



NEWSLETTER

STRENGTH IN UNITY

Second Quarter 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope this letter finds you all well and your summer activities are going as planned.

As some may already know the OMA Board of Directors has formed a task force

for the homelessness issue consisting of 25 mayors throughout the state. Our goal is to send a collaborated message to next year's Legislature in hopes the state will hear our concerns and partner with cities to address this issue. We will keep you all posted on the work of the task force, and feel free to reach out to committee members in your area if you want to give input or one of the board members. More

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A mural of a Nye Beach banner painted on the side of the Nye Beach Pump Station.

CITY SPOTLIGHT: NEWPORT

A Small Coastal Community with Big Plans

The city of Newport is a small coastal community of just under 11,000 residents. It's a community with big plans—from how it balances its marine industry with tourism, manages its cultural investments with infrastructure needs, and ensures a sound quality of life for residents while still providing an inviting feel for tourists.

Marine Industry and Tourism

Newport's marine industry is staggering when one considers the actual size of the city itself. The city is home to one of the largest and most productive fishing fleets in the United States. According to a 2019 report from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Newport, along with the city of Astoria, has significant trawl activity in bottom, whiting, and mid-water rockfish, which helps to put the two cities "in the top three ports in total commercial fishery value throughout the entire West Coast." The Midwater Trawlers Cooperative and Lincoln County Board of Commissioners commissioned an independent study in 2019 from the Research Group which found that the Newport fisheries accounted for 37 percent of Oregon's onshore harvest values in 2019 with 334.8 million pounds worth of \$161.6 million in harvest value. This same study showed that 311 fishing vessels made deliveries to the Yaquina Bay during 2019.

In addition to the commercial fishing industry, Newport's marine industry includes Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center. The Marine Science Center is a marine laboratory that has been in operation for more than 50 years. It serves as Oregon State University's coast campus, is an oceanographic research base for six state and federal agencies, and is a resource to educational institutions and the public. The Gladys Valley Marine Studies Building was completed in 2021 and provides 72,000 additional square feet of research and classroom space and includes Oregon's first tsunami evacuation site incorporated in a building.

The city of Newport is also home to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Operations Center. The center provides administrative, engineering, maintenance and logistical support to NOAA's

Pacific fleet. NOAA's website indicates that the ships associated with this fleet "collect data essential to protecting marine animals, coral reefs and historic shipwrecks, managing commercial marine fish stocks, understanding climate processes, and producing nautical charts that help keep mariners safe. NOAA ships also deploy and help maintain buoys that gather oceanographic and weather information and warn of tsunamis."

Rounding out the non-tourism based marine industry in Newport are a number of state and federal oceanic agencies including the presence of a United States Coast Guard base. The Coast Guard station in Newport manages the area from Cape Perpetua to Spencer Creek—which totals approximately 27 miles of coast. According to the Coast Guard's webpage, the Newport station's primary mission is search and rescue efforts, with the station responding to as many as 590 cases per year.

With its location on the coast, Newport not only has a heavy maritime industry, it also has a significant tourism industry. Tourism involves more than a day trip to the beach when visiting Newport—visitors explore the city's Historic Bayfront and the Oregon Coast Aquarium. The Historic Bayfront is a unique combination of working fishing vessels, shops, and restaurants. And, during certain times of the year, California sea lions make themselves at home on docks specifically provided for their use. Interestingly enough, earlier this year, the Historic Bayfront provided residents and visitors alike a rare opportunity to experience the wonder of a visiting pod of killer whales. The Oregon Coast Aquarium has been in operation for thirty years, with its most famous guest no doubt being Keiko, a world-renowned orca who left the facility in 1998. In 2022, the aquarium opened its newest facility, a new nature play outdoor area and outdoor amphitheater.

Cultural Investments and Infrastructure Needs

Like many communities, Newport must manage its fiscal resources in a way that properly recognizes the importance of arts and culture, while also taking care to properly fund needed infrastructure.

