

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

NA Leaders,

I can't believe we've made it through the first quarter of 2019 already. Time flies!

In this month's newsletter, I have information for you on the adopted City Council Goals, a closure on Greenwood Avenue, the WaterSmart program, reporting potholes online, installing neighborhood association signs, your updated budgets, plus a few other items.

Grab your beverage of choice and settle in for a little springtime read.

Thanks for all you do,
Joshua

Neighborhood Signs

I wanted to follow up with everyone on NA street signs, since many of you are interested in replacing existing signs.

NA street signs were established to help identify the neighborhoods. It has been about 14 years since the NA street sign program was implemented and some of the signs are faded or damaged. The Streets & Operations Department recently did an assessment of the 61 signs throughout the City. See the attached spreadsheet for the list of locations and the condition of each sign.



Since it is not in the Streets and Operations or Communications Departments' budgets to replace the signs, it continues to be the responsibility of the NAs to fund replacement signs. City crews will install the signs at no cost.

Carlson Sign is the vendor that can produce the signs for the NAs. You may contact them directly for pricing at: chris@carlsonsign.com.

Keep in mind that neighborhood signs can only be installed on existing posts or at locations where there was a sign but the post may be missing. Faded or damaged signs not replaced before October 1 of this year will be removed by the City. Signs that are removed can be re-installed in the future, as the NA has funding for replacement signs

If you will be replacing signs, please let me know the location of each sign by May 15, 2019. That will be my notification to send you the sign design to send to Carlson Sign. It will also help the Streets and Operations Department know what sign installations need to be worked into their summer schedule.

Thank you to the NAs that have already updated their signs and those who are able to get theirs updated this year!

Public Safety at Upcoming Meetings

The [Fire Department](#) and [Police Department](#) are always looking for opportunities to get out into the community to meet people and share information.

They can provide neighborhood crime data, fire prevention information and other resources for your neighborhood.

If you're interested in having representatives from either department at an upcoming NA meeting, let me know and I'll be happy to get you connected with the right staff.



WaterSmart Program

The City of Bend is partnering with WaterSmart Software to provide water customers free access to their water use information online!

Once registered, customers will be able to track daily water use, see how they compare to similar water users and get notification of potential water leaks.

This is an incredible resource for Bend water customers as they prepare for warmer weather and landscape irrigation season where water use, and monthly utility bills, are the highest.

Staff are available to visit with neighborhood associations and present at meetings.

Neighborhood associations that want to learn more about WaterSmart and how it could help Bend water customers reduce water use and save money should contact the City's Water Conservation Program at 541-388-5569.



NA Resources Online

With NA boards having changes to their leadership throughout the year, it can be challenging to make sure all the new leaders have the information they need to be successful working with the City.

That's where the [neighborhood associations webpage](#) comes in handy! It has a [Board Member Toolkit](#), important forms and documents (including [Reimbursement Request Forms](#)) and much more.

If you are new to your NA board or have a new board member, visit www.bendoregon.gov/neighborhoodassociations to learn more about working with the City.



Report Potholes

Potholes are a natural result of freeze-thaw cycles on asphalt and concrete. Following our recent record-breaking snow storms, the Streets and Operations Department is expecting to see new potholes around town.

Help us find and fix the potholes by reporting them via the online [Citizen Service Request form](#) or by calling (541) 317-3000 ext. 3.

Our policy is to patch the hole within 48 hours of it being reported. Thanks for your help!



Budget Updates

Here are your updated balances as of March 31, 2019:

Neighborhood Association	# Tax Lots	FY 18-19 Funding	Balance as of 1/8/19
Awbrey Butte	3,076	\$3,446.00	\$2,655.23
Boyd Acres	4,236	\$4,745.00	\$4,260.06
Century West	2,237	\$2,506.00	\$1,488.46
Larkspur	3,817	\$4,276.00	\$2,041.60
Mountain View	5,137	\$5,754.00	\$5,461.76
Old Bend	891	\$998.00	\$723.27
Old Farm District	4,134	\$4,631.00	\$963.25
Orchard District	2,876	\$3,221.00	\$1,819.15
River West	4,218	\$4,725.00	\$2,258.06
Southeast Bend	1,559	\$1,746.00	\$1,602.67
Southern Crossing	1,830	\$2,050.00	\$708.14
Southwest Bend	3,351	\$3,754.00	\$2,026.72
Summit West	2,810	\$3,148.00	\$2,491.62

City Council Adopts Goals

[Goals for the 2019-2021 biennium](#) were adopted by City Council at the March 20 City Council meeting.

The 2019-2021 goals stay focused on core services provided by the City while addressing emerging issues such as mental health needs and wildfire resiliency. Addressing the community's feedback from a recent statistically valid survey, the goals place a heavy value on transportation and affordable housing.

The Council Goals 2019-21 fall into four general categories:

- Economic Vitality: Housing, Jobs, Managing Growth
- Transportation & Infrastructure
- Public Health & Safety
- Effective & Efficient City Operations

To see how the City is making progress toward completing the current 2017-2019 goals, visit the [Council Goals Performance Dashboard online](#).



Mirror Pond Parking Lot Under Construction

Construction on the south Mirror Pond parking lot has begun. The redesign of the parking lot will improve deteriorating parking lot conditions and increase safety in the area. Construction of the lot is scheduled to be completed June 5, 2019.

Learn more on the [South Mirror Pond Parking Lot Redesign page](#).



Greenwood Closed to Westbound Traffic

Remember: Greenwood Avenue is closed to westbound traffic, from Third Street to the Bend Parkway, from 9 p.m. Sunday to 6 p.m. Thursday for the next six weeks, so the road is open on weekends.

The closure is for the safety of the traveling public as BNSF Railway replaces decking on the railway bridge over Greenwood Avenue. The marked detour route is north on Third Street to Revere Avenue.

Please observe posted closure and detour signs. Use caution when traveling in the area. Plan your route ahead if you're planning to go downtown.



Community Survey Results Available Online

A handful of NA leaders have been asking me where they can get the results of the 2018 Community Survey. They are available on the [City Manager's Office webpage](#).

That page has the results of the statistically valid phone survey and the online survey that were conducted at the end of 2018. You can also find the results from previous years' surveys.

Results from the 2018 Community Survey were included in City Council's goal setting process. Goals for the 2019-21 biennium related to transportation and affordable housing reflect feedback from the survey.



Bike Greenways Coming to Neighborhoods Near You

The Council took two actions on March 20 to move forward with neighborhood greenways on NE 6th and NW 15th Streets.

"Neighborhood greenways" are local streets that serve as more comfortable and safe routes for walking and biking than nearby busier streets. Greenways have signs, pavement markings and traffic calming (such as speed humps) to slow and discourage cut-through traffic.

For more information, visit www.bendoregon.gov/neighborhoodgreenways.



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[Bend City Council Goals](#)





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