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Homeless camp evictions frustrate some residents

BY BRENNA VISSER
The Bulletin

Homeless camp removal efforts have continued on land owned by the Oregon Department of Transportation in Bend, despite public health guidance that warns against it and pushback from some residents.

Several residents in the past week have written emails or spoken to the Bend City Council with the plea to

end homeless camp removal efforts along the Bend Parkway.

"That motion disconnects them from the services that could help them get them out of their circumstances," Mike Satcher, a Sisters resident who works in Bend, told the council in a virtual meeting Wednesday. "Until we can provide affordable housing...we have to have safe, healthy managed camps where people can ex-

perience some level of stability."

At the beginning of the pandemic, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued public health guidance advising public agencies to not move homeless camps in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. The CDC also recommends hygienic facilities, like hand-washing stations, be provided at camps.

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A cluster of tents and other debris at a homeless encampment near U.S. Highway 97 and Revere Avenue in Bend on Thursday.

Coronavirus drive-thru event

Redmond gives away PPE to 36 local businesses



Ryan Brennecke/Bulletin photos

Chuck Arnold documents a participant's information as volunteer Ron Osmundson fills a bag with items while handing out personal protective equipment to local businesses Thursday at Redmond City Hall.

City hopes to do several more

BY JACKSON HOGAN • The Bulletin

REDMOND — Marianne McGinty drove her SUV into the Redmond City Hall parking lot Thursday morning, hoping to receive free personal protective equipment for her store, Redmond Spa, Stove & Sauna.

Not only did she want to use the COVID-19 protective equipment to keep her employees and customers safe, but she also planned to give it to the contractors who help install hot tubs and stoves for customers, she said.

"When they go to a customer's house, they can be safe," McGinty told The Bulletin.

Two city staffers and a volunteer were more than ready with dozens of boxes stuffed with face masks, giant bottles of hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes and more.

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Chuck Arnold asks Joey Podsadecki if the business he works for also needs a thermometer while handing out personal protective equipment to local businesses at Redmond City Hall on Thursday.

CITY COUNCIL

Bend plans to fund 400-plus affordable housing units

Three proposed projects will receive \$1.3 million from city

BY BRENNA VISSER
The Bulletin

Three proposed developments that will result in more than 400 units of affordable housing have been given funding by the Bend City Council.

On Wednesday, the Bend City Council approved three funding recommendations from the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. These projects altogether will receive \$1.3 million from the city's affordable housing fund, which collects a portion of building permit fees for the purpose of buying and building deed-restricted affordable housing.

"This is really so great for our city," Councilor Megan Perkins said Wednesday.

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Wickiup Reservoir at record low level, officials warn

BY MICHAEL KOHN
The Bulletin

Wickiup Reservoir, which holds back water for use by the North Unit Irrigation District, is at a record low level for this time of year, leading to renewed concerns that farmers in Jefferson County will need to restrict water usage again for the third straight year.

As of Wednesday, the reservoir was 48% full, according to the Bureau of Reclamation website.

On the same date a year ago Wickiup was 60% full. On average, Wickiup is 85% full by this time of year.

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Correction

A letter to the editor headlined "Control immigration" which appeared Thursday, Feb. 18, on Page A8, incorrectly stated The Source Weekly commented recently on the demonstration of residents against ICE officials in Bend. It did not. The Bulletin regrets the error.

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