

Public Works

by Pete Vorbeck

WATER ----- The Butte Falls water system improvement project has been put out for bid. Contractors have until June 3 to respond. A construction startup date will be negotiated with the successful bidder....July? Maybe, August? Probably.

SEWER----- Another step toward repairing the Town's sewer lines and treatment plant has been taken. A contract for creating a Wastewater Facilities Plan has been awarded to HGE Inc. of Coos Bay. HGE, which also did the engineering plan for the Town's water project, was low bidder and expects to have the wastewater plan ready by May 2000. Also, at a recent meeting, Mayor Jack Brown, Public Works Director Tom Hayes, HGE Project Engineer Cisy Baumgartner and the Town's grant writer and loan consultant David Wilson discussed adding a storm drain plan to the wastewater project. Heavy winter rains cause excess influent which flood the treatment plant and sewage cannot be treated in compliance with environmental requirements. HGE staff will add the storm drain plan to the Town's application for an Oregon Economic Development Grant.

STREETS---- There will be no streets paved in Butte Falls in 1999. Oregon Department of Transportation grant money was available, but nobody applied. The Town's yesteryear under staffed Public Works Department did not have the time to climb the paperwork mountain, so the money melted away. But a new and improved Public Works is applying for Y2K funds to pave Main Street from Fir Street to the Grade School, complete with sidewalks and curbs. The number of kids going between High and Grade school who will actually walk on the sidewalks remains to be seen.

BURNPILE ---- Do you have burnable garden or yard refuse to dispose? If so, note that the Town burnpile has been moved to the West side of the sewer treatment plant. Drive down Falls Road to just past the recycle center and turn left and follow the spur to the piles, one for lighter stuff like leaves and another for heavier branches.

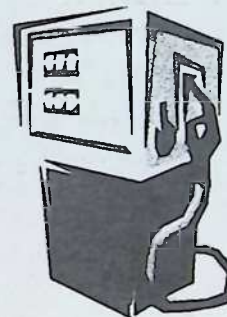
FENCES ---- Building one? Stop by Town Hall and pick up a Guidelines Form for fencing. It will tell you what to do in order to be in compliance with the Town's zoning ordinance. Also, building/demolition projects require permits. Both Jackson County and Butte Falls can and will issue a notice of violation for zoning infractions.

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If you need to contact Public Works during Business Hours (8:00 AM to 4:30 PM seven days a week) call or leave a message at 865-3220. In case of Emergency (but not during Business Hours) call or leave a message for Tom Hayes at home 865-3863 or pager 776-0397.

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