Our Mission: *To foster an environment of economic growth and opportunity through effective partnerships with our citizens, businesses, and visitors while maintaining a high standard for quality of life in a progressive community which embraces its heritage.*

CITY OF OREGON

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To: Mayor Ken Williams & Oregon City Council
From: Darin J. DeHaan, City Manager & Staff

DATE: Oct 27, 2026

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Oct 10, 2026 – Oct 23, 2026

Submitted by Darin DeHaan, City Manager

- First I want to say how proud I am of the Oregon Public Works Department. They were recognized on 10/21/22 at the Village of Progress Awards Banquet. Jordan, Josh and Aaron attended the banquet to accept the award on behalf of the department. Our partnerships and relationships with community organizations, businesses and residents are vital to providing the best services we can for our community. Well done Team!
  Rick Hahn Partnership of the Year Award
  For extraordinary partnership, shared vision, and dedication to building a stronger community.



Picture proved by Terry Schuster. L-R Jordan Plock, Aaron Montoya, Josh Pickering

- I was happy to attend the grand opening of Vivid in their new downtown location. Our small businesses are the backbone of our community and they make our downtown come alive! Congratulations!



- Josh Pickering and I attended a webinar Illinois ICC Opportunities: Tree Inventory, Removal, and Plantings to help us continue to learn ways to best manage our urban forestry program.
- On October 14th I was honored to celebrate my 30th work anniversary with the City of Oregon. Thirty years have brought plenty of changes, challenges, friendships, and memories. I'm proud of the work we've done, grateful for the people I've met along the way, and excited about what lies ahead for Oregon, our City Team, and myself. Onto 31!
- Worked on several administrative projects including holding a AOP security debriefing meeting with Law Enforcement, Public Works, Fire, and AOP. We continue to strategize on maintaining a safe and fun environment for all of our visitors.
- Attended court to testify on behalf of the City for an ongoing ordinance case.
- Council Member Cozzi and I met with representatives from the Illinois Extension Office to discuss ways we can continue to work together on sustainability initiatives in our community. Thank you to Council Member Schuster for coordinating the meeting.
- Grants:
    - Assisted Chief Kalnins with some paperwork for his camera grant.
    - Working with our engineers to review grants for property rehabilitation.
    - We received our speed radar trailer that was part of the ComEd/Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus Powering Safe Communities Grant. This does **not** include Flock technology, only radar and speed data

collection. The trailer will allow the police department to deploy the speed reduction device in many areas where we receive speeding complaints. The data allows us to look at speed patterns which will allow our officers to provide directed patrol to enforce violations. The technology should help lower traffic accidents in our community. *See Chief's comments.

- Economic Development:
    - Continue working on several open spaces for potential commercial use.
- Public Works Projects:
    - Continue work on the welcome sign designs. Council Member Cozzi and I are working on setting the next meeting date to hopefully finalize the design.
- Ordinances:
    - Worked on researching the existing Mayor/Council salary ordinance and provided Mayor Williams with data on best practices for similar communities. Working with Attorney Chadwick on the best path forward.

City Hall - Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk

- Leaf Vac information: https://oregonil.gov/resident-information/brush-yardwaste/
- Brush Pickup is scheduled for October 26th.
- Utility Bills were printed and mailed on October 15th, due date is November 10th.
- Utility Billing and Payment Options - ACH direct debit and emailing billing are available. Please contact City Hall for more information.
- Accepted election petition packets for open City Council positions this week. The final day to submit election packets is Monday October 26th.

MEETING INFORMATION

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting Monday Nov 9, 2026 9:00 AM Oregon City Hall Conference Room.

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday Nov 10, 2026 5:30 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Tuesday Nov 17, 2026 5:30 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Tree Board:

Next meeting TBD at Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Public Art Commission:

Next meeting TBD at Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Main Street Submitted by Destini Benesh

- Attended the "Tell Your Story: Marketing Your Business or Community" workshop in Walnut.
- Participated in Rochelle's Trick-or-Treat Safe House event on October 22.



- Organized and welcomed 28 local businesses to join Oregon's Downtown Trick-or-Treat event on October 24.
- Continue engaging with local business owners and community leaders to explore future opportunities.
- Actively working with the Candlelight Walk Committee for this year's 40th anniversary celebration.

Director of Public Works Submitted by Bill Covell

A. Daily Tasks

- Help Schedule
- Approve Bills
- Purchased supplies
- Monthly Fuel Reports
- Safety Training

B. Projects

- Headworks
    - Nothing new
- Lead Service Inventory
    - Update list for IEPA

- 2026 Local Road Projects
    - Punch List and quantities
- 2026 MFT Project
    - Punch List
- 2025 East Side Sidewalk
    - Review remaining issues
    - Meeting with Engineer
    - Grade check ADA crossings
- Pedestrian Crossing
    - Ordered RRFB's and getting ready to install
- East Side Water Main
    - Help with 5 water main breaks
    - Pulled records for quantities
    - Help establish design limits
    - Review repair invoices
- Compared city code to other municipalities

C. Meetings

- Department Head
- Safety Meeting
- City Council

D. Miscellaneous

- Worked on Fulcrum report

Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock

A. Daily Tasks

- Trash pickup of city trash cans
- Crew has started the yearly mowing projects.

