Ryan Brennecke/The Bulletin photos

Campers line a section of 17th Street in Redmond.

Homelessness

Continued from P1

The city is also set to receive two new homeless shelters in the near future after having no long-term options for years.

Redmond received $5.8 million in American Rescue Plan COVID-19 relief funding from the federal government, which can be used for homeless-related projects, according to the city manager.

While homelessness is not a new issue in Redmond, the amount of attention it is currently garnering is, said James Cook, a Redmond-based board member of Central Oregon's Homeless Leadership Coalition.

"I think actually getting things before the council is a unique step, something that hasn't really happened before," Cook said.

The push to find tangible solutions to address the growing number of people living on Redmond's streets and public lands came after the city heard multiple complaints from businesses near 17th Street and Greenwood Avenue, where many homeless people currently camp in Redmond. The city heard reports of people wandering onto manufacturing floors uninvited, which is unsafe, said Redmond City Manager Keith Witcosky.These issues were raised at another joint meeting between the county and city in May, where Redmond City Councilor Jon Bullock and Deschutes County Commissioner Phil Chang decided to team up to find ways the two public bodies could contribute to a long-term solution, Witcosky said.

Several ideas are currently on the table, according to Chang and advocates for the homeless. One idea on the table is a safe parking program, which would let a church or business offer a parking lot as a safe place for people to park their vehicles or RVs long term. Rick Russell, a pastor at Mountainview Fellowship Church who is behind the proposal, said he has seen similar programs in places like Salem. He hopes the City Council will approve the idea and contribute $25,000 to pay for a position to manage the program.

"It's just one more option," Russell said.

Another idea that will be discussed is a managed camp, said Chang.

"We need these places where homeless people are allowed to be," Chang said.

There is currently a proposal to find city or county land to build a tiny-home community, which would be known as Oasis Village. The proposal, supported in part by the nonprofit Jericho Road, would be similar to Bend Hero Foundation's Veteran's Village, which is set to open by September, according to the foundation's Executive Director Erik Tobiason.

Guy Cavallo, 69, exits his RV parked along 17th Street in Redmond.

The vision is to start with about 10 tiny homes, with communal showering, eating and laundry spaces. It would be a low-barrier shelter, meaning someone wouldn't have to be sober to qualify, and people could live there between six months to two years.

Don Senecal with Jericho Road said the village would be monitored 24 hours a day and provide services to help people transition out of chronic homelessness.

"We want to get them to the point where they can transition into a place like (Bethlehem Inn) or Shepherd's House," Senecal said.

To make it happen, the group behind Oasis Village needs land and consistent funding, Senecal said. The group is looking for the county or city to consider donating 2 to 5 acres of land somewhere in or near the city, so people can be close to services.

"The problem is after you open the door and you start getting clientele we have to pay for people to be there, you have to pay utility bills … that to me is a much larger challenge," Senecal said.

The virtual meeting between Redmond and Deschutes County leaders is at 5 p.m. Jul 21 online at redmondoregon.gov.

Reporter: 541-633-2160, bvisser@bendbulletin.com

SOLUTION

Crossword on Page 2

L	A	O	S	■	S	P	A	D	S	■	B	E	A	T
I	S	L	E	■	C	O	V	E	T	■	E	L	M	O
T	H	E	A	M	E	R	I	C	A	N	F	L	A	G
S	E	G	M	E	N	T	S	■	G	E	I	S	H	A
■	■	■	S	T	E	S	■	G	N	A	T	■	■	■
P	A	S	T	E	S	■	R	O	A	R	■	T	I	N
E	N	T	E	R	■	K	E	E	N	■	M	I	L	O
S	T	A	R	S	A	N	D	S	T	R	I	P	E	S
T	E	N	S	■	L	O	O	T	■	E	T	U	D	E
O	D	D	■	M	A	W	S	■	S	W	I	P	E	D
■	■	■	K	E	R	N	■	S	T	A	G	■	■	■
E	G	O	I	S	M	■	T	H	E	R	A	I	N	S
R	E	D	W	H	I	T	E	A	N	D	B	L	U	E
A	N	D	I	■	S	E	E	N	O	■	L	A	D	E
L	E	S	S	■	M	A	S	K	S	■	E	Y	E	D

