

Mayor's Corner – July 2018

Major Accomplishments: *adopted the budget for 2018-2019; concluded the seismic retrofit contract; use agreement with the school for Mac Field use by girls' softball team; prepared the park for the 4th of July (bathrooms refurbished and ADA compliant, pressure washed play area and kiosk roof, bulletin board repaired).*

New residents: Please welcome to town Matt and Candice Goodman.

Weyerhaeuser Meeting. In mid-June, I went to Salem with the Governor's Office Regional Solutions Coordinator Alex Campbell for discussions concerning purchase of the Weyerhaeuser lands surrounding us. The discussions went well. Weyerhaeuser wants fair-market-value for their lands and we are looking for the grant funding.

We have a long way to go in developing the proposal and accumulating enough funds to purchase the land. Nothing is certain, but we have a good chance.

As we engage the donor community, we will have to present a compelling proposal. We will have to define our vision for the forest, create governing structures for the land, design forest management processes, develop the financial strategy to acquire and maintain those lands and much more. We need your help. If you would like to be involved, let us know at the Town Hall.

I will be assembling a steering committee for land acquisition and a forestry committee for program development from the extended Butte Falls community to help guide the process. We will need people with expertise in forestry, parks/recreation, finance, grant writing, land acquisition, land management. Would you like to serve?

We will be calling for a public meeting to discuss all aspects of the project. I hope you will attend. We need your input to ensure this is a community vision and community effort.

Wood Angels. Wood angels are wrapping up after a successful year of delivering wood to the those unable to get firewood for themselves. They have delivered 17 loads.

Emergency Alerts. Please go on the Jackson County website and sign up to receive emergency alerts. The system will advise you of all emergencies in the area. With wildfire season upon us, the system is the source for fire locations and evacuation information. You can be contacted by landline, mobile phone, work phone, email and text message. Also, the town government can use the system to alert you to any town emergency conditions. We can send information to everyone in the 97522 zip and/or to the 865 phone exchange or Butte Falls listing.

House Numbers. Ensure that your house numbers are visible from the street at night. Don't make it difficult for fire and medical personal to locate you in an emergency. You can purchase reflective numbers and background plaque from town hall for \$10.

Respectfully, Linda Spencer, Mayor, The Town of Butte Falls