

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

December 15, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting (Kebler, Mendez & King absent)	December 20	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Audit Committee	January 3	3:45 – 4:30 p.m.	Awbrey-Butte Conference Room / Virtual
Council Meeting	January 3	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

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Holiday Schedule

Eric will be out of the office December 18 – January 1. Please reach out to Sharon Wojda with any questions or concerns in Eric's absence.

PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

Read the most recent LOC Bulletin here. Of note, the Joint Committee on Addictions and Community Safety Response heard about the challenges cities are facing from the impacts of addiction, public use of narcotics and lack of services. Additionally, Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) recently completed a statewide survey to better understand shelter operations funding needs. Cities



are asked to review the study results to confirm that all shelters in your community with operational funding needs are included in the OHCS inventory and correctly categorized.

Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity

Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity has just opened a special application cycle for middle-income housing. Starting on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024, they will be accepting applications for a new home in Bend on Wilson Ave and 15th Street, on land donated by Evergreen Housing Development Group. The home is a single-family, 2-bed, 2-bath home built using **Universal Design** code. **Universal Design is a design that's usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.**

More information can be found on the [Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity website](#).

This unit was funded in part by City of Bend's middle-income pilot program funding, overseen by Kerry Bell in the Affordable Housing Department.

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.](#)

APPRECIATION

Kudos to Bend Fire & Rescue

Bend Fire & Rescue received a wonderful letter of appreciation from a driver who was helped immediately by Bend Fire & Rescue after they drove over a concrete barrier on Cooley Road. Said Fire Chief Todd Riley, "Although we won't be able to figure out who the crew was, this type of thing is



representative of what our crews do every day.” [Read the letter of appreciation here.](#)

Bend Works Success Story

Bend Works is the City’s new service request system. The desktop version launched in October, and the mobile app launched on December 1. At 5:37 p.m. on December 7, a community member used Bend Works to report suspicious water leaking along a street curb near Kenwood/Highland school on Newport. The next morning, it was determined water was leaking from the service tap at 5 gallons/minute (or 2.6 million gallons/year). Crews were able to complete the repair by 4:00 p.m. on December 8. We are thrilled that this system is helping citizen’s report issues, and helping our crews respond as quickly as possible.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Brooks Street Alley Pedestrian Safety Improvements

The City of Bend is beginning installation on some interim pedestrian safety improvements in Brooks Alley to improve the flow of traffic in a shared use space with both vehicles and pedestrians. These improvements were identified in public outreach efforts with the community as an interim step while the larger Brooks Street concept planning project is undertaken. Improvements include signage, crosswalk striping, bollards, and a small gate at the north end of the street to prevent vehicles from entering the wrong way. See [this plan](#) for more details.

Real Estate – Surplus Land within Juniper Ridge Overlay Zone

On December 6, 2023, the Bend City Council declared approximately 200 acres within the Juniper Ridge Overlay Zone as surplus and directed staff to offer the properties for sale through a competitive bid/request for proposal (RFP) process.

The City of Bend is pleased to announce that official notice is hereby given as of December 15, 2023, to solicit proposals from qualified development teams for the purchase and development of two (2) parcels, one (1) 75.68-acre parcel and one (1) 20.79-acre parcel, either together or separately, for commercial and industrial uses.

Additional information and copies of the RFP are available from the [City of Bend Real Estate department webpage](#).



Real Estate – Surplus Land on SE 9th Street

On December 6, 2023, the Bend City Council declared approximately 3.4 acres of City-owned property along SE 9th Street as surplus for a housing development and directed staff to offer the properties for sale through a competitive bid/request for proposal (RFP) process.

The City of Bend is pleased to announce that official notice is hereby given as of December 15, 2023, to solicit proposals from qualified development teams for the purchase, design, and construction of an approximately 3.4-acre site for a rental and/or owner-occupied housing development.

Additional information and copies of the RFP are available from the [City of Bend Real Estate department webpage](#).

Employee Experience Program

The City of Bend employees enjoyed a wonderful Annual Giving Celebration on Tuesday, December 12, which raised \$6,068 for CASA of Central Oregon, this year's community beneficiary. CASA of Central Oregon is a nonprofit organization that recruits, trains, and supports volunteers who advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the court system. In addition to the funds raised, attendees assembled over 160 Thank You Mugs to give to CASA volunteers! Thank you to Joshua Romero, Employee Experience Program Manager, the Wellness Champions and the other City employee volunteers from Central Services, Human Resources, Finance, Transportation and Mobility, CEDD, and EIPD who helped make this event a success!

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