



# JANUARY 2025 MONTHLY

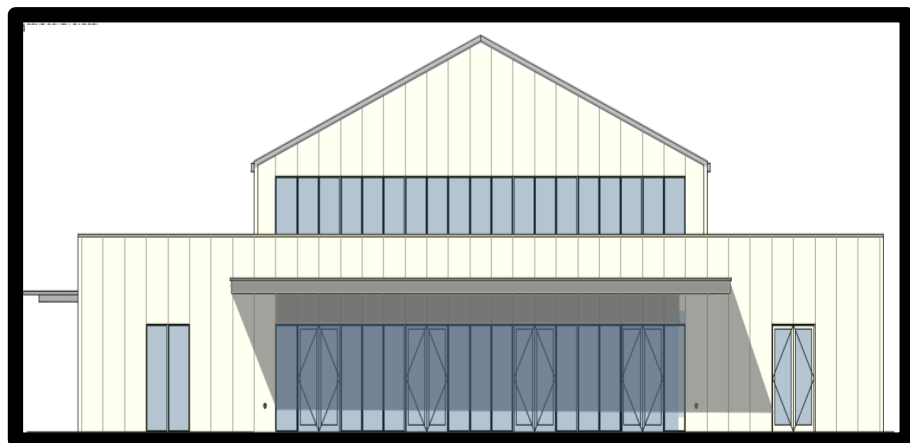
## FEATURED PROJECT:



### LOGOS CHARTER SCHOOL

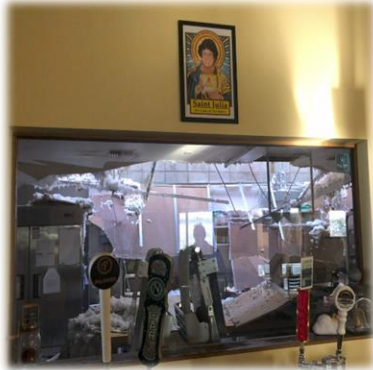
A new 17,396 square foot tutoring center to support existing K-12 school. This is being constructed on North Ross Lane. The project is valued at \$7,500,000.

CONNECT ARCHITECTURE  
4072 N. WILLIAMS, SUITE A  
PORTLAND, OREGON 97227  
503-367-8057

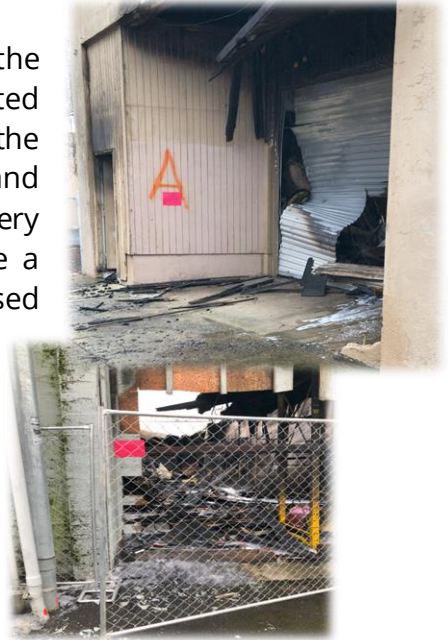




## Department Activity



❖ On January 10, 2025, the Medford Fire Department requested that Building Safety staff inspect the Medford Mattress warehouse and the adjoining Buttercloud Bakery buildings, on Front Street, where a large fire occurred and compromised the structures. Chad Wiltrout concluded that the warehouse was unsafe to occupy and “red-tagged” the building. The building is now barricaded to keep the public out. The bakery suffered roof damage in the kitchen area and has already secured permits for repairs.



The building is now barricaded to keep the public out. The bakery suffered roof damage in the kitchen area and has already secured permits for repairs.



the collapse.

❖ Currently dominating local news is the collapse of the North Medford High School gymnasium roof. Due to what is believed to be 700,000 pounds of snow, several beams broke and collapsed. No one was hurt. Staff have been out multiple times since the compromised beams were initially noticed and after

❖ Sam Barnum is working with Fire Chief Thompson regarding emergency egress for the Hilltop development in East Medford. He is also working with the developer to resolve project concerns. He attended a community meeting where residents voiced their concerns. Sam will continue to work with all parties involved.

❖ Sam has been meeting with the Homeowners' Association about a failing road located on Carino Lane in Medford. Homeowners have hired an engineer to design the reconstruction of the road.





