

City snapshot

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- The application process for three open seats on the City Parks Advisory Board is ongoing for a few more days. On Friday, September 7, applicants will be interviewed by two City councilors, the chairman of the CPAB, and two City staff members. Applications are available on the City website or at City Hall. Applicants may live inside or outside the city limits. The terms are all for three years.

- The City Council, Planning Commission, City staff, and City legal team continue to hone the language for new marijuana regulations. Feedback from the council and commission has been collected and will be rolled into the suggested draft text by staff and reviewed by the legal team. The final review of the text amendments will take place with the Planning Commission on Thursday, November 8, at a special public hearing. The City Council will hold a public hearing and first reading on Thursday, November 28.

If a second reading is not required (necessary only if the first vote is not unanimous), the ordinance will go into effect on December 28. A second reading would delay the effective date to January 11. Sisters city residents will vote on allowing marijuana sales and a 3 percent tax on those sales on the November 6 midterm ballot.

- The Sisters Horizons Vision second survey was completed by 565 respondents and the analysis of the survey should be completed this week. Community Development Director Patrick Davenport reported that 27 invitations have been extended asking citizens to serve on the Vision Action Team. So far, 18 people have responded in the affirmative. The City hopes to have a team with at least 20 members.

At an October 4 Vision Summit, 4:30 to 7 p.m., at

FivePine Conference Center, the public will have an opportunity to review survey results and offer input. A draft version of the Vision Action Plan will hopefully be ready to present to the City Council on November 28 for review, with a vote for acceptance scheduled for December or early January.

- On Wednesday, September 12, at the City Council workshop, representatives of the Oregon Department of Transportation will be in attendance to discuss downtown traffic congestion, provide an update on summer ODOT projects, and plans for future projects. The workshop will start at 5 p.m.

- Fir Street Park will be the scene of the Fiesta de Independencia to celebrate Mexican Independence Day, scheduled for Sunday, September 16, 4 to 7 p.m. Main Avenue in the area of the park will be closed during the event. Plans include free food, music, dancing, and celebration, and everyone is invited.

- All of the bids received by the City for the landscaping project at the Barclay/Highway 20 roundabout were significantly higher than the amount budgeted. The decision has been made to break up the single large project into separate smaller pieces. The boulders and basalt columns will be put out to bid immediately so they can be installed this fall. After the rock, excavation and fill work will also be done this fall so the statues can be placed before the start of winter. Bids for the landscaping will be accepted this winter for spring installation.

Moen is SFF education manager

Kelley Moen is the new education program manager with Sisters Folk Festival.

Moen brings enthusiasm and understanding of the Sisters School District to the position, and will help integrate and sustain SFF programming in the schools, the organization reports.

She will assist Creative Director Brad Tisdel in festival production and artist management, and she brings her experience as a professional writer to the community-based education programs.

“With the Americana Project, the Americana Luthier program, Americana Song Academy and Song Academy for Youth, seven different guest artists in the schools the week of the festival, and programming in all three schools, there is a lot of integration that takes place for the unique and innovative offerings of Sisters Folk Festival. We are immensely excited to get Kelley immersed in program management as quickly as possible,” said Tisdel.

Moen has recently been co-owner and principal writer for *Catch Magazine*, an international online fly-fishing magazine she runs with her husband, Todd Moen. The publication is seen in 165 countries worldwide. For the past five years, Moen has consistently volunteered in Sisters Elementary School and has excellent relationships with teachers and staff.

“As the Studio to School initiative is taking hold in the schools, and we are on our fifth year of a five-year initiative, the timing couldn’t be better to bring a skilled and talented program manager



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Moen signs on with Sisters Folk Festival.

onto our team,” Tisdel said. “We continue to develop our partnership and programs during the school day and after school, and Kelley will help sustain and grow what we do to serve the community better.”

Moen said, “I truly value the arts and music opportunities Sisters Folk Festival provides for our community, particularly for students in the Sisters School District. My own children have experienced these programs, so I see first-hand what a powerful and positive impact it has on kids’ education and development as they grow up in this town. It’s an honor to join Sisters Folk Festival as the education program manager, and I’m thrilled to begin working with all the people who make these programs

possible.”

As a resident of Sisters for the past 11 years, Kelley is eager to jump in and help facilitate a successful 2018 Sisters Folk Festival, while kicking off another year of programming in the schools.

For information on the upcoming 2018 Sisters Folk Festival, September 7-9, program and artist information, visit sistersfolkfestival.org.



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