



TOLEDO City News

FROM MAYOR ROD CROSS

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Last year at this time, we were emerging from the COVID 19 pandemic. This year, we are dealing with the “Tridemic” that is overwhelming our schools and our healthcare system. Last year, there were supply chain issues. This year has the added issue of inflation.

While these outward pressures do affect us and our lives, we must always strive to move forward. The New Year will bring new challenges that we will have to face. As this community has always done, we will come together to overcome them.

A challenge that our community is already facing is the future of Summer Festival. I encourage any and all interested persons to attend the meeting on January 14 at 12:00 noon at the Elks Lodge. For this celebration to survive, it will take all hands on deck!

Here at the City, we are looking forward to the demonstration unit of the SREUS Project. It will be a revolutionary way to treat our wastewater when fully fine-tuned and vetted. We will have updates as the project progresses.

Our Urban Renewal District will begin kicking into gear this year, with a look at a possible joint City-Recreation District Community Center study. There are also plans to begin the refurbishment of the old Columbia Bank building, and other renovations around town.

As always, I want to remind everyone to support our youth. Our local schools have done a great job of expanding activities for them, and I hope that we will continue to support these efforts, by attending plays, concerts and Boomer sports.

The shortage of workers that has been affecting all of our local businesses is very real, and it is nationwide. Please remember to be kind and courteous with staff, as we are all shorthanded!

Phantom Art Galleries continue to promote local artists on Main Street

ART Toledo is pleased to announce the selected artists for November 2022-March 2023: Erin Smith and Toshio Toguchi. This selection includes paintings, and *Gyotaku* which is the ancient art of fish printing. Galleries opened for viewing in late November, at 355 N. Main Street. “Phantom Art Galleries” beautify neglected downtown areas, bring additional revenue to neighboring businesses, increase real estate values, and support local artists. The idea is to take empty storefronts,



spruce them up and install art from local artists. Stop by and view these gifted artists’ work, and please shop local.

Another round of ART Toledo’s ART, OYSTERS AND BREWS is coming your way this summer 2023.





Art, Oysters & Brews

Dates for 2023: 7/1 - 8/5 - 9/2



Call for Vendors



info@arttoledo.com



ARTToledo.com

SUMMER FUN ... We at ArtToledo are excited for 2023! The Art, Oysters and Brews festivals dates will be July 1, August 5 and September 2. If you are interested in being a vendor or a volunteer this coming year, please go to [ARTToledo.com](https://www.arttoledo.com) and sign up.

FROM POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL PACE



Officer Dalynn Shinholster

Officer Shinholster graduated from Western Oregon University with a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice and a minor in Forensic Science, and has many years in law enforcement in various roles. Officer Shinholster has lived in Lincoln County for the past six years, although her ties to this community have been strong for a lot longer, and she has established a home here. Officer Shinholster is grateful to serve and work alongside others in this community to enhance the safety and well-being overall.

Dispatcher Kayla Thier

Dispatcher Thier grew up in Toledo, graduating in 2008 from Waldport High School, and spending a majority of her school years and adult life in Toledo. She enjoys being a part of the community and is involved in local functions and school activities. She enjoys kayaking, agate hunting and volunteering, and looks forward to serving the Toledo community.



FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BILL ZUSPAN

We will be constructing a mural site across from City Hall on Main St. This mural site is for a very special tribute to Michael Gibbons, a very famous Toledo artist who is known nationwide for his work. Watch for work to start on this project in early spring.



With the winter weather and dampness on our streets, please use great caution when driving on roads that appear clear but may have a very thin sheet of ice. Crews will maintain as much as possible but use great caution especially in hilly areas.— which is most of the City of Toledo!

Public Works crews are working diligently to keep our town looking nice and attractive for all of our residents and out-of-town guests. REMINDER: Residents are responsible for maintaining drainage in front of their homes, including driveway culverts. NO storm water may be diverted into a sewer system.

We strongly encourage all residents to be aware and prepare for possible winter emergencies such as power outages.



City Council recently adopted a Housing Capacity Analysis prepared by ECO Northwest as a part of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Toledo. Results can be found on the City website at www.cityoftoledo.org

BIKE RACKS GRANT RECEIVED FROM CYCLE OREGON



City of Toledo is happy to announce that it has received a generous grant from Cycle Oregon for bike racks to be installed around the city. This grant allows us to make our community more bike friendly for both our local community and our visitors.

Tell Our Story

The future has questions about us.
Let's answer together.

The Toledo Public Library is building a digital audio
archive of Lincoln County voices and stories.

Your voice is needed.

Call today to schedule a recording session.
541-336-3132



City seeks volunteers for numerous positions



Citizen volunteers play an important role in city government by serving on boards, commissions and other committees. We have several seats open on various committees within the City:

Budget Committee: An advisory committee to the City Council, which includes the Council. It is comprised of an equal number of citizens and City Council members. The Committee typically meets annually in the spring in April and May to review the City's budget and make a recommendation to the City Council. Members of the committee must reside within the City limits and be qualified electors. Each term is for three years.

Contribution Committee: An advisory committee to the City Council with one 'at-large' position which is held by a citizen. The Committee typically meets once a year to review requests for funding assistance from local organizations that benefit the community, and then provide a recommendation to the City Council. Funding is provided by a portion of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana taxes. The citizen seat is a non-expiring term filled by a resident, who serves at the pleasure of the Council.

Planning Commission: A commission required by Oregon law, comprised of seven members. It currently has two terms that are expiring. The Commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month and is charged with the review of land use proposals. They may suggest changes to the City Council in regard to zoning, including height and design of buildings, setbacks, layout and widening of streets, parking, development of pedestrian and bicycle paths, conditional uses and Development Code review. Membership terms are four years, unless appointed to fill the remainder of an open vacancy.

City Council: The governing body that oversees the City's rules, the Council is comprised of six Council members and the Mayor. The Council meets two to three times a month (1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday) to consider city business. Each term is four years and there is currently one vacancy, which will expire in January 2025.

If volunteering in this capacity is of interest to you, please consider volunteering for one of the listed committees, commission or council.

Visit the website at <https://www.cityoftoledo.org/bc> to apply. You may contact the City Recorder for more information at 541-336-2247 extension 2060.

PLEASE JOIN US IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!

Lights of Hope Presents:

OVERCOMING DARKNESS

A Suicide Awareness and Prevention Event

SAT., JANUARY 7, 2023 from 5:30-8:00pm
Toledo Foursquare Church - 1803 NW Lincoln Way

SPEAKERS – BOOTHS – FREE CHILI!

CITY OF TOLEDO IS HIRING - See details on our website at www.cityoftoledo.org/jobs

Toledo Council and City Hall Contact Information

Toledo Council meetings are held the first, third and fourth Wednesday at 6 pm, in-person at City Hall council chambers, 206 N. Main St., and available via Zoom. Mayor and Council members may be reached at these email addresses:

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