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Chamber honors community



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Jim Gilroy, Chelsea Armstrong, Diane Hazen, Sarah Drew, Pat Ware, Julie and Tom Johns, Greg Lee pose with their awards during the 69th Annual Chamber Banquet. Below, Jim Gilroy holds his award.

Parent, SLSD agree to retirement terms

Superintendent Krista Parent will retire June 30, fourth complaint dropped, recommendation letter signed



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South Lane Superintendent Krista Parent has signed a deal with the school district to retire after nearly nine months of news reports concerning a personal relationship between Parent and a South Lane School District employee continued to circulate leading to more than 100 SLSD employees requesting Parent be placed on administrative leave earlier this month.

Under the terms of the agreement, Parent will continue to work as an employee of the school district in various projects until June 30 as well as maintain her positions on several state boards including the American Association of School Administrators National Conference in February, the Oregon School Activities Association Executive Committee (OSAA) and the Oregon Association of School Executives Executive Board.

Outside of the specific terms of the agreement, Parent's employment will continue to be guided by her superintendent contract. The deal also provides Parent with a letter of recommendation and strict language preventing anyone other than the human resource director from speaking to potential employers.

In the spring of 2016, a Cottage Grove resident filed an official complaint with the district claiming that Parent had entered into a personal relationship with an SLSD employee. In response to the complaint, the school board funded an \$8,000 investigation into the matter which concluded the district did not have an anti-fraternization policy and therefore, Parent had not violated the terms of her

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CITY CREATES CODE OF CONDUCT

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"It's just common courtesy."

That's how Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers summed up the new city policy issued by his office which creates a code of conduct for residents using public buildings.

The code, effective Jan. 18, lays out specific rules concerning hygiene, sleeping, animals and soliciting inside city hall, the public library, the armory and the pro-shop at Middlefield Golf Course.

Prohibited behaviors on the list include: Willfully annoying, harassing, intimidating or threatening another person, damaging a city building, posting notices or flyers unless authorized to do so, behaving in a loud, boisterous, offensive, indecent or disruptive manner, using a cell phone in a manner that's disruptive, leaving personal items in the building, failing to wear appropriate clothing including footwear and shirts and having offensive hygiene, odor or scent including but not limited to scented products such as colognes, after-shave lotions, perfumes, deodorant or hair sprays that constitute a nuisance to other persons.

"If they come in we can direct them to other resources like Community Sharing, let them know they have vouchers and clothes and when they get it taken care of, they can come back," Meyers said.

Individuals who violate the code of conduct will be asked to leave city property—while all offenses committed outside public buildings on city property will still be governed by city ordinance—and may be escorted by city police if they do not comply with the request to leave.

Repeat offenders, according to Meyers, may be barred from city property for a designated time period.

"We have people who come into the community center as soon as it opens and they sit in the lobby and take over," Meyers said.

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Businesses, elected officials and community members attended the 69th Annual Chamber Banquet



PHOTO BY GREG LEE



Community members turned out in force for the 69th Annual Chamber Banquet honoring business leaders and citizens who work to make Cottage Grove a better place throughout the year. See complete story on page A8.

COMMUNITY
Crab Feed delayed
The annual Crab Feed will be held Feb. 17. **PAGE A10**



EDUCATION
Lion's Pride returns
The student-led newspaper has a trial run today. **PAGE B9**

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