

Mayor's Corner

February 2019

Fred Phillips. Mayor of Butte Falls from 2013-2015, Fred Phillips died Saturday, December 8th of natural causes. He came to Butte Falls over 15 years ago where he established his second career as a civil engineer contractor and built his home where he lived with his dog Fritz until his passing. As mayor of this community, he set an example to us all in his commitment to honesty in government, integrity in fiscal management, steady leadership and love of community. He also wrote and oversaw the implementation of the street grants for the town and volunteered on the Emergency Management Team. He will be missed by many in Butte Falls and the greater Rogue Valley where he directed Habitat for Humanity. His funeral was held in Portland near his family. A celebration of his life and memorial will held in Butte Falls at The Landing, 801 Laurel Avenue on Saturday February 2 at 2pm.

Fireworks. New Year's fireworks went well. We received no complaints. The displays ended by 12:30am, much to the relief of the town dog population. A special thanks to our police officer, Josh Solenberger for his careful monitoring.

Hazard Trees. We removed one hazard tree in the park by the gazebo, 2 hazard trees in the cemetery, 2 in the town right-of-way by a residence and trimmed the trees overhanging the right-hand turn from Broad to Laurel.

Paving. An ODOT grant enabled us to pave the north section of Pine and Fir streets. We apply for the paving grant each year and usually are successful every 2-to-3 years.

Election 2018. Incumbent Councilors re-elected for a 4-year term are: Trish Callahan, Stacey Equitz, and Anna Huerta. The Mayor, Linda Spencer, was reelected for a 2-year term.

Seismic Retrofit of Fire Station. Ausland was unable to do the job within the money available through the grant. S&B James the second ranked bidder, has been chosen to complete the contract.

Weyerhaeuser lands. Oregon Solutions completed its survey of residents, governmental organizations and non-profits concerning the benefits and challenges to the community in buying and developing the 391 acres of Weyerhaeuser lands surrounding us. We should have the report soon.

Budget Committee. There are 2 positions available on the Budget Committee. If you are interested contact Town Hall.

Respectfully, Linda Spencer, Mayor

The Town of Butte Falls