In terms of cultural investments, the city created a Public Arts Fund which requires that the city contributes and encourages private developers to voluntarily donate up to 1% of eligible construction costs in support of public art. Resources within the Fund are used to place art in public buildings and within public spaces. The Fund is intended to:

- Increase the livability and artistic richness of the city by making art a permanent part of the city's environment and a legacy for future generations;
- Provide opportunities for the public to increase their awareness, appreciation, knowledge and education of public art;
- Develop a sense of place, community pride and identity through the creation of new works;
- Integrate art and artists into a variety of public settings;
- Create art that inspires people and is an expression of the time;
- Enhance the attractiveness of the city, and promote cultural tours; and,
- Provide opportunities for artists.

One of the best places to truly gain a perspective of how deeply the city cares about its arts program is to visit City Hall. Within the confines of City Hall, visitors can enjoy painting after painting, from a variety of artists, displaying distinctive styles and different mediums of work.

Much like its investment in culture, the city of Newport has made consistent investments in its infrastructure needs. Two recent and significant infrastructure projects includes the city's work on its updated Transportation Plan and its work to strengthen and upgrade the Big Creek Dam.

The Transportation Plan, presently in its final draft stages, recognizes that U.S. Highway 101 and U.S High 20 are the backbone of its transportation network—both of which intersect with the city's downtown area forming truly complex intersections that are utilized by motor vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians. Looking into the future, the city's draft Transportation Plan seeks to achieve the following goals:

- Improve the safety of all users of the system for all modes of travel;
- Promote efficient travel that provides access to goods, services, and employment to meet the daily needs of all users, as well as to local and regional major activity centers;



Happiness Found is part of Newport's public art collection, and is the first Percent for the Arts project. The artist is CJ Rench from Hood River.

- Adjust traffic patterns to facilitate revitalization of the City's central business district on US 101;
- Complete safe, convenient and comfortable networks of facilities that make walking and biking an attractive choice by people of all ages and abilities;
- Develop a transportation system that facilitates economic activity and draws businesses to the area;
- Minimize the environmental impacts on natural resources and encourage lower-polluting transportation alternatives;
- Support options for exercise and healthy lifestyles to enhance the quality of life;
- Ensure that the choices being made today make sense at a time when the city is growing, and the transportation industry is rapidly changing;
- Sustain an economically viable transportation system; and,
- Partner with other jurisdictions to plan and fund projects that better connect the city with the region.

Newport's Big Creek Dam is the city's sole source of water, and it is presently considered at risk of failure from even a minor earthquake. The city has engaged in an extensive and comprehensive public information campaign about the

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dangers of the dam and its need for repair, while simultaneously lobbying state and federal legislators for financial assistance in making needed repairs. Newport estimates the cost to repair the dam to be around \$80 million, and given Newport's low population rate, a tax large enough to fund the entire project is virtually insurmountable. During the 2021 legislative session, the city received \$14 million for design and planning work from the State of Oregon. Newport is presently crossing its fingers as the latest version of Water Resources Development Act of 2022, which passed the United States House of Representatives in June, will shortly be approved by the United States. The Act includes \$60 million in funding to repair and improve the Big Creek Dam.

Quality of Life & Welcoming Community

Newport is a city dedicated to ensuring its almost 11,000 residents enjoy a strong quality of life, while intentionally taking positive steps towards welcoming the many visitors that come each year. The city of Newport can, particularly during the summer, see 25,000 visitors come to experience all that it has to offer. With all that Newport has to offer, it's no wonder the Oregon Mayors Association selected the city as the host site for its 2022 Annual Summer Conference. Both the OMA Board of Directors and the city of Newport sincerely hope all of Oregon's mayors can attend the conference this year, and make some time to explore the city of Newport's great offerings.

