



CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

April 10, 2026

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Meeting/Event	Date	Time	Location
City Council Business Meeting	April 15, 2026	6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
City Council Work Session	April 22, 2026	4-6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
<i>April 29 – 5th Wednesday – No meeting</i>			
BURA Executive Session, 5pm City Council Business Meeting	May 6, 2026	6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
City Council Work Session	May 13, 2026	4-5:45 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual

[View the Full Council Schedule Here](#)

Public Agency & Community Partner Updates

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

The latest **LOC Bulletin** is now available. Highlights from this edition include:

2026 Legislative Session Summary Report: The report is now available and features new “City Action” highlights to help cities understand implementation and next steps. Pages 5–6 provide a summary of legislation with direct impacts on cities.

Transportation and Growth Management Program Grants: The 2026 grant pre-application packet is now available. Local entities can use these grants to strengthen transportation and



land use planning through the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Registration Open: Sign up now for the 2026 Oregon Brownfields Conference (May 4–5), register for the Northwest Community Forest Forum (May 27–29), and learn more about the upcoming Oregon Heritage Conference (April 29).

Tickets Available: Building A Better Bend 2026 Lecture Series

Building a Better Bend has announced the first lecture in its 2026 series: ***Is Bend Building a “Happy City”? The Science & Design Secrets of Happy Cities.***

Councilors and community members are encouraged to attend this OSU-Cascades presentation and discussion featuring Mitchell Reardon, Director of Urban Planning at Happy Cities, an internationally recognized urban design and research firm based in Vancouver, Canada. The lecture will explore how urban design can foster connection, reduce loneliness, and support community wellbeing through examples such as public plazas and “urban living rooms.”

Tickets are required (\$10). A recording will be available afterward. See the Building a Better Bend upcoming lectures [webpage](#) for more information.

Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 6:00–7:15 p.m.
OSU-Cascades, Ray Hall Atrium

Department Updates

Bend Police Department Honored for DUII Enforcement Excellence

The Bend Police Department is pleased to announce that it has been awarded the **2025 Enforcement Agency of the Year** by the Oregon DUII Multi-Disciplinary Training Task Force.

In addition, **Bend Police Officer Zachary Childers** was named **2025 DUII Officer of the Year**. Officer Childers has been an Officer with the Bend Police Department since 2017 and has more than a decade of law enforcement experience. He currently serves as a DUII/Aggressive Driving Enforcement Officer for the agency.

The awards were presented at the 2026 Oregon DUII Multi-Disciplinary Conference. **Mothers Against Drunk Driving** also recognized Officer Childers with the honor of DUII Officer of the Year at the event. According to Police Chief Mike Krantz, “In 2025, Bend Police arrested more than 550 people for DUII. Officer Childers made 151 of those arrests. His commitment to



keeping our roads safe by finding and arresting impaired drivers makes a huge difference in our community, and we are proud of his work and his award.”

DUII enforcement remains a primary focus for the Bend Police Department, alongside prevention and education efforts. In 2025, the department’s traffic team partnered with School Resource Officers to educate students about traffic safety through hands-on exercises using goggles and pedal carts that help simulate impaired driving. On New Year’s Eve, Bend Police deployed 10 additional patrol officers in the downtown area to reinforce impaired driving enforcement, and also hosted an education booth that provided free alcohol breath testing to nearly 200 community members.

The focus on DUII enforcement is critical: **four of the five fatal crashes in Bend in 2025 involved impairment.** The Police Department has increased staffing, training, and expertise within its traffic reconstruction team to ensure impaired drivers are held accountable when serious harm occurs.

The Bend Police Department will continue prioritizing efforts to keep drunk and drug-impaired drivers off local roads, and encourages every member of our community not to get behind the wheel while impaired.

Sequential Urban Growth Boundary Process Approved

The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development has sent a **letter** approving the City of Bend’s request to use the “**sequential Urban Growth Boundary process**” to address long-term housing and employment land needs for the 2029–2049 planning period.

Resident Thanks Community Development Staff for Responsive Service

A City of Bend resident recently shared appreciation for the City’s Community Development team for their responsiveness to concerns along 27th Street. The community member contacted the City after noticing trees had been removed and not replaced, and worked with staff to bring the issue forward.

Ian Gray, Urban Forester; **Ben Berry**, City Engineer; **Ryan Oster**, City Engineer and EIPD Director; and **Andrinna Leask**, Community Development Supervisor, were specifically thanked for their collaboration and follow-through. Staff coordinated a plan, identified appropriate replacement trees, and ensured the project was implemented. This feedback highlights the City’s commitment to responsive service and teamwork.



Public Works Grand Opening and Public Art Exhibition

Councilors and the public are invited to an open house on **Thursday, May 14 from 4-7 p.m.** as we celebrate our new Public Works Campus! Explore the new Public Art collection, get a behind-the-scenes look at our Public Works facilities, and help honor the 100-year anniversary of the City's water services. Enjoy family-friendly activities, and connect with City staff and artists. See the **full details**.

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