SOLUTION

Sudoku on Page 2

4	1	8	6	9	3	5	2	7
5	2	3	7	1	4	6	9	8
7	9	6	2	5	8	4	3	1
2	8	4	9	6	7	1	5	3
1	3	5	8	4	2	9	7	6
9	6	7	5	3	1	8	4	2
6	5	1	3	2	9	7	8	4
8	4	2	1	7	5	3	6	9
3	7	9	4	8	6	2	1	5

Your home is only as smart as your Internet.

AT&T Internet $40/mo. when bundled, plus taxes & equip. fee

- Plans up to 100 Mbps.[2]
- Free Smart Home Manager App[1] with Parental Controls.[2]
- The bandwidth to power multiple devices at once. Number of devices depends on screen size/resolution.
- Get a seamless whole-home Wi-Fi experience with AT&T Smart Wi-Fi.[3]

12 mo agmt, other qualifying service (min $19/mo) & combined bill req'd. $10/mo equip. fee applies. Incl 1TB data/mo. $10 chrg for each add'l 50GB (up to $100/mo).[2] Limited availability. May not be available in your area. Call to see if you qualify.

Cut cable internet and switch to AT&T Internet. Call now!

Iv Support Holdings LLC 888-486-0359

AT&T Preferred Dealer

Geographical and service restrictions apply to AT&T Internet services. Not all speeds available in all areas. Call to see if you qualify. $40 INTERNET OFFER: Price for Internet (768k - 100) for new residential customers when bundled with another qualifying AT&T service (DIRECTV, U-verse TV, AT&T TV or AT&T Phone or postpaid AT&T wireless). Prorated ETF ($180) applies if Internet is disconnected before end of 12 months. Must maintain all bundled services to receive advertised pricing. Additional Fees & Taxes: Excludes cost-recovery charges, where applicable and $10/mo equipment fee. Activ/installation: $35 activation fee (self-install) or $99 installation (full tech install) may apply. Credit restrictions apply. Pricing subject to change. Subj. to Internet Terms of Service at att.com/internet-terms. [2]Unlimited data allowance may also be purchased separately for an add'l $30/mo., or maintain a bundle of TV & Internet on a combined bill and receive unlimited internet data at no add'l charge. For more info, go to att.com/internet-usage. Internet speed claims represent maximum network service capability speeds. Actual customer speeds are not guaranteed and may vary based on several factors. For more information, go to att.com/speed 101. [3]AT&T Smart Home Manager is available to AT&T Internet service customers with a compatible AT&T Wi-Fi Gateway. Features limited to home Wi-Fi network. [1]Parental Controls and Data Usage features available with BGW210, 5268AC and NVG599 Wi-Fi Gateways. [3]AT&T Smart Wi-Fi requires installation of a BGW210, 5268AC, or NVG599 Wi-Fi Gateway. Standard with Internet plans (12M or higher). Whole-home Wi-Fi connectivity may require AT&T Smart Wi-Fi Extender(s) sold separately. Offers may not be combined with other promotional offers on the same services and may be modified or discontinued at any time without notice. Other conditions apply to all offers. ©2020 AT&T Intellectual Property. All Rights Reserved. AT&T, the AT&T logo and all other AT&T marks contained herein are trademarks of AT&T Intellectual Property and/or AT&T affiliated companies.

Thelma's Place
BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN GENERATIONS
Whoopsy Daisy CHILD CARE
AN INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM

Ways you can support Thelma's Place:
- Vehicle donations
- Cash donations
- Sponsorships
- Volunteer

Your support makes a difference!
Redmond: 541-548-3049
Day Respite and Support Groups
www.thelmasplace.org

Parents, activists target race and gender teachings

BY NICOLE BALES
The Bulletin

Parents and activists who are upset about a curriculum that includes issues of race and gender delivered a stern warning to the Redmond School Board this week: They would pull their children out of schools if the curriculum remains unchanged.

