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Downtown Bend garage

NO FREE PARKING



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Garage parking to cost \$1 per hour

BY KYLE SPURR
The Bulletin

For the first time since it was built 15 years ago, the downtown Bend parking garage on Lava Road will no longer allow free parking.

The Centennial Parking Garage had offered free three-hour parking, but starting next week, visitors will be charged \$1 per hour to park.

City staff will install a gate at the entrance Monday that will limit access to only paying parking customers.

Tobias Marx, Bend's parking services division manager, said the new restrictions are in response to some nearby residents and visitors that said the free access to the parking garage led to unsafe behaviors from local skateboarders and people racing their cars through the garage.

"We needed to make a decision to help residents and visitors bring some safety back to that garage," Marx said.

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▲ A portion of the new access control system currently being installed at the entrance of Centennial Parking Garage in downtown Bend on Thursday.

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City closer to buying motel for homeless

Old Mill & Suites Motel would be turned into shelter if grant money is awarded

BY BRENNAVISSE
The Bulletin

Bend and Redmond are one step closer to getting new homeless shelters in their communities.

The city of Bend and the Bend-based homeless shelter Bethlehem Inn were recently chosen by the Oregon Community Foundation to move beyond the first phase of a grant program called Project Turnkey.

The program was established by the state Legislature and allocated \$30 million to set up shelters for people displaced by wildfires in eight counties last summer. The state Legislature then allocated an additional \$35 million that would be available to the state's other 26 counties to buy hotels to turn into homeless shelters.

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Bentz votes to keep ex-QAnon backer serving on panels

BY GARY A. WARNER
Oregon Capital Bureau

Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, voted on Thursday against removing controversial freshman Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., from all committee assignments.

Democrats sought to remove Greene from the House Education & Labor, and Budget committees, citing her history of advancing conspiracy theories, harassing a mass shooting victim, and advocating for the right-wing conspiracy theory group QAnon.

The vote, primarily along party lines, was 230-199, with 11 Republicans joining Democrats in voting yes.

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One dead in 2-car crash

Wreck happened on S. Century Drive about quarter-mile outside town

Bulletin staff report

One person is dead following a two-vehicle collision just before noon Thursday on S. Century Drive about a quarter-mile outside of Bend.

Bend Police officials were still investigating the collision, which stopped traffic in both directions on the busy road for several hours. Notification of the victim's family was ongoing,

said Bend Police Lt. Clint Burleigh.

The crash was reported at 11:45 a.m. and involved an SUV and a pickup truck hauling a trailer near the intersection with Campbell Drive near Mt. Bachelor Village. Downhill traffic from Mt. Bachelor ski area was being diverted through Sunriver, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation, and lengthy delays were expected.



Bend Police investigate the scene of a fatal accident along S. Century Drive on Thursday.

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