

A second option would also serve the Skyview, Lava Ridge and Ponderosa schools while making a connection down 8th Street to the Hawthorne station.

Cascade East Transit (CET) is asking residents for their ideas about the proposed service that would be slated for summer of 2021 once bus stops and other support features are installed.

Please share your thoughts on a survey

www.surveymonkey.com/r/NortheastBendTransitSurvey

Code Enforcement Is Zeroing In on Flammable Vegetation

Julie Craig, code enforcement officer, says the City Code Enforcement staff is surveying Bend neighborhoods to identify homes where vegetation presents a fire hazard. She and fellow officers will be contacting homeowners in an effort to gain compliance to the Fire Wise code and eliminate the potential for fire in our city.

Recent fires in Juniper Ridge and La Pine point out the need for Bend to be proactive in reducing fire hazards around our homes and buildings. Winter is a good time to review one's yard and property and others in the neighborhood to identify what changes can be made to mitigate fire hazards.

The City code calls for fines of up to \$750 per day for properties not in compliance.

See the code for details <https://www.bendoregon.gov/departments/commuity-development/code-enforcement-division/flammable-vegetation>

Juniper Ridge Possible Site for Temporary Campground

The City of Bend continues to find a solution to sheltering homeless residents across town as it fulfills an obligation to BNSF Railroad regarding rail crossing safety at Juniper Ridge. Carolyn Eagan, Economic Development Director, appeared for a second time at a BANA meeting to share progress on the issue.

She said a task force of nonprofit organizations and agencies dealing with homelessness has been formed to address the problem on a county wide basis. While there are approximately 75 camps on the north end of Juniper Ridge, there are hundreds of other homeless persons camping throughout the city. City officials are permitting temporary shelters in churches and vacant buildings under recently passed state legislation and are looking at motels as possible additional shelters.

The 6-acre site north of Cooley Road is one of several locations considered for a temporary, managed camp. That location could accommodate up to 20 campsites on a gravel pad with some sanitation. The City is petitioning the current owners of the former KOA site as a possible campground.

A managed camp would have rules such as no drugs or alcohol on the site and social services would be available. Eagan said it could be weeks or months before the project is implemented. She did not identify other sites.

A city news release distributed November 19, 2020 said:

“As part of the planning process, City staff is identifying a potential location for the site. Staff is focusing on a City-owned parcel in Juniper Ridge that is currently being used as a rock-crushing site for the [North Interceptor Sewer Line Project](#). As that rock-crushing operation moves further north in early 2021, it will leave behind a cleared, graded site. The availability of a cleared and graded site will save time and significantly reduce the cost of developing the temporary transitional shelter site. [This potential location](#) is also further north of Cooley Road, which would provide separation between the site and neighbors south of Juniper Ridge.

During the plan development, there will be opportunities for community members to learn more and provide input through online meetings. These online meetings will provide neighbors, social services providers and other stakeholders a chance to be involved as the feasibility for this proposed site is evaluated. The online meetings will be in early December and the City will release the date, time and links to the online meetings when that information is available.

A temporary transitional shelter site at Juniper Ridge is one of many short-term solutions to help address homelessness in Bend. To learn more about other temporary transitional shelter sites or to apply to establish a shelter site, visit the [Temporary Transitional Shelter Sites page](#).

Mid- and long-term solutions, like extending winter warming shelters for more months or building additional affordable housing units, are also necessary to support community members as they transition out of homelessness and into stable housing. To learn more about the continuum of housing needed in Bend, [visit the Emergency Homelessness Task Force page](#). “

Northpointe Park Design Finalized

The Bend Park and Recreation District will be holding an informational Public Meeting highlighting the Final Concept Design for the development of the new Northpointe Park. The park will feature lawns, trails, courts, seating areas, skate/scooter spot and other elements. You may view complete information at <https://www.bendparksandrec.org/project/northpointe-park/>

Location: 63800 Wellington Street, Bend, Oregon (Intersection of Wellington and Rockhurst in the Northpointe neighborhood)

Public Meeting Date Time and Location:

The meeting will be held Wednesday, December 9, 2020 beginning at 6:00 PM, via a virtual meeting platform. The meeting will be held via the internet through **ZOOM**:

<https://zoom.us/j/92353903979>

You may also participate by phone: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 923 5390 3979

Winter Coat Drive

Bend Fire & Rescue is kicking off its winter coat drive. They are collecting winter coats, gloves, scarves, and socks of all sizes to distribute to members of our community that may not have access to these items. Many members of our community are bracing for a long, cold winter without adequate clothing to keep them warm. Those who are facing this winter, not having these basic yet vital items, will be so grateful for these generous donations.

How can you donate? Outside every Bend Fire Station there are blue bins ready to take donated items. We ask all items donated to be washed and placed in a bag such as a plastic or grocery bag. Bring donated clothing to the nearest fire station and just drop them in the bin. It is that simple! The clothing drive runs until December 18th, 2020.

The nearest Fire Station is on Jamison Street, north of Empire.