

# City Manager's Report

## Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

December 1, 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	December 6	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Community Building Subcommittee	December 13	Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	December 20	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

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## PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

### League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

**Read the most recent LOC Bulletin here.** Of note, the Legislature is seeking information from cities about local projects related to water, sewer, stormwater and transportation investments that will enable faster or more affordable housing development.

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### Homeless Leadership Coalition – The Longest Night

All are welcome to attend Homeless Leadership Coalition's "The Longest Night," a memorial to honor our community members who have died while experiencing houselessness in Central Oregon this year.



A day of remembrance that has been observed for over 30 years across the country on the night of the winter solstice. This day serves as a reminder that we are all connected within our shared community.

The Longest Night takes place on Thursday, December 21, 5-6 p.m. in Drake Park near the stage. [View the event flyer here.](#)

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### TDS 2024 Rate Increase

As of January 1, 2024, the rates for TDS cable service will increase. See chart below for new rates.

2023 Rate	Fees ( <i>Package Rates are Bundled</i> )	Increase Amount	2024 Rate
\$25.00	Access	\$5.00	\$30.00
\$50.00	Roam	\$10.00	\$60.00
\$65.00	Explore	\$14.00	\$79.00
\$75.00	Journey	\$10.00	\$85.00
\$90.00	Voyage	\$5.00	\$95.00
\$17.54	Retrans Fee	\$1.50	\$19.04

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## IN THE NEWS

### Where we build homes helps explain America’s political divide – The Washington Post

**A recent article** in The Washington Post examines the number of housing units being built in various counties and states across the US. This article shares the number of housing units permitted monthly per 100,000 residents. We are pleased to see how Deschutes County compares to other counties in Oregon and nationwide. Deschutes County issues 87.35 permits per 100,000 residents. This is the highest rate in Oregon and among the higher rates nationwide.

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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES



## **Vision Zero and Speed Zone Work Update**

The Traffic Operations team has implemented a number of practices and programs to support our commitment to Vision Zero. Highlights include:

- Updated Bend Development Code and Engineering Design standards to reflect lower design speeds, multi modal cross-sections, and the low stress network.
- New signing and marking manual with enhanced pedestrian and bicycle markings.
- Neighborhood Speed Radar Program – replaced non-working radars and added speed radars on Brookwood, Galveston and Knott.
- Community Service Requests – added signs, markings, and crosswalks in response to community requests.
- Speed Zones – we continue to reduce speed limits as streets are reconstructed and/or as context changes. Since 2017, 37 speed limits were reduced and one was raised.

Thank you to our Traffic Operations team for their work and dedication!

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## **Bend Works Mobile App**

We are pleased to announce that the Bend Works mobile app is now available in app stores. The desktop version of Bend Works launched on October 18. Bend Works enable users to report non-emergency issues seen around town. Since October 18, we have received 372 requests from our community. Thank you to our Communications and Engagement, Project Management, Utility, and Transportation and Mobility teams for making this possible.

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## **Monthly Social Media & Media Report**

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

- Transportation Projects: Media coverage and social media conversations about various projects happening around town.
  - Meeting Between Bend City Council and the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation.
  - PFAS: Coverage of what forever chemicals are and their impact as well as the class action lawsuit.
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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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