



CITY OF BEND

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

April 18, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Community Building Subcommittee	April 23	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Joint Meeting with the Warm Springs Tribal Council	April 23	12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Joint Meeting with the Board of County Commissioners	April 28	2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	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,

- Next week marks the beginning an accelerated effort from cities to prepare communications and advocacy support for the critical link that TRIP 2025 has to local governments. The LOC is requesting that cities prepare simple information that will include a top-line message about TRIP 2025, illustrating what the City has done with its share of the SHF in the local community.
- The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) reporting portal has opened for filing of the required annual or quarterly report. The deadline to file for all **State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF)** grantees is April 30, 2025.



Central Oregon city named to HGTV's list for most charming downtowns in US

Bend was recently included on an HGTV list for the **40 Most Charming Small-Town Downtowns in America**.

"Known far and wide for its craft brews, Bend, Oregon, with its Bend Ale Trail, invites you to sample the best of the best from over two dozen breweries. That's not to mention the distilleries, wineries, cideries and kombucha brewers that make up the craft beverage scene in this charming small-town downtown. Beyond a booming beer scene, Bend is a picture-perfect, walkable town with tree-lined streets and cobblestone walkways. The Deschutes River runs through Bend, making tubing, kayaking and SUPing perfect summertime diversions. Bend is also home to the last Blockbuster video rental store in the United States. Ah, the nostalgia."

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Thank you to the Building Permit Team

Several members of the Building Permit team were recognized by a community member via email on April 10:

I just wanted to express my deep gratitude to all those who helped us in the Permitting Process. This has been an arduous task and we could not have been accomplished if Bend did not have a great team of hard working professionals. No wonder why so many people want to move to your beautiful city. So without further ado, thank you:

Fielder Fitzsimmons, Melanie Paule, Rio Johnson, Michelle Patrick, Sam, Stephanie, Rachel, Sarah, Lori, Christy, I hope I did not miss anyone who I bugged many times. Not to forget the inspectors, Ramon, Wade, Jason, Brian and many more. Forgive me if at any time I was overbearing and ignorant of the COB processes. Again, it got done today and my daughter has a home.

March Social Media and Media Report

For the month of March, the top community topics and themes observed in media and social media by the Communications & Engagement Department included:

- Transportation: coverage of various construction projects happening around town along with discussions around transportation planning.



- Wildfire Resilience: Media stories and questions from the community about a recent letter that was sent out by the City of Bend reminding community members about the flammable vegetation code and wildfire resiliency.

For more information, including media coverage of the City and social media engagement, see the [March Social Media and Media Monitoring Report](#).

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