

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

September 8, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Transportation Fee Roundtable #2	September 13	9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
Council Meeting	September 20	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

98th Annual League of Oregon Cities Annual Conference

Registration is open for the next LOC Annual Conference to be held on October 12-14 in Eugene, OR. Any City Councilors interested in attending, please let Eric King know. [The early bird registration rate ends on Monday, September 11th at 5pm.](#) More information available at the links below:

[LOC Annual Conference Registration Information](#)

[Annual Conference Agenda](#)

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

[Read the most recent LOC Bulletin here.](#) Information is included regarding the Technical Assistance Planning Grants for local governments and the Oregon Summit on Wildfire Recovery in October.



PROJECT AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Deschutes Alerts Sign-ups Increase in August

Between National Night Out, the Deschutes County Fair, a couple of local media stories, two podcast appearances, a Bend City Council Meeting, and a La Pine Activity Center outreach visit, Deschutes Alerts seemed to be the topic of the month!

In the month of August, we saw 4,138 new sign-ups for Deschutes Alerts.

Additionally, an **editorial** was published at the end of August and **another story** by The Bulletin was published on September 2nd. Hopefully, we will continue to see more sign-ups!

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Kudos to Bend Police – Successful Wellness Check

The following note of gratitude was submitted thanking officers of Bend Police Department.

I would like to thank the Bend Police department, officer and receptionist who do did a wellness check today, Sept. 7, 2023, for an old friend of mine. I am impressed with how efficient and caring the receptionist and officer were who assisted me. Thanks to them, I was able to locate Karen, my friend and visit her today at her care facility. I had not heard from Karen in over 6 months and learned that she was no longer living at home. Due to Karen's many issues, I have been very worried and concerned for her. I was relieved to have located her today. I couldn't have done this without the help of the Bend Police department. Due to background traffic noise, I didn't catch the officer's name who called me on my cell phone. I would like him to receive this message of appreciation from me as well as the receptionist. Thank you both for caring.

Bloomberg Philanthropies Spark Featuring City of Bend

Sarah Hutson, Senior Management Analyst, and the City of Bend were highlighted in the recent edition of Bloomberg Philanthropies Spark: **A New Role For Small Cities Thinking Big About Infrastructure.**

Thank you, Sarah, for all your hard work related to infrastructure funding!



Monthly Social Media & Media Report

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

- Transportation Fee: Multiple media stories covering the topic. Comments and feedback on social media about this topic.
- Housing: Rent Burden meeting received media coverage and was discussed on social media post.
- Climate Friendly Areas: Coverage and discussions about the survey provided by the City.

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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