

LOCAL BRIEFING

Bend parks' summer registration opens April 20

In anticipation of a busy summer season, the Bend Park & Recreation District plans to open registration for its summer recreation programs on April 20.

Summer programs begin mid-June and run into September. Options include youth and adult activities, summer camp and child care, arts, fitness, swimming, sports and outdoor recreation.

Activity options will be similar to pre-pandemic programs with some capacity changes to stay in compliance with COVID-19 guidelines.

Program descriptions and schedules will be available for preview the week prior to registration opening. A digital summer camp finder and "Playlist" tool will support registration as the printed play-book guide won't be available.

Spring programs from March through early June are open for registration now at register.bendparksandrec.org or by phone at 541-389-7275.

County seeks input on community development

Deschutes County residents are invited to provide feedback on the county's Community Development Department work plan.

The plan outlines community development projects and goals for the coming year.

The Deschutes County Planning Commission will host a virtual public hearing at 5:30 p.m. March 25.

Some of the goals and projects in this plan are addressing affordable housing, requiring fire resistant building codes and defensible space standards to protect from wildfires, and to update the Tumalo Community Plan.

For a full list of goals and projects, the draft document is available at the county's website.

For more information about the process for the work plan, call 541-385-1709.

Written feedback about the draft can be sent to peter.gutowsky@deschutes.org.



Bulletin file photo

Camp participants line up their arrows toward a target during a Bend Park & Recreation District summer camp archery session at Tillicum Ranch in Bend in 2016. Registration for this year's summer programs opens April 20.

Filing deadline for May election approaches

The filing deadline for those seeking to run for office in the May 18 special election is Thursday.

In Deschutes County, there are several races for open spots on the Bend Park & Recreation District board, school boards and various boards of fire, water and sewer districts, according to the Deschutes County Clerk's office.

There are four seats open on the Central Oregon Community College board and two seats open on the Deschutes County Library District board.

For school districts, there are three positions open on the Redmond School District board, three positions open on the Sisters School District board, and four open on the Bend-La Pine School Board.

The park districts in Bend, Redmond, La Pine and Sisters all have openings on each board. Each district has three open seats on each of its respective boards.

Documents needed to run for office can be found at www.deschutes.org/clerk.

Jefferson and Crook counties also have various positions open on school, fire, park and other special taxing district boards.

Prospective candidates have until 5 p.m. Thursday to file their election documents with

their respective county clerk's offices.

New Outback Trail connects Discovery, Shevlin parks

Bend area hikers have an opportunity to trek along a new trail connecting the western neighborhoods of Bend to Shevlin Park.

The new route allows walkers to skip the windy road to Shevlin Park and get there on foot instead.

The trail, just under a mile long, begins at Discovery Park in North West Crossing and passes through 30 acres of undeveloped land west of the park. Trail users are asked to keep dogs leashed and be on the lookout for construction vehicles active in the area.

"The new Outback Trail is ready for use at a great time when the benefits of spending time outdoors have never been greater," said Henry Stroud, Bend Park & Recreation District trail planner. "This trail connection greatly enhances safer, nonmotorized access to Shevlin Park."

The trail currently has a gravel surface, but there are plans to pave the trail in later stages of the Discovery West housing project, which borders the Outback Trail. Hikers are encouraged to use the parking lot at Discovery Park to access the trail.

— Bulletin staff reports

TODAY

Today is Tuesday, March 16, the 75th day of 2021. There are 290 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On **March 16, 1945**, during World War II, American forces declared they had secured Iwo Jima, although pockets of Japanese resistance remained.

In **1935**, Adolf Hitler broke the terms set by the Treaty of Versailles by ordering the rearming of Germany.

In **1968**, the My Lai massacre took place during the Vietnam War as U.S. Army soldiers hunting for Viet Cong fighters and sympathizers killed unarmed villagers in two hamlets of Son My village; estimates of the death toll vary from 347 to 504.

In **1991**, U.S. skaters Kristi Yamaguchi, Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan swept the World Figure Skating Championships in Munich, Germany.

In **1994**, Tonya Harding pleaded guilty in Portland to conspiracy to hinder prosecution for covering up an attack on Nancy Kerrigan, avoiding jail but drawing a \$100,000 fine.

In **2003**, American activist Rachel Corrie, 23, was crushed to death by an Israeli military bulldozer while trying to block demolition of a Palestinian home in the Gaza Strip.

In **2004**, China declared victory in its fight against bird flu, saying it had "stamped out" all its known cases. In **2006**, Iraq's new parliament met for the first time.

Ten years ago: Pakistan abruptly freed CIA contractor Raymond Allen Davis, who had shot and killed two men in a gunfight in Lahore, after a deal was reached to pay \$2.34 million to the men's families.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama nominated Merrick Garland to take the seat of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Frank Sinatra Jr., 72, died in Florida.

One year ago: The White House released a set of guidelines for the next 15 days; Americans were urged not to gather in groups of more than 10 people and older Americans were told to stay home. Canada closed its borders to noncitizens; Americans were exempted.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Chuck Woolery is 80. Country singer Robin Williams is 74. Actor Erik Estrada is 72. Actor Victor Garber is 72. Musician Nancy Wilson (Heart) is 67. World Golf Hall of Famer Hollis Stacy is 67. Actor Clifton Powell is 65. Rapper-actor Flavor Flav is 62. Rock musician Jimmy DeGrasso is 58. Actor Jerome Flynn is 58. Folk singer Patty Griffin is 57. Director Gore Verbinski is 57. Actor Judah Friedlander is 52. Actor Alan Tudyk is 50. Actor Kimrie Lewis is 39. Rock musician Wolfgang Van Halen is 30.

— Associated Press



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See Bonus Club for Complete Details

WHEN ENTERING - All Guests and Team Members will have:

Their temperatures checked

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Maintain a minimum of 6ft. distance from others

No smoking or vaping will be allowed in the Casino, Restaurant or the Sleep Inn Hotel.