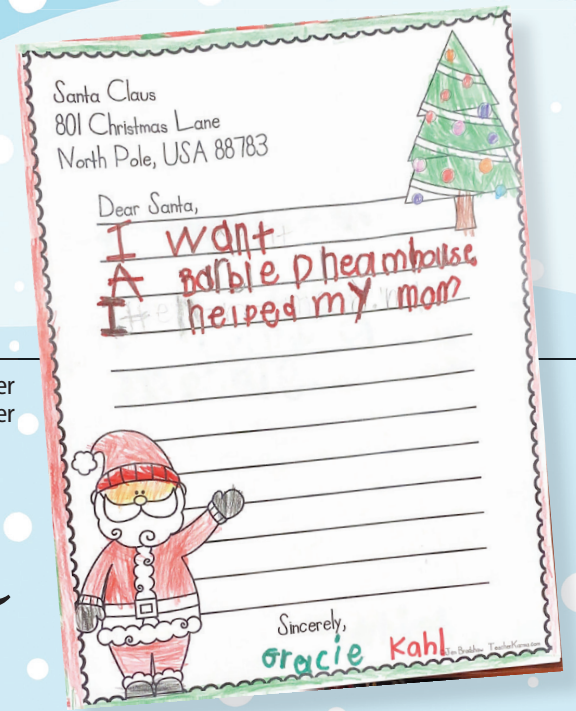


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# Redmond appoints new city councilor

BY KYLE SPURR  
The Bulletin

The Redmond City Council appointed Cat Zwicker, a real estate broker and planning commissioner, to replace former councilor Jon Bullock, who resigned last month.

The council made the unanimous decision at its Dec. 14 meeting, after considering 17 applicants for the position. The month-long search for a new

council started Nov. 9, when Bullock left his seat to take on a larger responsibility in his role on the Southern Oregon University board of trustees.

Mayor George Endicott said the council narrowed the field down to three applicants, who all had experience serving the city. The other two considered were Ron Osmundson, a longtime Redmond planning commission and budget committee



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member, and Kathryn Osborne, chair of the Redmond Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee.

"Three outstanding candidates," Endicott said. "It was a tough choice. We decided Cat was the best qualified."

Zwicker, a Redmond resident for the past 22 years, said in her application that her experience as a small business owner, planning commissioner, real estate broker and community volunteer helps her identify the needs of the city and participate in conversations about its growth and development.

"I believe I have more to offer in these regards and the experience and

knowledge to contribute at a higher level," Zwicker said.

Zwicker, who owns Desert Sky Real Estate, is a Central Oregon Association of Realtors board member and the incoming 2022 president of the Child Care Task Force in Redmond.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Georgia in 1987.

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# BUILDING A 'GROWTH MINDSET'

Heart of Oregon Corps' YouthBuild program to train future child care workforce



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The child and youth development track takes place out of Heart of Oregon Corps' Redmond campus.

BY ZACK DEMARS  
EO Media Group

A Central Oregon nonprofit's youth education program known for building homes is aiming to build new child care workers, too.

Heart of Oregon Corps announced this month plans to launch a child and youth development

track for its YouthBuild program, offering 16- to 24-year-olds an entry into the industry badly in need of additional resources.

While the program won't have an immediate impact on the number of open child care slots in the region, executive director Laura Handy said the main goal of the program is to

empower youth who have cycled out of the school system, particularly those from low-income backgrounds and who need to boost their resume.

"We want to open those doors back up," Handy told The Bulletin.

Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes counties are all considered "child care deserts," meaning there ar-

en't nearly enough open child care spots for the number of kids in the county who need one. Just 22% of Deschutes County's children age 0-5 had access to child care before the pandemic, according to the most recent research from Oregon State University.

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# Redmond airport to receive \$3.6M for upgrades

From a press release  
Congressman Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., announced this week that Roberts Field in Redmond will receive \$3.6 million for airport improvements over the next fiscal year. The Bend airport will receive \$763,000.

In total, Oregon's airports are to receive \$42.2 million over the next fiscal year from the landmark bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to address safety improvements to runways and taxiways, modernize aging terminals, and reduce aircraft noise near airports.

As chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, DeFazio played an instrumental role in getting this bill signed into law, according to a press release.

"The funding announced by the Federal Aviation Administration will help fund upgrades to airports across Oregon, both large and small," said Rep. DeFazio. "I'm pleased the Biden administration is moving swiftly to get our state and the nation the resources needed to rebuild.

As Chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I will continue my work with the Biden administration to ensure we implement this new law and secure much-needed funding to make Oregon's airports safer, greener, and less congested."

# 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 12/22

**Christmas Open House:** Drive the mile-long stretch of lights and end at River Run Lodge, featuring local wine & beer, food vendors, hot chocolate and crafts for the kids; 5-9 p.m.; free; River Run Lodge, 1730 Blue Heron Drive, Redmond; facebook.com/riverlodge or 541-504-4501.

**Trivia Wednesdays:** Go with a team or team up there to play genuine UKB Trivia live and possibly win gift certificates; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Initiative Brewing, 424 NW Fifth St.; facebook.com/InitiativeBrew or 541-527-4380.

## THURSDAY 12/23

**Holiday Lights:** A walk-through holiday light show spanning 100,000 sq. ft. with more than 3 million dazzling lights happening daily; 4-10 p.m.; \$25 per person, \$65 family four pack, \$95 family six pack; Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond;

holidaylightexperience.com or 541-548-2711.

**Irish Trad Music:** The Ballybogs will perform; 6-8 p.m.; free; Porter Brewing Co., 611 NE Jackpine Ct. 2, Redmond; porterbrewingco.com or 541-504-7959.

**Wintervention:** Hoodoo is dumping over \$50,000 in prizes including lift tickets, lodging, skis, snowboards, gear, goods and more; 6-8 p.m.; free; General Duffy's Watering Hole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; facebook.com/Generalduffys or 541-527-4345.

## FRIDAY 12/24

**Unity Christmas Eve Service:** This service will be live in the Unity Sanctuary, masks required, and live-streamed; 5:30-6:30 p.m.; free; Unity Community of Central Oregon, 63645 Scenic Drive, Bend; unitycentraloregon.org or 925-366-3091.

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