

MAYOR'S CORNER

In the Town of Butte Falls, we have snow at Easter more often than we have a "White Christmas". We had our snow on Easter eve this year, now it is time for spring. Happy gardening to all!

The BIG NEWS is that the Town of Butte Falls has been approved by Rural Development for the loan and grant to replace our entire water distribution system, build a new reservoir, install meters and new fire hydrants, etc. We are really lucky to have received a 50 per cent grant. The loan will be repaid over at 40 year period of time at 4 ½ per cent interest. Our water rates will be used to repay the debt. Thanks to all residents that realize that this is a critical need, and we can not delay any longer. One person expressed that this was really "a scam" to make the water bottling plant a possibility. This is not true. If we continue as is, we will be repairing our water system routinely, and putting our dollars into an old system. Federal dollars will not be available in the near future for assistance in funding the replacement system. We must act now.

On April 21, the town held the first budget meeting for the fiscal year 98-99. The meetings will continue every Tuesday until complete. Residents are welcome to attend. Copies of the draft budget may be obtained upon request at the city hall. The budget will be a challenge this year with funding limitations and greater needs.

Speaking of funding needs, I must inform you with regret that Gary Shipley has accepted a position with the city of Eagle Point as Public Works Superintendent. This will be the Town of Butte

Falls's loss and Eagle Point's gain. Gary has put his heart into the job here at Butte Falls. We realize however, that he must make decisions on what is best for his family. Thanks Gary for a job well done.

Gary will continue to help us with some tasks until we are able to fill the position. We are recruiting certified help from other communities. The city of Shady Cove and Medford may be willing to help us during our recruitment. We can not start over and train someone again. We do not have this option. We must hire a certified Level II waste water system operator. This will require a higher dollar figure than what we have had in the budget previously. The council will have special meetings as soon as possible and begin recruitment.

The site for our water bottling plant has been logged, the land will soon have a final survey, and title transfer will be forthcoming. We again thank Superior Lumber Company for donating the land to our town. The Water Commission has been reviewing alternates for and the "next steps" for our water bottling venture.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the special scholarship fund, may still do so. Checks may be given to Lori at the city hall, made out to the Town of Butte Falls, and designated for the scholarship fund. A BIG THANKS to Amber Hersom, Lillian Lawrence and Dan Krenwinkle for all their efforts on their special projects. Each has special meaning to the town residents. You all are to be commended for your efforts!

Sara Beck, Mayor



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THE LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club wishes to thank all who have responded to their cry of help. While more active members are still needed, the club is optimistic that they will be able to provide services to the community in the coming year. Ed Koch has graciously consented to be president for the coming year. Bev Carrillo will again fill the position of secretary, Dan Murphy will continue as treasurer, and Gloria Karches will serve as vice-president.

If you are interested in joining the group and helping with community projects and fund-raisers please contact Bev or Carlos Carrillo, Dan Murphy, Gloria Karches, or Bill Moore.

Thanks to Benny Moore for being enthusiastic and joining in to help with the Easter Egg Hunt. Benny's enthusiasm and spirit offer new hope to the club.