

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

July 19, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Stewardship Subcommittee Meeting	July 29	11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	August 7	5 p.m. Work Session / BURA Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Community Building Subcommittee Meeting	August 12	12 – 2 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	August 21	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

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PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

Read the most recent LOC Bulletin [here](#). Of note, on July 24, registration opens for LOC's 99th Annual Conference, taking place October 17-19 at the *Riverhouse on the Deschutes* in Bend. Additionally, LOC recently hosted a webinar on *Grants Pass v. Johnson Compliance*, and the recording is now available to view.



Heat Advisory this Weekend

Deschutes County Health Services sent out the following information and resources regarding the high heat expected over the weekend:

The National Weather Service has placed a Heat Advisory in effect for most of Deschutes County, beginning Saturday morning (7/20) through Monday evening (7/22); please see the **attached weather briefing**. For more information about forecasted heat, please refer to **NWS/NOAA Heat Risk Map**. There is not an Air Quality Advisory in effect, but given the many fires across the state, it is possible smoke may arrive in Central Oregon this weekend. Air quality is forecasted to be intermittent moderate levels, and not expected to rise to unhealthy for sensitive groups, unhealthy or hazardous. We know smoke is difficult to predict and may cause air quality to change rapidly.

Given the short duration of heat, cooling overnight temperatures with no excessive smoke forecasted at this time, we will not be activating additional cooling spaces at this time. Please refer to our **webpage** for the most up to date operations. Locations for the weekend will primarily be all library locations across the county on Saturday, as well as Shepherd's House Redmond and Shepherd's House Bend (Day: Blue Dog RV, Night: Lighthouse).

In addition, Deschutes County has enacted public use fire restrictions on all County-owned land and unprotected land in unincorporated areas of the county until mid-October. For more information on the specifics of the restriction and map of restricted areas, please find the press release **here**.

Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) has several resources available to support clients who may be unable to access cooling centers:

- **Health & Safety Booklet**: we have weatherproofed, pocket book sized booklets available this summer for providers to distribute to clients. These booklets provide information about signs and symptoms of heat-related illness, ways to stay cool and safe from smoke, pet safety, fire safety, and more. These booklets are available in English and Spanish. If interested, please complete this **Booklet Request Form**, and we will connect with you.
- Linked are PDFs of the identified **daytime** and **overnight** cooling/cleaner air sites for Summer 2024 in Deschutes County.

For additional resources regarding heat and smoke, please see the resources below.

- **CDC Heat Risk**
- **Prevent Heat-Related Illness | Deschutes County Oregon**
- **HEAT.gov - National Integrated Heat Health Information System**
- **Oregon Smoke Information**
- **Oregon Department of Environmental Quality**
- **Smoke and Your Health | Central Oregon Fire Information**
- **Health Tips for Wildfire Smoke | Deschutes County Oregon**



- [Heat Stroke vs Exhaustion 1-pager \(Spanish version\)](#)
- [Protect Your Health During Smoke Events Poster \(Spanish version\)](#)

If you have questions or concerns at any time, please reach out to Marissa.Cummings@deschutes.org, or at 541-647-9304.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

\$75k Cybersecurity Grant Awarded to City of Bend

The City of Bend has been awarded \$75,000 by the State of Oregon and the Department of Emergency Management for the City's cybersecurity program. As cyber threats increase, it is vital that the City protects its data and infrastructure so that it can continue to provide the best possible services to the public. This grant will be used to leverage professional services for the improvements in the following areas of the cybersecurity program:

- City of Bend Cybersecurity Strategic Plan
- City of Bend Cybersecurity Program Charter
- City of Bend Cybersecurity Policies and Standards
- City of Bend Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan


As the City's cybersecurity program grows and matures, we will continue to look for innovative ways to financially support the program through grants. This is a big win for the program and for the City!

Growth Strategy and Work Plan

City Council received a [presentation from Growth Management](#) at the July 17, 2024, Council Meeting and provided direction to staff regarding the Growth Plan and Urban Reserves. Please feel free to reach out to the City Manager or Brian Rankin at brankin@bendoregon.gov if you would like to meet to discuss further and answer any of your questions.

June Social Media and Media Report

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

- Housing: Bend awarded \$5 million grant for affordable housing.
 - Transportation: Midtown crossings open houses and Wilson Avenue Corridor opens.
 - Tree Code: Media coverage and social media conversation around the approval of the Tree Code.
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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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