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Timothy Arguijo provides Rebecca Hall with water at a homeless community on Hunnell Road in Bend where a variety of amenities are available, including a mobile shower truck, portable toilets, a hand-washing station, a dumpster, clothes, food and water.

Homeless

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When asked whether ODOT is considering adding amenities like dumpsters or portable toilets, Peter Murphy, a spokesman for the department of transportation, said the organization did not have the tools to manage homeless camps. He said the organization is not chartered to take care of homeless camps — it is to maintain the highway system.

“The greater degree we become responsible for camps, the farther away we get from that core responsibility,” Murphy said. “It doesn’t mean we can’t ... the question becomes whether it should be.”

The city of Bend decided to put a dumpster at Hunnell Road a few months ago to address the amount of trash accumulating in the area, but even that has brought new problems, said Shelly Smith, a senior analyst with the city.

People from outside the area are illegally dumping things in the dumpster, Smith said.

“We have people dropping off tables and chairs, and all these items we are having removed,” Smith said.

Without a plan for intentional monitoring, other risks, like someone illegally dumping something toxic into the dumpster, could also threaten the camp, she said.

Vandalism is also a concern, Smith said. Near the beginning of the pandemic, the city put in hand-washing stations to give homeless residents access to hygiene while many businesses and other publicly accessible buildings were closed. Several were vandalized and one was stolen. Each one cost \$700, she said.

But advocates with the Street Kitchen Collective, an organization that brings food and other services to homeless camps around the region, as well as some of the homeless residents themselves, say management has not been much of an issue.

That’s because the homeless residents have been cleaning and main-

taining the portable toilets themselves, said Wenciker, who lives in an RV off Hunnell Road.

“We’re not slob,” she said. “Just because we’re homeless, doesn’t mean we’re bad people.”

Kalie Mott, who also lives along Hunnell Road, said there used to be much more trash littering the area before the dumpster arrived, and that the portable toilets have reduced her own need of needing to go into town to find a bathroom.

“It definitely makes (life) a lot easier, especially easier at night when stores are closed,” Mott said. “Since we’ve had the port-a-potty, we try to keep it clean ... to make sure it doesn’t get taken away from us.”

It costs \$290 a month to empty the portable toilets and clean them once a week, said Tom Stutheit, who provided the toilets from his nonprofit the Community Shower Truck.

Jon Riggs, a volunteer with the Street Kitchen Collective, said having these amenities has reduced the stress of people living in the area, and shows what is possible when it comes to managing homeless camps.

“With more services, I truly believe this could become a managed situation,” Riggs said.

Smith said she is not saying the city wouldn’t step in to add resources like portable toilets at camps, but said more conversations between property owners near campsites and social service providers need to happen. Funding also needs to be discussed for these solutions, Smith said. Currently the city is paying roughly \$1,000 a month to operate the dumpster at Hunnell Road.

For comparison, the cost to remove one abandoned campsite in a cleanup can cost between \$750 to \$2,500, Smith said in an email.

With a new City Council heading into budget planning, Smith said she and her team will be recommending how the council should allocate funds to address high-density camps.

“This isn’t a typical role the city has played in addressing this important

need,” Smith said.

Other issues

The solution is not as simple as just putting dumpsters and portable toilets at homeless camps, said Colleen Thomas, the homeless services coordinator with Deschutes County.

Thomas agrees that providing these kinds of services are important, as they are basic human rights. But providing resources doesn’t mean they will be used properly. She referenced the vandalism of the hand-washing stations earlier last year.

“How do we continue to provide a resource but make sure it’s being utilized to its full intent?” Thomas said.

Also, just providing a resource is often not enough. Factors outside of just access, such as mental illness or hoarding, also contribute to trash issues and require social service providers and volunteers to have a relationship with the campers.

“When we look at homelessness as a general issue, we can’t come up with a blanket solution on how it should be addressed, because each individual has different experiences,” Thomas said.

The reaction of neighbors of established homeless camps also needs to be considered, she said.

“Even though there is a bigger push to provide better access to needs, the other side will say that will encourage people to come to this location,” Thomas said.

