

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

NA Leaders,

I hope you all had a safe and happy holiday season!

The new year is off to a quick start with last night's oath of office for Mayor Russell and Councilors Campbell and Goodman-Campbell. Mayor Russell's election created a vacancy on City Council that will be filled by a Council appointment. [Council vacancy applications](#) are due tomorrow by 5 p.m., in case any of you are interested in applying.

In this month's newsletter, I've got information for you about City Council listening sessions for the goal setting process, neighborhood transportation workshops, the Community Climate Action Plan survey, improvements to downtown parking and a stormwater survey. Enjoy.

Thanks for all you do,
Joshua

Council Listening Session

This morning, your NA should have received an email from City Recorder Robyn Christie. Her email included a letter from Mayor Russell inviting the NAs to participate in a listening session on Jan. 16, from 3 – 7 p.m.

This listening session is part of City Council's goal setting process and provides an opportunity for individual NAs to share their top issues with Councilors. This is in addition to the presentation the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance will give as a City Council advisory committee.



Refer to Robyn's email for the form that each NA should complete and submit by Jan. 11.

Transportation Workshops

The series of five neighborhood workshops for Bend's Transportation Plan kicks off later this month. Each of the five workshops focuses on a specific geographic area within the City, but all workshops are open to anyone from the community. They will be held Jan. 23–31, 2019.

The first half hour of each workshop is a review of work that has been done on the transportation plan so far. The next two hours will be a workshop where attendees work together in small groups to provide input on neighborhood transportation needs. Attendees are asked to stay for the entire workshop, if possible, so they can contribute to all of the workshop activities.



A list of the workshop dates, times and locations can be found at: www.bendoregon.gov/tsp.

Online Community Climate Action Survey

The City and the [Climate Action Steering Committee](#) want to gather feedback about the community's preferred potential strategies to voluntarily reduce fossil fuel use, and are inviting Bend residents to take 15 minutes to participate in an online community survey. Community participation will help the City set priorities for the best ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



The survey will be available Jan. 9 through Feb. 3, 2019 at: go.participate.online/BendClimateSurvey

The survey results will be shared with the Climate Action Steering Committee and will help shape their recommendations for the [Community Climate Action Plan](#).

For more information about the Community Climate Action Plan project, including a link to the community survey, please visit www.bendoregon.gov/ccap.

Improvements to Downtown Parking

Parking improvements in downtown Bend went into effect Jan. 1 and aim to make parking easier, safer, and more available for people looking for places to park.



Here are the five changes to downtown parking:

1. Enforcement times will be extended to 7 p.m. to increase turnover for on-street parking and provide better access to businesses during evening hours in the busiest parts of downtown.
2. The ParkMobile app will be available as a quick, easy option for downtown patrons to pay for parking in the Mirror Pond Lots and Centennial Garage. ParkMobile will be the only way to pay for parking at the Greenwood/Wall Lot and Irving Street.
3. Parking permits will change from paper to virtual permits to make paying for and managing parking permits easier for downtown employees.
4. A four-hour time limit will go into effect for the Mirror Pond Lots to increase turnover and make more parking spaces available.
5. New parking rates will support better downtown parking management by encouraging people to park in the right places for the right amount of time, and respond to community expectations for parking availability, equity in opportunities for all downtown patrons, and the economic vitality of downtown.

For more information about downtown parking, visit www.bendoregon.gov/parking.

Rollover Grant Update

The City received seven applications for NA Rollover Grants this year, making it a record number of submissions.

City staff have conducted an initial review of the applications. Over half of them require additional information or details to complete the review process. This will delay the final selection of grant recipients.

Final selections and the announcement of recipients will be made by the end of the month.



Clean Water Works Survey

The Utility Department is conducting an online survey about the City's stormwater pollution prevention program, [Clean Water Works](#).

Community input on the program will help determine how well the City is doing on stormwater pollution prevention efforts and where there are opportunities to improve.

The survey is available through Jan. 27, 2019 at:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/stormwaterpublic



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