centrally located within the Willamette Valley and serves as a transportation hub for commercial, military, emergency response and general aviation services. Public awareness of its regional role will help market the airport and its commercial air passenger service more broadly for those wanting to travel to the Pacific Northwest.

In recognition of the airport's history, the airfield portion of the airport will retain the honorary name of McNary Field. The International Air Transport Association's three-letter identifier for the Salem Municipal Airport will remain SLE.

Council Presses Forward with Budget Committee Recommendation

Free concerts, movies and track events, as well as funding to provide for park maintenance and status quo library funding will remain in the recommended budget the [Salem City Council will](#) vote on June 24.

The only change is related to the use of opioid settlement funds for substance use prevention efforts. The decision to move forward with the Budget Committee's recommendation came after public testimony in support of all those services restored during the committee process.

After supporting the recommendation, City Council Trevor Phillips noted the short-term nature of these solutions. "The work is not done," he said. "But I can at least hold out for the possibility of having hope moving forward."

He stressed the importance of the 2024 Revenue Task Force's work, which will be presented to the City Council in July.

Council Adopts Fiscal Year 2025 Fee Schedule

Revenue generated from fees and charges represents more than 20 percent of all budgeted City revenues. The 2025 Fee Schedule adopted by the City Council June 10 for the most part follows typical market adjustment rates used every year.

This year, the Consumer Price Index rate of 3.6 percent and an Engineering News Record rate of 5 percent were followed, with some exceptions.

A market rate adjustment of 25% for emergency medical services is based on service study

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recommendations.

Cost recovery adjustments for Community Services to help lessen budget cuts impacts include:

- Adding two new fees for non-Salem residents at Center 50+: a \$30 annual pass or a 20 percent surcharge for classes when the annual pass is not purchased.
- Facility and space rental fees now are divided between weekday and weekend fees to correspond with staff expenses associated with those times.

Councilors discussed the idea of increasing the downtown parking structure fees by \$9 a month, but voted down that idea after Mayor Chris Hoy reminded them of a Council promise not to make significant changes without a community discussion.

A \$2 increase was already included in the fee schedule.

Salem Police Seek Anti-Violence Grants

Given budget and staffing constraints, Salem Police will seek more than \$2.5 million in federal grants to help with the [Community Violence Reduction Initiative](#). An upward trend in violent crime has impacted all of Salem, and the City is working to develop a strategy to reduce violence.

If approved, grants will be used for:

- Community violence intervention resources
- Officer recruitment, retention and workforce diversity
- Community trust-building and police legitimacy efforts
- Two additional sworn officers and a program manager position
- Training, equipment, supplies and a sub-award to the local school district

From Salem:

- **Recent Press Releases:**
 - [Nine Things You Should Know About Salem's Recommended 2024-2025 Budget](#) (Staff contact: Kathy Ursprung)
 - [Mayor Honors 12 Class of 2024 Seniors for Their Service](#) (Staff contact: Kathy Ursprung)
 - [Center 50+ Wellness on Wheels Earns Innovation Award](#). (Staff contact: Kathy Ursprung)
- **Bond Projects (Staff contact: Trevor Smith):**
 - [Pavement Improvements Coming to Liberty Street SE, Thanks to the Safety and Livability Bond](#)
 - **4/1 – July McGilchrist Street SE and 22nd Street SE Closure for Bond Project Construction.** Project is nearing completion. Good time to get photos.
 - [Minto-Brown Island Parking Lots to Begin Construction May 28](#)
 - Parking Lot #2 will be closed May 28, to begin construction of the new parking lot near the dog park.

