

TOWN NEWS!



Public Works- by Pete Vorbeck

Spring and Summer Projects Complete

Installation of an automated sprinkler system in the Town Park was completed shortly before this year's 4th of July festivities. Public Works got some welcome volunteer help from a number of area residents. Larry Riddle and Don Anderson assisted in plumbing the new system. Mike Strittenberg provided his backhoe and dug trenches. And one Town Resident, Dale Thompson, provided some of the most masterly supervisory sidewalk engineering expertise that has ever appeared on a Town project, and helped with some of the actual work to boot. Most of the funds for the project were provided by the Earl Family Foundation and Pacific Power and Light.

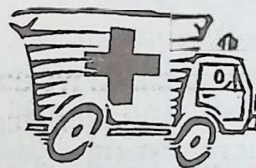
The old Town Park looks sharp! Take a look. Better yet, pack a basket, spread a tablecloth on one of the new picnic tables, enjoy the pleasure of some leisure company with others, and the Town Park will gracefully accommodate you. On the other hand, if you and a friend are in a pensive mood and inclined toward thinking about the economic problems of a yesteryear old growth timber company town, and need a congenial place to contemplate possible solutions, Town Park will gracefully accommodate you. Even if you're inclined toward standing on a park soapbox and need to gripe and grouse or rant and rave or just plain complain about the Town's economic woes... well.. Town Park will gracefully accommodate you. But whatever your reason for spending time in Town Park— potato salad and company, venting and stirring things up, or thinking and talking about problems and solutions— take a moment to notice the trees, the grass, the park light poles with their hangy down pots of flowers. It is perfectly possible for Butte Falls to gracefully accommodate us all.

Another recently completed project, Main Street sidewalk construction and asphalt paving from Fir to Cedar streets, is note-worthy for a couple of reasons. First, it took more time for Public Works to jump through all the administrative hoops of grant funding, project design, and putting the job out for bid than it took for the contractor to do the work. Administrative detail stretched out over a year's time. Actual construction took twelve days! Second, the cost of capital improvement projects for small communities is out of sight. Wanna know what it costs to pave and sidewalk 300 feet of street in Butte

Judy Lozano- Thank you for the new hanging pots that you put together for the lamp posts in the park! They are great!

Falls? Brace yourself. It's forty thousand Washington's. \$40000! The cost of the Main Street project was covered by a \$25000 grant from the Department of Oregon Transportation and the rest from the Oregon Highway Fund. But larger scale and higher dollar projects are in a realm of their own. High cost construction forces Town like Butte Falls to rely on grants and loans to fund major capital improvements. Suddenly, every household in Town finds itself having to cough up near \$20.00 a month to payoff a forty year \$830000.00 loan. Not exactly an enviable position for any small town to be in. Small communities all over the Pacific Northwest and, in fact, in most areas of America are experiencing a similar situation. Small town USA is dangling on the end of a thin thread. Been to Chiloquin or Montague lately? OR even Klamath Falls? Communities that find a way to adapt by creating local economics tend to go on. Communities that don't or won't or can't adapt tend to become something other or they just dry up and blow away. Once upon a time not so very long ago there were two communities not very far away from Butte Falls. One called Dudley and the other Derby. We can read about them in one of Barbara Hegne's books. They are history now. Butte Falls has a big challenge to meet and overcome if it is to continue as a self governing community with an ongoing living history.

And with history fresh in the mind, yes, finally, as part of the Main Street project, your friendly neighborhood Public Works Department is pleased to announce that the rain-pond at Main and Fir, affectionately know as Mallory's Pond, is history— lost and gone forever, Clementine.



Ambulance News!

What an Honor!

By Carrie Driskell

It was sure an honor to be the Grand Marshall of the Butte Falls, year 2000, Fourth of July parade! We had fun doing it and we were grateful to be recognized for the service we all enjoy providing.

We made a total of \$151.50 in our 50/50 raffle. Carol and Don Anderson won 1/2 of that and DONATED IT ALL BACK!

Thank you Carol and Don! This money will go into our membership fund for the year 2001.

Town Council News form Lori

The following positions are up for re-election at the General Election to be held on November 7th, 2000.

Mayor (2 year term)



Council Positions:

Position #1 (4 year term)

Position #2 (4 year term)

Position #3 (4 year term)

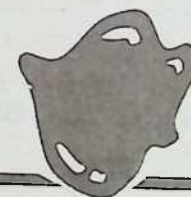
Persons wishing to run for any of these positions may obtain the necessary petition forms from the city recorder at City Hall. And, all forms must be returned to City Hall no later than 1 p.m. on August 8th, 2000.

City Hall Hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Monday thru Friday.

Must get any info for the **BULLETIN** in no later than the 20th of the month!

Speaking of the 2001 membership.. The Butte Falls Home Extension and more community members have recently donated money toward our fund. This is soooo much appreciated, thank you!

A note to the Active Club and all involved in the activities in the park on the fourth..... good job! It was a nice day.



Kissing a boo-boo makes
the pain go away!