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## City of Chiloquin

# Newsletter

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### Calendar of Events

#### **City Council Meetings**

- Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30pm at City Hall
- Tuesday, February 27 at 5:30pm at City Hall

City Hall will be closed Monday, February 19 for President's Day.

Bingo Night – The first Thursday of the month at the Community Center @ 6pm

Sheriff's Advisory Meeting - Wednesday, February 21 @ 2:00pm - Community Center.

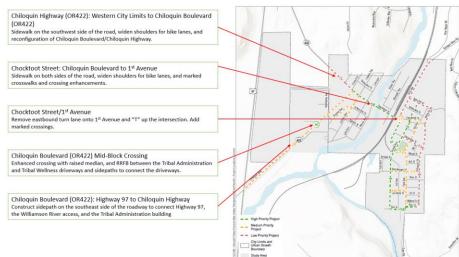
Chiloquin Connects - Thursday, February 8 between 3 and 7pm at the Community Center.

Valentines Dance Fundraiser – Wednesday, February 14 from 6 to 9pm at the Community Center.



## **Great Streets Program**

In partnership with the City of Chiloquin and The Klamath Tribes, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) was able to secure \$14.3 million dollars in Great Streets funding for transportation improvements in and around Chiloquin. Great Streets is a funding program that addresses safety improvements and increases access to walking, biking, and transit with a focus on "main streets" in local communities. Our Chiloquin Great Streets project will accomplish all these objectives and more. ODOT, the City and The Klamath Tribes look forward to community input and our continued partnerships, as we work to deliver this project. The image below shows the proposed improvements, additions, and adjustments that will be made based on input from the local community including high-visibility crosswalks, new sidewalks and bike lanes on West Chocktoot Street, a multiuse path along Chiloquin Boulevard, restructuring intersections for improved safety and visibility; and working with the City to install pedestrian scale lighting, street trees, street furniture, art, and gateway treatments.



During the Chiloquin Connects community outreach event ODOT will share additional information and answer your questions regarding this transformational project. Keep up to date about this and other city projects on the City website's project page https://www.cityofchiloquin.org/community/page/projects.

## Community Spotlight: Friends of the Chiloquin Library

The Friends of the Chiloquin Library (FOCL) is a nonprofit organization that was formed on March 2, 1980 to provide vital support to the local library situated in the City of Chiloquin. In the year 2000, FOCL successfully raised \$4,700, contributing to the building fund for the Community Center currently housing the library. Recently, the Board of Directors for FOCL announced their intention to conclude operations by the end of 2023, prompting an appeal for interested individuals to take on the responsibility of leading the group.

Enter a dedicated group of community members who have risen to the occasion, forming a new Board of Directors. Carol Holub assumes the role of President, Toni Starniri as Secretary, and Jennifer Rudeen as Treasurer. Together, they have taken up the mantle and relaunched the Friends of the Chiloquin Library with a new commitment for supporting our local public library, enhancing library services and facilities for the community, and fostering a love for reading diverse activities and events for all age groups.

Throughout the year, the group is planning numerous activities and fundraisers to sustain their mission of supporting the Chiloquin Library. One such event is the **Valentine's Day Bake Sale fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, February 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m**. in the lobby of the Community Center.



Motions approved by the council:

- Amendment 5 from Adkins Engineering for the Water Systems Improvement Project for the amount of \$299,809.
- The City writing a letter of support for Sierra Service Project's grant request to The Ford Family Foundation.
- Sending letters of commitment from the City and its partners, ODOT and SCOEDD for the US DOT Thriving Communities technical assistance grant.
- For Adkins Engineering to be the grant administrator for the new water well project.
- Approved securing a yearly \$595 Veeam data backup license for backing up the city's electronic files.

The Council also accepted the resignation of Councilor Kevin Ketner who has moved away.



If you share an interest in supporting these endeavors and becoming a member of the Friends of the Chiloquin Library, please reach out to the group at <a href="mailto:friendsofchiloquinlibrary@gmail.com">friendsofchiloquinlibrary@gmail.com</a>. Membership dues are \$2 per person for the entire year – yes, you read that correctly, only \$2 per person. Meetings are held quarterly on the first Wednesday of each month, with the upcoming gathering scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th, at 10 a.m. at the library.

You can follow the Friends of the Chiloquin Library on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/719488976798080">https://www.facebook.com/groups/719488976798080</a>.

## Chiloquin City News and Updates

Chiloquin Connects – The City is hosting a community outreach event and dinner on Thursday, February 8, from 3 to 7 at the Community Center and will provide updates about the various projects, such as the return of the Sierra Service Project to Chiloquin, the Parks Master Plan, Safe Routes to School, and more. Come join us and provide your input and feedback, sign up for mailing lists or volunteer for projects and programs that are important to you. For additional details, please refer to the city's Facebook page.

Park Committee – The Chiloquin Parks Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at City Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Valentines Dance Fundraiser – The Two Rivers Art Gallery is organizing a Valentine's Dance Fundraiser with Chiloquin Visions in Progress (CVIP) and the City of Chiloquin for Valentines Day, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9pm at the Community Center. This fundraiser will provide funds for the Community Center which has been a central meeting area for our community for many years. Donations received at the door. Call 541 783-3326 for more information or to share your favorite song for the dance. Come out and have a great time and support our community center.

CTTF Event Planning Committee – The event planning committee for this year's Chi-Town Family Festival has resumed. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at City Hall. Please join us and help plan this year's event scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Sierra Service Project returns to Chiloquin – Sierra Service Project (SSP) is set to return to Chiloquin this summer between June 30 and August 3 and they will be at the Chiloquin Connects community event. In past years SSP volunteers have helped Chiloquin residents with numerous projects including roofing repairs, building ramps and porches, painting and other general home repairs. They have occasionally worked on churches, community buildings, and schools. Their services are open to the entire community.

May Elections – With the 2024 Primary elections quickly approaching, Klamath County has shared the following links on their website for local residents: Election Schedule, Candidate Filings, Measures/Receipt of Ballot Titles, Information for Upcoming Election, Ballot Drop Sites, Election Results.

New credit card payment portal—The City has added a new payment portal for residents to pay their water and sewer utility bills. For more information visit the City's website <a href="https://www.cityofchiloquin.org/administration/page/pay-my-bill">https://www.cityofchiloquin.org/administration/page/pay-my-bill</a> or contact City Hall at 541 783-2717.



This month photo is a rendering of what a new Markwardt Building might look like.
Submit your photo <u>online</u> or email your photo to <u>chicityhall@gmail.com</u>.