

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sisters Habitat for Humanity

Sisters Habitat staff and volunteers are celebrating two home dedication ceremonies, for Ryan Mantell and Joyce Johns, on January 20 at 3 p.m. followed by the Heart of Oregon YouthBuild graduation ceremony. The dedication will take place in the ClearPine development at 1084 and 1092 Bluebird St. Masks required to tour homes.

## The Sisters Cold Weather Shelter (SCWS)

In partnership with local churches, SCWS is providing free hot meals and a warm, safe place to stay this winter. Through out January shelter location is Wellhouse Market, 222 Trinity Way. The Shelter will open at 6 p.m. each night.

## Alzheimer's and Dementia Family Caregiver Support Group

Thelma's Place Adult Day Respite Program in Redmond hosts a monthly support group for those caring for someone with Alzheimer's or another dementia-related disease. The support group is held every third Wednesday of the month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. This is a free family-caregiver support group featuring local organizations each month who join to share their experiences and resources.

## Free Weekly Grab-N-Go Lunches For Seniors

The Council on Aging of Central Oregon is serving seniors (60+) free grab-n-go lunches on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week. The lunches are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, drive-through style, from 12-12:30 p.m. at Sisters Community Church, 1300 W. McKenzie Hwy. Seniors may drive through the parking lot and pick up a meal each day of service. Come on by; no need to make a reservation. For more information call 541-678-5483.

## Central Oregon Partnerships for Youth (COPY)

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office is offering a virtual class to prepare volunteers to become mentors for children with an incarcerated parent. After initial training and comprehensive background checks, volunteers are matched with a child in or around Sisters, who shares similar interests and activities. Commit to spending a few hours a week together for a minimum of one year. On Saturday, January 22, COPY will offer a 3.5-hour virtual orientation/training class. There is no cost to attend, but advanced registration is required. Call 541-388-6651.

## Weekly Food Pantry

Wellhouse Church has a weekly food pantry at 222 N. Trinity Way every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. until food has been distributed. Both drive-through pick-up and shopping-style distribution are available. Call 541-549-4184 for more information.

## Hunter Education Class

Classes start Tuesday, February 1. Sign up online at MyODFW.com. Questions? Call Rick Cole, 541-420-6934.

## PET OF THE WEEK

Humane Society of Central Oregon  
541-382-3537



Meet **BETTY WHITE**. This sweet gal is as charming as her namesake and is sure to steal your heart. Betty White is also smart, sassy, and a loyal pup who will put her goofy brother, Bowie, in his place when he starts his rough, tumble play. This gal will quickly bond with her new family, especially with puppy classes that she can participate in with her family. The human bond and training will make this gal the best doggie citizen so all will enjoy a fun, adventurous life. If this is your first experience at puppyhood, please check out all the resources out there to help you along.

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Please call the church before attending to verify current status of services as restrictions are adjusted.

## SISTERS-AREA CHURCHES

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
386 N. Fir Street • 541-549-5831  
10 a.m. Sunday Worship  
www.shepherdofthehillslutheranchurch.com

**Sisters Community Church (Nondenominational)**  
1300 W. McKenzie Hwy. • 541-549-1201  
10 a.m. Sunday Worship  
www.sisterschurch.com • info@sisterschurch.com

**St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church**  
123 Trinity Way • 541-549-9391  
5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass  
9 a.m. Sunday Mass • 8 a.m. Monday-Friday Mass

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**  
452 Trinity Way • Branch President, 541-420-5670;  
10 a.m. Sunday Sacrament Meeting

**Sisters Church of the Nazarene**  
67130 Harrington Loop Rd. • 541-389-8960  
www.sistersnaz.org • info@sistersnaz.org  
10 a.m. Sunday Worship Outdoors

**Baha'i Faith**  
Currently Zoom meetings: devotions, course trainings, informational firesides. Local contact Shauna Rocha  
541-647-9826 • www.bahai.org or www.bahai.us

**Calvary Church (NW Baptist Convention)**  
484 W. Washington St., Ste. C & D • 541-588-6288  
10 a.m. Sunday Worship • www.ccsisters.org

