

# If I were Mayor

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I would like to make West Linn into a modern, happy and healthy town. This is how I am going to make this happen in West Linn.

If I were a mayor I would change Downtown Willamette into Willamette Plaza. This would expand upon the current redesign going on by adding a bike lane and making it a pedestrian only plaza. I would take out the road and people would drive through on the next road over. Then I would add a paving stone plaza that started at Willamette United Methodist Church and ended at Youth Music Project. Then I would put posts at both ends so the cars won't drive through. After that I would build a fountain in the center and put fish in it. I will add a sidewalk, a bike lane and bike racks for people to ride through Willamette Plaza. Also during the summer I would encourage food trucks to come and make The Summer Farmers Market available Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. I would encourage an ice cream shop and a bakery to move into empty buildings. I would also put in many benches and add ramps so that the people who are in wheelchairs or have trouble walking can get over the threshold of the building. Also everything will be wheelchair accessible and there will be electric chargers in the parking lot. The parking lot will extend from the current parking lot by the church.

If I were mayor I would put in an Athletics Center with a lap pool, high dive, track, baseball field, soccer field, tennis court and football field. There would be a summer pool with 3 water slides that are really long. Also in the summer pool there would be a diving board into a cold pool. But the best part is it is a place that is affordable and 5% goes to charity. There would be a swim team and West linn high school could use the athletics center for their swim team. There would also be a restaurant for people to go and get a smoothie or dinner. The locker rooms would have nice showers and towels and best of all changing stalls and nice lockers that let you set the code. The pool will have 10 lanes for lap swimming and a separate pool for little kids to play in. There would be a nice workout gym with water rowers, ellipticals, treadmills and bikes. The health center would provide physical therapy for free for those with memberships to the Athletics Center. It is very important to have health and physical health so they will provide yoga classes as well.

If I were mayor, during the summer there would be a fundraiser to raise money for people who can't afford to buy their own things. Also during the winter there would be a clothing drive where you donate your warm clothes to people who don't have warm clothes. In addition there will be a present drive for kids who don't have their own presents. People who wish to donate will donate to the city hall. There will also be a food drive at the city hall you will be able to donate canned food, mac and cheese, beans and other foods that will not expire. It is important to donate to those who need it.

For those reasons I think I would make a great mayor of West Linn.