OMA Establishes a Statewide Homelessness Taskforce

On March 4, 2022, the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) Board of Directors authorized the creation of a statewide taskforce of mayors known as the Homelessness Taskforce. During the OMA Board of Directors meeting on April 21, 2022, 25 mayors from across the state were appointed to the Taskforce. The Taskforce is comprised of the following Oregon mayors:

- Mayor Julie Akins, Ashland;
- Mayor Henry Balensifer, Warrenton;
- Mayor Lacey Beaty, Beaverton;
- Mayor Steve Callaway, Hillsboro;
- Mayor Rod Cross, Toledo;
- Mayor Dave Drotzmann, Hermiston;
- Mayor Jessica Engelke, North Bend;
- Mayor Goodman-Campbell, Bend;
- Mayor Jeff Gowing, Cottage Grove;
- Mayor Teri Lenahan, North Plains;
- Mayor Carol MacInnes, Fossil;
- Mayor Meadow Martell, Cave Junction;
- Mayor Richard Mays, The Dalles;
- Mayor Kate McBride, Hood River;
- Mayor Michael Preedin, Sisters;
- Mayor Jason Snider, Tigard;

- Mayor Randy Sparacino, Medford;
- Mayor Travis Stovall, Gresham;
- Mayor Jim Trett, Detroit;
- Mayor Ray Turner, Lakeview;
- Mayor Tom Vialpando, Vail; and,
- Mayor Lucy Vinis, Eugene.

Mayor Gowing, the 2022 OMA President, is chairing all meetings of the Taskforce. It is expected that the Taskforce will hold a minimum of four meetings during calendar year 2022. The first meeting occurred on June 24. Additional meetings are planned for July 22, August 12 and August 29. Further meetings in September and October are intended as well.

The Taskforce was created to achieve three purposes. First, to serve as a foundation for developing a state funding package to present during the 2023 legislative session—with a goal of securing state funding which can be used by cities and their county and service provider partners to address homelessness in their respective communities. Second, for mayors to lay the groundwork for a longer-term financial support package from the State of Oregon as cities work to develop a continuing plan to properly respond to and address the homelessness crisis. Third, to position Oregon's mayors to speak with a common voice and provide a unified message on the homelessness crisis so that an effective campaign for state partnership and support can begin.

Networking Nationally – The Benefits of the U.S. Conference of Mayors

The U.S. Conference of Mayors (“Conference”) is a nonpartisan organization comprised of mayors representing cities with populations of 30,000 or greater. The primary roles of the Conference are: advocacy efforts at the national level; sharing best practices; creating business connections between cities and private industry; promoting cities; and, providing networking opportunities for its members. Each year the Conference holds two events, a January gathering in Washington D.C. and a summer gathering in a different member city. This past June, the summer event was held in Reno, Nevada, and was attended by several Oregon mayors.

Former OMA President and Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway was one of the Oregon mayors who attended the Conference event in Reno. Mayor Callaway agreed to share the benefits he gets from membership in the Conference and the advantages he finds in attending the Conference’s two major events each year. While the majority of cities in Oregon are too small to be members of the Conference, for those that can participate, Mayor Callaway believes the participation to be valuable.

One of the key benefits to membership in the Conference, per Mayor Callaway, is the ability to learn from his mayoral peers from other parts of the country. For example, when Hillsboro was identifying how to address issues related to being or not being a sanctuary city, Mayor Callaway was able to connect with and learn from Oakland, California Mayor Libby Schaaf. Mayor Callaway noted that because of his connections with the Conference, he was able to learn from Mayor Schaaf about how her city successfully navigated sanctuary city issues. Through the Conference, Mayor Callaway has also become friends with Everett, Washington Mayor Cassie Franklin – both of whom have been able to share ideas and strategies with one another involving their respective community’s similar infrastructure needs.

And while Hillsboro is a big city in Oregon, it’s a relatively small city when it comes to the other communities represented in the Conference membership. Mayor Callaway was quick to note that it would be reasonable to assume that Hillsboro has little in common with Phoenix, Arizona, but in reality they both have Intel in common. And as

result of the Conference, Mayor Callaway has been able to form a relationship with Phoenix, Arizona Mayor Kate Gallego; the two are now connected and can share their experiences in working with a large multinational company like Intel.

In addition to networking, the Conference provides mayors with an opportunity to see other cities across the country. As Mayor Callaway pointed out, visiting another community, particularly in a different region of the country, provides him with a different perspective on ways in which to improve Hillsboro. While in Reno a few months ago for the Conference’s summer event, Mayor Callaway was able to participate in the city’s mural tour. The tour provided Mayor Callaway with insight into concepts for his own city to explore in its art and cultural district.

