

COMMUNITY

Hayden Homes Master Plan on docket

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Sisters planning commissioners will hear a proposal for nearly 200 new houses in town this week.

The 29.57 acres designated as McKenzie Meadows Village (MMV) since its annexation into the city in 2006, is the subject of a Planning Commission

public hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 5:30 p.m. at Sisters City Hall.

Hayden Homes is requesting approval of a Master Plan Development (Type III), Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map Amendment (Type III/IV), Tentative Subdivision (Type III), and Development Agreement.

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Ímar will liven up the Sisters High School stage on March 18, wrapping up the SFF Winter Concert Series.

Transit open house set in Sisters

As part of Cascades East Transit's (CET) 2040 Transit Master Plan, a community open house will be held in Sisters on Tuesday, March 12, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St.

This second round of open houses will collect input from residents to help prioritize near-term transit expansion projects. Information about CET's 2040 Transit Master Plan can be found at www.CETTransitPlan.com

Andrea Breault, CET's senior transit planner, said "CET received great feedback from the January open houses and we are excited to begin collecting additional community input regarding proposed near-term transit projects on

the horizon."

Michelle Rhoads, CET/COIC transportation manager, indicated "we are looking forward to engaging the community once again during this second round of open houses, which will allow CET to chart a new course for the future of public transportation and mobility management in Central Oregon."

Central Oregon residents are encouraged to drop in during open hours. Light snacks and activities for children will be provided. To request information and open house materials in an alternative format or in a different language, contact Rachel Zakem at 541-504-3310 or rzakem@coic.org five days prior to the meeting date.

Celtic supergroup headed to Sisters

By Ceili Cornelius
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Five-piece Celtic supergroup Ímar is set to warm up snowy Sisters on the Sisters Folk Festival Winter Concert Series stage as the third and final installment of the concert series on Monday, March 18.

The band consists of five current and former members of the Celtic bands Manaran, RURA, Talisk, Barrule, Cara, Mabon, Mec Lir and The Lowground, all of which have collectively won titles including multiple BBC Radio Folk 2 awards. Talisk performed at the Sisters Folk Festival last September. Each member of the band plays a specific instrument for both of their bands while adding whatever the five-piece may need.

All the members of the band grew up playing the same kind of music and being taught in school in various aspects of traditional Celtic music. They all had the same background in traditional Celtic music on different instruments.

"Each member at one point or another moved to Glasgow, and because we all grew up around the same music, we found an affinity for playing with each other," said Mohsen Amini, concertina player and one of the leaders of the group.

The group started playing in pubs together for fun and realized how well they worked together.

"Pubs kept bringing us in as the five-piece and it just worked really well and we thought, why not try it out

as a more official thing," said Amini.

Other members of the group agreed, and so once they sat down to play together officially, they released a video and they blew up.

"We were a bit stunned, to be honest; all looking round at everyone else, thinking, 'is it just me or was that really good?'" said bodhrán player Adam Brown.

All the bands, including Ímar, share the same manager so that things don't overlap with the five members' other bands and things stay consistent.

"We play in all of our other bands at the same time as Ímar and have the same manager so we don't double book. It is a lot going on, but

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SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

Al-Anon Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Wed., 6 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.

Alcoholics Anonymous Thurs. & Sun., 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Sat., 8 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Big Book study, Tues., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Gentlemen's meeting, Wed., 7 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Sober Sisters Women's meeting, Thurs., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Step & Tradition meeting, Fri., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.

Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group 1st Tuesday, noon, Sisters City Hall. 800-272-3900.

Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., BBR community room. Partner required. 541-595-6236.

Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild For Saturday meeting dates and location, email: steelefly@msn.com.

Central OR Spinners and Weavers Guild One Saturday per month, Jan. thru Oct. For schedule: 541-639-3217.

Council on Aging of Central Oregon Senior Lunch Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-480-1843.

East of the Cascades Quilt Guild 4th Wednesday (September-June), Stitchin' Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.

Friends of the Sisters Library Board of Directors 2nd Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Sisters Library. www.sistersfol.com.

Go Fish Fishing Group 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Sisters Community Church. All ages welcome. 541-771-2211.

Heartwarmers (fleece blanketmakers) 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Materials provided. 541-408-8505.

Hero Quilters of Sisters Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-549-1028 or 541-719-1230.

Military Parents of Sisters Meetings are held quarterly; please call for details. 541-388-9013.

Oregon Band of Brothers - Sisters Chapter Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda's Restaurant. 541-549-6469.

SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment) Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sisters Park & Recreation District. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Family Aglow Lighthouse 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Ponderosa Lodge Meeting Room. 503-930-6158.

Sisters Area Photography Club 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.

Sisters Area Woodworkers 1st Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. 541-639-6216.

Sisters Astronomy Club 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.

Sisters Bridge Club Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., The Pines Clubhouse. Novices welcomed. 541-549-9419.

Sisters Caregiver Support Group 3rd Tues., 10:30 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-771-3258.

Sisters Cribbage Club Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-923-1632.

Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193.

Sisters Kiwanis Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.

Sisters Parent Teacher Community 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Sisters Saloon. 541-480-5994.

Sisters Parkinson's Support Group 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m., Sisters Community Church. 907-687-8101 or 541-668-6599.

Sisters Red Hats 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.

Sisters Rotary Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-760-5645.

Sisters Trails Alliance Board 1st Wednesday, 5 p.m. Sisters Art Works. Public welcome. 541-719-8822.

Sisters Veterans Thursdays, noon, Takoda's Restaurant. 541-903-1123.

Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.

Three Sisters Lions Club 1st Thursday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-419-1279.

VFW Post 8138 and American Legion Post 86 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-903-1123.

Weight Watchers Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. weigh-in, Sisters Community Church. 541-602-2654.

SCHOOLS

Black Butte School Board of Directors 2nd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.

Sisters Christian Academy Board of Directors 2nd Thursday, 8 a.m., RE/MAX office. 541-549-4133.

Sisters School District Board of Directors One Wed. monthly, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule online at www.ssd6.org. 541-549-8521 x5002.

CITY & PARKS

Sisters City Council 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m., SPRD bldg. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Planning Commission 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

FIRE & POLICE

Black Butte Ranch Police Dept. Board of Directors Meets monthly. 541-595-2191 for time & date.

Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board of Directors 4th Thursday, 9 a.m., Black Butte Ranch Fire Station. 541-595-2288.

Cloverdale RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Wed., 7 p.m., 67433 Cloverdale Rd. 541-548-4815. cloverdalefire.com.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 541-549-0771.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Drills Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

This listing is for regular Sisters Country meetings; email information to lisa@nuggetnews.com