



Bowlers gather March 7 at Orchard Lanes to raise funds for The Next Door's GYM program at the annual Buddy Bowl. Photo courtesy of The Next Door

## Buddy Bowl raises \$25,000

The Next Door's annual Buddy Bowl fundraiser to benefit its Gorge Youth Mentoring (GYM) program had another successful year, raising over \$25,000.

The event, held at Orchard Lanes Bowling Center on March 7, brought together 20 enthusiastic teams of varying skill levels for a day of bowling, prizes and wacky team photos.

"Fun and fundraising ruled the day, with the Rowdy Rollers team donning prom

dress, their high school letterman's jackets, and pom poms. The team Board (Not Bored), comprised of a handful of The Next Door's board of directors, earned top fundraiser honors, with nearly \$1500 raised," said a press release.

GYM, formerly Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Columbia Gorge, has been a program of The Next Door for nearly 20 years. The program matches children, teens, and young adults ages 6-21 with

volunteer adult mentors. Matches, paired based on common interests and compatible personalities, spend time together doing activities of their own choosing a couple times a month.

If you're age 21 or older and would enjoy being a friend to a youth who needs a consistent and positive role model, apply to be a mentor. Visit [nextdoorinc.org/gym](http://nextdoorinc.org/gym), email [gym@nextdoorinc.org](mailto:gym@nextdoorinc.org), or call 541-386-6665 to learn more.

## Parkdale water line



Pedestrians skirt cones surrounding road excavation on Baseline in Parkdale across from Lady Fern and Solera Brewery Wednesday. Parkdale Sanitary District issued a boil water order at 9 a.m. Wednesday, pending repairs, after a main line was exposed and a valve replaced. District officials said laboratory test results came back clean on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. and gave the okay to affected customers to use water as normal. (Under the order, water needed to be boiled when used for consumption or kitchen use and hygiene but not for bathing or clothes washing.) The order affected customers north of Baseline only.

Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

# The Next Door, Inc: Hood River County Community ID updates

"Many of you have heard of the Hood River County (HRC) Community ID. One of the goals of the ID is to promote a sense of belonging for all who live in our community," begins a Next Door Inc. press release. "In this difficult time of social distancing and sheltering in place it is normal to feel isolated and alone. We can support each other by reaching out by phone, email and letters. Many groups are meeting by phone or computer. Do what you can to help yourself and others by reaching out so we all are reminded that we belong to each other."

The Next Door has postponed all of its Community ID enrollment events for now. And the Community ID team wants to remind everyone about the medical services that you have access to with your Community ID:

- All Providence clinics
- Columbia Gorge Family

### Medicine

- One Community Health
- Wilson Street Medical Clinic

"These incredible partners are serving our community and supporting the Community ID program," said the press release. "If you are feeling sick, don't be afraid to access healthcare. But please call first. Do not go to their office without scheduling an appointment."

Another supporter of the Community ID is FISH food bank. They will accept Community ID and can safely provide food.

For questions about where you can use your ID to receive services at this time, go to The Next Door website at [nextdoorinc.org/community-id/](http://nextdoorinc.org/community-id/) or call The Next Door at 541-436-0334 for English or 541-399-5006 para español.

Informes sobre la identificación comunitaria del Condado de Hood River

Muchos ya han escuchado de la identificación comunitaria del Condado de Hood River. En inglés se conoce como Hood River County Community ID. Una de las metas del ID es promover un sentido de pertenecer para todos los que vivimos en el condado. En este tiempo difícil de distanciamiento social y mantenernos en casa es normal sentirnos aislados y solos. Nos podemos apoyar unos a los otros por llamar a seres queridos, o enviarles text o correo electrónico. Haga lo que pueda para ayudarse a sí mismo y a los demás al comunicarse con otros. Así nos recordará que todos pertenecemos unos a los otros.

El Next Door ha suspendido todas las inscripciones de la identificación comunitaria por ahora. El equipo de la identificación del Next Door quisiera recordarle sobre los servicios a los que tiene

acceso con su identificación comunitaria:

- Todas las clínicas de Providence
- Columbia Gorge Family Medicine
- La Clínica del Cariño, o One Community Health
- Wilson Street Medical Clinic

Estos increíbles servicios médicos están sirviendo a nuestra comunidad y

apoyando al programa de la identificación comunitaria. Si se siente enfermo, no tenga miedo de acceder a la atención médica. Pero primero llame. No vaya a al doctor sin programar una cita.

Otro orgulloso partidario de la identificación es el banco de alimentos FISH el cual acepta su identificación comunitaria. Ellos pueden ofrecerle a usted y a su

familia alimentos de manera segura.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre dónde puede usar su identificación para recibir servicios en este momento, vaya a nuestra página en el sitio web del Next Door al [nextdoorinc.org/community-id-espanol/](http://nextdoorinc.org/community-id-espanol/) o llame al Next Door al 541-399-5006 para español, o al 541-436-0334 para inglés.



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## Social distancing can work if we all work together

City of the Dalles Mayor Richard Mays



there are promising results from these studies that indicate that social distancing is working and the earlier areas instituted this practice, the slower the spread of the disease.

I believe that over the

coming weeks, as more and more people stay at home and keep their distances, we will see better results and the pressure on our precious health care workers, first responders and retail employees will get better.

As many of you know, Wasco County has now experienced its first case of the coronavirus. An elderly gentleman at the Oregon Veterans Home was diagnosed yesterday. While this was inevitable, there is something about this first case that serves as a combination gut punch and wake up call.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to this veteran who has served our country in hopes of a full recovery.

Recent reports and studies have analyzed the effectiveness of social distancing both in the USA and in other countries.

While The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon and the United States are all in the early stages of this epidemic,

## SHAME ON RECALL ORGANIZERS



- ☒ Portland special interests are trying to recall our State Senator Chuck Thomsen.
- ☒ Downtown Portland special interest groups have spent nearly \$100,000 trying recall our Senator. Not a single penny has come from our communities!
- ☒ Hood River County residents DEMAND a STOP to this ridiculous recall effort during this unprecedented time of emergency!

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