



## **OCTOBER 2024 MONTHLY**

### **FEATURED PROJECTS:**



**ORCHARD GLEN ESTATES:** Phase 5 of this apartment and townhouse rental community has begun. It is located on West Main Street. The development has a pool, playground, tennis courts and a fitness center. Applications have been received for two three-story, 20 plex buildings with a total valuation of \$6,130,785.



**THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY:** on May 11, 2024, Porters Restaurant closed its doors after more than 20 years in business. A Portland-based restaurant chain, The Old Spaghetti Factory, has submitted plans for a kitchen and bar remodel to accommodate a new restaurant in the historic train depot building on Front Street. The project valuation is \$400,000.





## City Manager Information

- ❖ Fire Station #15: Staff are awaiting final costs for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing. Upon initial review, it appears that the project will come in within budget.
- ❖ Building staff have been working with Planning staff on development of middle housing master plan options. Derek Zwagerman, P. E., Building Official for the City of Central Point, has drafted up plans for the first four master plans. Derek is now working on cottage-cluster home designs.
- ❖ The City Attorney's Office is working on a contract to enable the upcoming Joy Community development to utilize the food truck that was purchased by the City with grant funds for the purpose of supporting the unhoused.
- ❖ Sam Barnum attended the Mayor's Development Process Committee meeting. All developers in attendance responded very positively to Building Safety services.
- ❖ Kimberly London and Tracy Sargent attended the Oregon Permit Technician Association



(L) Kimberly London,  
(R) Serena Locke

(OPTA) Annual Business Meeting in Salem. Kimberly was awarded the 2024 Special Award for Outstanding Service. She was applauded for her valuable support and for the information she has provided to OPTA members to include provision of her New Agent Training course presentation and data that will be used to develop a similar state program.



- ❖ Carol Wedman and Shannon Thorpe developed and hosted the first jurisdictional Business License User Group, *Licensing Program Forum*, virtual meeting. This group was developed to share best practices, discuss issues, aid in streamlining processes, and create a network of resources to ultimately improve the efficacy of programs and customer service. Members currently include staff from the City of Medford, Central Point, Eagle Point, Ashland, and the Village of Hoffman Estates (Illinois).
- ❖ All commercial buildings, regardless of construction date, and residential buildings constructed before January 1, 2004 must have an asbestos survey conducted by an accredited inspector prior to any activities. Staff will make this information available to all relative applicants.





**Budget**

None

**Potential Study Session & G-3 Topics**

None

**Potential Upcoming Council Agenda Items**

None

**Information for Council**

There were 94 new City of Medford business licenses in the month of September. A detailed list can be found on [the Business License website](#).

**30/60/90 Days of Upcoming Tasks for Goals 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                        |





*Building Safety Development Statistics*

- ❖ Developers submitted 27 new single family residential (SFR) permit applications, project valuation \$9,107,038.
- ❖ Developers submitted 5 new commercial permit applications, project valuation \$6,920,785
- ❖ 303 building permits were generated, project valuation \$15,043,994

*Permit Applications for Significant Developments*

- ❖ Orchard Glen Estates, W. Main Street, project valuation \$6,130,785
- ❖ The Old Spaghetti Factory, Front Street, project valuation \$400,000

*Permits Issued for Significant Developments*

- ❖ None

