

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

September 23, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	October 5	4:30 p.m. Executive Session 5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	October 19	4 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

City Quest at the Fest

Join the City of Bend from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2 at the Bend Fall Festival!

The City Quest at the Fest will be located on Oregon Avenue between Gasoline Alley and Wall Street. City booths will feature interactive displays, giveaways and information on the



important services Bendites need, like the roads and sidewalks used to get around, the high-quality drinking water in our homes, and emergency services when we need them most.

Land Use Recommendations for SB 762 (2021) – Wildfire

SB 762 was passed during the 2021 Legislative Session and modified through SB 1533 during the 2022 short session. SB 762 is an omnibus wildfire bill that directs several state agencies to take actions to mitigate the risk of wildfire. One of the agencies addressed in the bill is the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). They were tasked with identifying recommended changes to the statewide land use planning program, local comprehensive plans, and zoning codes that would be needed to incorporate wildfire risk maps and minimize wildfire risk. This direction also included considering the appropriate levels of state and local resources necessary for effective implementation. The legislation further states that recommended changes may include, but need not be limited to, provisions regarding sufficient defensible space, building codes, safe evacuation, and development considerations in areas of extreme and high wildfire risk, allowing for regional differences. The Department has presented a draft **Recommendations Report** to the Land Conservation and Development Commission and must submit its final report to the Legislature by October 1, 2022. The recommendations cover five (5) broad areas including:


- Community Information and Engagement
- Safe Evacuation and Firefighting Response
- Wildfire Risk Mitigation Requirements for Areas of New Development
- Recovery Planning
- Areas Subject to Natural Hazards

A fact sheet prepared by DLCD summarizes their work to date. You can learn more through the project website - <https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/NH/Pages/Wildfire-Adapted-Communities.aspx>.

Faster Internet Oregon Speed Test Campaign

The Faster Internet Oregon speed test campaign is a statewide broadband mapping effort for Oregonians to report Internet speeds or a lack of connection at home.

The Faster Internet Oregon project will provide decision-makers with data that will:

- Identify Oregon homes that lack high-speed Internet;
 - Clarify which households don't have an Internet connection and why;
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- Provide cost estimates and assess competitive viability of a variety of technical solutions for areas with identified gaps.

This campaign will help secure infrastructure funding across the state and ensure the funding is equitably allocated so that everyone has access to fast, affordable Internet service.

Please help us identify Oregon's areas with the greatest need for high-speed broadband by using this link: www.FasterInternetOregon.org. It takes less than 1 minute!

FAQs regarding the campaign are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

PROJECT AND PROGRAM UPDATES

CouncilAll Email Summary

80 total emails were sent to CouncilAll from September 6th through September 19th. The top themes and concerns included:

- Homelessness
- Affordable Housing

For more information, view the current [CouncilAll Summary Report](#).


DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Bend Fire Monthly Accountability Review

The Bend Fire Department's Accountability Review is complete for September 2022. The call volume increase is steady as are response times. One trend to note is the "hours out of resources" data, which is higher than normal. This trend will be monitored closely in the coming months to see if it continues.

Bend Streets Preservation Team Presentation Featured By California Pavement Preservation Center

The City of Bend Street Preservation program has been recognized numerous times in recent years with awards and acknowledgment. Most recently, the Streets Preservation team was asked to participate and present a story in a webinar in April 2022 put on by the Federal Highway (FHWA) and Pavement Preservation and Recycling Alliance (PPRA). Chuck Swann and Paul Neiswonger presented.



The September Newsletter of the California Pavement Preservation Center features an article summarizing the City of Bend presentation. Please see the City of Bend, Oregon section starting at the bottom of page 3 and continuing on page 4 of the newsletter.

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