**Chapel in the Pines**  
Camp Sherman • 541-549-9971  
10 a.m. Sunday Worship

**Wellhouse Church**  
442 Trinity Way • 541-549-4184  
https://wellhousechurch.churchcenter.com  
10 a.m. Sunday Worship

**Vast Church (Nondenominational)**  
6 p.m. Saturday Worship  
1300 W. McKenzie Hwy.  
(Sisters Community Church Fireside Room)  
541-719-0587 • www.vastchurch.com

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
386 N. Fir St. • 541-595-6770, 541-306-8303  
11 a.m. Saturday Worship

**The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration**  
68825 Brooks Camp Rd. • 541-549-7087  
8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare) 10:15 a.m. Episcopal Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare)

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## Black Butte Ranch Water Distribution Company

### Annual Water Quality Report 2021

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

This is the 2021 Black Butte Ranch Water Distribution Company (BBRWDC) Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).

BBRWDC routinely monitors your drinking water, which is derived solely from ground water sources, for certain constituents. We have no quality violations and our water quality meets, or is better than, state and federal standards. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain constituents in water. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It is important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk. More information about water constituents and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

Table one shows monitoring results from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 or the date of the last test for a particular constituent. Your water is tested for 80 organic, 16 inorganic, microbial, and radiological constituents. Only those, which were detected in your water within the last five years, are included in table one.

In table one you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

**Parts per million (PPM) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per billion (PPB) or Micrograms per liter** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Picocuries per liter** - (pCi/L) is a measure of radioactivity.

**Action Level (AL)** - the concentration of a contaminant, which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

**Maximum Contaminant Level** - the "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - the "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water, below which, there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Non Detected** - (ND) NO trace of contaminant present.

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Nitrate (as Nitrogen)</b> Well #1 tested: 4/14/21 Well #2/5 tested: 4/14/21 Well #3 tested: 4/14/21 Well #4 tested: 4/14/21	N N N N	0.09 0.07 0.08 0.06	ppm or mg/L	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Sodium</b> Well #1 tested: 6/28/21 Well #2/5 tested: 6/28/21 Well #3 tested: 6/28/21 Well #4 tested: 6/28/21	N N N N	4.3 5.6 5.6 5.0	ppm or mg/L	200	200	Sodium occur naturally in groundwater, but levels can increase from road salt, water softeners, natural salt deposits, sewage and fertilizers.
<b>Fluoride</b> Well #2/5 tested: 6/28/21 Well #3 tested: 6/28/21 Well #4 tested: 6/28/21	N N N	0.11 0.11 0.11	ppm or mg/L	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
<b>Copper</b> 6/9/21	N	0.089	ppm or mg/L	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
<b>Lead</b> Tested: 6/9/21	N	0.001	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Asbestos</b> Tested 6/5/19	N	0.1208	MFL	7	7	Decay of asbestos cement water mains; erosion of natural deposits

The 2021 Nitrate analysis results (level detected) in the water as shown in the table above are well below the 10 ppm allowable limit. The results are essentially non-detect.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Black Butte Ranch Water Company is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

The 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act require that all states conduct source Water Assessments for public water systems within their boundaries. The assessments consist of (1) identification of the Drinking Water Protection Area, i.e., the area at the surface that is directly above that part of the aquifer that supplies groundwater to our wells, (2) identification of potential sources of pollution within the Drinking Water Protection Area, and (3) determining the susceptibility or relative risk to the well water from those sources.

The purpose of the assessment is to provide water systems with the information they need to develop a strategy to protect their drinking water resource if they choose.

The respective Drinking Water Programs of the Departments of Human Services and Environmental Quality have completed the assessment for our system. A copy of the report is on file at the water system's office

Source water protection tips

Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:

- Eliminate excessive use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides. They contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
- Dispose of chemicals properly.
- Pick up after your pets.
- Have all backflow devices on your property checked annually as required by law.

Semiannual Water Board meetings are Zoom meetings or if in person and held in June at the section five maintenance/housekeeping building and in November after the meeting of the BBRA Board of Directors. Nick Beasley is the Water Board Chairperson. If you have any questions concerning this report or the water system feel free to contact the Utilities Manager, Swen Petterson at 541-595-1280.

Nick Beasley  
BBRWDC Chairperson

Swen Petterson  
Utilities Manager