The situation at Hunnell Road has the potential to be replicated, Thomas said, but also emphasized the need to keep focused on long-term solutions to get people out of their unhooused situations.

Overall, Thomas said more efforts over time to help keep areas clean is better than public agencies coming in to do massive cleanups.

“If there’s more concerted, ongoing outreach on a more consistent basis to make sure those experiencing homelessness have access to basic needs, this is the best in the short term,” she said.

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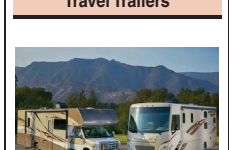
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Dated and first published March 09, 2021.

/s/ Connie Smith
Personal Representative

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Personal Representative

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Brakes vs. no breaks

Monday was “National Napping Day,” which felt appropriate for many lawmakers and observers. House Republicans again required that each bill be read out loud in its entirety, as a way of tapping the brakes on the Democratic supermajority’s pace of approving its agenda.

Normally, bills are read by title only unless there is an objection. The GOP has objected each floor session.

House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, has countered by cutting into scheduled breaks and extending evening floor sessions.

Bill for Oregon MIA advances

The first bill of the day that was read out loud had complete bipartisan support. The House unanimously approved House Bill 2700, which would include Oregonians who were listed as missing in action in wars, but whose remains were later found and returned to Oregon, among those eligible for roadside memorial signs.

The bill is being championed by veterans activist Dick Tobiason of the Bend Heroes Foundation. Rep. Jack Ziska, R-Redmond, thanked Tobiason on behalf of the Legislature for

bringing the issue to them.

“They may be gone, but are not forgotten,” Zika said.

The bill next goes to the Senate, where passage is expected. About 1,000 servicemembers from Oregon remain MIA, mostly from World War II.

Power trio appears at subcommittee meeting

The three most powerful politicians in Salem appeared together — virtually — on Monday for a Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Education hearing.

Gov. Kate Brown, Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, and Kotek spoke in support of their joint proposal for a \$250 million summer learning and child care package.

Supporters say the program will help thousands of Oregon children catch up on learning and socializing after a year of mostly virtual schooling.

The legislation “will set our kids up for success by letting them be kids again, in environments that foster creativity, learning, and joy,” Brown said.

Hearings on the program and other education spending will continue Wednesday.

UO tops list of Oregon COVID-19 cases

A New York Times review of COVID-19 cases published

March 2 shows 3,189 cases of the disease linked to Oregon colleges since February 2020.

The University of Oregon had the highest reported positive test count at 1,479. Oregon State is second at 787 cases and Eastern Oregon University was third at 111 cases.

The Times put an asterisk next to Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, which reported 335 cases early in the pandemic. The campus includes a medical center and other facilities that serve the community.

The review compiled 535,000 cases at more than 1,900 colleges and universities. The Times estimated this as an undercount because of no standardized reporting, contact tracing or infection database for all colleges.

The Times said it had identified more than 100 campus-related COVID-19 deaths nationwide, primarily among school employees in 2020. It did not break out the deaths by state or institution.

Pendleton affordable housing vote Tuesday

Legislation that would allow Pendleton to join Bend and Redmond in an affordable housing pilot program is scheduled for a House vote on Tuesday.

House Bill 2160, sponsored by Rep. Bobby Levy, R-Echo,

would greenlight Land Conservation and Development Commission approval for an eventual plan to build on up to 50 acres outside of Pendleton’s current urban growth boundary.

The bill passed the House Housing Committee unanimously. Due to the GOP slowdown, approval could come in the evening session planned for tomorrow.

Republicans push for Capitol reopening

Senate Republicans who staged a one-day walkout last month, and their counterparts in the House requiring the reading of bills in full, both say one of the central issues is their demand to reopen the Capitol to the public.

“What the people of Oregon want is for this Capitol to be open and to have access to in-person hearings,” said Sen. Tim Knopp, R-Bend, during comments on the Senate floor Thursday. “Many other states are already doing this with greater COVID problems than exist in Oregon today.”

The Capitol has been closed for a year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The ZIP code around the Capitol has had the highest number of positive cases of any in the state. Control of the Capitol falls to the Legislature.

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