

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

April 7, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Stewardship Subcommittee	April 14	10 a.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	April 19	3 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

Juneteenth Celebration June 17-18 – Sign-Up for the City's Booth!



As a title sponsor of The Father's Group Juneteenth Celebration, an official City event, the City of Bend will host a booth on Saturday, June 17th and Sunday, June 18th for City Councilors and City Staff to volunteer and provide City of Bend information to event attendees.

Sign-up for one (or a few!) timeslots here: [City of Bend Juneteenth Booth Sign Up](#)

All City Councilors and City Staff are welcome! Please direct questions and your department's promotional materials to Sara La Torre slatorre@bendoregon.gov. Thank you for your support of this important event!



Accepting Public Input for New Roundabout Art: Colorado Ave. & Columbia St.

The City has a partnership with **Art in Public Places (AiPP)**, a non-profit entity, to enrich the experience of Bend by bringing permanent art installations to public spaces throughout the city. Over the past 22 years, 24 art installations have been placed around Bend, with two new installations scheduled for this summer. The piece 'You and Me' will be installed at the Empire & 27th Street roundabout and 'Golden Squirrel's Wonderous World' will be installed at the Powers & Brookwood Roundabout.

The next art sculpture is slated for the Colorado Avenue and Columbia Street Roundabout and community members are invited to review and provide input on the finalists' works of art. Design renderings of the proposed sculptures will be on display at the Bend Deschutes Public Library and online at artinpublicplaces.org until April 10. Please help promote the public input process by sharing the link and encouraging community members to review and comment on the five pieces of art.

PROJECT AND PROGRAM UPDATES

CouncilAll Email Summary

108 total emails were sent to CouncilAll between March 14th through April 3rd. The top themes and concerns included:

- Noise/Fireworks
- Traffic/Roads
- Houselessness

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

Now Accepting Welcoming Week Proposals

Zavier Borja, Community Relations Manager, recently held a Welcoming Week community meeting with 30 key stakeholders and community partners. This refresher provided a high-level view of what Welcoming Week is as well as what to expect this year. **Welcoming Week Event Proposals** will be accepted via online submission until June 1st, 2023. Starting this process earlier than in years past, as requested by community partners, ensures ample time for planning and collaborating on events and disbursement City Sponsorship funds in a timely manner.

Estimated timeline for Welcoming Week participants:

- June 1st – Proposal applications due in full



- June 30th – Notification of approved proposals and sponsorship funds
- July 19th-26th – Sponsorship funds dispersed
- August 1st – Begin promotion and outreach

Welcoming Week is scheduled to occur **September 8 – 17, 2023**. [More information available online.](#)

COCO Water Subcommittee Updates

The Central Oregon Cities Organization Water Subcommittee Updates are included in [this summary](#), issued April 4th, 2023.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

ADU Template


In the summer of 2021, Council requested City staff provide the community with a pre-approved ADU plan with the creation of our Middle-Income Housing Program. The Housing Department worked in collaboration with the Building Safety Division, the Oregon State Building Codes Division, and other jurisdictions on a Pre-Approved ADU Plan. Staff will approach the plan program in a phased process, with the first phase currently in final administrative review. We expect to launch the first pre-approved plan within the next few weeks.

This template provided by the City eliminates the need for hiring an architect and saves costs on design and approvals. It's like a plug-and-play design for an ADU that may increase the ease with which they are developed. Expect more from the Housing Department as it completes administrative work and program processes to be brought before Council within the next month.

STR Audit Update

To ensure the City is addressing neighborhood livability issues and addressing claims of illegal STRs, the City hired a 3rd party auditor, Harmari, in June 2022. On September 30, 2022, Harmari provided the City with a workbook comprised of 1,081 unique property advertisement listings. Of those, 781 listings for properties had active STR Operating Licenses.

Licensing & Code Enforcement Division staff investigated the remaining 300 listings to determine compliance with short-term rental regulations. Of the 300 listings, staff determined that 291 property advertisement listings were compliant. The remaining nine listings were determined to be for potentially illegal short-term rental properties, and these are still under investigation by the Code Enforcement Division. Detailed finds are outlined in this [STR Compliance Audit Progress Report](#).



The progress report outlines a few proactive enforcement option recommendations for Council's consideration. The Licensing & Code Enforcement Division expects to have the ability to conduct more proactive code enforcement through the addition of staff, which will be incorporated into the proposed biennial budget.

Construction Updates

- The opening of the Roundabout at 15th and Wilson has been delayed two weeks due to the weather impacts over the months of February and March. The new opening date is estimated to be Friday, May 12th.
 - Work has started on a safe pedestrian crossing at 3rd and Pinebrook as a part of our Citywide Safety Improvements Program. Lane closures will be required but at least one lane of traffic will remain open in both directions on 3rd street. The current schedule estimate is to have this work completed by Memorial Day Weekend near the end of May.
 - We are completing work on Hollygrape Street this week, also as a part of the Citywide Safety Improvement Program, to fill in missing sidewalk gaps near Pine Ridge Elementary. Special thanks to our Transportation and Mobility Department for helping self-perform some of the work on Hollygrape, saving some money on the project.
 - Newport Avenue is on track to open by the end of May.
 - Neff/Purcell Intersection will continue throughout the summer. Due to challenges with franchisees and utility relocations, a more defined timeline is still under development.
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SDC Methodology Update Communications Plan

As work continues regarding the Transportation, Water, and Sewer System Development Charge (SDC) Methodology Update, **the outreach and communications plan** is drafted and available for review. Updated information is also available on the **website**.

Smoke Sensitive Receptor Area Community Response Plan 2022 Annual Report

The 2022 Annual CRP Report was **approved** by State of Oregon DEQ and Department of Forestry for the City of Bend's smoke sensitive receptor area.

Read the annual report here: **Smoke Sensitive Receptor Area Community Response Plan 2022 Annual Report**



Monthly Social Media & Media Report

For the month of March, the top community topics and themes observed in media and social media by Communications Department staff included:

- Houselessness: Various stories and social media discussions about the camping code and Hunnell Road.
- Transportation: Updates on various road construction projects taking place.
- E-Bike Rebate: Coverage on the new e-bike rebate program.

For more information, including media coverage of the City and social media engagement, see the **Monthly Social Media and Media Monitoring Report**.

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Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

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