

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS Continued.....



Happy Birthday to my Best Friend Patti Shafer! You are truly one of a kind, a true friend who gives and loves with your whole heart! Krystal and I love you very much and are very honored to be a part of your life!  
Love forever ~ Lori, Krystal & Granddog Bella

Happy Birthday to my awesome daughter Krystal Saree Paxton. I can't believe that you will be 19 years old. It seems like only yesterday that you were a tiny, little one and I held you in my arms, along with all your toys and diaper bag. (Man, I don't miss toting that stuff all around!) My heart will always be full of the love I have for you. You have changed my life in so many ways, all of them for the better! I am so proud of you and proud to be your mom. All my love forever and always.....

#### MAYOR'S CORNER

There seems to be some interest over the three fees that were instituted on July 1, 2008. These ordinances are now in effect -

1. #275.a is our Recycle Center ordinance. The center was first created as a high school project and then handed over to the Town about 5 years ago. At that time we did not have any dumpsters located there. Since then, we now have one metal dumpster and one trash dumpster. The cost was nominal to us, but due to recent increases to empty the dumpsters, the donations from other organizations, citizens and the Town has not been enough to meet the need. Therefore, availability to the dumpsters and the center is being reduced to six months of the year, (open April 15<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>), and a \$6 fee paid by users will help offset the additional cost. If you choose not to pay the \$6 fee for six months, you can pay \$10 for every load. So, the choice is yours, the money available will determine the Recycle Centers operation.

2. #288 is our SORC ordinance. This is an annual fee of \$20 for dispatch services for police and fire. This ordinance was passed a year ago after three public meetings were held, prior to the adoption of this ordinance. The Town residents had the option of voting on this ordinance if a petition was brought forth to the council. The council did not receive such a petition. The Town pays annually \$8,000 for radio communications for police and fire. If we don't have this service we would have to post a \$10,000 bond so directed by our insurance company, and since the insurance company we currently have is our only option in Oregon, we are stuck. The SORC fee has almost doubled in the last five years. The 911 fee you pay on your telephone bill is in addition to this \$8,000 fee. Your 911 fee gets you to SORC, not to the officer or fire department.

3. #297 is our Disaster Recovery ordinance. For two years, an annual fee of \$20 per property owner will be collected by December 1, 2008. This account is a reserve account that is strictly limited to how it is used. The Town hopes to collect about \$8,000 to be used as outlined in this enclosed ordinance. Even though storms as severe as this last one in January don't happen very often, we need a funding source for future generations. This source would help pay for fuel, food, equipment, etc. that might be needed. FEMA doesn't necessarily apply to every situation, plus FEMA happens after the occurrence. You need to have the funding up front and during the situation. It is not wise to look to the state or federal governments for immediate help.

