

# Local

## Interim Budget Committee

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Kee did advise the group that because this was an interim meeting a couple of items could not be discussed those items included specific estimates or appropriation amounts associated with any fund, line item, resource or requirement the law does not allow talk about the

question of whether to fund specific programs or expenditures in the next budget process.

Also off limits is discussion about the question as to whether to impose any tax or levy or the amounts of any levy.

Jeanie Dexter, Finance Director for the City, gave a presentation to the group outlining the process. She supplied the group with minutes from the interim meeting last year and explained that at this meeting no formal actions would be taken, however these minutes would be voted on for acceptance at a future meeting and asked each

member to take the minutes with them and review them. She advised everyone that her presentation was also available online at the City website bakercity.com and she was always available for questions.

She ran through the presentation that outlined what a budget is including laws encompassing a municipal budget, explaining the budget process, roles of the budget committee, how the budget gets funded and the different types of funding.

Bob Seymour, the City's auditor, also was present and spoke as to the status of the City's funding and

commented favorably on the last City audit.

Dexter's presentation went on to explain how things are structured within the budget and explained how Council makes the final approval of the budget after the Budget Committee votes to approve it and send to Council for adoption.

She explained how Council can change the budget after it is adopted by a resolution. In her presentation Dexter gave examples of what they committee would be looking at and explained how to "read" the columns of the budget pages before

them.

She also explained how property taxes effect the funding of the budget and what compression is and what that means to the funds. Compression basically means that special levies for certain projects may not be entirely funded due to property tax collection rate decreases due to measures 5 and 50.

Many voters do not realize when voting for special levies that this is taken into account and those project may not receive all the funding necessary to be completed. Dexter reminded those present that all meetings are public

meetings and citizens have the right to attend and speak at those meetings. They should also expect to be addressed by each department, committee and board at that time also.

Dexter advised that while only a quorum is necessary to conduct business a majority is required to vote therefore it was important that each member do their best to make themselves available for each meeting and when scheduling they would be as mindful as possible of everyone's time.

Budget Meetings will commence in May.

## Crossroads to swap art with Garden Valley

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center in Baker City, Oregon and Garden Val-

ley Center for the Arts (GVAC) in Garden Valley, ID are partnering for a

unique cultural exchange of art and artists in April of 2016.

In 2014, the Garden Valley Center for the Arts approached Crossroads

Carnegie Art Center with the idea of doing an art exchange where artists from the Garden Valley/Crouch area of Idaho would showcase their work at Crossroads in Baker City, Oregon an emerging regional arts market.

In turn, Crossroads would showcase a selection of the artists they represent and have a month long show in the Garden

Valley Center for the Arts.

In the last two years, each organization has been building organizational capacity and funding to undertake both groups first traveling exhibition of art.

The Garden Valley Artists show will open on First Friday April 1st at 5:30-8:00 p.m. (PDT) at 2020 Auburn Ave in Baker City, OR.




You are invited to **join us** for a coffee with friends...

OTEC is hosting an informal coffee klatch for all OTEC members to come and visit with their local board members and OTEC's General Manager Werner Buehler over coffee and pastries.

<b>La Grande -</b>	<b>Monday, March 14 - 9-10 a.m.</b> Joe and Sugar's - 119 Adams Ave.
<b>Baker City -</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 15 - 9-10 a.m.</b> Mad Matilda's - 1931 Court Ave.
<b>Burns -</b>	<b>Friday, May 27 - 9-10 a.m.</b> Bella Java - 314 N. Broadway Ave.
<b>John Day -</b>	<b>Friday, May 27 - 2-3 p.m.</b> The Squeeze Inn - 423 W. Main St.

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During the month of March, Zephyr's Bakery and Deli at 1917 Main Street is offering a FREE hot beverage to those who join or renew a membership in Best Friends.

Best Friends of Baker, Inc. rescues and finds homes for Baker County pets. You can help by becoming a member. All money earned is directly used to rescue homeless pets and find them a forever home. 100% of donations benefit local pets with no paid help.

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