

CITY: Building activity is accelerating in Sisters

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Drive and is awaiting issuance of a building permit for three residential units upstairs with a commercial catering business on the ground level.

There is a mixed-use project going in next to the mini-storage on Barclay Drive. There will be three residential units upstairs with a wood-working business and coffee shop on the ground level. A site plan by the same owner has been submitted for land just to the north of the wood-working shop.

• On Tuesday, March 20, HousingWorks was to break ground at 601 Brooks Camp Rd. for the 48-unit affordable Village Meadows Apartments. A ceremony was to take place at 2 p.m. with officials of HousingWorks, the City, and Deschutes County making remarks. A similar ceremony was to take place Tuesday morning in La Pine where another affordable complex will be constructed.

• Improvements to the Creekside Campground are almost complete. Five full hook-up conversions are complete. The fiber conduit for wifi has been installed. The

only thing left is the final design and footing details for the dishwashing station. The campground will be open on Monday, April 2 after the Easter Sunday egg hunt. Camp hosts will be on site May 1.

• The Sisters Planning Commission is still reviewing possible Development Code text amendments regarding vacation rentals. The City has been receiving numerous communications from area realtors who are generally not in favor of most regulations proposed for vacation rentals.

• The new City website is up and available. It is much more user-friendly than the old site and everything seems to be functioning well. It can be found at www.ci.sisters.or.us.

• AT&T Mobility is proposing to install a monopole at 15200 McKenzie Highway, which is the address of Sisters Middle School. The overall height above the ground would be just a little less than 127 feet.

• Sisters City Council passed a resolution supporting the City of Sisters grant application for the Village Green play structure replacement project to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$193,750 with the City providing \$77,500 of the

total. The City Parks Advisory Board has been researching possible structures. If the grant is received, public input will be sought on recommendations for play equipment. The entire structure, including the surface underneath it, would be ADA accessible.

• Council approved an agreement between the City and the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council for riparian and utility design for Creekside Park and Campground. The design will include upstream and downstream fish passage at buried utility crossings, improvements to riparian and in-stream habitat, retrofits to the current pedestrian bridge over Whychus Creek, and provisions to reduce riparian impact of user-created trails. The design phase should be complete by December 31, 2018, with a complete set of bid-ready and permit-ready plans and specifications for the project. A majority of the funding for the project will come from grants secured by both the City and UDWC.

• Finance officer Joe O'Neill reported he is working on preparations for the 2018-19 budget process, preparing worksheets that reflect the Council goals. The Budget Committee begins their work in May. The fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

Champs!



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The Sisters Men's recreational league basketball team sponsored by Don Pollard's Global Fire Protection, (GFP Enterprises) took home the Bend Parks and Recreational Men's Upper League championship. After finishing out a strong 11-1 season, the men went on to play in the championship tournament and won their final game, against Rock Supremacy, 98 -71. The team (Rob Jensen, Nate Jackson, Chad Rush, Jordan Oathes, Rodney Warner, Jason Huber, Issac Jackson, Brian Horner, Ryan Moffat, Blake Weber, Eli Harrison, and Chris Pratt) plays twice a week, year-round, with other Sisters residents. They offered a special thank-you to Don Pollard for sponsoring the team.

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