B. Projects

- Crew worked on set up and tear down of all of the barricades and street closure signage for the AOP festival
- Crew Worked on a downtown cleanup of all of the sidewalks in preparation for the AOP festival
- Crew cleaned the decorative lights along the Rt 64 bridge
- The crew hung the American Flags for the AOP festival.
- The crew worked on designing and setting up the fall decorations for the welcome to Oregon signs. They turned out fantastic!
- The crew worked on cleanup of some of the fall decorations in preparation for the upcoming winter season.
- Crew worked on sidewalk restoration around the Colesium

- Crew worked alongside the water/sewer departments on several water main breaks on the East side of town
- Crew hung the new Bird City USA signage at the welcome to Oregon signs
- Crew worked on painting some yellow curbs in certain no parking areas
- Crew helped with safety for this years AOP parade

C. Training

- Had weekly safety training on hearing loss prevention.
- Worked on weekly safety training
- Foreman worked on continuing education classes
- Worked on updating our list of required OSHA training for the year.

D. General

- I would like to thank all members of my team for their tireless efforts to make this year's AOP festival a safe and wonderful experience for everyone involved.

Sewer Department Submitted by Scott Wallace

A. Daily tasks

- Daily chores
- Testing full set (process control/EPA Required Monitoring)
- Half testing (process control)
- Pumped Sludge
- Cleaned bar screens, netting of tanks, multiple times daily due to rags, debris
- Daily reporting of National Weather Service recordings
- Lift Station usage recording
- Assisted the Water Department
- Monthly reports to the EPA
- Generator/ Well checks
- Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues (leaks, sewer backups)

B. Head Works

- Nothing new at this time

C. Scada Upgrade

- Metro Cloud, Nothing new at this time

D. Training

- Safety Training, Lifting.
- Safety Training, Hearing.

E. General

- Fire hosed both Clarifiers 10-7-26
- Worked with contractors on Eastside repairs

- Chemical delivery, Full Delivery 9-29-2026
- Submitted monthly reports to IEPA
- fire hosed aeration basins
- Repaired Chlorine pump at contact basin
- Continuous rain has been an issue we've been dealing with but everything has returned to normal

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Water Department Submitted by Scott Wallace

A. Daily Tasks

- Chores
- Daily Testing
- Julie Locates
- Final reads
- Water turn-ons
- Water shut-offs
- Generator checks

B. Wells

- Repaired Chemical feed pump parts as needed
- Received Chemical delivery from Hawkins for process control
- Received replacement parts for Chemical feed pumps
- Adjust chemical feed pump to account for temperature change

C. Meter Replacement Program

- Nothing new at this time Scheduling as time allows

D. EPA compliance

- Completed Monthly Bac-t/ Fluoride sampling for Epa compliance
- Completed Monthly Operating Reports for September 2026 for Epa compliance..
- Finishing up samples related to projects around town
- Working with Lab on Radium sampling

E. Training

- Safety Training, Lifting.
- Safety Training, Hearing.

F. General

- Assisted the Street department for AOP.
- Worked with customers and plumbers on water leaks.
- Worked with customers on meter repairs, and replacement of meters.
- Fielded phone calls related to Eastside water main breaks
- AOP related items.

Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnins

- On October 16, 2026, Chief Kalnins and Lieutenant Brechon had the privilege of providing active threat training to the teachers and staff of the Chana Education Center (OCEC).

  While this is a difficult topic to discuss, the staff's engagement and willingness to learn reflect their commitment to student safety. When seconds matter, preparation and knowing how to respond can make a critical difference in protecting both staff and students.

  The Oregon Police Department is proud to partner with OCEC. Thank you to the teachers and staff for your participation, professionalism, and continued dedication to the students you serve.



- **New Speed Trailer Supports Traffic Safety in Oregon**

  The Oregon Police Department is pleased to announce the purchase of a new speed trailer from All Traffic Solutions, made possible through a grant secured by City Manager Darin DeHaan through the 2026 Powering Safe Communities program,



offered by ComEd and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

The trailer will be deployed throughout the community to display vehicle speeds, increase driver awareness, and encourage motorists to slow down. This equipment will support the department's ongoing efforts to reduce speeding and improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

"We appreciate City Manager DeHaan's work in securing this grant and the support of ComEd and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus," said Chief Matthew Kalnins. "This trailer gives us another tool to encourage safer driving and address speeding concerns throughout our community."

The Oregon Police Department reminds all motorists to follow posted speed limits, remain attentive, and help keep Oregon's streets safe.