

Year saw significant development

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“2017 saw explosive development in our city in both residential and commercial projects, which clearly promotes a healthy financial picture,” Sisters Mayor Chuck Ryan told *The Nugget* in an end-of-year assessment last week (see related story, page 3).

“The landscape of our city never looked better coming off the Cascade Avenue improvements from 2016 and our new roundabout project completion in 2017,” reported Ryan.

Ninety-two building permits were issued for single-family dwelling units throughout the city, plus 20 for single-family attached units in the Peaks at Pine Meadow and the Village at Cold Springs, and 14 for mixed-use.

Land-use applications during 2017 totaled 49 with eight site plans, two modifications, six final plats, three minor partitions, and 30 other assorted applications. There were 42 business license reviews.

An up-to-date zoning map was completed and a lengthy buildable-lands inventory and map was completed, providing in-depth information regarding current land availability and future needs for land to meet the demand for

future residential growth, as the 2016 population estimate of 2,390 is projected to grow to 4,375 by 2036, an increase of 1,985 persons.

By the spring of 2018, construction should be underway on 48 affordable workforce housing apartment units planned for Village Meadows Phase Two by HousingWorks. The site plan is approved and the building permit is currently under review.

“The City is contributing \$300,000 to that project as a part of our affordable-housing strategy,” Kucera highlighted.

Site plan approval has been issued for a 22-unit multifamily apartment complex on Adams Avenue, with construction anticipated to begin in 2018.

Laird SuperFood has begun construction on one of two warehouse/light industrial buildings, one 13,600 square feet and the other at 6,888 square feet. In the North Sisters Business Park, there has been building permit signoff on five commercial spaces in two mixed-use buildings.

Ground was just recently broken for The Lodge, a 62-unit assisted-living facility on seven acres adjacent to the post office, slated to

open in Fall 2018. A site plan has been approved with construction anticipated in 2018 on the 39-room Trout Creek Lodge and separate restaurant on the west end of town.

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“All of these accomplishments are credited to a selfless and coordinated team including the entire staff at City Hall, who are incredibly talented and dedicated, a Council that has stability and tremendous talent and insight, volunteers that serve on various committees and boards and help pave the way for informed Council decisions, a Chamber of Commerce that works hard to keep our City robust, and a community that has been very supportive throughout the year,” said Ryan.

Reward offered in poaching death of mule deer

BEND (AP) — The Oregon State Police is asking for the public’s help to find the person or people who poached two mule deer earlier this year in Central Oregon.

Investigators said Friday they believe the first animal was killed around Oct. 29 south of Pine Mountain in Deschutes County.

The second deer was found dead in the Three Rivers community near Lake Billy Chinook in Jefferson County.

Troopers believe the two incidents are not related.

A reward of up to \$500 is being offered by the Oregon Hunters Association.



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