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The Southeast Bend Neighborhood Association Bee

What's Buzzing in Our Neighborhood

Fellow Southeast Bend Residents:

This is the first of a quarterly newsletter, describing what is occurring in our neighborhoods and items that may have interest for you. In addition to this newsletter, we will have our annual meeting in January. Let us know what you think of the newsletter through our email account, also please pass this on to your neighbors and friends who live in our area. We want to reach as many of our constituents as possible!

Bend Charter Review

There is a move afoot to change the Bend City Charter with respect to three key items:

1. The idea of creating a ward system, where city council members would be elected by ward instead of city wide. This is viewed by many to have a better relationship to the citizens of a ward, where the ward would be a segment of the city.
2. The idea of an elected mayor instead of one elected by the city council. This is viewed as a means of getting better accountability to the position, instead of being one of seven and the only meaningful activity for the mayor is setting the agenda for city meetings.
3. The idea of additional compensation for the city council members. Right now they each get \$200.00 per month for the job.

The SEBNA board is taking an active position in the dialogue around these topics, attending meetings and providing input. It is unclear as to if and when these would come up for a vote at the city council. We will keep you apprised of the progress. If you want to express an opinion, please do so through our email account.

Urban Growth Boundary Plan Approved

The Bend city council gave its final approval to the Urban Growth Boundary plan on 9/21/16. The UGB plan is a blend of infill and expansion. Changes will arise gradually inside the current boundary and on the edges where the expansion will happen. About 70 percent of the projected growth in housing and in jobs can be accommodated inside the current UGB with expected redevelopment.

The proposed boundary expansion is about 2,300 acres and those expansions are distributed on the west, north and south, and northeast and southeast. Expansions include a mix of land uses including residential, employment, parks, open space, schools and civic land. The plan strategically targets nine "opportunity areas" inside the UGB, some of which are planned for more intensive

development and redevelopment. Generally, existing neighborhoods were not targeted in these opportunity areas.

More information can be found by going to: www.bendoregon.gov/bendugb and clicking on the “News” tab in the upper right corner of the screen.

Nathan Boddie – Bend City Counselor Liaison

Nathan Boddie has been assigned as the Southeast Bend Neighborhood Association liaison with the city council. Each neighborhood will have a liaison assigned, and this is intended to be an informal relationship that may look different within each neighborhood. Each NA now has a go-to person if we have questions or concerns affecting our particular neighborhood. Mr. Boddie will be invited to our annual meeting in January of 2017.

Bend City Council Elections

The Bend city council has four positions that will be placed on the ballot for the November 2016 election. Visit the [2016 General Election page](#) for more information.

Bend city councilors are elected by the citizens of Bend and serve a four year term. The councilors elect a Mayor and Mayor Pro tem amongst themselves. The Mayor leads the city council meetings and serves as an ambassador for the city. The council meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month with a work session at 5 p.m. and a regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the city council chambers at City Hall, 710 NW Wall St. With the exception of executive session meetings, council meetings are open to the public. Meetings are broadcast [live on the city's website](#) and on cable on COTV Channel 11 beginning at 6 p.m.

Neighborhood Association Roundtable (NART)

On January 11, 2016 the Bend City Council issued the Bend Neighborhood Association Assessment: Summary Report. The purpose of this assessment was to help the City of Bend better understand each Neighborhood Association’s training, communication and information needs, as well as its issues and priorities. Common themes related to improving communication with members included:

- The need for technical training and support (websites and social media)
- More money for postcard mailings (successful method for reaching out)
- Ways to help newcomers get connected to Neighborhood Associations
- Meaningful ways to recruit, actively engage and get input from members.

Common themes related to communicating with the City included the need for:

- Increased and consistent notification from the City around the UGB and other issues (ie. central on-line bulletin board that gets updated regularly),
- An easier way to stay current with all meetings (land use, noise permits, Parks and Recreation, ODOT, Irrigation District),
- One central place where all city-related information can be accessed (a link placed on Neighborhood Association websites),

This report created the NART training sessions held at City Hall which will offer two different training tracts to support interested Neighborhood Associations. One tract will focus on strengthening the

Neighborhood Association itself in areas such as board development and succession planning, effective meeting management, effective use of technology and social media, reaching and recruiting members, and perhaps basic strategic planning.

A second tract will focus on strengthening Neighborhood Associations' understanding of how city government works and how to successfully engage, including: the Bend development code, the function of the Planning Committee, how citizens can effectively interact with the city, how Neighborhood Associations can advocate for themselves.

SEBNA Board of Directors have been attending these sessions through the summer as their time and schedules allowed. BOD Chairman, Bill Galaway has attended them all to date.

SEBNA Survey Results

The Board of SEBNA met on April 13, 2016 to review the results of the March survey sent out to about 100 residents of SEBNA who are on the SEBNA email list. There were 38 responses to the survey. The four top priorities named by residents were: 1) traffic congestion/speed- 27 responded, 2) street repair and maintenance and parks and natural spaces tied at 24 , 3) biking/walking and appearance tied at 15, and 4) safety at 13.

To the question what role would you like SEBNA to play in our community the top response was to represent neighborhood interests-34, followed by to inform neighbors about topics related to our neighborhood-31, and hold educational workshops (noxious weeds, traffic safety, etc.)-17.

What would encourage residents to be more involved in SEBNA, the top response was meeting topics or events which I find important-24, a meaningful opportunity to influence decisions that may affect my neighborhood-21, and more information about neighborhood associations-12
Members felt that Email was the most effective to notify them about upcoming meetings -32, followed by mailings-12 and street signs-9

BOD members will use this information to create a more issue specific survey which will be sent out again in the near future.

Our Bend Fire Department South Station



Personnel at this Station each shift:

- 1 Captain
- 1 Engineer
- 1 Fire Fighter
- 1 Deputy Fire Marshall

Apparatus at the Station:

- 1 Fire Engine – 323
- 1 ALS Ambulance
- 1 Interface Wildland engine
- 1 Water Tender
- 1 Reserve Medic

Bend firefighters recently received a grant to purchase new thermal imaging cameras. These cameras allow firefighters to see victims in low visibility, measure heat, and find fire hidden behind walls. The grant was awarded through the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation which allowed the department to purchase three of these thermal imaging cameras. These cameras will be a great addition to the department and will allow us to perform our job more effectively and keep everyone safer.

Community Information

For the City of Bend meetings calendar: <http://www.bend.or.us>

For the Southeast Bend Neighborhood Association website: <http://www.sebendna.com>

Your SEBNA Board Members

Bill Galaway, Chairman; Mitch Meyer, Vice Chairman; Judy McLeary, Secretary/Treasurer; Dana Meyer; Kathleen Martin.