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Calendar of Events

City Council Meetings

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

Workshop regarding the Farmers Market. Tuesday,
April 16 at 5:15 pm at City Hall

CTFF Event Planning Meeting Thursday, April 11 at
2 pm at City Hall

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

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

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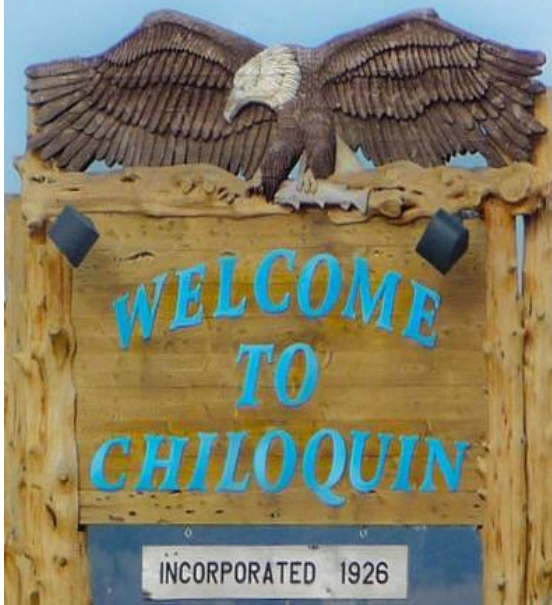
For nine years, Chiloquin First partners have sponsored the Think Twice alcohol awareness campaign, a youth-led activity. Local youth are asking adults around them to be good role models and take action to reduce access to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, nicotine, e-cigarettes, vaping, and Electronic Nicotine Device Systems. The City of Chiloquin supports and thanks everyone involved in this valuable campaign.



2024 Klamath County Health Assessment

Annually since 2010, the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation have provided national information about every county in the United States. The data is available at <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org>. The latest results show that Klamath County is not the healthiest county in Oregon. Klamath County is faring worse than the average county in Oregon for Health Outcomes, and worse than the average county in the nation. The measured health outcomes are years lost to premature death, considered any death before age 75. Data from 2019 to 2021 showed that Klamath County lost 11,400 years of life per 100,000 people.

The [Healthy Klamath Network](#) produces a Klamath County Community Health Assessment every three years. This assessment examines the county's health performance and is used to create a community health improvement plan (CHIP). The information you share is anonymous and you may decline to answer any question that feels too personal to answer. All answers are used to learn more about the community and understand where improvement can happen. In this survey "healthcare" includes medical, dental, mental health, and substance use services and treatment. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KCCHA2024>.



Local Government Embraces AI for Enhanced Services

Across the country more than forty percent of companies have said they will utilize AI to enhance what they deliver over the next two years.

As Klamath County is starting to talk about ways to utilize generative AI, I decided to try a little experiment. I asked AI, by simply using a free site called perplexity, if it could write me a press release about a county government wanting to explore AI- in about 2 seconds, this is what it came up with.

“Local Government Embraces AI for Enhanced Services”

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Klamath Falls, Oregon] - The local government is proud to announce a groundbreaking initiative that will revolutionize the way services are delivered to our community. In a strategic move towards innovation and efficiency, the local government has decided to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into its operations. This decision marks a significant milestone in our commitment to leveraging cutting-edge technology for the betterment of our citizens. By harnessing the power of AI, we aim to streamline processes, enhance decision-making, and improve overall service delivery across various departments.

Advantages of AI Integration:

1. **Efficiency Boost:** AI will automate routine tasks, allowing staff to focus on more complex issues and provide faster responses to citizen inquiries.
2. **Data-Driven Insights:** AI algorithms will analyze vast amounts of data to generate valuable insights for informed decision-making and policy formulation.
3. **Enhanced Service Quality:** By utilizing AI-powered tools, we can personalize services, predict citizen needs, and optimize resource allocation for maximum impact.

Future Plans:

The local government is committed to a phased implementation of AI technologies across departments such as public safety, transportation, healthcare, and more. This strategic approach will ensure a smooth transition while maximizing the benefits of AI integration.

“Beginning to look at how we can maximize the level of service to our citizens while minimizing costs is extremely motivating and driving our exploration of this technology” says Commissioner Kelley Minty.

Stay tuned for updates as we embark on this transformative journey towards a smarter and more responsive local government powered by AI.” End of press release.

Pretty incredible, right? What could AI contribute to local government? Imagine making things like getting a building permit or a land use issue resolved even quicker. Klamath County staff are embarking on a task force to start looking for ways to incorporate AI into our processes with hopes of future cost savings. The reality is the technology is here, and while it will not replace people, it can dramatically enhance the productivity of a single individual. Over time, Klamath County will be able to reduce personnel, through attrition, and still provide the same or a greater level of service. At the county, we want to be modern and nimble, and work toward maximizing every tax dollar.



Commissioner Kelley Minty

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Motions approved by the council:

- To continue with the city's current Safe Routes to School grant award while working to secure the funding for the grant match needed for the project.
- Approval for Public Works members to attend an upcoming training program.
- Approval of the demolition of the Markwardt building to facilitate the EPA cleanup.
- Motion to provide a letter of support for a Klamath County Tourism grant submission by Stone Ventures for a “Welcome to Chiloquin” mural.
- To update the city procurement policy
- Approval to form the housing advisory board and begin the meetings in April.

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Demolition of the Markwardt Building – The City Council voted to approve the demolition of the Markwardt Bros. Garage as part of the environmental cleanup project. Demolition of the building will allow contractors to access features that require removal and remediation (such as underground fuel tanks and hydraulic lifts) adequately and safely within the building. Recent structural and cost analyses indicate that the building is not structurally sound, and the cost of rehabilitating the existing structure is more than tearing down the building and constructing a new one. Stay tuned for updates on this project. Please call city hall with any questions.

Home Owners Assistance and Reconstruction Program – Oregon Housing and Community Services is inviting low- and moderate-income homeowners who still need assistance to repair, rebuild, or replace their homes from the 2020 Labor Day wildfires to fill out the application at <https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/disaster-recovery/pages/reoregon>, email housingsupport@oregon.org or call 877-510-5800.

CTTF Event Planning Committee – The event planning committee is scheduled for **Thursday, April 11th, at 2 pm at City Hall**. Please join us and help plan this year's June 21st and 22nd events.



**March and April are
Substance Abuse Months**

This month's photo of Spring Creek was provided by Dan Mitchell.

Submit your photo [online](#) or email your photo to chicityhall@gmail.com.