

City snapshot

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• At their September 27, 2017 meeting, the Sisters City Council will hold a public hearing on an ordinance amending the nuisance, abandoned vehicle, and dangerous building provisions in the Sisters Municipal Code.

The amendments deal mainly with abatement procedures, which will spell out clearly what constitutes a nuisance, abandoned vehicle, or dangerous building and the steps that will be required to remove, eliminate, or correct such a situation. Those with an interest in the amendments may testify at the hearing.

• At their September 27 meeting, City Council, acting as the Contract Review Board, will consider a motion to award a contract for the Highway 20 and Barclay roundabout landscape design with a scenic byway interpretive theme to Cameron McCarthy Landscape Architecture and Planning of Eugene. The 20-member firm has completed a wide variety of projects for both private and public-sector clients. Their qualified personnel include 11 licensed landscape architects, a licensed planner, and a certified arborist.

• According to Sisters Schools Superintendent Curt Scholl, come Spring 2018, the district school buses will be housed at the new district transportation facility, scheduled for construction in the high school's southwest parking lot. In addition to serving as the bus barn, there will also be space for technical high school classes like metal shop and auto shop. The facility is being constructed using some of the funds provided by the last school bond passed by the voters.

• The stage at Fir Street Park is now officially known as Songbird Stage, since the installation of large metal lettering crafted by Sisters resident Martin Peck. The name was selected to acknowledge

the songbird art installation on the back wall of the stage, created by Sisters artist Paul Alan Bennett.

• All the new cabins at FivePine Lodge and Conference Center are completed and ready for occupancy, according to General Manager Greg Willitts. The cabin interiors incorporate a new design including a 65-inch television, three-sided fireplace, cast-iron tub, a "monster shower" with large showerhead and a view to the fireplace and TV. The interior finishes include black tile and grout for a sleek look. In the plans for the future are a hot tub and pool to bolster winter business.

• The revision to the 2010 System Transportation Plan is closer to reality as the committee continues its work. The plan covers all modes of transportation — pedestrian, bicycle, motor vehicle, and transit.

After looking at what exists now and estimating needs in the future, recommendations will be made for action plans to meet those future needs. A large number of the projects proposed in the 2010 TSP have become reality including sidewalk infilling, Safe Routes to School plan, the renovation of Cascade Avenue, and construction of the roundabout at Barclay and Highway 20. One recommendation that was tried and later scrapped was back-in parking along Main Avenue to improve bicycle safety. The experiment proved highly unpopular with citizens, and after two years the street was returned to front pull-in parking.

Under consideration this time around is a mini-roundabout at the Locust and Highway 20 intersection and a large roundabout at the Highway 20/126/Buckaroo Trail area on the east end of town. There will be an opportunity for the public to weigh in prior to formal acceptance of the revision.

Obituary

Anne Marie Snow

July 11, 1944 – September 15, 2017

Anne Marie Snow, 73, of Sisters, passed away peacefully on September 15, 2017, at home.

Born July 11, 1944, in Brooklyn, New York, it did not take her long to become an adventurous girl who could traverse the urban jungle. As a tween, Annie moved to Southern California where she quickly adjusted to her new surroundings. Though she dealt with some very adverse situations during her life, Anne was resilient, which definitely contributed to her feisty, friendly, fair, firm, and fun personality.

After relocating to Central Oregon in the early 1970s with her two kids, Kathy and Robert, and also Rodger Holcomb, whom she would soon marry, along came Michael to round out the family. During this time, Annie cherished her role as homemaker. While she especially liked nap time, her kiddos could not stand having to be so quiet because Anne could hear a pin drop. Kidding aside, her children considered themselves very

fortunate that Annie was a stay-at-home mom.

Although tragedy struck in 1991 with Rodger's death, Anne powered on. She joined the workforce as a housekeeper at an assisted-living facility, an industry she would work in for the next 13 years. Through effort and with compassion, Annie advanced all the way up to a house manager position during this period of her life.

As luck would have it, Anne met David Snow in the mid-'90s. They had a lot of fun together and eventually got married in 2004. Dave not only showed Annie a lot of North America, but he also took great care of her, which is a testament to his awesomeness.

Annie's interests included spending time with family and friends, traveling, watching movies, listening to music, and dancing. She was an avid fan of her children, too, fully supporting them in all of their endeavors. Although her colorful vocabulary and the bright orange stocking cap that she often wore as a spectator to outside sporting events were quite recognizable, nothing



outshone her fervent cheer. Undoubtedly, she empowered others.

Survivors include her husband, David Snow; three children and their spouses, Kathleen (Ervey) Dominguez, Robert (Jennifer) Holcomb, and Michael (Annette) Holcomb; two stepchildren and their spouses, Michael (Amy) Snow and Casey (Melanie) Snow; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; and her four siblings, Eileen Leinwand, Bill Mullens, Richard Mullens, and Rita Gassen.

A celebration of Annie's life was held on September 24.

Information provided by the family of Anne Marie Snow.

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