

MAYOR'S CORNER

Happy Spring to all! The first day of spring 1998 was a perfect weather day here in Butte Falls. The crocus and daffodils are blooming, the tulips won't be far behind. I have even spotted a wild trillium. I personally love the season changes, but spring seems so welcome.

The Town of Butte Falls held a public hearing at 6:30 pm on the night of our regular March Council meeting. The purpose of the hearing was to give residents an opportunity to ask questions about block grants. We will have another public hearing at 6:30 pm on April 9 before the regular council meeting. The public hearing will be to talk about a specific grant for our waste-water facility plan. The town is eligible for "Block Grants" because of our high percentage of residents with low to moderate incomes. We also have a Rural Investment Fund grant request submitted to video our main sewer lines. The process allows us to find leaks with a video camera and pinpoint the repairs needed. It will be next winter before we would get the funds and be able to do the camera work.

Lillian Lawrence was at the Council meeting in March to request use of some of our current year budget dollars to complete the project work she is doing at the cemetery. The request was granted. Lillian is working on replacing fencing and a new sign for the cemetery.

Dan Krenwinkle and Amber Hersom are the other two students working on Projects in town. Dan is doing restoration work at "Mac Field" and Amber is getting a youth center started. All three students are working to receive the "Jim Matthews Scholarship" this year. There will be only one student selected. Since these projects are all benefitting the town, the council agreed

to have a fund raiser to reward the two students who do not receive the main scholarship. We will have a "Benefit Community Potluck and Silent Auction" on Thursday, April 16, at 6 p.m. in the Community Hall. Please plan to attend.

The first budget meeting to review the 98-99 budget will be held Tuesday, April 21 at 7 p.m. in the Community Hall. Future budget work meetings will be scheduled that evening. The public is invited to attend.

The Marshall discussed at the March Council meeting the need to make some revisions to the Dog Ordinance. The ordinance will be reviewed and updated as needed. There will be public notices made before changes are made. I would like to personally ask for the cooperation of our residents to keep their dogs at home. We received several complaints that evening. Some residents are tired of cleaning up after their neighbor's dogs, dogs running loose, etc. I would rather ask for your assistance than threaten with enforcement of regulations. We too need the cooperation of residents who invite dogs to their property, by tempting them with "accessible garbage". Let's work together on this. Thanks in advance!

Thanks to all who attended the Regional Planning meeting on March 19. We had a good "turn-out", and a diverse audience. It was evident that the Town of Butte Falls has been proactive in planning for the future. We will be schedule meetings in the future to set community goals. I will keep you informed about regional planning efforts, as I learn of them.

Do remember that the council meeting notes are always posted so that you can read the details of the meetings.

Sara Beck, Mayor



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