

Mayor's Corner

July 2019

Right-of- Way cleanup. As we enter fire season, the town of Butte Falls wants to ensure safe and quick access for emergency and fire vehicles to all properties. We will be working with residents to clean up town right of ways of derelict vehicles, RVs and household appliances, etc. To prevent fires from spreading we will ask residents to keep weeds and grass cut and litter cleaned up. These efforts will, also, contribute to improving the look of the town.

Although all right of ways in town will eventually be addressed, the council will focus on a street or group of streets as the clean up proceeds. It has agreed to begin working with residents on the main thoroughfare through town which is Broad Street and Laurel Avenue to the left turn to the lakes (cattle guard to cattle guard).

City-wide Clean up. With the sponsorship of Steve Huntoon and the participation of members of Eagle Cares, we are planning a city-wide clean up. Please plan on lending a hand. Date to be announced. The dumpsters will be available at the sewer plant. The cost is only \$10 per load.

Composting Pilot. We are hoping to eventually offer a complete composting, recycling, dumpster services program to residents. The Hamann's are going to begin a pilot program of composting food waste from the Sugar Pine. If you would like to participate or learn more about the composting pilot please contact us at city hall.

Adkins Engineering. Public Works and I met with Adkins Engineering last week and they toured the water and wastewater facilities. They felt that there were a handful of items that could use some improvement/upgrades, mainly power distribution and controls for electrical motors and possibly the wastewater collection system. There are funds available from Business Oregon to develop a preliminary engineering report for both the wastewater and water enterprises. Additional money for improvements is available from the Community Development Block Grant Program. Look for announcements of a council work session with Adkins to discuss the proposed project. The public is invited.

Weyerhaeuser Lands. The Governor has designated the Butte Falls land acquisition and development project as a priority project for Oregon. This means that we will have the Governor's endorsement as we seek grants for development of the land and that the Trust for Public Lands will have that endorsement for land acquisition. It also means we will have the Governor's office support in our planning activities.

Most Improved Property Award. In addition to the Butte Falls Pride Award, the Council would like to provide an award of some landscape item for the most improved property in town. Nominations can be made at the Town Hall.

Fireworks. Fireworks can only be displayed at New Year's Eve and the 4th of July. All fireworks must be legal in Oregon (see flyers in the post office for complete description), they must be set off in a location without flammable materials around, water must be available at the site. **NO FIREWORKS AFTER 11:00PM** on the 4th. Remember that the following day is a workday for many of your neighbors.

Respectfully, Linda Spencer, Mayor
Town of Butte Falls