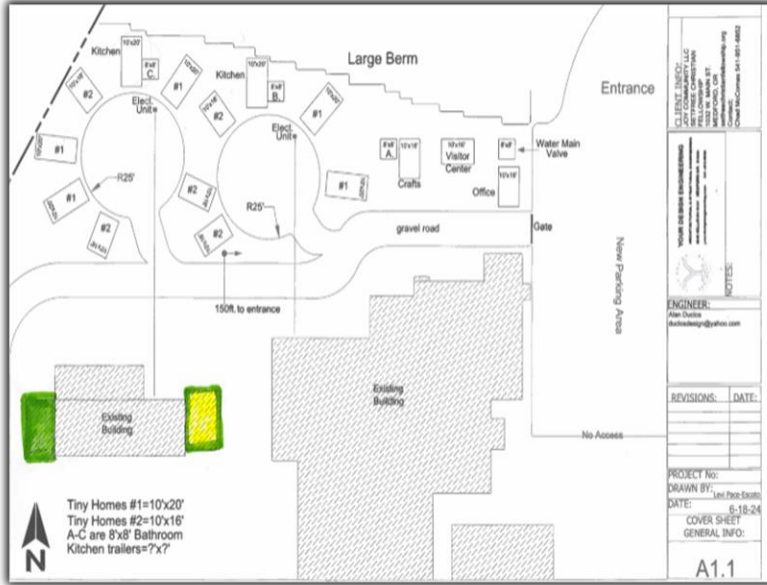
## MEDFORD BUILDING SAFETY

- ❖ Sam met with local downtown property owner and owner of HRM Property Solutions, Scott Henselman. He has been downtown for several decades and voiced his concern over the number of commercial property vacancies in the downtown. The hope is that, with an Economic Development Director coming on staff, this issue will be addressed.
- ❖ The Fire Station 15 team is still working on final numbers for the project. Plans were received in the first week of February and are in the review process.
- ❖ Sam met with the *Emz Blendz Soap Company* who inquired about moving to the building formerly owned by Lawrence's Jewelers, on E. Main Street. The company has signed a lease and will be coming to our downtown. They also have a location in Ashland.
- ❖ The Medford Fire Department requested an inspection of the Great Clips building, located on Biddle Road. A car had driven through the storefront of the building. While the accident resulted in significant damage, Chad determined that all the damage appeared to be non-structural.
- ❖ Sam met with a representative for the Crossings tiny-home development to work on plans for an outdoor kitchen and to discuss the potential to add more housing.
- ❖ Todd Travalini, Jay Stine, and Sam met with the Realtor who is facilitating the conversion of a historic schoolhouse, that is located on Bartlett Street, back to its original use. It is currently operating as Cornerstone Church.
- ❖ Sam met with Ted Zuk, Jackson County Community Development Manager, to discuss requirements for siting the former fire victim trailers within city limits. These units do not meet minimum building code standards.
- ❖ Sam participated in the Downtown Medford Association's Reimagine Tour of the downtown. The focus was to look at blighted buildings and discuss options for occupancy.





# MEDFORD BUILDING SAFETY



❖ Carol Wedman attends the Joy Community development leadership biweekly meetings where she acts as the Liaison for the Building Safety Department. The site work is nearing completion. The first phase of this development will provide housing for ten homeless widows. They currently have eight new tiny homes and are looking for donations (to build or fund) for two more homes. This development is done solely with donations, grants, and with the help of volunteers.

### Budget

None

### Potential Study Session & G-3 Topics

None

### Potential Upcoming Council Agenda Items

None

### Information for Council

There were 90 new City of Medford business licenses in the month of January. A detailed list can be found on [the Business License website](#).





### Council Goal Implementation

TASK	GOAL(S)	DEPARTMENT STAFF ASSIGNED	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE
Destination Downtown Program	Downtown Revitalization	Sam Barnum	Ongoing
Member: Reimagine Medford Planning Committee (DMA)	Downtown Revitalization	Sam Barnum	Ongoing
Consult and meet regularly with local developers to assure that Community Development processes are working to efficiently and effectively support development	Housing & Community Engagement	Sam Barnum	Ongoing
Serve as a member of the EID Steering Committee	City Center Revitalization	Sam Barnum	TBD
Project Manager: Fire Station #15	Health & Safety	Sam Barnum	2026
Land Development Meetings	Economic Development & Public Infrastructure	Chad Wiltrout	Ongoing





*Building Safety Development Statistics*

- ❖ Developers submitted 12 new single family residential (SFR) permit applications, project valuation \$2,679,333
- ❖ Developers submitted 4 new commercial permit applications, project valuation \$8,282,717
- ❖ 310 building permits were generated, project valuation \$27,321,253

*Permit Applications for Significant Developments*

- ❖ Logos Charter School, Ross Lane, project valuation \$7,500,500

*Permits Issued for Significant Developments*

- ❖ 84,000 square foot warehouse with 6,400 square feet of office space, Industry Drive, project valuation \$9,740,000