Some of the more than 50 people in attendance Wednesday were also part of the organized protest at the Bend-La Pine School Board meeting on Tuesday. Both protests also took issue with the use of masks in schools.

"Please know from all the people here tonight and many more that aren't: This is a warning from parents that you serve," said Liz Batterson, a grandmother. "Pushing CRT (critical race theory), pushing LGBTQ ideologies upon our children will destroy the brick and mortar system and place all of you into no jobs and no positions to hold as there will be no more public schools if we pull all of our children out."

Some parents at the meeting told the board they had already pulled their children out of Redmond schools. Batterson said her granddaughter would not attend in the fall and be homeschooled instead.

Critical race theory is a collection of concepts addressing racial inequity and is taught in higher education. It has become a catchall phrase for efforts to address systemic racism. The phrase is often used by conservatives in a national culture war that is spilling into K-12 education.

Sheila Miller, a spokeswoman for Redmond School District, said critical race theory is not taught in Redmond Schools. Issues of race are taught as part of social studies classes.

The Redmond School Board created an equity task force for the district in September to address inequities in local schools, combat explicit and implicit racism and diversify the district's workforce. No concrete goals have yet been set by the task force.

While speakers at the Bend-La Pine School Board meeting Tuesday took issue with teaching related to race and gender, most of them were there to discuss the school district's plan for masking inside classrooms. The school district plans to follow the federal Centers of Disease and Prevention guidelines.

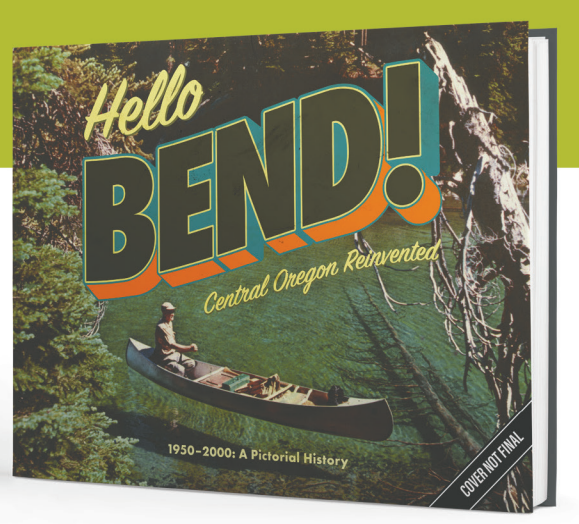
Redmond School District, on the other hand, will no longer require masks to be worn by students and staff inside classrooms. Masks will continue to be required on school buses until the federal requirement is lifted.

B.J. Soper, a Redmond resident and parent, said that while the Redmond School District has made steps in a positive direction toward mask use, it's not enough. Soper, a conservative activist, garnered national attention after joining Ammon Bundy during his takeover of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in 2016.

"Masking children is abuse. Contact tracing is a violation of our privacy," he said. "My daughter will not be subject to the COVID nonsense, period. Nor will the Marxist, Communist agenda, such as the the Equity Task Force, be used to manipulate her education."

Reporter; 541-617-7854, nbales@bendbulletin.com

CENTRAL OREGON HISTORY IN A HARDCOVER BOOK



ORDER NOW TO SAVE $15

OVER 200 PHOTOS ON 136 PAGES

$29.95 reg. $44.95
plus shipping
offer expires Oct. 13, 2021 | books ship Nov. 19, 2021

Learn more and order online at
HelloBend.PictorialBook.com

Pre-order by check/money order and ship my order to the address below **after Nov. 19, 2021**.
Quantity of books: ___ x $38.90* = $_____ total
**Includes $29.95 + $8.95 shipping & mail-in processing fees per book; discount expires Oct. 13, 2021.*

Checks payable to **Pediment Books** (OR) Pay with credit/debit/PayPal online: **HelloBend.PictorialBook.com**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip ____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Send form and payment to:
Hello Bend Book
c/o Pediment Books
1417 SE Rasmussen Blvd., Suite 101
Battle Ground, WA 98604
Please remember to make checks payable to ***Pediment Books***

Hello Bend • #PS01

In partnership with the Deschutes Historical Museum

The Bulletin EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY