

Friday August 5, 2016

Good Friday afternoon everyone! Before I recap this week in general, I want to remind everyone that next week's events include Pink Martini at MOTHS and its Douglas County Fair week. Pink Martini is making a repeat visit next week. They have been one of the most popular acts around the northwest for many years and have become a fan favorite here at the Half Shell. It should be a great concert. Fair week starts on August 10<sup>th</sup> and runs through the 13<sup>th</sup>. I hope you all have a chance to see the upcoming entertainment and enjoy everything the fair has to offer as well!



Following is the 138 Project update from ODOT for next week....

August 4, 2016

#### ODOT PROJECT UPDATE

### **Watch for bumper-to-bumper traffic in Roseburg next Tuesday**

ROSEBURG – Motorists should expect heavy traffic congestion and delays on Stephens Street between Douglas and Oak Avenue on Tuesday, August 9, due to paving work.



Although paving is limited to a two-block section of Stephens, traffic will likely be impacted throughout the *OR 138E Corridor Solutions* project area, which extends from Diamond Lake Boulevard to Harvard Avenue.

ODOT recommends that drivers use alternate routes and adjust their travel times.

Flaggers will begin providing traffic control in some areas of the work zone on Monday, August 8.

During the Douglas County Fair (Wednesday-Saturday, August 10-13) most travel lanes will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Some lane closures may occur at night.

Construction will resume Monday morning, August 15. Motorists can expect lane closures, congestion and delays throughout the work zone for most of August and September.

**Spruce Street:** Watch for continued lane closures on Spruce Street, south of Oak Avenue, for the next three weeks as the City of Roseburg continues work on a local street improvement project.

For more information, visit the ODOT project website: [www.roseburg138.com](http://www.roseburg138.com).

On Tuesday, Councilor Marks and I attended a Med Ed leadership committee update presented by the Partnership and Pac West, the Partnership's consultant working on the

strategic plan to move forward. There has been significant progress made to date. Later in the year, the White House Domestic Policy Office's Rural Council will be holding a meeting in Roseburg specifically at our invitation to hear issues relating to access to rural health care, its impacts on economic development and our proposed solution.....Med Ed. Meetings have also been scheduled with potential academic partners in the near future. Identifying an academic partner is the highest priority for the project and Pac West continues to work on that aspect as well as scheduling more meetings with state legislators as the next round of committee meetings takes place in September.

On Wednesday, a group of folks representing a number of non-profits, foundations, medical interests and government convened at the United Way office at the invitation of Bryan Trenkle to discuss putting forward a "collective impact" approach to help move forward solutions to our homeless/housing issues. The United Way Board has allocated its "community impact funding" as seed capital to leverage other public, private and philanthropic resources to develop a framework for solving some of local problems for up to the next five years. Healthy Housing is fundamental to good health, economic stability, and education. We will continue this effort and develop policy proposals to be considered by all of the diverse folks at the table and eventually put a plan together for Boards and Councils to consider. It was a very positive meeting and everyone wants to help solve problems and help people. I want to thank Bryan and the United Way Board for their commitment to helping the community solve some of these problems!

On Thursday, Koree Tate and I joined folks from around the state on a conference call to develop this year's schedule and program for the League of Oregon Cities City Hall Week. We hosted a regional gathering in 2014 and will again be hosting elected and appointed officials from cities in Senate Districts 1 and 4, reaching from Cottage Grove and portions of the McKenzie Highway north to as far as the south coast (Brookings) at the Oregon border. State legislators will be invited as well as local elected officials to discuss the 2017 legislative priorities as adopted by the LOC Board as well as local legislative priorities. Each of you will be invited to attend the afternoon/evening of September 14<sup>th</sup>, details to follow. The summary of the LOC legislative priorities for 2017 follows at the end of this message.



This afternoon I am attending a CHART Leadership Committee meeting at which we will hear the results of our community's application to the Federal Government for funding relating to the direct costs of the October 1<sup>st</sup> events as well as the funding request for future service provision to the broader community of victims in the future. Mental health services, trauma informed care and training, first responder care and training, and community response and intervention services and training are all part of the request. When we receive an update I will share more details. Most of the resources will go to health and mental health providers as well as direct service provider non-profits. Our goal is to mitigate the ongoing impacts of October 1<sup>st</sup> for the next eighteen to twenty-four months while a longer term course of action can be developed and sustained.

The fire department received the new 2016 Pierce Impel Fire Engine. The new engine will replace a 1987 reserve engine. The production of the new Fire Engine began in April of this

year and was built in Appleton, Wisconsin. The fire department is working on final preparations to get the engine placed in service. The new Fire Engine will be housed at the Public Safety Center. The new Fire Engine will be available for Council members and staff to view after the City Council Meeting on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.



Have a great weekend everyone. Enjoy the outdoors and next week's entertainment venues!



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
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## **League Announces Legislative Priorities for 2017**

SALEM, Ore. – The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) has targeted the following four issues as legislative priorities for the 2017 session of the Oregon Legislature:

- **Property Tax Finance Reform:**
  - Seek to provide more local voter control and to restore greater equity and fairness in the property tax system through a transition to a market value-based system and allowing voters to adopt tax levies and rates outside current limits.
- **Restoring Recreational Immunity:**
  - Passage of legislation extending recreational immunity to employees, officers and agents of land owners providing recreational facilities.
- **Transportation Funding:**
  - Help draft and support passage of a comprehensive, inter-modal, statewide transportation funding package.
- **PERS Reform:**
  - Seek legislation that creates savings, including but not limited to: bringing PERS investments in-house; reducing the money match rate; and/or redirecting the IAP contributions to the defined benefit plan. The League also supports allocating increased state revenues to protect current levels of service through a state funding of a portion of the large PERS rate increases facing public employers.

The League will also be actively engaged in supporting needed housing assistance programs, increasing funding for water supply development, and maintaining and expanding resources for mental health. The League's 2017 legislative priorities were formally adopted today by its board of directors.

During the week of September 12-16, the priorities will be the focus of City Hall Week, a series of regional meetings hosted by cities throughout Oregon in which legislative candidates will be briefed on the League's position on each issue.

### **About the League of Oregon Cities**

Founded in 1925, the League of Oregon Cities is a voluntary association representing all 241 of Oregon's incorporated cities. The League helps cities serve their citizens by providing legislative advocacy services, policy consultation, intergovernmental relations assistance, networking and training, technical assistance and publications.

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