

EVENTS: City wants to capture actual costs of events

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tables, etc.), and clean-up. For large events, like the Sisters Folk Festival, there is also considerable repair and restoration work of the lawn and landscaped areas due to heavy traffic concentration and the placements of the large performance tent as well as small vendor tents in Village Green Park. Lawn areas generally need restoration by reseeding, watering, and fertilizing to bring back the grass, requiring significant staff time. There are also "soft costs" indirectly associated with an event, such as the general maintenance of the parks, that can't be broken out and charged directly to events. These include the mowing, fertilizing, and watering that occur throughout the growing season. There is also the cost of restroom maintenance and supplies, and the use of equipment. Most of these costs are fluid, depending on the temperature at the time of the event and the size and

type of event being held. After conducting analysis, using data from public events at Creekside Park and Village Green Park, Public Works Director Paul Bertagna reported that the cost for public works amounted to approximately \$940 for a large event. That amount would be in addition to the staff time to process the application and set-up. Staff recommended a new fee schedule in which there would be different fees for nonprofit events as compared to for-profit organizations and fees based on the size of an event. Naturally, small public events would be charged lower park fees because of significantly less impact on the facilities and grass. At any time, residents may use the parks for small events like birthday parties, reunions, and picnics without obtaining a license or paying any fee. By paying a fee, the entire park is reserved and not shared with any other event. Details of the new fee schedule will be finalized by staff and brought before the Parks Advisory Board and then City Council for their approval.

Habitat makes display possible

Ronald Wouda turns his home at 2835 S.W. 31st St. in Redmond into a holiday extravaganza each year. The retired pharmacy technician does it simply to brighten the season and bring a smile to peoples' faces. Each year the display gets more and more elaborate — and it's possible thanks in large part to Sisters Habitat for Humanity's Thrift Store and ReStore, where Wouda finds many of his treasures. "Due to the fact we live on a retirement income we have to be very frugal with our money so we can decorate the house as much as possible," Wouda told *The Nugget*. "With the great help of the ReStore and Thrift Store in Sisters we have accomplished our goal. We decorate not for self-pleasure, but for the pleasure of others. "Without the help of those that donate to these places, the people that work there, and the very reasonable prices we could not do what we do. We strongly feel that a little public recognition would be nice. Our hope is to show



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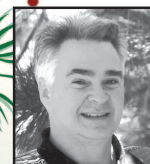
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