

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

August 27, 2026

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Meeting/Event	Date	Time	Location
Developer Roundtable	August 31, 2026	4 to 6 p.m.	Public Works Campus
City Council Executive Session City Council Business Meeting	September 2, 2026	5 p.m. 6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers
City Council Work Session	September 9, 2026	4 to 6:30 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers
Bend Made Workshop (Day 1 of 2)	September 14, 2026	2 to 6 p.m.	PWC Prowell Springs Conference Room
City Council Business Meeting	September 16, 2026	6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers

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Public Agency & Community Partner Updates

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

The latest edition of the **LOC Bulletin** is available. Highlights include:

- **Transportation Survey:** Governor Kotek's Rebuilding Transportation Vision Workgroup is launching a public survey to hear directly from Oregonians about their priorities for Oregon's transportation system. The survey is open through Sept. 10.



- **LOC Announces a Strategic Planning Cohort Program:** The LOC is partnering with the Coraggio Group to help communities turn long-term goals into strategic plans. A virtual workshop will be offered this fall.
- **Elected Essentials Workshops:** The LOC is offering 13 free workshops across Oregon from December through February to help new and experienced elected officials build and refresh their knowledge.

Congresswoman Bynum Tours District, Releases an Update

Congresswoman Janelle Bynum recently shared an August 2026 **District Office Update** highlighting travel throughout Oregon's Fifth Congressional District to meet with residents, visit local projects and engage with community leaders on regional priorities and challenges.

The update features visits to Central Oregon, including a tour of the wildfire burn scar left by the Akawa Butte Fire and the Rooted at Antler housing development in Redmond. It also provides information on federal grant opportunities and recent legislative activity.

Department Updates

Reminder: Council Input Requested on Legislative Priorities Survey

The League of Oregon Cities is developing its 2027-28 legislative agenda and has asked each member city to identify its top five legislative priorities from the policy recommendations advanced by seven policy committees.

City of Bend staff are compiling feedback to inform the City of Bend's vote on the LOC legislative priorities ballot, which is due in September.

To help inform the City's official submission to LOC, City of Bend staff ask that Councilors complete a **brief 4-question survey** (provided by email) by **Friday, August 28**. If you have questions, please reach out to Sarah Hutson, Senior Management Analyst, at shutson@bendoregon.gov.

For reference, the **LOC 2026 Member Voting Guide** provides background on the 27 legislative priorities recommended by the committees.



System Development Charge Fee Schedule Follow Up for the Indoor Fitness & Recreation category

During the June 17, 2026, public hearing on the updated System Development Charge (SDC) fee schedule, Council directed staff to further evaluate concerns regarding the Transportation SDC fee for the Indoor Fitness & Recreation category.

Staff reviewed the concerns and prepared the attached **memorandum** summarizing the analysis. The review found that the fee was calculated in accordance with the Transportation SDC methodology recently adopted by Council. While some stakeholders suggested reducing the fee by applying additional pass-by and diverted trip reductions, staff determined that doing so would be inconsistent with both the adopted methodology and industry standards.

Based on these findings, staff recommends maintaining the current Transportation SDC fee for the Indoor Fitness & Recreation category and continuing to allow applicants to use the standard appeal process to present project-specific information if they believe the Indoor Fitness and Recreation category does not accurately represent their particular development.

Walk & Roll Tour Scheduled for Sept. 24

Councilors are invited to join the City of Bend's Accessibility Advisory Committee (COBAAC) for a Walk & Roll Tour on Sept. 24. Following a shortened committee meeting from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m., the tour will depart City Hall at 3:30 p.m. and conclude around 5 p.m. at Silver Moon Brewing for a debrief.

The event will highlight active transportation projects, including a demonstration of the 3D Model Intersection Project at the Wall Street and Olney Avenue protected intersection. Participants will also have an opportunity to tour accessibility improvements at the Deschutes County Courthouse and provide input on accessibility initiatives in the downtown core.