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- When Lot #2 is complete, will re-open for 6 – 7 weeks, then Lot #3 will begin.
- [Public Works Day Update](#). (Staff contact: Trevor Smith)
- [USA Today is featuring 10 Best Dog Parks in US and Minto is on the list](#). Currently Salem is 2nd.
Vote once a day May 28 – June 24. (Staff contact: Trevor Smith)
- [Dozens of City Activities are Available This Summer](#). Spaces still available. (Staff contact: Melinda Moon)
 - [Rec Guide is live](#). (Staff contact: Kathy Ursprung)
- [Upcoming Meetings & Events](#)
- **Library June Calendar (attached)**. (Staff contact: Kathy Ursprung)
- **Future [Community Violence Reduction Meetings](#):**
 - July 19
 - Two in August
 - Community Violence Coordinator interviews are complete.
- **[Revenue Meetings \(Staff contact: Courtney Knox Busch\)](#)**
 - Salem's [Revenue Task Force](#) meets in the Salem Council Chambers and streams live on CC: Media in English and Spanish
 1. June 26, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. - TF Meeting #7
 2. July 15, Tuesday at 6 p.m., Revenue Task Force Recommendations Presentation
- [6/11 Summer Ready Challenge Started for All Ages](#) Salem Public Library welcomes children, teens and adults to be a part of the Read, Renew, Repeat 2024 Summer Reading Challenge. Beginning on Tuesday, June 11, readers of all ages can track the hours they spend reading and listening to stories in order to earn book bags, free books and chances at other prizes. Participants can also win additional incentives and prize drawing tickets by completing activity and reading prompts. (Staff contact: Kathy Ursprung)
- **6/14 Splash Pads open.**
- **6/18 & 7/23 Salem Pop-Up Library.** Salem Library is bringing our outreach van for library fun days at various sites in the Salem Community. (Staff contact: Kathy Ursprung)
- **6/22 STRIDE 5k and 10k** (Staff contact: Melinda Moon)
- **6/28 Landlord Symposium**, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Loucks Auditorium. Two-hour symposium for those that own rental housing in Salem, Marion and/or Polk County. Learn about the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program and opportunities to house families in our area. Flyer attached. (Staff contact: Sarah Murray, SHA)
- **[7/12 Movies in the Park, Barbie, PG-13, 9 p.m.](#)** Bring a blanket, a snack, and enjoy a movie in the beautiful outdoors! Movies at the Riverfront Park Gerry Frank | Rotary Amphitheater.
- **[7/26 Movies in the Park, Wonka, PG, 8:45 p.m.](#)** Bring a blanket, a snack, and enjoy a movie in the beautiful outdoors! Movies at the Riverfront Park Gerry Frank | Rotary Amphitheater.
- **[8/6 National Night Out. Register Block Parties by 7/26.](#)** (Staff contact: Angie Hedrick)
- **[8/9 Movies in the Park, Elemental, PG, 8:30 p.m.](#)** Bring a blanket, a snack, and enjoy a movie in the beautiful outdoors! Movies at the Riverfront Park Gerry Frank | Rotary Amphitheater.
- **[8/23 Movies in the Park, Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire, PG-13, 8 p.m.](#)** Bring a blanket, a snack, and enjoy a movie in the beautiful outdoors! Movies at the Riverfront Park Gerry Frank | Rotary Amphitheater.

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- **9/28 Viva Salem in Riverfront Park**, 12 – 6 p.m., free entry. English and Spanish flyers attached. (Staff contact: Irma Coleman)
- **Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting schedule** (Staff contact: Irma Coleman)
 - Morningside, June 12, 6:30 p.m. (usually host a neighborhood open house event)
 - SCAN, June 12, 6:30 p.m. (usually hosted at Pringle Community Hall)
 - Faye Wright, Sept 10, 6:30 p.m.
 - Northgate, Sept 19, 6 p.m.
 - NOLA, Oct 2, 6:30 p.m.
 - WSNA, Oct 3, 6:30 p.m.
 - NESCA, Oct 15, 7 p.m.
 - CANDO, Oct 15, 6 p.m.
 - Sunnyslope, Oct 17, 7 p.m.
 - NEN, Nov 12, 6:30 p.m.
 - SWAN, Nov 5, 6:30 p.m.
 - SESNA, Nov 26, 7 p.m. (usually hosted at Mill Museum)

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