



CITY OF BEND

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

July 25, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Stewardship Subcommittee Meeting	July 31	1-3 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	August 6	6 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Community Building Subcommittee	August 11	11:30-1:30 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,

Registration is now open for the 100th Annual LOC Conference at the Portland Marriott Waterfront Downtown October 2-4. [Register here](#).

Nominations are open for the 2025 LOC Exceptional Service Awards! LOC members can nominate outstanding individuals who have truly made a difference in their cities. Winners will be recognized at the Annual LOC Conference.



New Council Meeting Schedule

- The new Council Meeting schedule begins with the September 3 business meeting
- Council Business Meetings
 - 1st and 3rd Wednesday, begins at 6 pm
 - Executive session begins at 5 pm (if needed)
- Council Work Sessions
 - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 4-6pm

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Bend's Water Quality Lab Achieves Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program Accreditation

We want to congratulate the Water Service Department's Water Quality Lab for its achievement in earning an Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ORELAP) accreditation for the analysis of metals in drinking water and wastewater.

This is the first expansion of our accreditation in 28 years and is a huge leap forward for the water lab's capabilities. If the City's Water Lab was not accredited, we would have to send our samples elsewhere for analysis, potentially creating delays and other challenges to our water service.

Bend is one of only 10 municipal labs of the 48 total accredited labs in Oregon. Labs can earn accreditation for individual analytical methods. We just earned our first accreditation for two chemistry methods. Bend's lab managers hope to expand accreditation over time to better support the rest of the City in its management of water and wastewater.

Labs have to be accredited to test drinking water samples for compliance monitoring. On the wastewater side, accreditation ensures our data is high quality and legally defensible. It means we have shorter waits for data, more flexibility to meet our operational demands and reduced risk for management and enforcement decisions.

Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ORELAP) is recognized by The NELAC Institute's National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program. ORELAP accredits qualified laboratories for testing under the Clean Air Act (CAA), Clean Water Act (CWA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and other state and Federal regulations.



It took a lot of hard work to achieve this milestone, and special thanks goes to Stefan D'Angona, Analytical Chemist in charge of the metals lab, for being instrumental in preparing for this.

Bicycle Friendly Community Survey

Our transportation engineers are reaching out to biking community groups in Bend with the following message and we wanted to share it with you as well!

Ride a bicycle in Bend? We are looking for your input.

Whether you ride once in a while or every day, we want to hear about your experience with Bend's bike facilities. The City of Bend holds a silver ranking as a "**Bicycle Friendly Community**" from the **League of American Bicyclists**. We recently applied for renewal and are hoping that, based on recent community investments to improve bike infrastructure, we could not only renew this status, but raise it to a higher-level ranking.

As part of the application, the League of American Bicyclists does a national census of experiences and perceptions of riding a bike in different sized communities across the U.S. They also provide us with the results so we can use the feedback to help shape our education and projects. Please help us learn more about your local experiences and perceptions about riding a bike in Bend by taking this **quick survey**.

Please share this survey with other people you know who ride bikes in Bend and thanks for your time!

July Bend Buzz

This month we hear from Stephanie Betteridge about the launch of the One City initiative. In our Innovation Update, discover how a new traffic counting camera is improving our streets and catch up on a Spark! collaboration with the Water Meter Crew.

In "Listen, Learn, Do Better," you will find updates on Windows 11, NEOGOV Learn, DEIA trainings, the Climate Action Partner Grant Program and updates to the Records Retention schedule. Over in the "People of Bend," we celebrate a huge milestone for the Water Services Department in achieving (the above mentioned) accreditation at the Water Quality Lab and welcome the City's new Urban Forester.

Read all about it in the **July Bend Buzz**.

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