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RESIDENTS ENGAGE WITH CITY LEADERS AT FIRST 2026 COUNCIL TOWN HALL

The City of Medford held its first 2026 Council Town Hall on April 23 at North Medford High School, focusing on parks, streets, and public safety. The event gave residents a chance to meet City Councilors and discuss local priorities.

Councilors and staff shared updates on upcoming park projects, summer street improvements, and public safety efforts. Residents asked questions on Main Street, mental health services, upcoming parks, and traffic calming measures. A recording of the town hall is available online at medfordoregon.gov/townhalls.

A second town hall will be held on May 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Medford Police Headquarters.



CITY INVESTS IN FUTURE OF FORMER MAIL TRIBUNE BUILDING

City leaders on April 14 recognized a \$1.5 million investment from the Medford Urban Renewal Agency to support the expansion of The Children’s Museum of Southern Oregon.

The funding will help renovate the former Mail Tribune building at 111 N. Fir Street, replacing an earlier plan to build an addition at the museum’s Carnegie Library location.

The two-building plan will expand the museum’s footprint from 13,000 to 31,000 square feet and will bring nine preschool classrooms, large training facilities, therapy and sensory rooms, a production studio, and rooftop and community space to downtown Medford. The project is expected to add 180 new childcare spots and 100 to 140 year-round employees.



COUNCIL ADVANCES MAIN STREET DESIGN, EXPLORES STADIUM STUDY OPTIONS

On April 15, the City Council voted 6-2 to rescind its January decision and advance a new Main Street design called, “Option 2A,” which includes two travel lanes, angled parking on the left curb, parallel parking on the right curb, and a one-way bike lane. A formal resolution is expected in May.

Following the meeting, the Medford Urban Renewal Agency Board approved up to \$500,000 for early analysis of a proposed baseball stadium, contingent on selection of a qualified firm through the City’s Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Issuing the RFP does not commit the City or MURA to any cost and would only be allocated if Council selects a firm and chooses to move forward with the analysis.



MEDFORD STREETS SET FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Earlier this year, the City Council approved two major contracts for street improvements throughout Medford, including protective slurry seals and asphalt overlays.

Slurry seals are a cost-effective method for preserving existing pavement and producing a smoother ride, while asphalt overlays restore structural integrity to otherwise sound street sections.

Work is expected to begin in May and July, respectively, and be completed by the end of August and September.

To see a list of streets slated for improvement, visit medfordoregon.gov/streetimprovements



COUNCIL FUNDS FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT ROGUE X

Medford Parks, Recreation and Facilities will host a Fourth of July celebration this year with support from a \$20,000 allocation from the Council Community Initiative Fund.

The event, Red, White & Pool, is scheduled for July 4 at Rogue X from 1 to 3 p.m. and will feature an open house with free activities, including open swim, food while supplies last, and access to the facility's gym spaces for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball. Contests, giveaways, and live music featuring Mo Phillips as part of *Gigglemug's Fam Jams*, starting at 1:30 p.m., are also planned.



SAVE THE DATES!

COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Join this outreach event to ask questions, share concerns, and learn how to start or strengthen Neighborhood Watch efforts.

Date: Thursday, May 28 | Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Medford Police Station, Prescott Room (219 S. Ivy St.)



CHALK ABOUT MEDFORD

Showcase your creativity at the annual *Chalk About Medford* and *Summer Kick-off* celebration featuring live music by Mista Cookie Jar & Uncle Jumbo at 10 a.m. as part of *Gigglemug's Fam Jams* at Rogue X.

Date: Saturday, June 27 | Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: 901 Rossanley Dr. Register: playmedford.com

BLOOD DRIVE AT ROGUE X American Red Cross

Help change a life at the American Red Cross blood drive at Rogue X.

Date: Friday, June 19 | Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: 901 Rossanley Dr.

Register: Visit redcrossblood.org and search "Rogue X"



FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK & GIGGLEMUG'S FAM JAMS

The free Rogue Credit Union *Movies in the Park* and a new concert series, *Gigglemug's Fam Jams*, kicks off this June at Rogue X.

Scan code for the lineups:



CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

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