



CITY OF BEND

City Manager's Report

Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

November 24, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<i>Note: No Meeting on Wednesday, November 26</i>			
Executive Session	December 3	5 p.m. (Executive Session)	Council Chambers / Virtual
City Council Business Meeting		6 p.m. (Business Meeting)	
City Council Work Session	December 10	4-6 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
City Council Business Meeting	December 17	6 p.m.	Council Chambers / Virtual
<i>Note: No Meeting on Wednesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 31</i>			
Audit Committee Meeting	January 7 (2026)	3:45 p.m. (Audit Committee)	Awbrey Butte Conf. Room
City Council Business Meeting		6 p.m. (Business Meeting)	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, the League of Oregon Cities has named a new Legislative Director. The Oregon Q4 Economic and Revenue Forecast highlights revenue projections alongside economic trends. The Oregon Water Resources Department and DEQ have launched a statewide program under HB 2169 to promote and expand water reuse. Lastly, LOC is sponsoring a Business & Environment Conference-Expo in Portland on Dec. 9–10 and encourages participation.



A Colorado Civic Assembly in the News

In a notable first for the United States, Fort Collins, Colorado voters approved recommendations developed by a Civic Assembly during their November general election. The assembly, composed of twenty residents selected by civic lottery, spent two weekends deliberating on the future of a 164-acre property that had been the subject of years of debate. Their multi-use plan appeared on the ballot and received 67% support, defeating a competing initiative. This outcome highlights growing interest in innovative public decision-making processes that aim to reduce polarization and build consensus. See details at the [City of Fort Collins](#) website, or discussion in [The Colorado Sun](#). Similarly, Deschutes County formed a [Deschutes Civic Assembly on Youth Homelessness](#) last fall.

Fall 2025 Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council Housing Update

The Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) has released its [Fall 2025 Housing Update](#), highlighting progress on the region's homelessness response. Strong cross-jurisdictional partnerships have driven notable achievements, including expanded shelter capacity and surpassing all targets set by the Governor's Emergency Orders. Despite these successes, significant funding uncertainties remain.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Portland State University Publishes 2025 Preliminary Population Estimates

Portland State University's Population Research Center has [released preliminary population estimates](#) for Oregon cities and counties.

- **Bend:**

- The preliminary population estimate as of July 1, 2025, is **107,079**.
- This reflects an increase of **1,527 people** from 2024 to 2025, a growth rate of **1.45%**.
- The 2025 estimate indicates slower growth than previously forecasted by both the City of Bend and PSU:
 - The City's 2025 forecast was **109,389**.
 - PSU's 2025 forecast (released in 2022) was **111,062**.

- **Deschutes County:**

- The preliminary population estimate as of July 1, 2025, is **213,886**.
- This represents year-over-year growth of **2,784 people**, or **1.32%**.



- Bend's growth of **1,527 people** accounts for **55%** of the county's total growth between 2024 and 2025.

Portland State University has also begun the next round of population forecasting and is reaching out to Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties, as well as all Oregon cities. The upcoming forecast period will cover 2026 to 2076. For more information, see the **Population Estimates Program** at PSU. Damian Syrnyk, Senior Planner at the City of Bend's Growth Management Division, is also available to answer questions at dsyrnyk@bendoregon.gov or (541) 312-4919.

November Bend Buzz

The **November BendBuzz** dives deep into the many ways the City of Bend staff are giving back and growing together! Featured highlights from this edition include:

- **Food Drive Kickoff**

Amanda Toms, Organizational Development & Employee Experience Manager, is launching our annual Food Drive in partnership with NeighborImpact. Donations will be collected at City Hall, the Public Works Campus, and all Bend Fire Stations. Our goal is to collect 2,000 lbs. of food!

- **Inspiring Future Talent**

Senior Program Manager Rachel Ruppel recently spoke to the OSU Cascades Computer Science Club, helping to encourage the next generation of tech professionals!

- **One City Initiative**

The One City Initiative is well underway, connecting us through a shared purpose. At its core, we are updating our Mission, Vision, and Values, defining who we are, thinking thoughtfully about where we are headed, as well as the principles that guide and unite us.

- **Training Updates**

Public Works staff recently completed confined space training, and all employees are marking their calendars for February's mandatory Anti-Harassment training.

- **Around Town**

Check out highlights including November's All-Employee Town Hall, Bend Fire & Rescue's Santa Express, the Transportation and Mobility Department's Street Preservation wrap-up, and an Oregon Department of Transportation Hawthorne Crossing project open house.

- **Council Recap**

In the most recent **Council Recap**, we hear from Councilor Steve Platt about recent Council discussions, including an update on an electrification policy, incentives for affordable housing and more!

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