

Mayor's Corner

May 2019

Welcome our new residents: Earl and Barbara Hagy, Ruby Kusick, Wayne Macy, and Barbara Milton.

League of Oregon Cities Local Government Conference. The conference helps elected officials stay up to date on legislative and procedural matters. I attended sessions on marijuana legislation, wild fire land management practices, city employee issues, laws governing government interactions with homeless individuals, and the role of local government in suppressing wildfires. Most helpful were the practices outlined to make communities as fire-safe as possible. We will investigate grants available under fire-safe programs which would enable us to hire residents to clean up brush and berries, etc.

Earthquake Retrofit of the Fire Station. At long last, the work has begun and should be ongoing for about 3 months. We hold weekly construction meetings to deal with issues as they arise. We have tried to keep parking disruption to a minimum. The construction area has been fenced off for your safety.

Weyerhaeuser lands. It is looking good. We may be getting close to a decision concerning acquisition of the property around the town. The Trust for Public Lands toured the property and met with those engaged in the project. They are talking with Weyerhaeuser and us concerning acreage and price.

Dear Neighbor letter mailed with water bill. It has been called to my attention that this letter went out over the Town Council signature. I neglected to catch that error. It should have gone out over my signature as it was not seen or approved by the Town Council.

Volunteer program. The school will be offering a class in public service and is offering a crew of volunteers to assist the town in clean up, construction and other projects. We cannot thank them enough. Additional hands are always welcome.

Budget Meetings. May and June are focused on the next fiscal year budget. The first public budget meeting will be held on May 8 at the Community Hall at 7PM. The second meeting will be May 22 at the same place, same time. If it is necessary, a third budget meeting will be held on June 12. The budget will be brought to the Council for approval at the regular council meeting on June 18th. Copies of the budget are available at the town hall

Respectfully, Linda Spencer, Mayor
Town of Butte Falls