Community members interested in bicycle and pedestrian improvements are also encouraged to attend and share their input.

Contact Mobility Programs Manager Derek Hofbauer, dhofbauer@bendoregon.gov for more information.

Reminder: Climate Action Partner Grant Program Open through Sept. 8

Now entering its second year, the **Climate Action Partner Grant Program** provides funding for nonprofit organizations, government entities, and higher education institutions working on



projects that advance the goals of Bend's Community Climate Action Plan. Applications for this grant will close on September 8, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

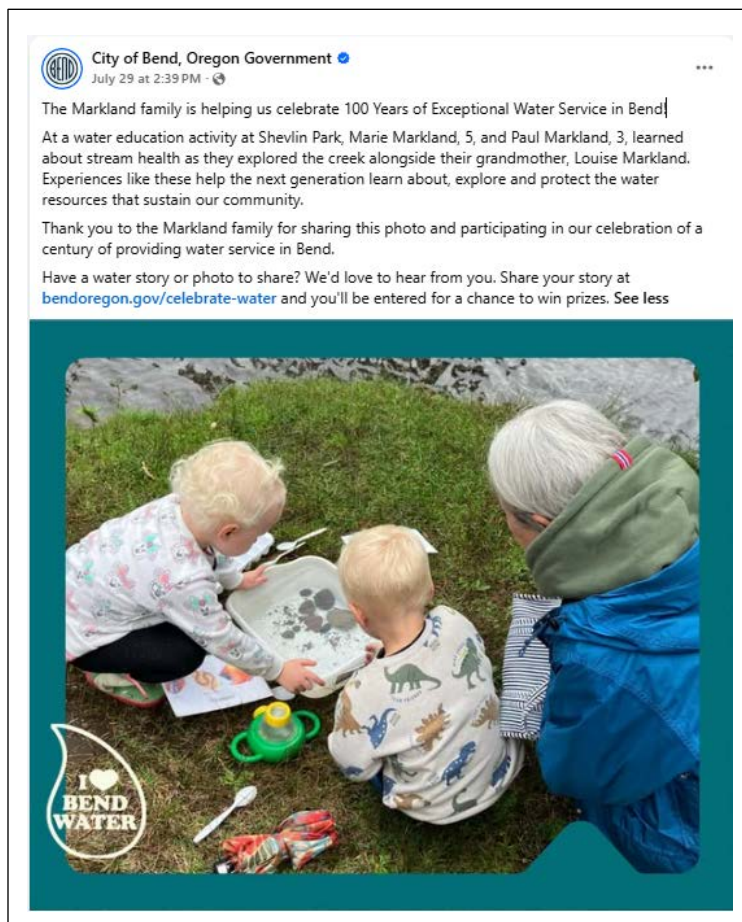
Contact Cassie Lacy, Senior Management Analyst, clubenow@bendoregon.gov, for more information.

100 Years of Water: Fall Activities Launch Sept. 1

The City's **100 Years of Exceptional Water Service campaign** continues this fall with new opportunities for residents to learn about, explore and help protect Bend's water systems.

This season's activities highlight wastewater treatment, stormwater management and the people who work behind the scenes to protect public health and water quality. Residents can tour facilities, explore local waterways, learn about pollution prevention and discover ways to be good stewards of Bend's water resources.

Councilors are encouraged to watch **The People Behind Bend's Water System** video, featuring Water Services staff who are committed to delivering safe, reliable water service to our community every day.



To help celebrate the campaign and showcase Bend's commitment to water stewardship, Councilors are also invited to request an **"I ♥ Bend Water"** T-shirt from Claire Conklin in the City's Communications Office.

Community members who participate in campaign activities and submit their experiences through the campaign website will be entered into year-end prize drawings, including **"I ♥ Bend Water"** T-shirts and other stewardship-themed items.

An example of community participation recently featured on City social media is included at left.

Learn more about upcoming activities and events at bendoregon.gov/celebrate-water.



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