

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

NA Leaders,

I'm excited to share with you that we have hired our new Community Relations Manager! She starts on Sept. 16. I will introduce her to you in the next NA newsletter.

There's lots of information in this month's newsletter, so I'll let you get right to reading.

Thanks for all you do,
Joshua

TSP Update at General Meetings

Many NAs are in the process of planning their fall (annual) general annual meetings. City Manager Eric King would like to join you at your meeting to provide an update on the Transportation System Plan. He and staff can provide a recap of the process to date, where we are now and what comes next.



If you are interested in having Eric and staff at your general meeting, please let me know and I'll be happy to coordinate it for you.

A/V Equipment

Speaking of general meetings, this is a reminder that the City has a portable projector and screen that you can borrow for your NA meetings. They are available on a first come, first served basis. It is the responsibility of the NA borrowing the equipment to pick it up from City Hall and return it in working order. NAs should provide their own laptop to connect to the projector.



If you would like to borrow the projector and screen, please email me with at least one week of advance notice to ensure the equipment is available.

Annual Compliance Reports

Thank you for getting your Annual Compliance Reports in by the Aug. 30 deadline!

As of press time, 12 of 13 NAs have successfully completed their compliance report forms and had their 2019-2020 Communications Grant funding released. I think that is a new record for on-time submissions.



Thank you for your diligence and please pass along my appreciation to your board members who made sure the reports got done on time.

Update: Neighborhood Street Safety Program

The [Neighborhood Street Safety Program](#) is off to a great start and just hit a milestone on Thursday: over 100 applications!



The NLA Communication Working Group has given staff direction to advertise the program to help get more applications. The NLA approved spending up to \$1,000 on advertising. The advertising will start next week and remind people to submit applications by the Sept. 20 deadline.

Additionally, I will be working with the Streets & Operations Department to provide a preliminary list of submitted applications next week. This is in response to a request from the NLA. The NLA wanted to make sure the NAs know what projects have been submitted and if any anticipated projects are missing, prior to the Sept. 20 deadline.

Speaking of the application deadline, be sure to check the NSSP website for important upcoming dates: www.bendoregon.gov/streetsafety.

Neighborhood Street Safety Project Applications		
<small>Two applications will be selected from each neighborhood association and submitted to the NLA for prioritization.</small>		
6 Awbrey Butte	4 Old Bend	7 Southern Crossing
7 Boyd Acres	4 Old Farm District	6 Southwest Bend
2 Century West	10 Orchard District	13 Summit West
13 Larkspur	13 River West	104 TOTAL
18 Mountain View	1 Southeast Bend	

NA Training: Budgets

There will be a repeat of the recent NA Budget Training from 2–3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18, in the Administration Conference Room at City Hall. The Admin Conference Room is located on the second floor of City Hall.



This training will be all about NA budgets:

- How NA budgets are set
- Reviewing what you can get reimbursed for
- Reviewing the reimbursement process
- Discussing NA best practices for managing budgets

Update: Rollover Grants

Rollover Grants will not be available for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. This is to encourage the NAs to use the additional Communications Grant funding that City Council approved this biennium.

City Council approved \$93,000 for the NA Communications Grants for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. This is more than double the \$45,000 in funding from last year. The NLA's rationale for requesting an increase in Communications Grant funding was that it would enable NAs to hold two general meetings a year.

Staff encourages NAs to prioritize planning for two general meetings using their increased Communications Grant funding. Effective use of available funding will help support future budget requests for Communications Grant funds. After this fiscal year, staff will re-evaluate the need to provide Rollover Grants.



Commented [AA1]: I'm glad you added this!

Reusable Bags

The City ordered reusable grocery bags with the "Bring Your Bag Bend" logo to support the rollout of the local plastic bag ban. Our local plastic bag ban was repealed to comply with State law, but we still want to get these reusable bags out in the community and encourage limiting the use of plastic bags.

I have a limited number of bags that I can give to NAs to hand out at their meetings and events. If you would like some, please email me and we can coordinate a time for you to pick them up from City Hall.

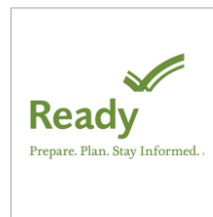


High Desert CERT

The High Desert [Community Emergency Response Team](#) is coordinated locally by Deschutes County Sheriff's Office to help develop teams of citizen volunteers who can step up and help with emergency response.

They would like to have a couple of Bend neighborhood associations in the program to serve as a pilot for the region. These NAs would identify volunteers to go through the trainings and be available to support their communities with emergency response.

If your NA is interested in getting involved with the High Desert CERT, let me know and I can connect you with our local coordinator. He can answer any question you have about the program and what to expect with participation.



Upcoming Brownbags

The [Transportation System Plan](#) is hosting a brownbag meeting on Friday, September 6, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Council Chambers at Bend City Hall (710 NW Wall Street). Learn about the full results of the Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP).

Please plan to provide your own lunch.



The [Core Area Project](#) is hosting a brownbag meeting on Wednesday, September 18, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Council Chambers at Bend City Hall (710 NW Wall Street). Learn about opportunities for Urban Renewal to support affordable housing goals in the Core Area of Bend.

This educational brownbag will host a variety of speakers to discuss opportunities for Urban Renewal to support affordable housing, as defined in the Comprehensive Plan, as well as other housing programs and initiatives that could be deployed within the Core Area.

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City Edition Videos



[Neighborhood Street Safety Program](#)



[Empire Corridor Improvement Project](#)



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