

# City Manager's Report

## Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

January 12, 2024

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting (Kebler virtual)	January 17	4 p.m. Quarterly Council-Board/Commission  5 p.m. Work Session  7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Stewardship Subcommittee	January 22	11:30 a.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	February 7	5 p.m. Work Session  7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

## PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

### League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

**Read the most recent LOC Bulletin here.** Of note, Business Oregon recently opened a public comment period regarding flexibility in using Community Development Block Grants. LOC encourages Oregon residents to submit comments. The public comment period ends tomorrow, January 13.

**Read the Fourth Quarter Issue of LOC's Local Focus Magazine.** This issue focuses on addressing the Affordable Housing Crisis and features Bend's \$8.3 million in Oregon Housing Stability Council's Local Innovation Fast Track (LIFT) funding for the College View Apartments.



## First Presbyterian Church Approved as Temporary Overnight Shelter

Frist Presbyterian Church at 230 NE 9th St has been approved as a temporary overnight shelter for the winter, subject to opening when a winter shelter is needed by the city or county. This facility can house 55 occupants for overnight shelter during cold weather or a state of emergency.

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## Cascade Natural Gas Winter Weather Update

In an effort to maintain system pressures and service over this weekend of extremely cold weather, Cascade Natural Gas will be bypassing at four natural gas regulation stations in Bend. As a precaution, their customer service team has sent out a targeted message to 2,200 customers in NW Bend asking for their assistance in limiting consumption over the weekend. See the message to customers below:

Cascade Natural Gas is asking customers in west Bend to reduce natural gas usage from noon Friday, Jan. 12, until noon Monday, Jan. 15. We anticipate increased natural gas usage due to forecasted extreme cold temperatures in the area. This may put stress on natural gas flow, which could affect service. You can help by lowering your thermostat as much as you can comfortably manage, minimizing hot water usage and turning off natural gas fireplaces, garage heaters and any other non-essential appliances that use natural gas. With your cooperation, Cascade Natural Gas expects it can maintain service in the area. The impacted area of is west of Northwest Mount Washington Drive, between NW Skyliners Road and Archie Briggs Road.

If you experience a natural gas outage, please call CNGC customer service at 888-522-1130. We will notify you if circumstances change. Thank you for your cooperation.

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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### December Social Media and Media Report

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

- Bend Works: Launch of the new 'Bend Works' service request app.
- Parking Guidance: Coverage of the new Downtown parking guidance system.
- Transportation: Opening of the Neff/Purcell intersection. Conversations on social media and multiple stories from local media on the various construction projects happening around town.

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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