

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

August 4, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Transportation Fee Roundtable #1	August 9	9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Pilot Butte Fire Station Training Room / Virtual
Council Meeting	August 16	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

Central Oregon Villages Celebrates First Desert Stream Graduate

[▶ Central Oregon Villages celebrates first Desert Stream graduate \(centraloregondaily.com\)](#)

Leverage State Owned and Leased Land for Housing Production

The Land Availability work group has submitted their “Leverage State Owned and Leased Land for Housing Production” recommendation (linked below) before the full Housing Production Advisory Council (HPAC) for consideration.

At the next Full HPAC meeting scheduled for August 11th from 1:30pm to 4pm, public testimony will be allowed on all the work group recommendations under review and consideration (links to all recommendations included below). This is an excellent opportunity for your voice to be heard, and we



highly encourage you to take part in this critical process. During this time, you will have the chance to express your thoughts on the draft recommendations with fellow council members.

Availability of Land Recommendation: Leverage State Owned and Leased Land for Housing Production

Land Development Permit Applications

Codes and Design

Financing

To sign up for public testimony, please email HPAC.Gov@oregon.gov.

To register for the HPAC meeting scheduled on August 11th and future meetings, click on this link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1l_xJ4BdSHCIXtHPdJa7bA#/registration

To review recordings of past HPAC meetings, click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/@HPAC-Oregon/featured>

If you have any questions related to the Land Availability's recommendation, feel free to send those to Mari Valencia Aguilar or Chair Deb Flagan.

PROJECT AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Things to Know About Growth

City staff prepared the following “three things to know” regarding growth in our community for Mike Riley’s KPOV segment on July 28th.

- **Where are we growing:** The most tangible example of growth is in the Stevens Road area. Starting this fall, the City will begin public outreach around more than 200 acres in southeast Bend that will be brought into the Urban Growth Boundary. This area will be home to roughly 2,400 housing units, 700 of which will be affordable to households making 80% of the Area Median Income. We are also focusing growing within our existing city limits – in particular throughout the core of town.
- **How are we growing:** In general, the future of growth will look a lot more like building up and in rather than out. One element of this strategy is called a Climate Friendly Area, which is a designation from the state that basically means an area of town where community members can walk, bike or take transit to meet most of their daily needs without a car. Roughly 275-350



acres are estimated to be designated as a Climate Friendly Area, and the state will expect the City to accommodate 30% of existing and needed housing in these areas once they are chosen. Growth management is currently doing a study to explore where these areas will be, which is due by the end of the year. In general, however, areas being considered are generally in the core of the town, where there is already housing, mixed use and commercial development – not low density residential neighborhoods.

- **The future of growth:** Growth management is currently doing work to determine how much land the City will or won't need outside of the Urban Growth Boundary to accommodate housing needs for the next 20 years. An initial draft analysis shows Bend's population will increase by more than 44,000 people between 2025 and 2045 and that the City will need more than 20,000 housing units to be added. A range of 240 to 700 acres will need to be brought into the Urban Growth Boundary between 2025 and 2045, depending on a number of factors, according to a draft Housing Capacity Analysis. However, numbers and specifics are subject to change in the next two years. New legislation and rules will provide new data that will affect how this analysis will be done, as well as change how UGB expansions are done.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Monthly Social Media & Media Report


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

- Hunnell Closure: various media stories and coverage of the Hunnell Closure.
- Transportation: Various stories and social media posts on the construction projects happening around town.
- Fourth of July: Coverage on the change in enforcement practices by Bend PD on the holiday.

For more information, including media coverage of the City and social media engagement, see the [Monthly Social Media and Media Monitoring Report](#).

New Striping Truck Has Arrived!

The Transportation and Mobility Department is excited to announce the arrival of its new Striping truck! A truck-mounted, self-propelled, long-line striper can mark miles and miles of city streets every day. These complex machines have a variety of elements that must all work together to make smooth, straight, crisp, and clean lines. The old striper truck is 22 years old and has many limitations for our crews with today's striping challenges, using technology that's two decades old. This new striping truck



will incorporate new technology into the decades-old practice of striping streets. We are hopeful that this truck will help us reduce labor, increase productivity and the work quality. Let's not forget the most important thing: the safety of our crews performing the work and safety of the traveling public.

One of the latest major advancements in technology for this truck is the data acquisition systems, or paint and bead monitoring systems. Data acquisition systems give the operator a real-time readout of what they are putting down, such as gallons of paint being applied per mile and glass beads per gallon of paint. This is huge for the City in so many ways including historical data, planning and budgeting. Other advancements today hit almost every system on this truck: line guides (multi line applications), mechanical systems, optics, military grade lasers, video with DVR, and more!



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Utility Department Environmental Video Contest Winners Announced

For seven years, the City of Bend Utility Department has partnered with BendFilm and Central Oregon Daily to educate Bend youth about the delicate balance between our ecosystems and our urban lifestyles.

The 2023 Student Video Contest topic, "My Own Front Yard: It's A Part of the Deschutes Watershed," emphasized both water conservation and environmental consciousness specific to Bend. In June, the group declared the 2023 Grand Prize and Divisional winners.