The goals of the U.S. Conference of Mayors are similar to those of the OMA. At their core, both the OMA and the Conference serve to bring mayors together to solve problems and collaborate.

President’s Message

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information on the article can be found later on in this Newsletter.

Also, I’m sure you’re all aware of the violence that’s been happening around the country. I wish I had words to reassure you all. I don’t know why there is such a lack of value for the human life. We need to get back to respecting each other and find a way to put an end to the violent behaviors.

I hope everyone is going to be able to make it to Newport in August for our annual, Next Best Conference Ever. We have a lot of activities planned and it will be great to see everyone in person again.

Have a great summer,

Jeff Gowing
Cottage Grove Mayor
OMA President



DRAFT PROGRAM

2022 SUMMER CONFERENCE

August 11 – 13, 2022 ♦ Best Western Plus Agate Beach Inn

3019 N. Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon

Printed copies of the agenda will be available onsite.

All other handouts and presentations will be available online following the conference.

Thursday, August 11, 2022

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Golf Tournament	<i>Salishan Golf Links 7760 N. Hwy. 101, Gleneden Beach, OR 97388</i>
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Tidal Pool Tour	<i>Yaquina Head 750 NW Lighthouse Dr., Newport, OR 97365</i>
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Great Amazing Race Newport	<i>Newport, Oregon</i>
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Marine Discovery Tour	<i>Marine Discovery Tours 345 SW Bay Boulevard, Newport, OR 97365</i>
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration Open	<i>Foyer</i>
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Newcomer's Orientation	<i>Moss</i>
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	OMA Board of Directors Meeting	<i>Cove</i>
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Mayors City Tour: Working with City	<i>Location: TBD</i>
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5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Oregon Coast Aquarium Networking Event & Annual Silent Auction	<i>Oregon Coast Aquarium 2820 SE Ferry Slip Road, Newport, OR 97365</i>
7:30 p.m.	Dinner on Own	

Friday, August 12, 2022

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration Open	<i>Foyer</i>
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Networking Breakfast	<i>Jasper/Onyx</i>
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies (Sponsored by ??????)	<i>Jasper/Onyx</i>
8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Break	
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Breakout Sessions	
	1. Bringing a City Council Together	<i>Location: TBD</i>
	2. Diversity and Inclusion in Action	<i>Location: TBD</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Statewide Mayors Update	<i>Rainbow/Mos</i>
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Break	
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 pm	Lunch & Keynote Address (Sponsored by Comcast)	<i>Location: TBD</i>
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions	
	1. How Mayors Successfully Impact State & Federal Legislators	<i>Location: TBD</i>
	2. Responding to the Homelessness Crisis	<i>Location: TBD</i>
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Snack Break	
2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Mayors Roundtables: Small, Medium & Large City Roundtable Discussions	<i>Location: TBD</i>
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Guests Tours: Self-Guided Walking Tours	<i>Location: TBD</i>
3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Snack Break	



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3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Mayors City Tour: Urban Renewal	Location: TBD
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Mayors City Tour: Working Bayfront and Marine Science	Location: TBD
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	OMA Homelessness Taskforce Meeting	Location: TBD
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Dinner	
8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	S'mores on the Beach	Location: TBD

Saturday, August 13, 2022

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration Open	Foyer
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Networking Breakfast	Location: TBD
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Being a Mayor: It's a Family Affair	Location: TBD
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Breakout Sessions	
	1. Social Media 101: Dipping Your Mayoral Toe Into Social Networking	Location: TBD
	2. Social Media 201: Friend or Foe, the Choice is Yours	Location: TBD
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	The 2023 Legislative Session: Concepts Being Considered	Location: TBD
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch and Student Contest Awards Presentation	Location: TBD
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions	
	1. Financing City Programs and Services: Opportunities and Limitations	Location: TBD
	2. Partnering with National Guard and Local Military Command	Location: TBD
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Snack Break	
2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Elements of Successful Mayor & Chief Executive Officer Relationships	Location: TBD
4:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Reception	Location: TBD
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Awards Dinner & Awards Presentation	Location: TBD
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	President's Reception, Family Friendly	Location: TBD



Trivia Question:

How many lighthouses are located in the city of Newport?

