# **Community Development**

Did you know that your Community Development Department also facilitates a monthly Downtown Strategic Planning committee? This committee consisting of downtown merchants, business owners, Chamber of Commerce members and citizens meets monthly to discuss improvements in the downtown area. This committee also encourages businesses and property owners within the downtown area to make improvements to the exterior features of their businesses through a Downtown Improvement Grant (DIG) program. The overarching goal is to continually enhance the visual appeal and attractiveness of the Prineville downtown. Since the conception of DIG, the program has awarded \$20,025 to 10 projects in the downtown core which spurred over \$120,000 invested in downtown improvements.







### **Barnes Butte Recreation Area**

The City and Crook County Parks & Recreation Department are teaming up together after getting two grants totaling approximately \$130,000 for a community wide parks master plan! This money will be used towards master planning over 600 acres at Barnes Butte in addition to the other parks in our community. The master planning will involve:

- Reviewing existing plans
- Preform statistically valid surveying
  - Identify opportunities
  - Develop grant application
    - Update parks SDC's
- Develop Capital Improvement Plan

Though the process has been slowed down by the shutdown, the city will be reengaging the focus committee starting next month to move this process forward!!

Watch our Facebook page for more announcements regarding this! What an amazing opportunity to be a part of master planning over 840 acres of our beautiful open space!



# CITY HALL NEWS



### Welcome 2019

We are off to a great start in the new year! We have sworn in our new and returning councilors and they are ready to go to work for our city! Mayor Steve Uffelman presented the State of the City report in January and our Council has already had a retreat and workshop reviewing goals, opportunities and challenges for the future. We encourage you to join us at council meetings to watch them in action, and if you can't you can always find our minutes and audio at cityofprineville.com.



#### **Your Police & Dispatch Center**

The Dispatch Center just recently became state accredited through "Oregon Accreditation Alliance". Your Police Department just passed re-accreditation and was first accredited in 2015. Every aspect of operations must be thoroughly reviewed every three years to maintain it. In addition to public safety being priority and engaging with our community, our guys and gals are recognized nationwide for their knowledge, skills and talent!! They are also pretty funny, which is why they have over 15,000 Facebook followers!! Thank you for all your work.

#### **Housing Assistance**

Did you know that NeighborImpact has a location in Prineville that has many programs and resources available right here? There are programs for home preservation, reverse mortgage assistance, home energy conservation, home buyer coaching, principal reduction programs, rent assistance, and foreclosure prevention programs just to name a few. They even have a savings match program to help get you in your new home! Whether you could benefit from these programs or would like to help, give them a call:

# Prineville Office – Energy Assistance/Housing Stabilization

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Prineville OR 97754
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Phone: (541) 548-2380
prineville@neighborimpact.org



Golf Advisor has released its top Lists for Golf Courses in 2018. Meadow Lakes Golf Course was recognized in the following categories:

- Top 25 Public Courses in Oregon: #8
- Top 25 Value Courses in the U.S.:
   #9
  - Top 25 golf courses for Staff Friendliness in the U.S.: #22
- Top 25 rated courses for pace of play in the U.S.: #15

Play More Golf for Less Green in 2019 with Meadow Lakes' new Annual Pass programs; including: Full-year, 6-month, Afternoon and Family passes. We also have monthly payment options now available. Check out our website <a href="https://www.meadowlakesgc.com">www.meadowlakesgc.com</a> for more information.

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# City of Prineville Railroad

As you have probably seen, our Railroad celebrated it's 100 year birthday in 2018. After 100 years of surviving many ups and downs over a century, it really brings life into "The Little Train That Could". Fast forward to today and nothing has changed, in fact we probably got even stronger and diverse in climbing those hills. We have invested in our railroad team to receive some of the best training in the industry and it shows. Work that once had to be outsourced can now be performed in house, and can also be used to provide excellent well rounded customer service to our rail users. Slow rail car day? No problem! We can perform mechanical repair work on those cars for them if needed which helps capture lost revenue from slow car traffic periods. Below is our rail crew installing a new compressor on an EMD GP38-3 for a leasing company based out of Eugene, Oregon.

