

## COMMUNITY

# Three council seats will be up for election

Three Sisters City Council seats are up for election on November 8, 2016. The terms of Andrea Blum, Amy Burgstahler, and Chris Frye will expire on December 31, 2016.

All three are eligible to re-apply for election.

To be eligible one must be registered to vote in Oregon and must have been a resident of the city of Sisters for 12 months preceding the election.

Election materials may

be picked up from the City Recorder at City Hall, 520 E. Cascade Ave. Candidates are encouraged to obtain election materials by August 16 and must submit perfected petitions by August 30 at 5 p.m. in order to qualify for the ballot.

For more information about the application process, contact City Recorder Kathy Nelson at 541-323-5213, by email at knelson@ci.sisters.or.us, or stop by City Hall at 520 E. Cascade Ave.



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Firefighters from Sisters are in England visiting Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service.

# Volunteers make school libraries vibrant

By Erin Borla  
Correspondent

They say that volunteers make the world go round — and that is certainly true of the libraries at both Sisters Middle School and Sisters Elementary School. Three years ago, when the part-time media specialist who worked at both schools retired from the Sisters School District, the position wasn't filled. The libraries at both schools became lifeless; books went missing, and countless teaching hours went into pulling together booklists from outdated shelves.

Mary Kay Ferwalt, a

former human resources specialist; Ann Alisa Duerden, a former English teacher; and Sherri Kissinger, a past business consultant, all began volunteering at the Sisters Middle School Library seven years ago when their kids were students at SMS. They became full-time volunteer "Library Staffistas" three years ago. Both Ferwalt and Duerden had mothers who were librarians and know the impact a library can make on a young person.

"The library wasn't a place to be," said Duerden. "The library is part of the

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# Sisters fire crew is visiting England

A team of firefighters from Sisters is visiting England's Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service to learn about some of its groundbreaking techniques and the variety of work it does. They will take part in live fire training, trial ultra-high-pressure lances, compare breathing apparatus, study new search methods and look at different means of ventilation.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service has helped to develop some of these and is pioneering innovative uses of the latest technology.

The visitors will also get to see the work of the country's leading animal rescue team and the New Forest wildfire preparation division, as well as projects focusing

on community resilience and safety.

This is the first time the firefighters from Oregon have come to the county. It follows a visit to Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD by a team from Hampshire last year.

It is hoped this will strengthen an ongoing relationship in which the two services can share expertise and develop new skills.

Station Manager David Hodge said: "In the fire service you are always learning and trying to be better. We aim to be the best. You can't do that by staying within your borders. You have to find out where the experts in each field are and see how they do things. Our trip was useful in learning about their approach

to wildfires, dealing with a major incident and community work.

"We were working with some people who were involved in incidents such as the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the 2003 Space Shuttle Columbia disaster, but what we learnt may impact on how we deal with floods and severe weather. The value of this hands-on experience and new skills you learn cannot be replicated by reading a manual."

While the Hampshire group was in Sisters they formed part of a team that battled a 75,000-acre wildfire — the largest burning in the country at the time.

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## SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

### BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

**Al-Anon** Monday, noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Wednesday, 6 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.

**Alateen** Thursday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-1527.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Thursday & Sunday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Saturday, 8 a.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Monday, 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Tuesday, noon, Big Book study, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Thursday, noon, Sober Sisters Women Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.

**Authors Support Group** 2nd Friday, 10 a.m., Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce. 541-588-0081.

**Black Butte Macintosh Users Group** 3rd Thursday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-1471.

**Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club** Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., Black Butte Ranch community room. All welcome; partner required. 541-595-6236.

**Central Oregon Council on Aging Senior Lunch** Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-678-5483.

**Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild** 4th Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For location information: 541-549-2072.

**Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers Guild** 4th Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sisters Library. 541-639-3217.

**Central Oregon Woodworkers Guild** 1st Tuesday. 541-639-6216.

**East of the Cascades Quilt Guild** 4th Wednesday, September-June, Stitchin' Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.

**Friends of the Sisters Library Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Sisters Library. 541-977-8285.

**Heartwarmers** (fleece blanketmakers) 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Materials provided. 541-408-8505.

**Hero Quilters of Sisters** Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-549-1028 or 541-548-3304.

**Military Parents of Sisters** 2nd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., 17549 Knight Rd., Bend (Plainview area). 541-388-9013.

**Oregon Band of Brothers – Sisters Chapter** Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda's Restaurant. 541-408-5594.

**SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment)** Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m. at SPRD. 541-549-2091.

**Sisters Area Photography Club** 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.

**Sisters Area SketchUp Users Group** 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Earthwood Timber Frame Homes. 541-549-0924.

**Sisters Astronomy Club** 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.

**Sisters Bridge Club** Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., The Pines Clubhouse. Novices welcomed. 541-549-9419.

**Sisters Cribbage Club** Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-923-1632.

**Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors** 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193.

**Sisters Kiwanis** Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.

**Sisters Parent Teacher Community** 3rd Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., Sisters Elementary C-wing. 971-570-2405.

**Sisters Red Hats** 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.

**Sisters Rotary** Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-977-6545.

**Sisters Trails Alliance Board** 2nd Wed., 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sisters Art Works. Public welcome. 541-719-8822.

**Sisters Veterans** Thursdays, noon, Takoda's Restaurant. 541-903-1123.

**Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.

**Three Sisters Lions Club** 1st Thursday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-419-1279.

**VFW 8138 & American Legion** 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-903-1123 or 541-549-1132.

### CITY & PARKS

**Sisters City Council** 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

**Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., SPRD building. 541-549-2091.

**Sisters Planning Commission** 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

### FIRE & POLICE

**Black Butte Ranch Police Dept. Board of Directors** Meets monthly. 541-595-2191 for time & date.

**Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board of Directors** 4th Thursday, 9 a.m., Black Butte Ranch Fire Station. 541-595-2288.

**Cloverdale RFPD Board of Directors** 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Main Station, George Cyrus Rd. 541-548-4815. See the agenda at [www.cloverdalefire.com](http://www.cloverdalefire.com).

**Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors** 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 541-549-0771.

**Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Drills** Mondays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

### SCHOOLS

**Black Butte School Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.

**Sisters Christian Academy Board of Directors** 2nd Thursday, 8 a.m., RE/MAX Out West Realty office at Outlaw Station. 541-549-4133.

**Sisters School District Board of Directors** One Wednesday per month, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule at [www.sisters.k12.or.us](http://www.sisters.k12.or.us). 541-549-8521 x4011.