Answer on back page.



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

ARPA: Help or Hindrance?

By Mayor Rod Cross, Toledo

Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars that have and will be coming to your city can be of immense value in your community or an unabashed hindrance.

We in city government have to be mindful that these are one-time dollars and not a revenue stream.

If your staff and council are like mine, there were no shortage of issues we could have addressed with ARPA funds. Everything was on the table, from new equipment to more staffing needs that arose out of the pandemic.

This is where the hindrance comes in. Using one-time dollars for an ongoing cost is a recipe for disaster, especially in local government. In this time of rising inflation, poor budgetary choices can really decimate entire departments if not managed with an eye on the long game.

It took several council meetings with department heads to iron out a plan that was fiscally responsible, and met ongoing, long term needs. While there were some heated discussions, everyone agreed in the end to use these dollars in a “one time” frame of mind.

One of the many uses of these funds is to use them for infrastructure improvements that will allow a community to catch up on those projects that are needed to sustain operations at a pre-pandemic level. Here in Toledo, we have identified several inflow and infiltration projects that need immediate attention, and are moving to implement those projects.

Facilities improvements can also be addressed with ARPA monies, and we are moving to have a fixed site ADA

compliant restroom facility at our main city park. We are also using the ARPA dollars as our grant match in a State Parks Grant Application to make improvements and renovations at that park.

Employee retention is another aspect of the ARPA funds. We have decided to award all employees that have weathered the COVID storm a one-time bonus for their continued dedication to serve our citizens throughout those trying years.

One of the biggest observations I have found is that outside of major (millions of dollar) projects, these funds are an essential tool for local governments to address the aging infrastructure needs of all of our communities. How often do we fall behind on “scheduled replacements” because we are busy using those dollars to do costly, immediate repairs to our systems?

It is my hope that we can all work together to lobby our state and federal partners to continue a funding stream similar to these ARPA funds. As our infrastructure continues to age and deteriorate, the need for more assistance will only continue to grow.

ARPA funds must be used wisely and we need to show the efficacy of allowing these restricted funds to be used in ways that benefit our towns and cities to continue to be directly disbursed to us. Allowing local control of these dollars makes fiscal sense, as they are not eaten up by administrative costs in higher levels of bureaucracy, and they can go directly to where each community determines the most need.

OMA Board Seeks 2023 Applicants

The Oregon Mayors Association is accepting applications from active OMA members for its 2023 Board of Directors. The OMA Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of officers including the president-elect and one director to the OMA Board for review and consent prior to the association's Annual Membership Meeting on October 5, during the LOC Annual Conference.

Mayors interested in serving on the OMA Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning January 2023 are encouraged to apply, applications will be available on August 3 at www.oregonmayors.com. Applications are due no later than **September 2, 2022**. Any questions may be directed to Angela Speier at aspeier@orcities.org or (503) 588-6550.

2022 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
August 11, 2022	OMA Board Meeting	Newport
August 11-13, 2022	OMA Summer Conference	Newport
October 4, 2022	OMA Board Meeting	Bend
October 5, 2022	OMA Fall Workshop	Bend
October 5, 2022	OMA Annual Membership Meeting	Bend
December 8, 2022	OMA Board Meeting	Cottage Grove

OREGON DISTRICT EXPORT COUNCIL GLOBAL DISCUSSIONS OVER LUNCH

The Oregon District Export Council is pleased to bring a series of lunch & learn discussions, led by exporters and business people with in country, on-the-ground experience and stories to share. Benefit from their lessons learned the hard way! Better prepare yourself and your company for next steps and success in international markets.

