

## CITY: Volunteers needed for planning commission spots

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their willingness to serve again. Sisters City Council agreed to open the selection process to city residents who also might be interested in serving. Applications need to be turned in to City Hall by December 2. Please contact Patrick Davenport, community development director, at 541-323-5219, with any questions regarding commissioner duties and time involvement.

- The Transportation System Plan Project Advisory Committee will begin meeting in December. A number of citizens have already agreed to serve on the committee, but there is room for several more members. Contact City Recorder Kathy Nelson for more information at 541-323-5213.

- The Parks Advisory Board has two new members, Jeff Tryens and Carla Merrell. The showers at Village Green will be in operation through the winter, with \$1 for two minutes and \$2 for four minutes. The PAB approved a request from the Sisters Trails Alliance to place another trail kiosk for scenic bikeways near the restrooms at Village Green Park. The Creekside Campground is closed and winterized until next spring. Over the winter the existing campground restrooms will be removed and replaced by brand-new facilities that will include more showers. The East Portal restrooms are closed for the winter. The sinks and faucets in the restrooms at Barclay Park will be replaced as soon as possible.

- City Forester Dan Galecki of Spindrift Forestry reported to the Urban Forestry Board that he and

his co-workers have a couple more weeks of work left to finish the inventory of trees on City property and rights-of-way. When the inventory is completed, there will be a map of the city with each tree mapped and numbered with computerized information about each tree, its GPS location, and an accompanying photo. The health and safety of the City's trees will be regularly monitored.

- The stage at Fir Street Park will be officially named Song Bird Stage to reflect the theme of the metal artwork on the back wall of the stage, designed by local Sisters artist Paul Bennett. Metal letters spelling out the stage name will be placed in an arch over the front of the stage.

- The issue of councilor-elect Richard Esterman's residency will be considered at a special hearing before a City Council meeting at a time and date yet to be announced. By then, the election results for the Sisters City Councilors will have been certified by the county and forwarded to the Council. The City Attorney will present the definition of city residency, letters he has received regarding

Esterman's residency, what the City charter says about residency requirements, and evidence possessed by the City. The public will be able to testify regarding the issues. The Council will then consider all the testimony and materials presented before making a determination as to the validity of Esterman's residency in the city.

- Cascades East Transit will initiate a new bus route between Bend and Sisters sometime in February. They are also exploring the possibility of an actual route in Sisters – with possible stops in the City Hall/library area, further west on Main, at Ray's, and then at Village Green Park.

- Councilors will soon hold a public hearing on the experience of transient merchants during last summer's street fair season. Council had agreed last year when they approved an ordinance regulating transient merchants, that they would do an analysis of how the ordinance worked after the summer was over.

- Hood Avenue from Pine Street to Spruce Street will be closed on Saturday, November 26 from 2 to 3 p.m. for the annual Christmas parade.

## SHS reports surge of illnesses

By Steve Kadel  
Correspondent

A sudden increase in the number of gastroenteritis cases at Sisters High School prompted school nurse Trish Roy to send a letter to parents warning of the illnesses.

Students' symptoms have included vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, low-grade fever, abdominal cramps, malaise and chills.

"We will continue to work hard as a staff to maintain a healthy school environment," Roy wrote in the Friday, November 4 letter. "We truly appreciate the support we receive from parents to help us keep our students healthy and happy."

*The Nugget* was unable to reach Roy or Sisters High School Principal Joe Hosang for comment.

Roy's letter outlined protocols for treating children with gastroenteritis, including keeping a child home

from school until diarrhea and vomiting have stopped for 48 hours to keep others from becoming ill.

Roy made these suggestions for parents whose children have gastroenteritis:

- Have children sip fluids frequently.

- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly, especially after using the bathroom, and before eating or preparing food. The sick child should use only one bathroom at home, and family members should not share his or her towels.

- Call a healthcare provider if the child appears to be becoming dehydrated, has bloody diarrhea, or a fever of more than 101 degrees Fahrenheit.

Roy wrote that the letter was aimed at students and parents of all Sisters School District families "due to the many families with students that attend the middle and/or elementary schools."

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