

# COMMUNITY

## Council votes to seat Richard Esterman

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

On a 3-2 vote, the current Sisters City Council voted to affirm that Richard Esterman qualifies under the City Charter to serve as a member of the Council because his intent has been to be a resident of the city.

Councilor-elect Esterman stated on his July 14 candidate statement when he filed to run for City Council that he was residing at 153 N. Oak St. and would be “moving shortly to 329 Jefferson

Way.” Esterman’s landlord and business partner, Celia Hung, owns both properties.

Esterman signed his original lease on the Oak Street house October 8, 2015, and said he lived there until April 2016. In April, according to Esterman, the roof began to leak so his landlord had him move to a different property temporarily while repairs were made.

Prior to the November 8 election, a number of inquiries were made to City Hall

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## Grant approved for low-income apartments

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During last week’s Sisters City Council meeting, Tom Kemper, executive director of HousingWorks, announced he had received word that they will be awarded the LIFT funds that were applied for in October in order to build an affordable 48-unit townhouse project in Sisters.

That means that there is some relief in sight for the ongoing shortage of affordable rental housing in Sisters for local service employees and those making \$12 an

hour or less.

The Land Innovation and Fast Track Housing Program came out of the 2015 Oregon legislature when \$40 million of general obligation XI-Q bonds were committed to fund the program. The objective of the program is to build new affordable housing for low-income households, especially for families in rural communities with less than 25,000 residents, and communities of color.

In September, the Sisters City Council voted

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Staff and volunteers at Blazin Saddles tuned bikes for giving.

## Bike shop outfits 43 riders

Through the generosity of the Sisters community, Blazin Saddles cycle shop outfitted 43 people with a bike and a helmet during their annual holiday bike donation drive.

The drive sought bike donations regardless of size, type or condition. Blazin Saddles got the bikes running safely and into the hands of Sisters residents who could use a bike this holiday season. Working with Sisters RFPD, Sisters School District, and Habitat for Humanity, the

drive was aimed at making family cycling available to everyone in town.

“We did a lot more adults,” said Blazin Saddles owner/operator Casey Meudt. “It was actually a majority of adult bikes this year, but pretty close to 50/50.”

The goal was “just being able to get families out together.” That included making it possible for a grandma to get out riding with her grandson, Meudt reported.

“We were also able to provide a special-needs adult

who’s unable to ride a traditional bike and we got some adult training wheels and put them on,” Meudt told *The Nugget*. “That was pretty special.”

Cash donations enabled Blazin Saddles to provide a helmet with each bicycle.

Meudt was impressed — and grateful — for the way in which the community came together to support the program.

“It’s pretty impressive, this little community we live in,” he said.

## SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

### BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

**Al-Anon** Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Wed., 6 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Thurs. & Sun., 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Sat., 8 a.m., Episcopal Church / Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Tues., noon, Big Book study, Shepherd of the Hills / Wed., 7 a.m., Gentlemen’s Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills / Thurs., noon, Sober Sisters Women’s Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills. 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., BBR community room. 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 OR Spinners and Weavers Guild** 4th Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sisters Library (NOT Nov.-Dec.). 541-639-3217.

**Central Oregon Woodworkers Guild** 2nd 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 Caregiver Support Group** 3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m., Ray’s Food Place community room. 541-771-3258.

**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 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** 1st Wednesday, 5 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, 0 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.

