



CITY OF BEND

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

May 9, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Budget Committee Meeting	May 13	4 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Pilot Butte Conference Room / Virtual
	May 14	4 p.m. – 9 p.m.	
Council Meeting	May 21	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Stewardship Subcommittee	May 29	4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	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,

Using the base framework document of the Transportation ReInvestment Package (TRIP), the LOC has calculated estimates for each city's distribution increase at the time of full implementation in 2032. Cities' proportional distribution is based on population and are expected to gain \$170 million annually by 2032-33, which is roughly a 71% increase over 8 years.

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Registration is now open for the 2025 OCCMA Summer Conference to be held July 8-11 at the Riverhouse Lodge in Bend. The conference theme is Team Oregon, leading with community, and the planning committee has developed a program to build city and county managers' leadership skills.

Houseless Student Population in Deschutes County

McKinney Vento has released **updated information** on students in Deschutes County (ages 0-18) who were identified as houseless at the start of the school year:

- 795 individuals in 2025
- 695 in 2024
- 676 in 2023
- 562 in 2022

When the houselessindeschutes.org site was being developed in 2022, we reached out to McKinney Vento to inquire about youth homelessness. They have provided annual information since then which has been collected around the Point-in-Time count report release timeframe.

Note: the **McKinney-Vento** definition of "homeless" differs from the **HUD** definition, and includes youth who are "doubled-up" or couch surfing, who stay in motels, or trailer parks/camp grounds. It's also important to note that this data is limited to youth ages 0-18, but HUD considers "youth" to be individuals up to the age of 24.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Community Appreciation

The following email was received this week in appreciation of William Stewart, Utility Compliance Technician:

Will was very helpful and super knowledgeable during his visit to our house in Bend. He arrived five minutes early, introduced himself and asked about what we wanted to accomplish as a result of his visit. He was knowledgeable about our Hunter Node controller (I cannot imagine how many different water controllers he deals with in his job.) He spent over an hour checking out the various stations and emitters that our irrigation system employs. He discovered a broken emitter that I missed and another emitter that was actually a mid-line emitter that I mistakenly placed at the end of a line. I have over 120 emitters in my system. He patiently explained that I had misprogrammed my controller...an error that resulted in much more water being delivered



than what was intended or even needed. I told several of my neighbors how valuable Will's expertise was to my landscaping activities. Great job, City of Bend!

Thanks to Will for his outstanding service to the community!

The Sparkies Celebrate Employee-Led Continuous Improvement

On April 30, the City held the inaugural Spark! Continuous Improvement Awards ceremony. A standing-room-only crowd in Council Chambers and employees joining online cheered for their colleagues who have completed improvement projects that are making operational changes for the better.

Winners of the 6 award categories were:

- The Golden Sparky (team culture): Water Services Team at the Franklin Annex for Team-wide improvement initiative
- The Service Superstar Award (improving customer service): Water Conservation Team for Community Outreach Initiatives
- The Breaking Down Silos Award (interdepartmental collaboration): Chris Ogren for Grants Management Workflow
- The Firefly Award (a small project with a big impact): Carissa Grimes for Friendly Departments in Munis
- The Persistence Award (tenacity and determination): Brian Beekman for Integrating Technology into Police Operations
- The Sharky Award (“biting through red tape”): Development Services, Planning and Building for Residential Systems Development Charges Process Redesign

You can learn more about all of the nominees [here](#).

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