



TOLEDO

City News

Mayor's Message

Early last month, I had the honor and privilege to represent Toledo and the League of Oregon Cities in our Nation's Capital for the Congressional City Conference. Five days of meetings and education designed to help us as municipal leaders to get our stories heard, and to help us navigate the federal system.

I was able to meet with our Congresswoman, Val Hoyle, from the 5th Congressional District as well as our United States Senators, Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley to discuss a variety of issues important to our state as well as Toledo, specifically asks for Congressionally Directed Spending, Rural Broadband, Federal Emergency Management Agency issues, Year-round learning for our children, and Trades Education in our schools. I believe they heard our concerns, and the interesting part was that we came with solutions, not just complaints. I think that their staff and others were buoyed by our resolve to fix and improve, rather than just gripe.

It was an inspiring trip for me, as it had been 40 years since I had been in our Capital. Things have changed! It was a city with very few buildings over 6-8 stories, and now skyscrapers are everywhere. The monuments are even more noticeable, as a few have been added since my last visit. WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Memorials, along with the Vietnam Women's Memorial and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial was all new to me. Thinking of my fellow veterans that paid the ultimate price for our country hit me hard.

I also had the honor of being addressed by the President of the United States. This veteran considered it a privilege to be in the same room. For me, it didn't matter whether I agree with the President, he is my Commander-in-Chief, and should be treated accordingly.

One of the most interesting things occurred during a session with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as we discussed the changing landscape of the rental market across the country. More and more houses and apartments are being owned by out of area corporate landlords. In many cases rent increases with minimal if any property improvements are becoming the norm. We have seen that here in Toledo with the Toledo Hotel situation. Your City Council worked hard and heard many meetings of testimony while crafting our "Livability" ordinance to address not only the absentee landlord issue, but also the bad tenant issue. Since the meeting with HUD, I have sent out dozens of copies of our ordinance to other cities across the country. Who would have thought that our small town would be at the forefront of this growing issue?

Changing gears, as you can see, this month we are showcasing our volunteers and non-profits here in Toledo. Please consider donating your time and energy to one (or more) of our groups to help keep Toledo the All-American City that it is!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING COUNCIL BUSINESS



Budget season is amongst the Council and many discussions will be had over the next few months on projects for the coming Fiscal Year. Your input is greatly appreciated in these discussions.

Coming soon, a Council "Pop Up." This is a meeting with Council in a relaxed setting in the community. Citizens can come have dinner with the Council and discuss issues in a personal setting. Keep an eye out for that date to come.

As we continue towards warmer months, Council will be busy going over projects with staff and providing direction. Please come share with us at a Council meeting your concerns and get the latest on the projects happening in the city.

Your 2023 Annual Water Quality Report is Now Available Online!

The City of Toledo tests and reports on the contaminants in the drinking water. In 2023, contaminants were measured at allowable levels and no health based violations were reported. The report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. In an effort to save printing and postage fees, the 2023 Water Quality Report is now available to view online at: www.cityoftoledo.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/public_works/page/2981/water_quality_report_2023.pdf



Paper copies of the report are also available at Toledo City Hall (206 N Main Street, Toledo, OR). If you would like a copy of the 2022 Water Quality Report mailed to you, please call 541-336-2247 ext. 2130 or email planning@cityoftoledo.org



If you have any questions about the report or would like more information on how the City of Toledo maintains the safety of your drinking water, feel free to contact the Water Treatment Plant at 541-336-2610.

Public Works: Projects continue around our great little town



Butler Bridge Road railroad crossing in front of the GP Mill, got a face-lift. The project was a collaboration with P&W Railroad, The City of Toledo and Road & Driveway of Newport. The transition turned out smooth... South East 10th Street between East Slope road and Sturdevant road got a makeover too.



A water line extension of over 900 feet on Business Highway 20 will provide city water services to those near the west junction. This also allows for potential future growth and safety measures by adding fire hydrants along the way. Pictured are two of our Public Works Department's dedicated workers.



Native Innovation

An exhibit celebrating the first innovators, scientists, and engineers in Oregon, exploring how Native Americans have used knowledge, creativity, and problem-solving skills to live and thrive here for thousands of years.

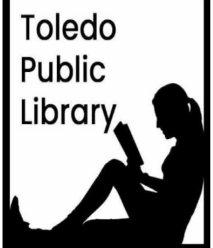


Toledo Public Library is proud to host the traveling exhibit

Native Innovation

on display April 5th – 30th during library hours.

Call the library at 541-336-3132 for more information.





Celebrating Toledo Volunteer & Non-Profit Agencies

Organization	Description	Contact	Phone Number	Address
East Lincoln County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Offers free emergency preparedness training and organizes trained volunteers to assist professional responders when needed.	Randy Storms	541-444-8253	149 W. Buford Avenue Siletz OR 97380
Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society	Local railroad museum, offers a wide variety of opportunities for volunteers.	Lisa Watson	541-336-5256	100 NW A Street Toledo, OR 97391
Greater Toledo Pool Recreation District	Public swimming pool. Supported by residents of the Recreation District to provide a public swimming and water fitness facility.	Hal Wallace	541-336-3181	174 NW 7th Street Toledo, OR 97391
The ARC of Lincoln County	Advocating and programing for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their families.	Nikki Holland	541-602-9248	Olalla Center 321 SE 3 rd St. Toledo, OR 97391
Meals on Wheels	Meals for seniors and those with disabilities. Offering both delivery and community meals.	Heidi Durrett	541-812-6015	383 NE Beech St. Toledo, OR 97391
Toledo History Center	Extensive displays & exhibits of Toledo keeping our history alive and it's importance to our community.	Oop Johnson Brenda Brown	541-336-1203	320 N Main St Toledo, OR 97391
Toledo Chamber of Commerce	Providing business services and advocating for business development in Toledo	Kathy Crane	541-336-3183	311 NE 1st St. Toledo, OR 97391
Toledo Volunteer Fire Department	95% of the Fire Department is volunteer and counts on them when responding to calls for service.	Larry Robeson Joe Ammons	541-336-3311	285 NE Burgess Rd. Toledo, OR 97391

