



TOLEDO

City News

November 2023

Mayor's Message

November is a month for reflection and thanksgiving. This year has brought many changes here at the city and around the country. We have had personnel changes at the city, and yet things have remained steady and we keep making progress on short-term and long-term projects.

We have a measure on the ballot to replace a failing water tank and to begin the improvements on our Public Safety Building. If you haven't voted yet, I encourage you to do so. This levy would seamlessly replace the current levy for the Fire Station and our property taxes will still be lower than current levels.

Homelessness has become an issue that is no longer confined to the big cities. We have seen an uptick in our local homeless population as inflation and other market factors have increased pressure on all sectors of housing here and across the county. I have been working at the State and County level to get services and housing relief here in Toledo. Working on this subject has revealed that the issues we face will not have any easy answers or a "silver bullet."

This situation will not be solved quickly, and with that in mind, I urge all of us to show grace and patience for those that find themselves homeless. Many of those homeless in our county are "home grown", and have lost housing for many different reasons. Our economy here is putting tremendous pressure on a large portion of our neighbors. Please consider helping out or donating to our Toledo Food Pantry located on Main Street next to Timbers.

We need to always remember to be thankful for all the things we do have. Many in our area have lost a home, family or friends in the last year. Be thankful, reach out and let others know they are not alone in the struggles that life brings.

Be a good neighbor.

Scan here for Bond
Information



Snow Season is right around the corner

Last year was a doozy, there were a few snow events that provided Toledo with more than an average dusting. Power was knocked out in some areas of town, including our Public Works facilities. Roads were either impassable due to fallen trees and limbs or snow hadn't been cleared. Thanks to one of Toledo's citizens, Public Works was able to clear some of these routes faster with their help.

Toledo Public Works has established snow routes that are prioritized and may be viewed on the City of Toledo webpage (www.cityoftoledo.org). Public Works has one plow truck and a spreader for salt. In the event of a snow event, Public Works will adhere to the snow/sanding routes. Public works will not clear sidewalks that are not in front of Toledo public facilities.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING COUNCIL BUSINESS

The City Council will be introducing a new ordinance on livability. This important piece of local legislation will afford the City an avenue to address blighted properties and assist renters in working with neglected issues from their landlords. Please, we encourage the public to comment when introduced, scheduled for November 1, 2023. Watch our website for any updates to this date, and please join us for public comment on this important piece of local legislation.

TOLEDO TOWN HALL

The Toledo City Council hosted a Town Hall last month for the public at the Toledo Fire Department, updating citizens on key city issues and projects taking place within our community. There was a good turnout, with dinner, refreshments and introductions all around. We saw new faces, not just from the community but new City Councilors too! Council members talked about their adopted goals which provide financial guidance for staff as they work to complete projects like the new bathrooms at Arcadia Park. Art Toledo was present and summarized all their work and progress the group has made in the last year. This included a community mural and a mural art walk for teens, along with the continued growth of Art, Oysters and Brew. Mayor Cross provided information on the 2023 ballot measure for voters regarding a bond to replace Ammons water tank and begin upgrades to the public safety building along Highway Business Loop 20. For more information about any of the topics listed above, please visit the City website at www.cityoftoledo.org.



Toledo

Tree Lighting Celebration!

Saturday, November 25th

Enjoy:
Family Fun Umbrella Parade, Beautiful Christmas Tree Lighting, and Festive Community Party!
FREE!

4:30PM: Decorated Umbrella Contest
To enter the contest bring your decorated umbrella and meet at the top of Main Street.
Judging at 4:45PM
Best Decorated Prizes for:
Youth 1-17yrs, Family, and Adult 18+

5:00PM: Umbrella Parade
Bring your decorated umbrella and meet at the top of Main Street.
Parade route: Down Main Street to Tree Lighting, then to Elks for Holiday Party with Santa!

5:15PM: Christmas Tree Lighting!
Join us for the annual lighting of the Christmas Tree in front of Cobblestone.

After the Tree Lighting: Community Party!
Don't miss the Community Party at the Toledo Elks Lodge, 123 Alder Street. Santa will be there. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Crafts for kids.

  

For more information call 541-336-3183



**Umbrella
Decorating
Day
Friday,
November
10th
1-4p.m.**

**Get those umbrellas ready for the
November 25th Umbrella Parade down Main Street!**

**The library will have holiday decorations
available for you to get creative and decorate
your umbrella! Free while supplies last!**

No umbrella? No worries!
There will be a few free
umbrellas on hand for those
who need one.

Toledo Public Library
173 NW 7th Street
Toledo, Oregon 97391
541-336-3132
cityoftoledo.org/library





TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Toledo Police Department is excited to announce the addition of new police officer, Tim Cross. Tim is a graduate of Western Oregon University with a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal justice. Tim grew up in Toledo and is looking forward to serving the community he was raised. Tim enjoys golfing and watching his favorite sports team, the Minnesota Vikings (We will try not to hold that against him)! Tim knew from a young age he wanted to be a police officer and is happy to protect and serve his hometown of Toledo.



YES, WE CAN BURN

Please be sure to follow the rules and scan below for your burn permit:

Registration means that burning piles of CLEAN yard debris only is now approved for the remainder of this burning season.

- Burn piles must be clean natural vegetation and cannot be any larger than 4'x4'x4'
- No trash, treated lumber products or other materials may be burned
- Fires must be at least ten (10) feet away from any other structures, fences, or other flammable materials

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Burn permits



- Area surrounding the fire must be clean, with trimmed grass and free from shrubs
- A shovel or hand tool must be in close proximity
- A water source must be readily available and near the pile. A hose is preferred, however, 10 gallons of water or a fire extinguisher will suffice
- Approved burn barrels with a screen on top to prevent burning embers may be used
- Fire must be attended at all times
- Fire must be extinguished by sunset

Fires that produce large amounts of smoke or nauseous smells which travel towards

TOLEDO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The comprehensive plan is a long-range planning document that every Oregon city and county adopts, and the City of Toledo is in the final stages of a community-wide effort to update ours. A comprehensive plan helps manage expected population and employment growth through a set of goals and policies that align with the community's vision. The 2043 Toledo Comprehensive plan is the community's blueprint for the future. ***The Planning Commission will review the updated plan on November 8, 2023, and the City Council will review the plan on December 6, 2023.***



LINCOLN COUNTY READS 2023

*November 30 at 5:00 pm
333 SE Bay Blvd., Newport
Pacific Maritime Heritage Center
Doerfler Family Center*

AS THE CONDOR SOARS CONSERVING AND RESTORING OREGON'S BIRDS



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Planning Commission

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