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of a massive, drunken looting party



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Redmond gives away PPE to 36 local businesses



Chuck Arnold, left, documents a participant's information as volunteer Ron Osmundson fills a bag with items while handing out personal protective equipment to local businesses at Redmond City Hall on Thursday.

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City hopes to keep such events going: 'If demand grows, we'll find a way to get the supply'

BY JACKSON HOGAN
The Bulletin

REDMOND — Marianne McGinty drove her SUV into the Redmond City Hall parking lot Thursday morning, hoping to receive free personal protective equipment for her store, Redmond Spa, Stove & Sauna.

Not only did she want to use the COVID-19 protective equipment to keep her employees and customers safe, but she also planned to give it to the contractors who help install hot tubs and stoves for customers, she said.

"When they go to a customer's

house, they can be safe," McGinty said.

Two city staffers and a volunteer were more than ready with dozens of boxes stuffed with face masks, giant bottles of hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes and more.

As Chuck Arnold — Redmond's manager of economic development and urban renewal who oversaw the giveaway — handed McGinty a tote bag stuffed with protective equipment, the store co-owner expressed her appreciation.

"Thank you so much, we are grateful for your support!" McGinty told Arnold through her face mask.

Thirty-six business owners and employees received 23,000 face masks, latex gloves, hand sanitizer dispensers and more to keep themselves and their customers safe. Leaving their car wasn't necessary — a drive-thru setup allowed city

staff to hand them their equipment through the passenger side window, like curbside pickup at a restaurant.

Arnold said he was happy to help local businesses serve people safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We felt there was an opportunity here to work and deploy materials to people that can help keep them safe, stay open, or get open," he said.

The city has distributed more than 70,000 masks, gloves, bottles of hand sanitizer, wipes and other personnel protection items to more than 200 businesses in Redmond since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020, according to a city press release. The state of Oregon has given personal protective equipment to cities like Redmond to distribute to locals, Arnold said.

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COLUMN | FROM THE REDMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULING SCHOOL DURING A PANDEMIC

Trying to get all students to in-person classes is a logistical challenge. This is what's being done.

BY SHEILA MILLER
Redmond School District

As I write this, students are in classrooms at Redmond's neighborhood schools, some for the first time since last March.

Our teachers and staff are thrilled to have kids back in school, where we can connect with them in person and begin the process of bridging gaps that grew while students were in comprehensive distance learning.

If you've looked at our school schedules, you may have noticed that all three levels have different plans in place.

At the elementary level, all students in kindergarten through fifth grade will attend school onsite full time. At the middle-school level, students will attend onsite two full days each week, while high schoolers will be in school four days each week, either in the morning or afternoon — the rest of those students' time will be spent in virtual learning.

Some parents have asked why we can't have all students on the same schedule.

In a perfect world, all of Redmond's students would be in person at school full time. Operating within the state's guidelines, which detail the amount of space between desks and limit the number of students who can be in a classroom together, we tried to think outside the box to come up with solutions.

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Sheila Miller is the public information officer for the Redmond School District.



Redmond students return to classes this week.

Redmond School District photo

Spokesman Calendar

Events in and around Redmond

The Redmond Spokesman welcomes event information for its community calendar. Submissions are limited to nonprofit, free and live entertainment events. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday for the following Wednesday's paper. Items are published on a space-available basis and may be edited. Contact us at news@redmondspokesman.com or fax 541-548-3203.

WEDNESDAY 2/24

Fitness 4 Life with Diane: This class is 20 minutes of low impact moves, 20 minutes of strength exercises designed to increase range of motion and 20 minutes of balance and flexibility; 7:45-8:45 a.m.; \$3.50; online; raprd.org or 541-548-7275.

Powercut Plus with Julane: This weightlifting class uses free-weights, resistance bands and fitness balls along with great music to get you through an hour of head-to-toe muscle work. Cardio intervals are interjected between strength sets. Offered online or in person (limited capacity); 9:15-10:15 a.m.; \$3.50; RAPRD Activity Center, 2441 SW Canal Blvd., Redmond or online; raprd.org or 541-548-7275.

Community Dance Break! Just 10 minutes..take a break and dance..a perfect way to move your body, connect with others, and have some fun!; 12:30-12:40 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/742149-1 or 541-948-7015.

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Redmond School Board Meeting: The school board will discuss the High Desert ESD local service plan, a resolution to establish a capital projects fund, a Black History Month proclamation and more; 5:30-8:30 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/742454-0 or 541-923-8250.

Natural Solutions for Thyroid Disorders, Hormones and Fatigue: Learn about how holistic medicine gets to the root of the problem in this webinar led by Dr. Lexi Ching. Also discussing common triggers and underlying causes of disorders; 6-7 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/742472-1 or 541-797-0167.

Rediscovered Reads Book Club: Discussing "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry" by Fredrik Backman; 6-7 p.m.; Roundabout Books, online; go.evnt.com/729173-0 or 541-306-6564.

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