

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

Introducing Makayla

As many of you know, our new Community Relations Manager for Neighborhoods and Civic Engagement, Makayla Oliver, officially joined the City of Bend last week. We are excited to welcome Makayla!

Makayla will be taking on the parts of my job that support the NAs, NLA and civic engagement. This is in response to [Council goals](#) that prioritize public participation and the need for dedicated staff to support the NLA.

Makayla has hit the ground running, diving head-first into our work here at the City. She is getting to know the various working groups, committees, advisory councils, resources and processes, not to mention lots of acronyms.

Makayla was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest. She grew up coming to Central Oregon on family trips and has watched the Bend community grow over the last few decades. Makayla is a Communications graduate from Gonzaga University. For the past seven years, she has worked as a development officer in end-of-life care in Vancouver, Washington, and in Bend with a nonprofit called Partners In Care. She brings to us a variety of useful skills, including cultivating and stewarding community relationships, community building, outreach, communications management and media.

Makayla and her husband, Ben, recently purchased a home in the Orchard District with space for their dog, Fischer. She understands the ever-changing nature of Bend's neighborhoods and is very excited to be working as a liaison for the neighborhood associations.

Please keep an eye out for an email from Makayla in the coming weeks. She will be reaching out to each NA to find a time to attend a board meeting and introduce herself. I plan on having her join me and other City staff at NA general meetings this fall.

We will be transitioning Makayla into her role over the next few months and are working to ensure that the process is as seamless as possible. For now, you can copy Makayla on emails you send to me. Her email address is moliver@bendoregon.gov. She will start responding to the emails she can and I will support her with ones that may be more complex. We expect Makayla to take on the bulk of the work supporting the neighborhood associations and NLA at the start of 2020.

As always...

Thanks for all you do,
Joshua



UPDATE: Neighborhood Street Safety Program

The [Neighborhood Street Safety Program](#) received 362 project applications! Well done. Of those, 263 meet program criteria as submitted. [Click here to see all of the applications.](#)



NAs should have received their list of project applications from Transportation Engineer Robin Lewis in the Streets & Operations Department on Sept. 25. With that project list was an Application Review Guide that outlines next steps. If you did not receive your project list or guide, please contact Robin at rlewis@bendoregon.gov.

NAs have between now and Oct. 15 to provide the City with their prioritized list of projects. If you have questions about that process that are not answered in the guide, feel free to contact Robin.

City Quest at the Fest

Join the City of Bend for some family fun at City Quest during Bend Fall Festival, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5. Talk to City employees and learn more about the services we provide.



Oregon Avenue will become City Quest, an interactive, hands-on family experience complete with a fire engine, police car, snow plows, fire and rescue demonstrations, interactive water models, games and more. Children can even pick up a City Quest Passport, get it stamped at each station, and earn a special prize.

Connect with Your Councilor

As part of the City Council's goal setting process earlier this year, Councilors selected liaison roles with the NAs. As you plan your general meetings, you should reach out to your liaison and invite them to attend:

Neighborhood Association	Council Liaison
Awbrey Butte	Bruce Abernethy
Boyd Acres	Gena Goodman-Campbell
Century West	Sally Russell
Larkspur	Justin Livingston
Mountain View	Barb Campbell
Old Bend	Chris Piper
Old Farm District	Justin Livingston
Orchard District	Gena Goodman-Campbell
River West	Bill Moseley
Southeast Bend	Bruce Abernethy
Southern Crossing	Barb Campbell
Southwest Bend	Chris Piper
Summit West	Bill Moseley

You can learn more about your Council liaison at www.bendoregon.gov/citycouncil.

Preparing for Winter

With some wintery weather in the forecast this weekend, I wanted to remind the NAs that it's never too early to prepare for winter emergencies. Get the resources and supplies you need before you're snowed in. One thing you can do now, to help plows get as close to the curb as possible when snow plowing, is to cut back your trees along the right-of-way. Trees and shrubs may have grown since last year, so it's a great time to get outside and check.



You might also look into protecting your pipes, or prepare for winter driving. Find your snow tires and buy snow shovels and roof rakes. Learn more tips for preparing at www.bendoregon.gov/winter.

Bend Current

In case you missed it, the [September edition of Bend Current](#) included a lot of information about transportation projects in Bend. This issue highlights a list of identified transportation projects that would improve traffic flow, neighborhood safety and safe school access.

It also encouraged community members to connect with their neighborhood associations to attend their fall meetings and learn more about transportation (for those that are hosting a presentation on the Transportation System Plan).

It's a good reminder to make sure you and your board members are signed up for the monthly email newsletter. You should also encourage your members to sign up.

You can sign up for *Bend Current* emails at www.bendoregon.gov/enews.



NOTICE: Special City Council Meeting

Speaking of transportation, Bend City Council is holding a special meeting on transportation funding options at 3 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30 in Council Chambers at City Hall (719 NW Wall St., Bend. OR).

The meeting will provide an update on the [Transportation System Plan](#), preliminary modeling results, a summary of public opinion research and next steps for the plan. [View the full agenda here](#).

Those interested in learning more about the plan are encouraged to attend.



REMINDER: Transportation System Plan 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 others from the City 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.



REMINDER: 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.



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.