CITY OF BEND

City Hall
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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information and updates for the Mayor and City Council

November 19, 2026

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Meeting/Event	Date	Time	Location
Thanksgiving Break – no meeting			
City Council Business Meeting	December 2, 2026	6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers
City Council Work Session	December 9, 2026	4 to 6:30 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers
City Council Business Meeting	December 16, 2026	6 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers
No meeting December 23 (Winter Break) and December 30 (5th Wednesday)			

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Public Agency & Community Partner Updates

League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

The latest edition of the LOC Bulletin is available. Highlights include:

- **Elected Essentials Training:** The LOC is offering free, in-person Elected Essentials training for newly elected officials, experienced officials, and city staff.
- **City Day at the Capitol:** The LOC invites elected and appointed city officials to gather at the Salem Convention Center on January 26, 2027.
- **Education Campaign on Oregon's Property Tax System:** Member cities are encouraged to share a toolkit of materials beginning the week of January 4, 2027.
- **Updated Election Report:** The LOC has updated its report on the November election, summarizing 95 ballot measures with potential impacts on local governments.

Preliminary 2026 Population Estimates Released

Portland State University has released its preliminary July 2026 population estimates for the state, counties, and cities.

Bend's preliminary population estimate is now 108,449, representing an increase of 1,370 residents over the previous year, or 1.28% growth. See the summary table below comparing the year-over-year changes in population for Deschutes County, its cities, and the unincorporated area.

Bend's population growth accounted for 69% of the County's year-over-year population growth. The estimates also indicate that half of Deschutes County residents now live within the City of Bend.

PSU will post its certified (final) estimates by December 15, 2026. These certified estimates are used by the State to distribute shared revenues.

	2025	2026	Change	% Change
Deschutes County	213,886	215,853	1,967	0.92%
Bend	107,079	108,449	1,370	1.28%
Redmond	38,199	38,883	684	1.79%
Sisters	3,834	3,879	45	1.17%
LaPine	3,223	3,385	162	5.03%
Uninc.	61,551	61,257	-294	-0.48%

See PSU's data (**Excel** or **PDF**). For more information, contact Damian Syrnyk, Senior Planner, at **dsyrnyk@bendoregon.gov**.

Department Updates

Neighborhood Commercial Update

To support the City Council's goal of creating complete neighborhoods, the City is exploring updates to Neighborhood Commercial Site regulations to encourage more small-scale, neighborhood-serving businesses within residential areas.

Councilors, please read this **memorandum** for the latest update regarding the Neighborhood Commercial Code package. For questions, contact Sarah Hutson, Senior Management Analyst, at **shutson@bendoregon.gov**.

Correction: Housing Data Analysis/Outlook Update

In the **November 12, 2026** edition of the City Manager's Report to Council, the "Housing Data Analysis/Outlook Update" memorandum incorrectly identified the source of personal consumption expenditures data as the Federal Reserve. The correct source is the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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