

City snapshots

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• The new restroom building opened at Cliff Clemens Park on Thursday, September 1, and will be open year-round. At Village Green Park three new power pedestals were installed around the park, which will greatly improve power supply for use during large events like Sisters Folk Festival. New playground chips were recently added at both Village Green and Cliff Clemens parks.

• At their Thursday, September 15 meeting, 5:30 p.m., the planning commission will conduct a public hearing regarding a request from Steve McGhehey of Sisters for his McKenzie Ridge Lodging project. McGhehey has applied to subdivide a 24,309-square-foot property located at 704 W. Hood Ave., on the corner of Highway 242, into 11 lots to enable development of 10 detached lodging units with associated parking, landscaping, and ancillary uses.

• Due to term expirations, two positions are available on the Parks Advisory Board, one for a resident who lives within Sisters city limits and one for outside city limits. The PAB normally meets the first Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. Contact Community Development Director Patrick Davenport for more information, 541-323-5219 or pdavenport@ci.sisters.or.us.

• The creation of the Hood Avenue Arts District was approved with a resolution from the City Council. The district runs from the Highway 20 east portal to the west portal of Pine Street. The district intends to support continuing collaborations among the City, businesses, the public, organizations, and cultural entities on Hood Avenue and beyond on events, exhibits, signage, and advertising that promotes the Hood Avenue Arts District and Sisters arts in general.

• Following a speed-zone study by the Oregon Department of Transportation, Council accepted recommendations of the State Traffic Engineer for revisions to a number of speed zones within the city to help improve auto, pedestrian, and bicycle safety. Watch for new signage indicating the changes with decreased speeds on Camp Polk Road near the airport, Barclay Drive, Pine Street, Larch Street, and McKinney Butte Road.

• Public comment or testimony at future City Council meetings will be conducted differently than in the past. Visitor communication will still be heard at the beginning of Council meetings for any comments not related to an item on the agenda. If a comment has to do with a particular agenda item, it will be heard after the staff report on the topic and before Council begins its deliberations. Citizens will be asked to sign

up before the meeting begins and to indicate the topic the comments will address.

• Council approved a contract with Bryant, Lovlien and Jarvis of Bend for City Attorney services for a three-year period with an option for a two-year extension. The firm has been serving as interim City Counsel since the termination by the City of the contract with Steve Bryant of Redmond.

• A new senior planner, Bre Anne McConcle, has been hired for the community development department to fill the vacancy created when Darcy Reed left. Her first day on the job will be Monday, September 19.

• Deschutes County Board of Commissioners will be discussing three items regarding the Sisters airport at its September 19 work session at 1:30 p.m. in the Allen Room of the Deschutes Services Building at 1300 N.W. Wall St. in Bend. (See story, page 1.)

The topics for discussion include a brief description of the issues with the run-out built at the north end of the runway on property not belonging to the airport and designated as wetlands, the upcoming request by Sisters Eagle Airport to be added to the Oregon Department of Aviation's list of recognized state airports, and the issues of skydivers landing on property zoned Rural Residential (RR-10) south of Barclay Drive and east of Camp Polk Road.

SPRD's cooking beef in the ground for a feast

Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD) is set and ready to go with another one of their "Feast Series" events: Buried Beef & Brew.

"This is our second year with this event, but this year is even grander than last year," said Shannon Rackowski, event coordinator for this year's Buried Beef & Brew.

Last year's event was in conjunction with a car show, so it was held during the day. This year the event will be held on Saturday, September 24, at Fir Street Park from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The menu will consist of buried beef and spices that are cooked underground, beer-keg beans, corn on the cob, and more.

Three Creeks Brewing Co. will be serving up their local

brew, and there will be lemonade for the non-drinkers.

A new addition to this year's feast is music by local favorites Dry Canyon Stampede.

This event is sponsored by Bank of the Cascades and Three Creeks Brewing Co.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for youth under 18. Purchase tickets in advance from SPRD on their website, www.sistersrecreation.com, call 541-549-2091, or stop by the SPRD office located at 1750 W. McKinney Butte Rd.

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