

City Manager’s Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

August 22, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Business Meeting	September 3	6 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Work Session	September 10	4-6 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
Business Meeting	September 17	Budget Committee check-in – 6 p.m. Business Meeting	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,

- On Monday, August 25, **Joint Committee on Transportation Funding** will be taking testimony from 3-6 p.m. on the proposed transportation bill that will be the focus of the August 29 special legislative session. The current draft of the legislative concept is referred to as LC 2 and is available [here](#). In addition, a narrative of this transportation bill is available [here](#). With the addition of diesel tax modernization and weight-mile simplification, the Oregon Trucking Association is now supporting the transportation bill. Several transit agencies along with Oregon Transit Association are on board as well. The LOC, along with the Association of Oregon



Counties (AOC), has combined our support with Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

- The LOC is hosting a legislative update webinar on Friday, September 5 (12 p.m.) with a full recap on the outcomes and impacts of the 2025 Legislative Session and the subsequent Special Session.
- The next **W.E. Talk** hosted by the LOC Women's Caucus will be September 4 from 5:30-7 p.m. This conversation series is focused on leadership, empowerment, and meaningful action. The featured speaker is Oregon Regional Solutions Coordinator and former Dayton Mayor Beth Wytoski, presenting “Relationships that Lead to Resources and Effective Advocacy.”

Temporary Safe Stay Area Update

Compass Security has provided a status update for the TSSA. As of August 21, there are 144 combined **Juniper Ridge camps**, with 222 combined Juniper Ridge total occupants (an 10 additional occupants are expected to join due to the McGrath Road closure).


City of Bend Water Use Reduction

Bend water customers responded to our call for a voluntary water reduction. In July, for the first time, we reached this important goal that helps us save water and money.

We have a goal to reduce water use community-wide by 7.9 billion gallons by 2040. Per person, that’s 17 gallons per day. City-wide, that’s approximately 41 million gallons a month. **This July, our customers used 49 million gallons less than in July 2024, exceeding our goal by 8 million gallons!** This milestone is particularly noteworthy because it happened in July – typically our highest water use month.

The City also made strides over the last couple of months toward our own 12% water reduction goal for City-owned landscapes. We’re proud to have exceeded that goal this summer.

But with warmer temps on the way and a little summer left to enjoy, don’t forget these great tips to help keep us on all track with water conservation:

- Running your sprinkler for 2 minutes less each day saves 20 gallons per day.
 - Spending 2 minutes less in the shower can save 5 gallons per day.
 - By using a shutoff nozzle on your hose, you can save 10-20 gallons per day.
 - And swapping out old appliances like toilets, shower heads and faucets for high-efficiency models can save 27 gallons a day.
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Everyone has a part to play in our water future, let's all be water smart!

Art in Public Places Gifts the City New Sculpture

We have a new sculpture in our public art collection. The piece is titled *Aspire* and was installed last week at the 15th Street and Knott Road roundabout near Caldera High School. It features three bronze wolves, making a nice connection to the school's Wolfpack mascot and serving as a distinctive landmark for students and the community. *Aspire* was selected by Art in Public Places, a local nonprofit dedicated to enhancing Bend's public spaces through art, generously funded by the Bend Foundation and gifted to the City of Bend, becoming part of the city's growing public art collection.



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