

MAYOR'S CORNER

Beginning Tuesday November 10, 1998 the regular monthly meeting of the Butte Falls Town Council will be held on the second Tuesday of every month. The council approved switching the meeting night from the second Thursday to the second Tuesday. The change should allow for less conflicts for council members and insure better attendance. The council meetings have recently been held in the Community Hall to allow for seating for a larger audience. Using the Community Hall for council meetings will continue. Please plan to join us, become a voice in your community. If you are unable to get out to attend meetings, but have a question or concern, please call Lori at the City Hall and leave a message for me to call you. I will either personally call you or make arrangements to visit with you in person if that is your wish.

Election day is November 3. We have three council positions and the mayor position up for election. At this time, only one candidate is running for each position. Please consider becoming involved with the management of your local government affairs. Consider also, attending meetings this year, and perhaps consider running for a council position next year. Only residents of the Town of Butte Falls may serve on the council. This is required by our Town charter. I will do some research, however, I do not believe that there is an incorporated city in Jackson County (and probably the state of Oregon) that allows non-residents to serve on their council.

The Butte Falls Planning Commission and Water Commission are allowed to have non-residents, as long as the majority of the members are residents. The Planning Commission has a couple openings at this time.

Stop at city hall for an application if you are interested. The Planning Commission will continue to meet on the Tuesday before the council meeting. The Planning commission meets every other month on a

scheduled basis, and more often if needed. If you have a question, call Lori at city hall. She will contact a Planning Commission member to call you, if she can not answer your questions.

As you may have read in the Medford Mail Tribune, the October 8 council meeting notes, or heard via the local rumor mill, the Town Council voted to retain the Town Marshall position for Butte Falls for the remainder of this fiscal year. After the special levy failed in September, the Budget Committee and the council members met to scrutinize the budget to determine if enough areas in the General Fund could be slashed to retain our Marshall position in Butte Falls and operate and provide local law enforcement services. Additionally, we looked at services provided by Jackson County. Bob Kennedy, Jackson County Sheriff, and Captain Ed Mayer visited a special council meeting October 6 to discuss how they could provide law enforcement services to Butte Falls. A deputy sheriff would have been shared between Butte Falls and Prospect, and would have been in town only about 20 hours per week. Other deputies on patrol would have been on call. The Council voted October 8 to continue a full time Marshall Position at Butte Falls. A lot of rumors are floating around. The truth is that the Marshall position is totally funded from the General Fund of the Town of Butte Falls. The council did approve that Marshall Jared Brown apply for a grant for a bicycle safety program and bicycle derby from the Earl Family Foundation. The Earl Family Foundation has assisted the Town in many ways including purchasing safety equipment for the Fire Department. The town may also apply for a grant for safety equipment for public works.

The fall colors are spectacular this year. Enjoy the changing seasons. May you get your fall bulbs planted before the snow flies.

Sara Beck, Mayor

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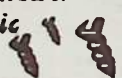
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Tom Hayes, Public Works Director for Butte Falls, discusses the final inspection of oak St. with Ken Norton from ODOT and councilman Kent Rader.