

City seeks final input on transient business

The City of Sisters is seeking final community input as it wraps up a months-long review of ordinances that govern transient merchants and public events. These ordinances affect non-permanent merchants who locate within city limits.

City council has scheduled a public hearing on this topic during its regular evening meeting on Thursday, October 22. Local residents and business-owners are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts. Some notable changes are being considered, said Mayor Chris Frye, so the City has been seeking substantial input on this issue.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Items under consideration include the level of restrictions that should or should not be placed on transient merchants and whether these uses should or should not be restricted to private or public property. Whether or not any transient merchants should be allowed to set up during "city-wide" events also is being considered. These events currently include the Sisters Rodeo, the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show, the Sisters Folk Festival and the Sisters Harvest Faire.

Specific issues being discussed include how many days a merchant should be allowed to use a temporary location and how many merchants should be allowed to group together on a single property. Application and/or daily-use fees also might be

adjusted.

The current proposed draft of the ordinances requires transient merchants to locate on improved property. Improvements required include: curbs, gutters, sidewalks and on-street parking, water, sewer and electric service, and on-site access to permanent restrooms.

Through these code changes, the council seeks to achieve multiple goals, Frye said. These include: Closing loopholes in the current code; simplifying the code language; creating a vibrant balance between economic vitality and livability; capitalizing on Sisters' appeal, and honoring the revitalized look of Sisters' "gateway" corridor along Cascade Avenue.

City Council has been discussing these ordinance changes for several months in public meetings and with community members. A decision-point is near, so the council wants to make sure all opinions have been taken into account before that final decision, Frye said.

The Council is slated to vote on the ordinances in November and wants to have the revised codes fully in place by January 1 so that there is certainty for vendors as they begin reserving dates for 2016. For more information contact Sisters Mayor Chris Frye, 503-577-7185, cfrye@ci.sisters.or.us or Finance Director Lynne Fujita-Conrads, 541-323-5222, lconrads@ci.sisters.or.us.

A capella group set to take stage

Re:Voiced — the internationally acclaimed vocal entertainment experience — will be performing at Sisters High School on Monday, October 19, at 7 p.m. as part of the 2015 Music In Schools Tour.

Re:Voiced is pure a capella. No instruments, no background tracks. Starring five talented young men, re:Voiced is the vocal quintet that will keep your "ears on their toes." Their nonstop high-energy show features impressive vocal instrumentation, tight harmonies, witty banter, and sleek stage movement that leaves audiences around the globe cheering for more.

The members of re:Voiced have performed at some of the most renowned venues in the world, and together, the group has electrified audiences on international cruise lines, corporate concerts, and performing arts centers across the country. This engaging show is a fun and inspiring experience for audiences of all ages.

The tour was conceived and coordinated by Nate Mendl, a graduate of the UW-Madison School of Music and certified music teacher. The goal of the program is to encourage participation in the arts and music and to inspire high school students across the country by bringing in professionally touring musical acts.

In past years Mendl has brought professional acts such as Rockapella to schools around the country, but 2015 is the most exciting tour yet.



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Re:Voiced returns to Sisters High School on October 19.

"After seeing re:Voiced's jaw-dropping show and incredible stage presence, having them as a part of the tour was a no-brainer," says Mendl. "Students will have an up-close opportunity to meet and work with members of re:Voiced, whose passion for music and performing is contagious. Their dedication to their craft is immediately apparent, and they've already elevated the tour to new heights."

This will be re:Voiced's

fourth Music in Schools Tour, and to date, they have worked with over 100 choirs and raised over \$40,000 for school music programs.

To learn more, visit www.musicrevoiced.com or find them on Facebook.

Tickets are \$15 for adults; youth (3-18), \$10; kids under 3 are free. Tickets are available through SHS Jazz Choir members or at the door.

A portion of proceeds goes directly to the high school music department.

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