

To: City Council  
From City Manager, Nathan Cherpeski  
Subject: Friday Update  
Date: April 8, 2016



## **Calendar**

Here is the calendar as provided to me by Departments this morning.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
April 11, 2016	7:00 P.M.	Planning Commission	City Hall Annex - Council Chambers
April 12, 2016		Traffic Control Board - Cancelled	City Hall Annex - Conference Room
April 14, 2016		Downtown Advisory Board - Cancelled	City Hall Annex - Conference Room
April 18, 2016	7:00 P.M.	City Council	City Hall Annex - Council Chambers
April 25, 2016	5:30 P.M.	Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting - Urban Trails Master Plan	City Hall Annex - Council Chambers

## **City Manager**

I met this week with a developer regarding opportunities in the community. Our retail recruiter recently indicated we are having success getting companies to come look in our area. These out of area developers all express their opinion that we have great untapped potential. At the same time, I see constant posts on social media from our own residents who are down on the community. While everyone is entitled to their opinion and their given circumstance will color their world view, those coming in anew see opportunity. Converting potential to actual growth is our challenge.

Our housing study, part of the brownfield assessment grant, is coming together. This study will help us understand the potential for upstairs downtown apartment conversion, and the potential and shortcomings for our housing market. The consultant was in town a few weeks back and met with many stakeholders in the community.

## **Airport**

1. The Airport has selected Joseph Goetz, CM to be the new Airport Operations Manager replacing Bill Hancock who retired in February. Joseph has been an Operations Specialist with the Bellingham Airport (WA) for the last six years and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration – Airport Management degree from the University of North Dakota. Joseph enjoys playing hockey, refereeing youth sports and he and his wife, Bethany, are both outdoor enthusiasts who are excited to explore the Klamath Basin. Joseph's first day of work will be May 1st.

2. On April 3rd the Oregon Air National Guard 173rd Fighter Wing, the Airport's largest tenant, held a Promotion ceremony and a Change of Command ceremony. Col. Kirk Pierce, current Wing Commander, was promoted to Brigadier General and it was announced that he has been selected to a senior staff position at the National Guard Bureau in Washington, DC. General Pierce then handed over command of the 173rd Fighter Wing to Col. Jeffrey Smith who most recently was the Maintenance Squadron Commander and has been at Kingsley Field since 2005. In honor of the day's ceremonies and to mark the Oregon Air National Guard's 75th anniversary this year, an F-15 with a new commemorative design was also showcased.



## **Police**

The police department implemented the Basin Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Oregon State Police has agreed to the parameters of the team and an Intergovernmental Agreement is pending.

Captain Rob Dentinger is attending the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and will return to Klamath Falls the end of June.

## **Support Services**

- Conducted Airport Operations Manager interviews. Position offered and accepted by Joseph W. Goetz to start beginning of May
- ICMA-RC's Retirement Plans Specialist conducted a presentation to City employees. She also met individually with several employees to assist with deferred compensation consolidation.
- Recently updated the Employee Handbook in accordance with new State Sick Leave regulations. This required we implement additional tracking and partial month accruals, plus allowing employees immediate access to their accrued time. Supervisors that were initially impacted were given specific training.
- HR continues to utilize and explore future applications of the CIS Learning Center. In addition to using several on-line courses to meet OSHA required safety training for new hire processing, HR is analyzing available Supervisory training, required annual training, and other various trainings that management may find useful to their departments/divisions. The CIS Learning Center is appealing due to its comprehensive and professional training which is available to the City at no cost.
- Ella Redkey Pool - A person should never live in fear of the water. Klamath Falls is located in the Pacific Northwest, which is surrounded by several bodies of water. These bodies of water pose a huge safety risk to anyone who does not possess the ability to swim if he/she is suddenly immersed in deep water. In an effort to reduce risk to families in the Klamath Basin, the Ella Redkey Pool has started "*Swim Fit All Year-Round*". Our program, "*Swim Fit All Year-Round*", offers formal swimming lessons to children and their families living in Klamath Falls. Swim Lesson Scholarships will be awarded to qualified families based on their need. The swim lessons are designed to help swimmers learn and improve swimming skills, maintain physical fitness, and achieve success. The Ella Redkey Pool is such a beautiful asset to Klamath Falls and we want everyone in our community to be able to enjoy it. In addition to the swimming scholarships, "*Swim Fit All Year-Round*" will be opening the pool once in July, and once in August, for a free community swim day. Pacific Power Foundation has awarded \$4,394.00 to support the needs of this project. The Friends of Ella

**Redkey have also agreed to donate \$1000.00 towards to the needs of this project.**

