

Mayor's Corner
August 2018

Major Accomplishments: held the kick-off meeting for the seismic retrofit of the fire house; completed the census preparation documents; received bids for the emergency backup generators for waste water treatment plant, repaired the fence by the waste water treatment plant; deconstructed camp on bluff.

New residents: Please welcome the new folks in town -- Mathew Milhoan and Cathy Garote; Victor and Salina Almarez.

4th of July. Many thanks to all the folks involved in organizing the celebration. Our own Public Works Department did a beautiful job getting the park ready. The Active Club organized all the festivities. Thanks to the vendors and those who were in the parade and a special thanks to the Sugar Pine for a generous and delicious feast in partnership with our own Fire and Rescue Department.

We have received many complaints of fireworks in town aimed dangerously at homes, going off after 10:30pm and of shot guns being discharged. The Council will consider solutions to this problem. We are holding a workgroup meeting on August 21 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

Water and Sewer bills. Would residents like the option of paying water and sewer bills with credit and/or debit cards? The cost of using a card would increase the bill by the amount charged by the card company (approximately 3%). We have done surveys in the past and found little interest, but a couple people have asked me about it recently. If you would like to pay with credit or debit card, please let us know.

Wild Fires. It promises to be a hot, dry summer. We have already had one forest fire on Henshaw Road and a couple grass fires along the Butte Falls road that were human-caused. Please be extremely careful in the woods and obey all the fire restrictions. If you see a dangerous situation or behavior that might cause fire, please let us know.

Weyerhaeuser lands. We are exploring the possibility of working with the Trust for Public Lands and/or becoming an Oregon Solutions program. Either option would provide a broker to help us put together the grants necessary for the land purchase. Oregon Solutions will be coming here on the 20th to discuss the project and tour the land. We will be meeting with the Trust in a couple months. We are establishing two committees one to work with the acquisition of the land and another to develop a forest management plan. Let us know at Town Hall if you would like to serve.

Election. Three Council positions (4-year terms) and the office of Mayor (2-year term) are up for election in November. You can file for candidacy at Town Hall. You must be a registered voter, resident of the Town of Butte Falls for 6 months prior to taking office, and complete filing forms by August 20, 2018.

Respectfully,

Linda Spencer