



CITY OF BEND

# City Manager's Report

**Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council**

**June 6, 2025**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Neighborhood Roundtable: Wildfire Preparedness	June 12	5:30 – 8 p.m.	Bend Municipal Court
Council Meeting	June 18	4 p.m. BURA 5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Community Building Subcommittee	June 23	12 – 2 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

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## PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

### League of Oregon Cities Bulletin

Read the most recent LOC Bulletin [here](#). Of note,

- The application period is now open for the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development's 2025-2027 Housing Planning Assistance program. This funding opportunity supports cities, counties, and federally recognized Tribal governments in Oregon with planning efforts that increase housing production, affordability, and choice. The application window runs through August 4.



- LOC's SDC survey is due June 27. The data collected allows cities to compare rates of system development charges and provides information about the decisions other cities make when adopting these fees. By completing the survey, it will help the LOC advocate to keep SDC discussions and decisions at the local level.
- Portland State University's Population Research Center will begin collecting housing unit and population information for Oregon's annual population estimates next month. The PRC will be contacting city representatives the week of July 7.

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## **City Council Meeting Schedule Change: June 18**

Please note the City Council Meeting on June 18 will begin at 4 p.m.

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## **Neighborhood Roundtable on Wildfire Preparedness: June 12**

On **Thursday, June 12 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.** the City of Bend will host a workshop for community members at Bend Municipal Court. A roundtable discussion with neighborhood district board members about wildfire preparedness in Bend will follow. More information can be found [here](#).

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## **Bend 2025 Point-in-Time Count**

The **Central Oregon Homeless Leadership Coalition** has released updated information specific to **Bend's 2025 PIT Count**. Of note:

- The count captured 1101 individuals who were experiencing homelessness in Bend, up from 974 in 2024.
- The increase of 27 individuals reflects improved engagement and service provider relationships rather than necessarily new arrivals or entry into homelessness. Enhanced outreach and shelter capacity from the Governor's Executive Order contributed to more accurate counting.
- Local Impact: Old Mill Apartments (75 units) opened in January 2025 and Cleveland Commons (33 units) permanent supportive housing (PSH) opened in February 2025, providing the first subsidized supportive housing and brick-and-mortar PSH in Central Oregon, respectively. These residents will not appear in future counts.

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## S&P Global Ratings Report

S&P released their **ratings report** related to the 2020 Sewer Revenue Bonds and has affirmed the City's "AA" rating.

Although S&P didn't upgrade the sewer bonds "AA" rating – citing broad concerns about the U.S. economy – they have assigned a positive outlook to the credit, signaling the potential for an upgrade in the next year or two.

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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### **City of Bend Receives Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association**

For the 32<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year, the City of Bend has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA, the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. This year, the City was recognized for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

This award represents hundreds of hours worked by the City's Finance Team. The continued success of receiving this acknowledgement of our high-quality work is very much appreciated.

The press release can be found [here](#) and the certificate can be found [here](#).

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### **New Project Updates: Engineering**

#### New Starts:

- The Bear Creek/Purcell Roundabout project started June 2. Closure of the Bear Creek/Purcell Intersection is in place.
- Staats Street Waterline project starts next June 9.
- This year's Septic to Sewer project will start June 16. This is a multi-section project. The first section is on West View Drive in King's Forest.
- Talus and 18<sup>th</sup> Street work in Juniper Ridge will start in late June.

#### Continued work:

- Olney Bike and Pedestrian Improvements
- Awbrey Waterline (clean-up/finish-up work)
- Midtown 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (final bid item work actively being completed)



- SEAP Pump Station
- WRF Clarifiers

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## Air Traffic Control Tower Construction Progress Update

Click [here](#) to see photos and descriptions of construction progress at the new Bend Airport Air Traffic Control Tower!

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## May Social Media and Media Report

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

- Road Construction: Opening of Portland Avenue and the Wall Street and Olney Avenue intersection. Updates on upcoming road construction projects.
- Juniper Ridge: Opening of the TSSA in Juniper Ridge.
- Housing: Stories and conversations about changes to the Bend Housing Code and ADU regulations.

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

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