

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

NA Leaders,

In this newsletter, I've got an update for you on the City's budget, fireworks info to share with your members, an update on residential parking, a new Facebook training, a national grant opportunity and some City open houses. Hope there's some useful info in here for you!

Thanks for all you do,
Joshua

Budget Update and Neighborhood Association Funding

For those of you who may not have heard yet, the Budget Committee has supported the Communications Department budget proposal for the 2019-2021 biennium. The proposed department budget, includes increased funding for NA communications and support for the NLA. It also provides resources for a [new staff position](#) to support the neighborhood associations, NLA and civic engagement. Separate from the Communications Department resources, the proposed budget also includes support for the Neighborhood Street Safety Program in the Streets & Operations Department.



The NLA was pivotal in identifying NA needs, developing a resource request to support those needs, and advocating to City Council to support the proposed budget. It was rewarding to see how you all gathered ideas at the NAs, organized them through the NLA, and supported them before City Council. Well done all around!

The Budget Committee has approved the proposed budget, but final budget approval will take place at the June 19 City Council meeting and it will be effective July 1. You can see the [2019-2021 proposed budget online](#).

To get things moving, we've started the recruiting process for a new Community Relations Manager. This means we will be hiring someone to take on the neighborhood association responsibilities of my current position, plus some other community relations responsibilities.

For the time being, I'm still your point of contact for all things NA and NLA and I am not leaving the City, so I'll be around to help train the new person as our Communications Department reorganizes to better accommodate growing needs in our community. I wanted you to know about this new staff support for the NAs and NLA, so you're not surprised if you hear of "Joshua's job" being open. And feel free to share the job posting if you have anyone in mind who you think may be a good fit for the job.

Reminder: Year-End Budgets

This is a reminder that the current fiscal year ends on June 30, 2019. That means you have just over two months to submit [Reimbursement Request Forms](#). Any unspent funds from NA budgets may be rolled over into a Rollover Grant Fund for a fiscal year 2019-2020 Rollover Grant Program.

Curious what you can spend you NA Communications Grant funds on? You can find a [list of approved NA expenses online](#). If you have any questions about year-end budgets, please let me know.



Fireworks PSA

With dry summer conditions coming soon, the City needs your help reminding our community about the dangers of illegal fireworks. Here is a reminder you can share with your membership, including a video reminding people of the dangers of illegal fireworks:

Before you decide to buy illegal fireworks, the Bend Fire Department asks you to consider the risks: fines, injuries and fires that can wipe out a house or a community. Many things can go wrong when you use illegal fireworks, so make the decision to save yourself a lot of money and trouble.

Illegal fireworks are devices that can fly more than 6 feet horizontally or 12 inches vertically, and that explode or shoot balls of fire.

The Bend Fire Department, and all Central Oregon fire agencies, are asking for the community's help to make the Fourth a great day to celebrate the birth of our nation with consideration for neighbors and community safety.

Watch this video to learn more: <https://youtu.be/53ANe8lEXno>



Update on Residential Parking Permit Program

Many neighborhoods have asked the City to develop a parking permit program for residential areas. We wanted to give you an update.

The proposed 2019-21 budget that the Budget Committee approved includes funding to create a Parking Services Division to create a citywide parking management program. This program will manage parking downtown as well as in other residential and non-residential districts.

The first step will be to fill the vacant Parking Demand Manager position which will be repurposed to manage this new parking services division. It will take time to hire the new position and then begin to develop the program, including projects such as: determining parking district boundaries, analyzing rate structures to support the program, and determining enforcement processes, signage and outreach for the program to succeed. In summary, setting up the program could take six to nine months after a staff person is on board.

The program aims to be self-sufficient, meaning that staffing, signage and enforcement will be funded through permit fees for the various parking districts.

We'll keep you posted as things develop.



NA Training: Facebook 102

Thanks to those who made it out to the Facebook 101 training earlier this month! It was a lively conversation with some good questions and great ideas.

We didn't quite get to Facebook Ads and there was a request to talk about Facebook Groups. I will host a Facebook 102 in June to cover those two topics.

The training will be from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 20 in the Board Room at City Hall. The training will include how to set up Facebook Ads and an overview of Facebook Groups (types, pros and cons, etc.).



This training is recommended for NA board members/volunteers who manage your Facebook page (if you have one). It's also open to any NA leaders curious to learn more about Facebook to see if it's a viable option for your NA.

National Grant Opportunity

Jodie Barram from Project Wildfire shared information she received about the [State Farm Neighborhood Assist 2019 program](#). It's a national competitive community grant where 40 causes will each get \$25,000 to carry out their idea for their community!

Last year they received the maximum number of submissions (2,000 applications) within 24 hours of the application process opening.

Anyone with an idea for their community can apply.

Examples of this include:

- Community park
- Community service program
- Neighborhood cleanup initiative
- Community improvement idea or a program that needs funding

Since the maximum submissions were submitted within 24 hours last year, the State Farm representative highly recommends having ideas ready to submit first thing on June 5, 2019. Once 2,000 submissions are reached, the application window will close.

If you have questions about the program, contact State Farm Public Affairs Specialist Brodie Hurtado at 480-293-6092.

Core Area Project Events

The City of Bend is hosting two upcoming events to help educate and engage the community about the [Core Area Project](#), including an interactive open house and a guest speaker event.

Core Area Open House

Saturday, June 15

10 a.m. – Noon

Bend High School Commons, 230 6th Street Bend, OR 97701

Join in helping to shape the heart of Bend by engaging in this fun interactive open house. The project team will have interactive materials and educational information available about the City's Core Area Project and the work of the Urban Renewal Advisory Board.

Guest Speaker Event with Mary Hanlon

Thursday, June 13

6 - 7:30 p.m.

St. Helens Hall, Trinity Episcopal Church, 469 NW Wall St, Bend, OR 97703

Mary Hanlon will present examples of how other communities have approached Urban Renewal implementation, followed by Q&A. She has an extensive background in development in both the public and private sectors, having provided consulting services for over \$2.4 billion in planned real estate development projects in Oregon, New York, Maryland and South Carolina over the last 14 years. Hanlon Development strives to enhance communities by helping create high-quality, sustainable, well-designed housing, commercial, and mixed-use projects.



Empire Open House

The City of Bend has scheduled an open house for those interested in the next phases of Empire Avenue Corridor Improvements underway in Northeast Bend.

People are encouraged to drop in at either of two open house sessions on Monday, June 3:

- 9 - 11 a.m.
- 5 - 7 p.m.



Both open house sessions are at Pine Nursery Park Pavilion, 3750 NE Purcell Boulevard. Anyone from the community is invited to come meet team members and learn about upcoming Empire Avenue improvements and road closures.

Beginning Monday, June 17 the intersection of Empire and Purcell will be closed while crews complete roundabout construction. The intersection will reopen in mid-August.

For more information go to www.bendoregon.gov/empire or call the construction hotline at 541-200-6979.

City Edition Video



[Before You Buy Illegal Fireworks](#)



Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

To obtain this information in an alternate format such as Braille, large print, electronic formats, etc. please contact Joshua Romero at 541-693-2185 or jromero@bendoregon.gov.