

Sisters shelter is seeking board members

The Sisters Cold Weather Shelter and Homeless Coalition is seeking experienced, committed and passionate community members to form its board of directors.

The Sisters Cold Weather Shelter has been a Sisters community success story. Halfway into their first month of operation, the shelter is currently serving 12 guests each night. These efforts have brought together hundreds of community members with the intention to offer safety and security for those in the Sisters community in need.

With interest in fundraising, application for non-profit status and more on the horizon, the coalition seeks

an experienced and engaged board to lead with intention and offer direction for the future of this community movement.

Those who have a passion for service, a heart for the Sisters homeless community and experience serving on a board or committee are invited to a board selection meeting set for Thursday, January 26, 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Sisters Westside Church, 442 Trinity Way.

If you are interested in joining the board, send an email of interest to Sisters Cold Weather Shelter co-chair, Lois Kaping, prior to the meeting at Loiskaping@bendbroadband.com.

SPRD offers computer classes for seniors

Sisters Park & Recreation District is bringing back "Computer Classes for Seniors." Sixteen seniors took the first class last year, and SPRD has been getting calls about providing another opportunity for them, according to Shannon Rackowski, Adult/Senior Programs Coordinator for SPRD.

Dave Huni, owner and operator of In Person Help, will once again be the instructor for these classes. Huni's love for technology and helping people understand

how to best utilize their electronic devices is a win for everyone.

Classes will be held at the Sisters Library. Class dates are Mondays, February 6, 13, 27, and March 6, 13, 20 from 2 to 3 p.m. (The library is closed on Monday; classes will be held in the conference room to the right of the library.) Learn the basics: email, Internet navigation and more. Registration/class fee is \$60, with limited space available Call SPRD at 541-549-2091.

City snapshot

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

- Free sand and sandbags are available in the parking lot at City Hall for anyone concerned about flooding on their property as the snow melts. Individuals must fill their own sandbags.

- Compass Commercial has been selected by the Deschutes National Forest as the real estate broker to act as the representing brokerage firm for the sale of approximately 66 acres of the Sisters Ranger District site off Highway 20 in Sisters. The property is partitioned into three parcels and is offered as one or more parcels. The highest and best use is generally considered to be a mix of commercial and residential. There are more than 2,000 feet of highway frontage.

- Work on the contract with Knife River for the Highway 20 roundabout is being conducted this month, with work on the roundabout to begin in February. Public Works and ODOT are hopeful the snow will have receded by then.

Sisters salutes...

Sylvia Cara wrote:

Thankfully someone has turned off the snow machine, enough is enough! But unlike many others, I did not have to go outside in it. I just watched from my cozy mobile; that is, until my furnace quit and it was 37 degrees inside. So much for cozy.

Thank God, Jerry Grecco was still going strong, as he was 18 years ago, the first time he fixed my furnace. Many thanks Jerry.

As the snow continued to pile up on my old roof, I was reminded many times how lucky I was to live in Sisters, Oregon, and have so many wonderful friends. So for all their kindness and help, I would like to say Thank you:

Julie at City Hall; Dave Vitelle of Bear Mountain Fire, who sent his crew twice to get the weight off my roof; and our great fire department who came at 6 a.m. to help with more snow removal. Many thanks to Bill Hull and Kent Jones who came to help me; Oregon Department of Fish

& Wildlife for dispatching that poor young doe that stayed in my carport for two weeks with a broken hip — she no longer suffers; the American Red Cross who called me (at the request of the fire department) to see if I needed to leave the property because if my roof collapsed I would be trapped, as both exits would be blocked. I said thank you but Missy (my cat) and I would stay for now.

And to Mike Schroeder, who cleared my driveway twice so my caregiver could get to me. Oh yes, that is why I could sit up and watch the snow pile up!

I have been recovering from a hip replacement, so a big thank-you and God bless you all. I can't wait till we have green grass and flowers, so Big Red (my car) can try out her rebuilt engine and my new hip.

And a special thanks to my caregiver Angie Hoff, who drives from Powell Butte four days a week to care for me through At Home Care Group.

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