

MAYOR'S CORNER

As Mayor of the Town of Butte Falls since August 1995, I was absent from my first regular council meeting in October. I was told that the meeting was a record short meeting. This report of what is happening in Butte Falls, may be a record short story.

The major event of the October Council meeting was the final selection of our Water Commission members. The Commission has five members and one alternate. Four members reside within the city limits. They are Ina Hilkey, Dan Murphy, Carlos Carrillo and Steve Nelson. As per our ordinance, an out-of-town resident was selected, Steve McKenna. Mildred Arnold was selected to be the alternate. Thanks to all for their interest in support of our community.

In the past few weeks many residents have been asked to answer a few questions about the Town Square Master Plan. We have had a group of volunteers to work as field workers canvassing folks for their feelings about the plan. The plan was created by a Portland architectural firm following months of public meetings intended to obtain public input. The final draft was finished in 1996. The plan was recognized by the Town Council, but never formally approved. The plan was funded by a Forest Service grant. Remaining dollars of the grant are now being spent contracting with the Rogue Valley Council of Governments in an attempt to understand public support for this plan, or a different plan. We have been asking citizens what they liked about the plan, what they did not like about the plan, and what should be included in a final plan. Folks are telling us that a plan used as a guideline is a good idea, but we do not need a regulatory document. We want to keep things simple in the process of building or changing property. We want to keep the character of Butte Falls, not modernize it, and that we are not "Jacksonville". We plan to personally contact more people for one-to-

one talks, but we want everyone to consider attending a Town Hall meeting on November 6 at the Community Hall. The public meeting will be at 7 p.m.. Refreshments will be served. Please come to listen to what others have had to say and help with defining the process of how to use the information. A big thanks to all our field workers: Nancy Ellis, Lori Paxton, Janice Schultz, Cory Hamann, Carlos Carrillo, Joyce Brown, Troy McConnell, Steve Harvey and John Adams. A big thanks too, to Alan Buchta, Gloria Karches and Paul Galloway who have attended meetings with the field workers and have assisted us with the project. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call Lori at city hall and share your comments with her. Thanks!

We are having continued vandalism in our town, not only in the park, but in some of the other town square properties. I am really dismayed with the reports. Some incidents have been obviously children playing in the restrooms, not realizing the damage that sand, etc. will do to our facilities. However, there has been recent intentional destruction. Most of this has happened late at night on the weekends. I do believe it is time for us to create a neighborhood watch program for our downtown area. I will discuss this concept with the Town Council and keep you informed. I may be asking for volunteers in our next newsletter. We have had willing helpers in the past....a couple of Halloweens ago. We were unsuccessful then, but if we work together on this, we can make it work. We have a wonderful place to live, most people take pride and ownership in our community, let's not allow a handful of persons ruin what we have.

In the meantime, I am looking forward to my favorite event of the year, The Christmas Bazaar. See ya there..

Sara Beck, Mayor

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TURKEY AND HAM DINNER
INCLUDES ALL THE TRIMMINGS

\$6.50

NOVEMBER 21
BEGINNING AT 5:30PM



KIDS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

For those of you who have been asking whether there will be a Kids Holiday Season Community Service Project this year, the answer is YES! P.A.S.S.A.G.E.S. and The Children's Garden will sponsor this years project. Baking, making candy and craft items starts at Community Hall Friday, November 7, from 10am to 2pm. Adult and teenage volunteers are needed to help with this fun project. This year we will focus on making gift items for our local Senior Citizens.

Hopefully there will be enough adult volunteers that this project will be able to continue weekly up until Christmas.

??? contact Gloria at 865-3341.