

# EARLY BIRD WEEKLY



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**Induction of Jim Vogler.** Jim, accompanied today by his wife, Linda, was sponsored by Dennis Lewis.

Jim grew up in Carbondale, IL. His dad, educated as a chemist with an early career at Polaroid, ended up running at, then owning, his own dad's Ford dealership.

Jim graduated Harvard with a Psych major in 1974 then started law school. It was there, in his first class on Contracts, that he met Linda.

"She fell in love with my ankles," he says with a grin. He wore a tweed jacket and boat shoes with no socks. A look he still rocks to this day, just to "keep the fire burning."



Linda began pulling them back to church. It was during a retreat that he committed himself to Christ.

In the early '90s he was a part of the team that produced Veggie Tales. Which is now still in syndication is owned by Universal.

He is part of Chicago Hope Academy, the only non-denominational prep school in Illinois.

He's part of Tindale Theological Seminary in Amsterdam teaching African pastors.

He's part of an outreach to Muslims here and abroad and to the underground Church in Iran.

Jim and Linda "thought" they'd retire in the Carolinas until they visited their son in Lake Oswego five years ago.

The son asked if they'd thought of retiring here. Linda jumped on it and they ended up here on Owls Lane in Newberg.

"If you move somewhere where you don't know anyone, move across the street from the Lewises."

**Stefan Myers** was our presenter last week as Public Affairs Officer for Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue.

TVF&R operates 124 apparatus including trucks, engines, rescues, medic units, water tenders, brush rigs, cars and command units.

70% of calls involve some kind of medical care. The rest are good intent, service calls, other or false calls, hazardous conditions ... and, in last place, actual fires.

TVF&R's reach goes from Newberg north to North Plains and east to West Linn.

The pandemic created a lot of new requirements. One huge, early problem was access to personal protection equipment.

They were fortunate to have things like goggles donated from idle school science classrooms as well as masks from dental practices and gear donated by Home Depot.

The scary looking hazmat suits are necessary because they need to be substantial enough to be reused.

He talked about recent statewide incident events outside of COVID, especially during recent triple digit temperatures.

TVF&R participates in statewide incident management teams and contributes resources to help distant departments on their bigger fires.

"Our job is to protect homes and lives."

One of the ways we can help them do that is understanding Addressing and Access. "We need to be able to find you and get to you." What that means is that street numbers should be easy to see and your property, especially rural, and be able to get equipment onto it.

That means drives need to be 20' wide with 15' overhead clearance. Should not have steep curves or grades. And bridges must be able to support 60,000 pounds.

Establish a 30' defensible space around your home. De-limb trees at least 10' off the ground and away from chimneys. Trim back limbs hanging over your roof.

Choose fire resistant roofing material and remove leaves and debris from gutters, and under

decks and crawspaces. Store firewood 100' or more from your home. A floating ember from 1/2 mile away is all it takes.

Plant ground cover and flowers near your home. Keep shrubs and hardwoods 10' or more from structures.

Measure 34-308 would authorize TVF&R to issue up to \$122 million in capital finance bonds to replace response vehicles nearing their service life, rebuilding and relocating some stations, training center safety upgrades, land purchase to service new growth areas, and seismic upgrades.



Because debt service on existing bonds is declining this measure will not exceed the current bond rate of \$0.1415 per \$1,000 unless property values decline.

Q: Why do so many rigs and people show up for a medical call?

A: We roll for worst case. We don't always get the best information in 911 calls.

And if we send six people in one vehicle then another call comes in we may be three people needed in a newly urgent call but stuck at a stabilized call.

[Hey look, it's my niece again. Hi Kylie]

