

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS



Hello NA Leaders!

I hope you are all enjoying some down time with friends and family this week. Below is the last newsletter of the year! I'm so excited to see what 2020 brings for the Bend's Neighborhood Associations.

Here at the City we have some big projects in the works! I'm working hard to ensure that each of you have the support that you need to be successful neighborhood leaders. Stay tuned for access to new resources in the coming year such as quarterly neighborhood leader orientations and trainings, more targeted mailing lists for your neighborhoods and improved communication tools for sharing timely and important information with your neighbors.

Please know that my door is always open if you are wanting to explore new ways to reach your communities.

See you in the New Year!

Makayla Oliver
Community Relations Manager



REMINDER: State Plastic Bag Ban Begins January 1

Beginning January 1, 2020, Oregon retail stores and restaurants can no longer provide single-use checkout bags.

Last July, City Council voted to repeal a City ordinance intended to encourage the use of reusable bags and limit the use of carryout plastic bags. Councilors repealed the City ordinance to comply with State law and help minimize confusion between the City's ordinance and State law.

The City of Bend has opted to not adopt any local enforcement provisions and will instead rely on State law for enforcement. Informational materials and enforcement will now be the State's responsibility. For more information, visit the [State of Oregon's page on the Single-Use Bag Ban](#).

The City of Bend encourages you to "Bring your bag, Bend!" We have a limited supply of reusable bags that you can pick up for **FREE** at the Information Desk located on the first floor of City Hall, 710 NW Wall Street, Bend. *Available while supplies last.*



Pilot Butte Fire Station Grand Opening!

The Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2 and the City of Bend are proud to announce the Grand Opening of our newest fire station by Pilot Butte. The ceremony will take place on **Thursday, January 9, 4 p.m.** The station is located just south of the Bend Police Headquarters at 425 NE 15th St., Bend.

Under a unique arrangement, the Rural fire District builds and owns all the fire stations in the Bend area, and the City of Bend leases, equips, staffs and maintains the buildings. This contract makes the ownership and cost sharing more efficient and saves taxpayers money.

There will be the Bend Fire Pipes and Drums Band, tours of the station, a short ceremony and a chance to visit with neighbors over hot chocolate and cookies.



INPUT NEEDED! Residential Parking Districts

City Council has set a goal to develop a community-wide parking program which includes the development of residential and business parking districts.

The City's Parking Services Division is developing the framework for both a Residential Parking District and a Residential Parking Zone Program. These programs intend to mitigate adverse and chronic levels of commuter or non-resident parking along neighborhood streets and around commercial business corridors that are within abutting residential areas.

The Parking Services Division would like to invite Neighborhood Association members to attend a two-part community meeting on proposed Residential Parking Districts. During this meeting, attendees will have an opportunity to provide feedback about neighborhood parking conditions. These meetings will be held **January 23 and February 27**. Both will be located at the City's Public Works Campus, Training Room, 575 NE 15th St, Bend **from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

During the January meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the program proposal and provide feedback. There will be an additional opportunity for interested parties to join a Residential Parking District Committee and participate hands-on in revising and shaping the program. In February, attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about how the proposal was revised based on comments received and how to provide additional feedback on the program.

The City is very interested in neighborhood input on this proposal, and we encourage your participation! Please let us know if you plan on attending by filling out this [RSVP form](#).



FREE WORKSHOP: Wildfire Home Protection Strategies

NA Leaders are invited to a FREE one-day workshop in January to learn how to reduce wildfire risks to your neighborhoods.

There are simple and often inexpensive ways to make homes safer from wildfire. With a good understanding of wildfire hazards and mitigation strategies, community members can effectively lower the wildfire risk and losses to their homes, neighborhoods and natural resources.

Two workshop times will be offered:

- **Thursday, January 9, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
- **Friday, January 10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Both workshops will take place at Central Oregon Community College, 2600 NW College Way, Bend in Room Ponderosa 103. To register, contact Alison Green, at cocohesivestrategy@gmail.com or fill out a registration form [here](#).



OPEN HOUSE: The Future of Bend's Parkway

Old Bend and River West Neighborhood Associations are partnering with the Downtown Bend Business Association and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to host an open house on proposed changes to the Parkway between Revere and Colorado. While this is not a City project, we feel it's important to promote the joint effort lead by fellow Bend Neighborhood Associations.

This open house will be held on **Monday, January 20, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.** at At Liberty Arts Collaborative, 849 NW Wall St, Bend. No RSVP required.

ODOT will be providing a short presentation on the below changes (with time for questions and comments afterwards):

- Closures of right in/right out Parkway access (Lafayette and Hawthorne Exits).
 - Central Core (downtown and neighborhoods) circulation and access.
 - Parkway interchanges and crossings at Revere, Olney, Greenwood, Hawthorne, Franklin and Colorado.
 - Potential impacts on downtown and adjacent neighborhoods.
 - Funding for changes.
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Neighborhood Association Survey 2019

The NLA's Communications Working Group has created a short survey to aid their understanding of the community's point of view as it relates to the NLA's mission. Please consider sending this survey out to your NAs to support their efforts! ***This survey will close TONIGHT, December 31 at midnight.***

[Neighborhood Association Survey 2019](#)



UPDATE: Neighborhood Street Safety Program

We are getting closer to knowing which projects will be funded as part of the **Neighborhood Street Safety Program (NSSP)**!

In the 2019-2021 biennial budget, the **City Council approved \$800,000** to fund this program. Between August 5 and September 20, the City received more than 360 applications for projects.

In recent months, each Neighborhood Association reviewed and prioritized projects proposed within its boundaries, and submitted its top one or two top projects for advancement. City staff packaged these projects with additional details and cost information and provided this information to the **Neighborhood Leadership Alliance on December 5.**

Currently, the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance is reviewing the project list and working towards selecting those that best meet the program's focus of improving safety for local, residential streets. The Neighborhood Leadership Alliance will recommend projects for final selection by the end of January 2020.



What's the City doing about Transportation?

City Manager Eric King and staff have been visiting Neighborhood Associations over the past few months to talk about the City's **Transportation System Plan**. If you've missed the conversation, the most important thing to note is that **City Council is currently considering placing a bond measure on the May 2020 ballot.**

The City has been working with a Council-appointed community advisory group for nearly two years called the **Citywide Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)**. The group has been looking into all elements of travel and traffic and identifying projects that improve how people drive, ride bikes, walk and use transit to get around town.

Many of these proposed projects can be completed with additional funding. A long-range funding strategy is being developed that considers available sources of funding for transportation improvements. One important funding source is a "General Obligation" bond to support projects that improve traffic flow and safety.

A subcommittee comprised of Councilors and public advisory committee members has recommended two potential project list alternatives for the "General Obligation" bond for City Council consideration.

The subcommittee agreed on some major themes for these system-wide transportation improvements:

- Projects that improve East/West connectivity and system-wide traffic flow (Reed Market, Aune Road Extension, Colorado, midtown bike/pedestrian improvements)
 - 20 major intersection projects to improve traffic flow
 - 12 city-wide routes that provide safe access to schools, parks and jobs
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- Project funds that support Oregon Department of Transportation’s interchange improvement projects
 - Citywide safety improvements
 - And more!

See bendoregon.gov/safe-travel to see potential bond project lists.



SAVE THE DATE: Fire Ready Bend

On **Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** the Century West Neighborhood Association will once again be hosting Fire Ready Bend at OSU-Cascades. This year’s event will have fun and interactive learning opportunities for all ages! Come learn about emergency preparedness, creating defensible space around your home, evacuation planning and roads, and prescribed fire and wildfire. All Neighborhood Association members are invited to attend.