Liam Schmitt from Bend High School was awarded top honors as the Grand Prize winner for his entry "The Perfect Yard." He will work with Emmy award-winning Joe Dean from Central Oregon Daily to reproduce his video into a professional TV public service announcement, which will air on our local TV stations.



Olive Stout, also a student at Bend High School, was awarded the 9th-12th Grade Division Winner, and John Cardwell, a homeschool student, was awarded the 4th – 8th Grade Division Winner.

Mr. Matt Fox, a Media Arts teacher at Bend High School, also received acknowledgment as a key inspirator in video production and environmental resources. He was instrumental in several entries submitted by students in his class this year and in years past.



Left to right: Elisabeth O'Keefe -City of Bend /Stormwater, Michael Conforti – BendFilm, Liam Schmitt – Grand Prize Winner – Bend High, Ann Witsil – BendFilm/Interim Director, Matt Fox – Bend High Teacher, Olive Stout – 9th-12th Grade Division Winner – Bend High.



Lf to rt: Michael Conforti – BendFilm, Ann Witsil – BendFilm/Interim Director, John Cardwell – 4th – 8th Grade Division Winner, Elisabeth O'Keefe -City of Bend/Stormwater, Lori Faha – City of Bend/Environmental Resources.



Wastewater Utility Appreciation Week July 17-21

Utility Department Director Mike Buettner passed along this message to our hard-working Utility crews during the Wastewater Utility Appreciation Week July 17-21. ***Thank you again to our Field Sampling and Measurement staff for all their hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic.***

“Hello everyone – Happy Wastewater Utility Appreciation Week!

I wanted to pass along **this letter** I received from Oregon Health Authority highlighting all the contributions of wastewater utilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. As many of you know, the City of Bend Utility Department’s Field Sampling and Measurement Program was highly engaged in this initial effort and instrumental in helping monitor public health throughout the pandemic.

Here’s a portion of the letter from Interim Director Baden:

“That’s why, during Wastewater Utility Appreciation Week, July 17-21, I am honoring water quality professional – operators, maintenance personnel, laboratory workers, sewer maintenance workers, biosolids workers, industrial pre-treatment workers, engineers, and administrators – who, beginning in September 2020 – collected and mailed influent samples to OSU for testing and analysis, which later became critically important data that was posted on OHA’s COVID-19 dashboard. That data helped participating administrators, tribal administrators, wastewater facility staff, environmental compliance staff, and public health professional know their communities’ wastewater SARS-CoV-2 concentration, and measure communication prevalence and transmission of COVID-19.”

Please take a moment this week to say thanks to our Field Sampling and Measurement staff of Jeff Buystedt, Nick Jenness, and Matt Sanders!”


Fire & Rescue Letter of Appreciation

Drew Norris, Deputy Chief EMS with Bend Fire & Rescue, forwarded the following note of appreciation to our Bend Fire & Rescue crew:

“Chief Norris,

I am writing this letter in regard to a recent medical emergency incident that Station 304/C responded to, amongst other companies that I am not aware of. This incident occurred in the early morning hours of Monday May 1st, 2023, at XXX for a 62-year-old male, cardiac arrest. This patient is my dad, and he made it home on July 21, 2023 and he continues improving mentally and physically!

I live in Reno, Nevada and I work for Truckee Meadow Fire & Rescue as a Captain. I received the phone call that we all dread from my grandma as I was on shift finishing up a physical training exercise. I left work and made the drive expecting my dad to not be alive by the time I arrived at St. Charles Hospital. I made it in record time, and he was alive, but not doing well at all. He stayed at St. Charles over a month in the ICU, and fought some massive battles such as pneumonia, and his kidneys/liver were near failure. He was transported to Vibra in Portland for advanced care for his trach. During this



time, he had a UTI, and was transported to the nearest ICU in Portland. The UTI turned into sepsis within a couple days, and I thought this is the end. I couldn't be more wrong! He fought through all of this, and I am still in shock from all of the miraculous recoveries he's been through.

Well, I had to write all that to get to this point. None of this would be possible without the responding crews knowledge and professionalism that day. I've been on the receiving end of families stopping by the station to say thank you, but never on the end where I am saying thank you. It doesn't seem like enough to say thank you. I will say that I know Bend Fire Department is well trained, and professional above and beyond what is normal. The way your crews treated my stepmom on her worst day was amazing! From the bottom of my heart thank you to your entire department for putting safety and training as a top priority. It shows, and the more research I do about Bend FD, the more impressive it really is. If I missed anyone, my apologies, but a special thank you for a job well done to the following crew members:

Firefighter Tobias Carlton (I talked to Tobias on the phone and gave him updates throughout this long recovery process. So kind, understanding and professional)

Captain Tim Reardon

Firefighter Dan Price

Firefighter Kyle Sharek

Engineer Schuler Hutchings

Captain Chris Guy

Engineer Jordan Hagg

EMT Pearl Gregg

EMT Francesca Mclean

Engineer Steve Vossler

Jonas Hahl

I know there are dispatchers and probably others that I have missed but thank you all! I came home and told all my crew about Bend FD, and the way you have helped not only save my dad, but my whole family. Just amazing! I would like to meet any and all crew members on my next visit to Bend, which will be in the near future. Every day is a blessing, have a great day!

Sincerely,

Steve Walker, Captain

Truckee Meadow Fire & Rescue"



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