



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

NA Leaders,

Thank you for your patience as I've eased back into work from vacation. If there's anything I've missed in getting caught up, please don't hesitate to reach out and remind me.

I had a wonderful vacation to Spain to celebrate my parents' 40th anniversary. One of the highlights was visiting the 9th century Santa Barbara Castle in Alicante (photo at right).



In this month's newsletter, I've got information for you about the City's community survey, emergency snow zones, A/V equipment the NAs can borrow, a Portland State University population estimate and more. Enjoy!

Thanks for all you do,
Joshua

Online Community Survey Now Available

The City's community survey is now available online until Dec. 22 at bendcommunitysurvey.com.

The online survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and provides the opportunity to give feedback on the City and City services. Survey results will be presented to the Bend City Council in January to help them set priorities, as part of the biennial goal setting process.



Responses are completely confidential and no name or identifying information will be associated with responses. The online survey is being hosted by an independent, third-party research firm, DHM Research. DHM will also collect and analyze the results.

Help spread the word about this survey by sharing it with your NA members!

Emergency Snow Zones

During declared "snow emergencies," the City will ask that targeted streets in [Emergency Snow Zones](#) be cleared of parked cars. This will help crews plow from curb to curb and prevent unmanageable berms.

After the City Manager declares a snow emergency, there will be a 12-hour period of time when parking will not be allowed in the Emergency Snow Zones. Once a street has been completely plowed from curb to curb, drivers are welcome to return to the street to park.



For maps of Emergency Snow Zones and information on parking restrictions, visit bendoregon.gov/winter. Sign up for Snow Emergency Notifications at bendoregon.gov/enews.

Projector and Screen Available to Borrow

The City recently purchased a projector and portable screen for the NAs to borrow for public meetings. These two pieces of A/V equipment are available for the NAs to check out from the City.

At least one week of advance notice is required to check out the equipment. I will confirm the equipment is available before asking a rep from the NA to pick it up at City Hall. Equipment will be available on a first come, first served basis. All equipment must be signed out when picking it up and signed in when returning it.



To reserve the projector and/or portable screen, email me at jromero@bendoregon.gov.

REMINDER: Community Survey from Climate Action Steering Committee

To help the [Climate Action Steering Committee](#) better understand broader community values and needs, it will launch an online survey in January. The survey will describe all the ideas generated by the committee's working groups and give community members a chance to let the committee know which ideas they like, which ones they don't, and how the different ideas will impact them.



Sustainability Coordinator Cassie Lacy would like to attend one of your NA board meetings to talk about the committee's work, the survey and how NAs can help spread the word.

If you're interested in having her present to your NA board, please contact her directly at clacy@bendoregon.gov or 541-323-8587.

Rollover Grant Update

The City received seven applications for NA Rollover Grants this year, making it a record number of submissions.

Submissions will be reviewed this month. Any clarifying questions about the applications will be asked during the review process. Decisions will be made by the end of the month. Grant recipients will be announced in early Jan. 2019.



Thank you to all of the NAs who submitted grants this year!

Preliminary Population Estimate

In November, Portland State University (PSU) released a preliminary population estimate for Bend of 89,505 residents.

The preliminary population estimates are subject to revision during a month-long review period. The final July 1 population estimates will be certified by Dec. 15.



For more information, visit: pdx.edu/prc/annual-population-estimates

Neighborhood Leadership Alliance Update

The Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) has been hard at work preparing a resource request to submit to the Communications Department. The resource request will help inform the department's budget request during the City's biennial budget-setting process. Approval is ultimately up to the City Council and the Budget Committee.



The resource request includes support for the NLA and funding to support NA communications and outreach.

The NLA is creating policies and procedures to help guide its work as an advisory committee to City Council. Those policies and procedures will help the NLA run efficiently and effectively as the collective voice for the NAs. The policies and procedures are expected to be adopted at the Feb. 2019 NLA meeting.

Beginning in 2019, the NLA will start narrowing the focus of its top issues – land use and neighborhood traffic safety. That process will start off with educational presentations to the NLA that will help committee representatives decide how they want to address the issues.

Finally, the NLA will begin its strategic planning process in the new year. The strategic plan will be completed by June 30, 2019, to parallel the City Council goal-setting process and align with the start of the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

For more information on the NLA, including a meeting schedule, visit bendoregon.gov/nla.

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