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## **Detroit Lake Foundation plans grand-opening celebration for new Detroit Lake Community and Civic Center on June 4th**

DETROIT — Detroit Lake Foundation will be hosting a public grand-opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony of its newly constructed 24,000 sf Community and Civic Center on Saturday, June 4, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. This fun-filled, FREE community event includes a variety of activities for the whole family with food, refreshments, family fun and games, live music, presentations from community leaders and self-guided tours of the facility. Visitors will also be invited to view an exhibit exploring Detroit's interesting history and development throughout the years.

Features at the Detroit Community and Civic Center include a newly renovated gym with basketball hoops, bleachers, a conference room, office spaces for City of Detroit staff, two bays for volunteer fire department equipment and trucks, interior and exterior new paint, paved sidewalks, landscaping and energy efficient lighting. The entrance of the facility is paved with engraved bricks featuring the names of residents and messages of hope paid for by Brick sales donations with small bricks available for \$150 and large bricks available for \$300. Future phases of brick sales will be engraved on site. Planned additions to the facility will be a state of the art food prep kitchen and the installation of modern Wi-Fi connection free to guests.

"After a couple devastating years for many families and small businesses, I'm very excited about the grand opening and the significance of what the community center will offer to our Detroit families as we enter our recovery phase," said Mayor Jim Trett. "This is a new opportunity for both the City and our residents to unite and become stronger as a community.

The city offices and personnel are scheduled to move into the new offices at the Detroit Community and Civic Center in the coming weeks. Programming at the Community and Civic Center will be developed with community input. Plans are underway with various community organizations to assist the Detroit, Idanha and greater Santiam Canyon residents with support and resources to rebuild and thrive.

"The opening of the Community Center is the highlight of the reopening of Detroit as we move beyond the devastation of the fires and Covid restrictions to begin the rebuilding of the town," Mayor Jim Trett said. "In many ways, this is the hub of our City, and we look forward to bringing our community back in to participate in the many activities and public gatherings they have missed and invite everyone to participate in many new exciting activities that we will be offering soon."

The project was launched due largely in thanks to Kim Fowler of KDF Construction for a generous donation. Construction and improvements were made possible by acquired grants from Spirit Mountain Casino, Oregon Community Fund, The Heart of the Canyon Auction & Benefit, Oregon State Elks

Association, Epping Family Foundation, Reser Family Foundation, United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley, fundraising efforts coordinated by the Detroit Lake Foundation including Detroit Strong apparel sales, donated time and materials by the amazing Santiam Rebuild Coalition, Rich Duncan Construction and so many others.

“Detroit Lake Foundation’s vision is to support the community as it rebuilds. This finished project is a representation of the amount of strength and resilience the Detroit community embodies. Mother Nature tried to knock us out, but we were merely knocked down. Together, we got back up and will continue to thrive.”, stated Davis Evenson, Detroit Lake Foundation President.

With the completion of the Detroit Lake Community and Civic Center quickly approaching, the Detroit Lake Foundation is now looking ahead to the next initiative for strengthening and rebuilding Detroit, Oregon’s infrastructure. Those projects may include a focus on the much needed septic system on Detroit Ave where many of the businesses would reside, working to encourage consistent lake water levels, general town improvements and beautification.

“There is no limit to what we can accomplish when we work together and I’m proud to say that the future for Detroit is bright.” stated Davis Evenson, Detroit Lake Foundation President.

For more information about this project and to learn how you can donate or get involved, visit [www.detroitlakefoundation.org](http://www.detroitlakefoundation.org).

For brick sales, visit: [www.detroitlakefoundation.org/bricks](http://www.detroitlakefoundation.org/bricks)

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Interested in hosting an event in the community center? Email us at [detroitlakefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:detroitlakefoundation@gmail.com).

### **About Detroit Lake Foundation:**

The mission of the Detroit Lake Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for residents and establish a sustainable economic recovery to ensure that the city thrives for current and future generations.

100% of proceeds donated will go to the Detroit Wildfire Relief Fund to assist in the rebuild of the Detroit, Oregon community and infrastructure. Detroit Lake Foundation is a 501C3 organization.

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