



# TOLEDO City News

## FROM MAYOR ROD CROSS

This month's message is about two very important topics: infrastructure and community. Most of you that have known me for years know that I am committed to both of those items here in the city of Toledo.

Infrastructure isn't "sexy", but it is necessary for the upkeep of civilization. I believe that keeping up with water, sewer, building and street needs, before they fail, is a vital part of my job as your mayor.

Our Ammon Road water tank is in need of replacement. It is a one-million-gallon tank that is vital not only for the Sturdevant Road area, but also to allow us to balance water flows throughout the city. Our ability to store water has never been more necessary than it is today. As recently as two years ago, we were the only community not to go into water curtailment – partly because of our storage capacity.

Toledo is growing, and will continue to grow. The need to replace this tank will only become more evident as growth occurs. To meet the costs of replacement, your city government is considering a General Obligation Bond for the 2023 election. This bond would replace the expiring bond for the fire station. The effect on property taxes would be minimal, and possibly could show a decrease, when the current bond is retired.

On another note - Community comes in all ages, and I want to invite everyone to come up to the Toledo Junior/Senior High School for the 100-Year Celebration of Toledo Schools, on Thursday, May 4, 2023 with an open house beginning at 5:30pm.

There will be tours of the schools, as much has changed over the years. Tables of memorabilia will include yearbooks from every class since 1923, and will be available for viewing. Videos of previous Boomers and events will be shown in the Commons. Food will be available throughout the event, with many interactive events.

At 6:30pm, we will gather for opening remarks and refreshments. Blank pages will be available for you to leave a note in the time capsule, which will be buried ceremoniously at 7:30pm. Leading up to that, we will have an honor ceremony performed by the Siletz Tribe. The capsule will be buried to await its re-opening in the future. We will join together for an all-class, all-ages singing of the Boomer Fight Song!

I hope you will attend, as this is for all of us, even those of us who are adopted Boomers.

## COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY

If you have been wanting to serve your community, here is your chance! Please call City of Toledo at 541-336-2247 for more details.

**Toledo School's  
100 Years in  
Education  
Celebration**

**MAY 4TH, 2023  
OPEN HOUSE, 5:30PM-7:30PM  
TIME CAPSULE BURIAL, 7:30PM**

**TOLEDO JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL  
1800 NE STURDEVANT RD  
TOLEDO, OR 97391**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## Toledo 2022 Water Quality Report Now Available Online

City of Toledo tests and reports on the contaminants in the city's drinking water. In 2022, 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 2022 Water Quality Report is now available to view online at:

[www.cityoftoledo.org/publicworks/page/water-quality-reports-master-plans](http://www.cityoftoledo.org/publicworks/page/water-quality-reports-master-plans)

Paper copies of the report are also available at Toledo City Hall, 206 N Main Street. If you would like a hard copy of the 2022 Water Quality Report mailed to you, please call 541-336-2247 ext. 2130, or email [planning@cityoftoledo.org](mailto: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 call the Water Treatment Plant at 541-336-2610.

### **FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BILL ZUSPAN**

The Public Works crew has been wrapping up the new play structure at Memorial Park and parents and toddlers are really enjoying it! It is good to see children outside playing again.



The SET softball and baseball groups are working hard to get the fields usable after all the rainfall. Water pumps have been installed to drain the field and get it ready for game day.

The new bicycle racks have been installed at all the bus stops and along Main Street. The surface of Rock Park to Main Street is scheduled for a make-over soon, as well. The existing rock work has become quite unstable and will be removed and replaced with very attractive block.

Work continues to reduce the Infiltration of ground water into the sewer system; sewer lines are being lined and man-holes rebuilt. Infrastructure maintenance for the City is very expensive and needs to be addressed with continuous rehab projects every year.

### ***H-2-O: "HELP TO OTHERS"*** **WATER BILL ASSISTANCE**

City of Toledo asks for donations to support residents in need of assistance with water bill payments. Your donation is voluntary and will help those who have made a good-faith effort to pay their bill. Please call **541-336-2247** for more information on the program.

**FROM FIRE CHIEF LARRY ROBESON**

## May 6 - Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is a national campaign that encourages people and organizations everywhere to come together on a single day to take action to raise awareness and reduce wildfire risks. Prep Day is focused on what residents can do on and around their home to help protect against the threat of wildfires.

Research shows there are proven methods for preparing properties for withstanding the devastating impacts of a wildfire. You have the power to protect the community and your family by eliminating vulnerabilities in the immediate 5-foot zone around your residence. Whether it's replacing wood chips with gravel or reimagining your entire landscape design, what you do May 6 matters.

For more information, contact either <https://www.cityoftoledo.org/fire> or go to <https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/National-Wildfire-Community-Preparedness-Day>

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

Sponsored by the  
City of Toledo & Toledo  
Jr/High School

**When:** Wednesday,  
May 10, 2023  
**Time:** 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Toledo High School  
Commons  
1800 NE Sturdevant Rd,  
Toledo, OR

Learn how to prepare:

- your home to mitigate fires
- vital documents
- to-go-bags for your family & pets

There will be food, evacuation routes handouts available, games, emergency preparedness demonstrations and more! Contact the City for more information at 541-336-2247.

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## What's up at the Library?

CALLING ALL TOLEDO PUBLIC LIBRARY FANS: TIME TO GET CREATIVE!  
COME IN FOR ONE OF OUR NEW ART KITS AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT!

SIGN UP TODAY! START GETTING FREE BOOKS  
SENT TO YOUR CHILDREN UNDER AGE FIVE.  
DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

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SIGN UP FOR OUR FORAGING WORKSHOPS MAY 6 & 13  
541-336-3132

## **FROM CHIEF MICHAEL PACE**

### **A special “thank you” to Toledo law enforcement on May 15, and always**

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. We would like to recognize and thank all of the law enforcement officers for their dedication, professionalism, courage, and compassion.

“I would like to say a special thank you to the law enforcement officers who work for the City of Toledo: Sergeant AaRon Pitcher, Officer Marshall Dean, Officer Dalynn Shinholster, Officer Kevin Bare, Officer Conor Ringwald and Community Services Officer Ron Bush. Thank you for protecting our city and the community members who live, work, and travel through it. Thank you for protecting the vulnerable victims (children and elderly) who often do not have a voice of their own. Thank you for your dedication to your job which often takes you away from time with your family which includes holidays, birthdays, games, practices, recitals, and other family time. Thank you for your compassion by treating every citizen equally, rendering aid without question, arresting and citing with dignity and respect, and setting the standards for professionalism. You do your job knowing the physical and mental costs. Law Enforcement Officers are more prone to heart disease, cancer, depression, reduced immune functions, injury, sleep issues, and PTSD. I am very grateful and proud to serve by this team of professional, hard-working individuals.

If you have the time and would like to share your appreciation please post a thank you on our Facebook page, send an email o [301@cityoftoledo.org](mailto:301@cityoftoledo.org), drop by the office and say “thank you”, or anything else you deem is appropriate.

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for more info

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**Toledo OR 97391**  
**Judy M. Richter,**  
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### **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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