MEETING TIMES & FOCUS

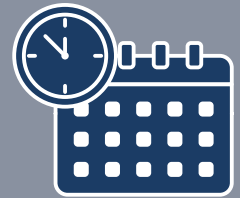
June 9, 2022 at 1:30 PDT (via Zoom):

- Sanctions: Types, Impacts on Exporters, Spotting Red Flags, Market Awareness Needs given recent updates
- Register: <https://conta.cc/3LrOhF2>

August 11, 2022 at 1:30 PDT, location TBD

October 13, 2022 at 1:30 PDT location TBD

December 8, 2022, at 1:30 PDT, location TBD



COUNTRY SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Briefings on market trends and opportunities, government funding priorities, trade promotion programs, and other business development activities supported by the State, U.S. Commercial Service, and U.S. Embassies

REGULATORY, STANDARDS & COMPLIANCE

Join conversations around Sanctions, Cybersecurity, Privacy Regulations (GDPR), Export Controls, Documentation, Adapting messaging and marketing materials to new culture/language, labeling, packaging, and more.



PEER PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON EXPORTING & BEST PRACTICES / PITFALLS TO AVOID

Moderated discussions aligned with Industry Verticals highlighting how companies in that industry have growth through export success, and lessons learned.



The Oregon District Export Council is a non-profit 501(c)3 volunteer organization of community leaders involved in international trade. All members are appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and work to support the growth of exporting in Oregon and the USA.
www.oregondec.org

ABOUT US



We are a learning network for mayors committed to shared prosperity, environmental sustainability, and efficient democratic government. Around the country, mayors are leading on pressing issues—climate change, racial equity, economic revitalization, housing, and more. We provide clear, useful information on policies and programs of interest to mayors and create high-quality peer learning experiences for local leaders. We give mayors a chance to step back, look at the big picture, work through problems, and develop solutions with peers and leading experts.

Participating cities reflect a broad diversity of population, geography, economic situation, form of government, and more. All mayors are welcome. Since its inception, over 250 cities, representing over 52 million people in 44 states and Canada, have participated. The Mayors Innovation Project provides an opportunity to pull back from the crises of the day and focus on what you're really trying to accomplish over your term of service.

LEARN

The Mayors Innovation Project connects mayors with research and expertise relevant to the challenges their city is facing. Mayorsinnovation.org provides cities with new policy innovations, best practices, case studies, and other resources.

EXCHANGE

Mayors Innovation Project meetings provide a forum for mayors to share best practices. Many of the best policy ideas discussed at meetings come from our member city mayors who led their implementation.

NETWORK

The Mayors Innovation Project helps you connect with mayors from around the country, share your successes and lessons learned, and get exposure to cutting edge ideas. Our meetings provide an off-the-record collegial environment in which to discuss new ideas.

INNOVATE

At each Mayors Innovation Project meeting, we aim to send you back to your city with new policy ideas you can implement immediately to improve quality of life. We also provide customized technical assistance as you implement policies that benefit your residents and community.



JOIN US

We invite all mayors to join the Mayors Innovation Project.

MEETINGS

Mayors Innovation Project meetings are informal but packed with substance. Our steering committee, made up of mayors and other city leaders, select relevant and timely policy areas for each meeting. We then invite mayors who are leading on those issues to present alongside national experts. Mayors have a chance to share their experiences, get advice from other mayors and experts, and then continue to receive support upon returning home. We focus on the “conversation in the hallway” that is often rushed at busy national meetings but can prove to be incredibly useful in advancing goals.

MEMBER CITY PERKS

- FREE, unlimited registrations to our Summer and Winter meetings.
- Invite-only, topic-specific and/or regional meetings, often including travel support.
- Access to the Mayors Innovation Project network, including policy experts, current and former mayors, and senior city staff.
- Technical assistance from Mayors Innovation Project staff and policy experts—members can request up to three short policy memos per year.
- Workshops, ongoing support, and resources for first-term mayors.

Learn more about membership and our next meeting at mayorsinnovation.org, or contact us at 608-890-0730 or info@mayorsinnovation.org.





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SAVE THE DATE



OMA Fall Workshop & Business Meeting October 5, 2022

Riverhouse on the Deschutes, Bend

The 2022 OMA Business Meeting and Fall Workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 5, in conjunction with the 97th League of Oregon Cities Conference in Bend.

Visit the Conference Page on the LOC website for information about the LOC Conference:
www.orcities.org.

Trivia Question Answer:

Two. Yaquina Head Lighthouse located in the Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area and Yaquina Bay Lighthouse located in the Yaquina Bay State Recreation Site.