

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

March 29, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	April 3	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	April 17	3 p.m. Quarterly Council- Board/Commission 4:30 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, LOC requests cities' input in an infrastructure funding survey that will drive the scope of state funding for local infrastructure projects and the 2025 transportation package. The survey closes April 5.

How Cities Won at the Legislature

The 2024 legislative session produced several big victories for cities in Oregon. LOC identified the top 5 wins for cities:

- Measure 110



- Recreational Immunity
- Housing Infrastructure Funding
- Urban Growth Boundaries
- Photo Radar

For more information, check out [LOC's Legislative page](#) on the LOC website.

ODOT Transportation Safety Workshop & Open Houses

ODOT's Transportation Safety Office wants to hear from you at an upcoming public engagement event at Redmond City Hall on April 11. At the 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Workshop, the Transportation Safety Office will explore road user behavior and present vital crash data. Your insights during this session are invaluable in identifying your community's most pressing safety issues. The 5-7 p.m. Open House is your chance to provide feedback on various safety topics and discuss the concerns raised in the workshop. [Learn more here.](#)

If you are not able to attend but would like to provide feedback, please fill out this [traffic safety survey](#).

Event Details:

April 11, 2024

Workshop 10:30 am – 1:30 pm **RSVP required.*

Open House 6-7 pm

Redmond City Hall

**Please RSVP to Vanessa Churchill at 541-508-9690 or via email at vanessa.churchill@odot.oregon.gov as soon as possible as space in the workshop is limited.*


Upper Deschutes Watershed Council Grant Update

Upper Deschutes Watershed Council is planning on putting forward a grant proposal to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) seeking engineering design funding for the nature-like fishway at Mirror Pond. OWEB has a grant category for "Technical Assistance" which will fund work to complete engineering design for the projects.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

CEDD Review Process Improvements Summary

Building off the permitting process improvement work that was completed in 2023, the City held two workshops earlier this year with 16 development community partners to learn from our community and receive feedback on the review process and customer service. The feedback provided through the



workshops falls into five focus areas and includes insights on opportunities and challenges as well as possible solutions. [Read the summary here.](#)

Municipal Court: Other Language Dockets Success

Bend Municipal Court is proud to report that the last two quarters of other language dockets have been an absolute success. Muni Court is seeing completely full dockets of defendants who otherwise would not have access to justice in their own language. Muni Court is routinely serving upwards of 30 non-native speakers in each docket and have accommodated a high-volume of Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Thai and American Sign Language speakers. This means more accountability and more opportunities for re-education and rehabilitation on the roads. Thank you to Council for supporting increased access to justice in Bend Municipal Court.

Transportation & Mobility Department: Sweeping Updates

This spring cleanup is unique compared to previous spring cleaning efforts due to the weather we received late in the season. Nearly twice the amount of sanding rock was used in January and February as compared to last year, and with continued early morning icing, road cleanup has been a challenge. [Read more](#) about the challenges faced this spring by our sweeping team and the efforts employed to get the streets cleared.

March BendBuzz Employee Newsletter

The [March BendBuzz Employee Newsletter](#) is available. This month you can learn more about our award-winning drinking water, get involved with training and professional development opportunities, get updates on the DEIA Advisory Committee, and much more!

Plus, read about the great work the City's Collection Line Maintenance Crew is doing to keep things running smoothly.

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