



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

NA Leaders,

Thanks for taking time to read this award-winning newsletter. That's right, the City of Bend won first place in the government organization electronic newsletter category at this year's [Neighborhoods, USA](#) conference! Thank you for reading our neighborhood newsletter. We wouldn't have written it without you. 😊

In this issue, I have information about upcoming Compliance Reports, the Neighborhood Street Safety Program, an upcoming NA training on budgets, some updates on City issues and a couple of project open houses to share.

Don't forget to help us share our three illegal fireworks videos listed below. That is a great way to help us educate the community about and curb the use of illegal fireworks this holiday. Speaking of the holiday, have a safe and happy Fourth of July!

Thanks for all you do,
Joshua

Fireworks Videos

The Bend Fire and the Communications Departments are working on illegal fireworks education. Please feel free to share these videos on your social media channels and with your members!

Before you buy illegal fireworks: <https://youtu.be/53ANe8lEXno>

Before you light the fuse: <https://youtu.be/1ufcG5D7PHA>

Dogs vs. illegal fireworks: <https://youtu.be/v0RFc-fo6z4>



Annual Compliance Reports

In order for NAs to receive their City communications grant funds (annual funding based on the number of tax lots in each NA), they have to submit an Annual Compliance Report that summarizes their activities and expenditures over the previous fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

The report is a simple one-page document, designed to provide the City documentation that NAs are meeting Code requirements for an active NA.

Review and approval of an NA's report authorizes their budget for the new fiscal year.

I will send out the Annual Compliance Report forms early next week and add them to the [Forms & Documents section of the NA webpage](#). They are due August 31.



Neighborhood Street Safety Program

The Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) will be receiving an update from City staff on the Neighborhood Street Safety Program at its July meeting. The meeting is 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, in Council Chambers.

The presentation will include an overview of the program and next steps for the NAs as they work to identify projects and priorities for their neighborhoods.

If you want to learn more about the program, this would be a good NLA meeting to attend.



NA Training: Budgets

The next NA training will from 12 – 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20 in the Board Room at City Hall. This training will be all about budgets:

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



Update on Mirror Pond

Councilors passed a resolution describing the agreement with Bend Park and Recreation District related to the preservation of Mirror Pond. It says the City will commit to providing up to 50 percent of the Mirror Pond preservation project, or \$3 million, whichever is less. The funding would be paid over a 10-year period. The Park District would agree to manage and oversee any project to dredge Mirror Pond. [Read the resolution.](#)



Update on Plastic Bag Ordinance

As you may recall, City Council adopted an ordinance in December of 2018 to encourage the use of reusable bags and limit the use of checkout plastic bags. It was set to go into effect in July with enforcement beginning Jan. 1, 2020.

Earlier this month, the Oregon state legislature also passed a bill banning single-use plastic checkout bags statewide that takes effect Jan. 1, 2020. The bill is largely similar to the City's ordinance and also includes plastic restaurant take-out bags and the fee for bags provided to customers is at least five cents (compared to the City's 10 cent minimum).



In July, Councilors will vote to repeal the City law to comply with the State law. Informational materials and enforcement will become projects of the state government. The City is still supportive of limiting single-use bags and encourages you to "Bring your bag, Bend!"

Online Open House for Core Area Project

The [Core Area Project](#) is well underway! Over the last two months the City has hosted six “pop-up” events, a guest speaker event, and a Community Open House to inform the community about the Core Area Project and the potential for a new Urban Renewal District for this area.

An [online open house](#) is available for community members to share their input on the project until July 13. Please share this opportunity with your NA members!



The Urban Renewal Advisory Board is working with the City on this project. They have met three times and adopted a set of Guiding Principles to guide their work. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13 from 12 – 3 p.m. at the Bend Municipal Court.

Southeast Area Plan Open House

The City of Bend will hold an Open House on the [Southeast Area Plan](#) on Thursday, July 11, 2019, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bend Municipal Court (555 NE 15th Street).

Attendees can learn more about the progress on the Southeast Area Plan and provide feedback on Land Use and Transportation Concepts.



This meeting/event location is accessible. Sign language interpreter service, assistive listening devices, materials in alternate format such as Braille, large print, electronic formats and CD Formats, or any other accommodations are available upon advance request. Please contact Damian Syrnyk no later than July 8 at dsyrnyk@bendoregon.gov or (541) 312-4919. Providing, at least, 3 days' notice prior to the event will help ensure availability.

City Edition Video



[Murphy Corridor Improvements Project](#)



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