

Mayor's Corner, March 2019

Snow Removal. Our policy is to start the snow removal process when the snow gets around 4 inches. The priority is the main streets feeding the schools (on weekends the churches) We only have one person and one vehicle doing the snow removal. It takes time to get to all the streets. We thank you for your patience. The county maintains the major road through town.

Snow removal is one use for your disaster recovery money. It is also used for hazard tree removal, broken water or sewer pipes and any other equipment breakage that endangers public health and safety.

Fence in Park. We are going to replace the fence around the kiddie area in the park. We are in the planning process and looking for materials and volunteers. If you would like to help, let us know at the town hall.

4th of July. I love the 4th of July celebration in the park and I imagine you do too. It really is Butte Falls at its finest. Last year the entire event was put on by three people. It was just too much for such a small group of volunteers. We need volunteers to organize the booths, order the parade, decorate the reviewing stand, announce the entries in the parade, run the games and just be helping hands. If you would like to see the 4th of July celebrated in Butte Falls this year, please offer your talents and volunteer to help put on the event. We cannot do this without more volunteers and will have to cancel the event. Contact Town Hall.

Budget Committee. There are 2 vacant positions on the Budget Committee. If you would like to have a say in how we spend our money, please contact us at the town hall.

Police Department. We need to make our police department financially sustainable. In the four years that we were without a policeman, we were able to bank that money. We are now using it for start-up costs to establish our new Police Department. Maintaining cars and equipment is costly. We have contracted out patrol services, applied for grants and will do fund raisers to generate police income. However, to be truly sustainable, we will have to go the way of other towns in the area and charge a public safety fee to augment our revenue. We are considering a \$2 monthly fee. This is lower than fees charged by most of the other municipal entities: Shady Cove charges \$15, Medford \$7.45, Rogue River \$5.00, Talent \$4.00 (Ashland \$1.50, Central Point \$1.00). We would like your input.

Volunteering. There are several calls for volunteers this month. Our town is run by volunteers. The mayor, councilors, fire and rescue personnel are all volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the positions listed do let us know. If you have some other ideas of things you would like to see happen come and talk to us. This is your community make it what you would like it to be. Respectfully yours,

Linda Spencer,

Mayor

The Town of Butte Falls