

# City Manager's Report

## Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

May 5, 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	May 17	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Budget Committee Meetings	May 22 & 23	4 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Fire Training Center; 63377 NE Jamison Street

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

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## PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

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

We are still in need of volunteers for the City's Juneteenth booth on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:slatorre@bendoregon.gov). More information is available via the [Juneteenth SharePoint page](#). Thank you for your support of this important event!

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## PROJECT AND PROGRAM UPDATES



## “How much has the City spent to address the homeless crisis within the last year?”

*In response to a KTVZ reporter’s question “How much has the City spent to address the homeless crisis within the last year?” the City provided the following response:*

In the current fiscal year to date (July 2022 to April 2023), the funds for houseless operations come primarily from state and federal grants – roughly 24% of the funds are city ARPA funds and 73% are from state grants and 3% was from the city’s general fund.

City financial recording shows we have spent \$3,282,543 in the expenses coded to our Houseless programs (which will now be included in the new Houseless Fund moving forward) from July 2022 through April 2023.

This includes all houseless operations costs including the following:

- Right-of-way management, including cleanup and outreach
- Shelter Operations (contracts with service providers)
- Personnel Costs (primarily employees directly related to helping the shelters operate – such as Amy Fraley, Houseless Services Program Manager)
- Central Service Transfers (central services that are necessary to run the houseless operations – such as payroll, HR, IT, etc.)
- Shelter facility costs (primarily renovations)

Right of Way Health and Safety Compliance Coordinator Sherri Meisel is not included in this; Sherri’s position was designed and intended to be broad right of way support, not just houseless response, so we determined at the outset to not include her in the houseless operations.

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## CouncilAll Email Summary

124 total emails were sent to CouncilAll between April 18<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The top themes and concerns included:

- Traffic/Roads
- Houselessness
- Miscellaneous

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



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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### Municipal Court Staff Shout Out!

Judge Ruocco gave the following kudos to our Municipal Court team:

Last week, a defendant stayed after court and came back to the podium to talk with me of just how positive of an experience she had at Bend Municipal Court from her initial appearance to working with staff. It changed her outlook on the justice system after being served by such a thoughtful, conscientious, and informed courthouse team. It's a pleasure to be part of such a team. Thank you for all you do.

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### Bend Fire and Rescue Thank You Note

A **thank you card** was received from a very appreciative community member regarding the level of service and care they received by our Bend Fire and Rescue team. It's really nice to be reminded that the little things make a huge difference in people's lives. Keep up the great work and thank you for being such amazing professionals.


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### Mutual Aid Success with Bend Fire Swiftwater Rescue and Crook County Fire and Rescue

Matt Smith, Crook County Fire Chief, provided the following details for another mutual aid success story:

Sunday we were dispatched for a person without a life jacket trapped in the middle of the Crooked River in Prineville. Our crew was able to get her to climb onto a debris pile in the middle of the river and asked for mutual aid from your swift water rescue team. Your team did a great job!! When they arrived, they went about their business in a safe and professional manner.

Thank you again for supporting the regional approach to your rescue team. One of our on-duty firefighters on Sunday, is a member of the regional team. The training he has received as part of the team was instrumental in keeping our crews safe and effective from the shore while we waited for the mutual aid resources to arrive. The regional rescue concept is working and I appreciate Bend Fire's willingness to sponsor the program.



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## Monthly Social Media & Media Report

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

- Housing: Multiple media stories about new housing developments as well as the new ADU program.
- Transportation: stories and discussions about the various construction projects that are happening around town.
- Water: Coverage and conversations around water conservation and irrigation season.

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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