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Calendar of Events

City Council Meetings

- Tuesday, January 9 at 5:30pm at City Hall
- Tuesday, January 23 at 5:30pm at City Hall

City Hall will be closed Monday, January 1 for New Years and Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King Day.

Bingo Night – The first Thursday of the month at the [Community Center](#) @ 6pm

Sheriff's Advisory Meeting – Wednesday, January 17 @ 2:00pm - Community Center.

Chiloquin 2024: Building for Tomorrow

There is a perception that the wheels of government turn slowly, if at all. But recently the City of Chiloquin has initiated or concluded multiple projects. And as we begin 2024, many more exciting projects are set to begin, **helping to set up the City for its centennial celebration which is just two short years away!**

Over the past several months, the [debris pile](#) from the old Mercantile building was disposed of utilizing an EPA grant. [New fencing](#) around the downtown park is being constructed. ADA benches and tables, along with planter boxes were installed at the [new pocket park](#) located in the city's public parking lot. And perhaps most exciting of all, is the restoration of the [Hirvi building](#) that was recently started by local building owners with some funding support provided from an Oregon Park and Recreation Department's [Oregon Heritage grant](#), which was awarded to [Chiloquin Visions in Progress](#).

Water and Wastewater projects

Two of the city's most crucial projects are the new water well and the wastewater treatment plant that will be located on property purchased by the city several years ago off of Highway 422. Recent activities for the [new well](#) includes the finalization of the environmental work, the fully executed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) agreement that completes the project funding, and the posting for a grant administrator for the CDBG grant. It is anticipated that the City will break ground by summer for the new well. Once the new well is online, approximately 18-24 months later, the existing well will be rebuilt from the ground up. The [wastewater project](#) had been on hold due to a review by Oregon's Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) that was recently dismissed by LUBA, which was also upheld by the Court of Appeals for the State of Oregon. The City will now be able to move forward on this project starting sometime in 2024.

Transportation projects

The City used its [Small Cities Allotment](#) (SCA) funds from ODOT to perform crack sealing and chip sealing to several of the streets downtown. The City plans to apply for additional SCA funds to continue this process on the remaining streets. The project for constructing new sidewalks and bike lanes along 2nd Avenue using the city's [Safe Route to School](#) (SRTS) grant from ODOT is now underway by Adkins Engineering. During 2024 additional project scoping and engineering work will take place with construction likely to start in early 2025. Recently, ODOT secured funding through its internal [Great Streets Program](#) which will be used add high-visibility crosswalks, new sidewalks and bike lanes on West Chocktoot Street, add a multiuse path and stormwater treatment swales along Chiloquin



Boulevard; realign several intersections for improved safety and visibility, and install pedestrian scale lighting, street trees, street furniture, art, and gateway treatments. Look for more information regarding this exciting project to be shared soon.

Parks Master Plan project

Cameron McCarthy has been working on the [Parks Master Plan](#) for the city that will be the blueprint for future parks and recreational projects. They will be here in February for additional community feedback sessions before submitting the draft plan to the city council. This project was funded through an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department planning grant.

Updating Housing Codes project

The City began the process in 2023 to update its building codes and ordinances which were originally adopted in 1988 to accommodate modern housing options such as tiny homes, mass timber modular homes, and transitional housing. The City was awarded Technical Assistance Grant for the Mass Timber Code-UP Community Assistance Project through the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). Currently DLCD's consultants are reviewing the city's existing housing codes and will drafting new code for the city to review. The city council recently adopted a resolution to establish a housing advisory committee to provide public involvement in providing recommendations that will help the city council make future modifications and adaptations to city code.

Brownfield projects

The City has been working hard during 2023 on its two Brownfield projects, the EPA Brownfield Community-wide Assessment project and the Markwardt Bros. Garage Brownfield Assessment Project. General structural assessments were conducted by MD Structural Engineering for the Markwardt building and the neighboring hotel. Phase 1 and 2 Environmental Site Assessments, along with Asbestos and Lead surveys have been ongoing for various properties across the city throughout the year. During 2024 property cleanup for the Markwardt Building will begin along with community outreach reach efforts to identify how to reuse or redevelop the site.

For more information on any of these projects, click on the links within the article or go to the city's website www.cityofchiloquin.org and click on City Services and then Projects and see below for our upcoming Community Outreach Event and Dinner.

City Council Corner

Motions approved by the council:

- Approved a lease for a new copier.
- To utilize engineering and consulting service from Adkins Engineering for the Safe Routes to School project.
- Resolution to create Housing Advisory Committee was adopted.
- To apply for a DEQ diesel emissions mitigation grant for replacing older city vehicles.
- To apply for the EPA Community Change grant.
- Approved \$500 for the OMA student contest.

Chiloquin Fire & Rescue Project Updates

Following the 242 Fire in 2020, Chiloquin Visions In Progress (CVIP) partnered with Chiloquin Fire & Rescue (CF&R) to apply for several grants from the Community Rebuilding Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation. As a result, CVIP received funding to conduct community wildfire surveys, purchase a brand new Type 6 Wildland Fire Truck for CF&R, and construct a 30,000 gallon water tank at CF&R Station No. 2.



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Community Outreach Event – The City is organizing a community outreach event and dinner scheduled for **Thursday, February 8, from 4 to 7 at the Community Center**. Come out to hear updates and provide your feedback and thoughts regarding the various ongoing and upcoming projects, such as the Sierra Service Project, the Parks Master Plan, Safe Routes to School, among others. For additional details, please refer to the [city's Facebook page](#).

Sierra Service Project returns to Chiloquin – [Sierra Service Project](#) (SSP) is set to return to Chiloquin this summer between June 30 and August 3! In past years SSP volunteers have helped Chiloquin residents with numerous projects. Come to the Community Outreach Event to find out more.

Housing Advisory Committee – We are still in need of a few more residents to apply for the Housing Advisory Committee. If you would like to apply, please contact City Hall at 541 783-2717 or email chicityhall@gmail.com by January 19.



**From all of us at the
City of Chiloquin**

The photo this month is the Hirvi building being painted in 2015 by the Sierra Service Project. [Click here](#) to submit your photo online or email your photo to chicityhall@gmail.com.