

Mayor's Corner

November 2019

Building Permits. If you are planning any building or fence projects on your property, please be sure to check with city hall to see if a permit is required. Save yourself the fine and/or the agony of having to remove or relocate the structure. Don't rely on the person selling you the structure to know our policies. Consult directly with city hall.

Seismic Retrofit of Fire Hall. The seismic rehabilitation of the Fire Hall is finished. The terms and conditions of the contract have been met. The project came in on time and within budget. The project was formally closed on October 3, 2019. When you drive by, be sure to admire the bright fire-engine-red building.

Maintenance Schedule for Vehicles. Councilor Loren Oden, working with the Safety Committee, has inspected Public Works and Fire Department vehicles. He has helped the departments set-up maintenance schedules. Police vehicles are also on a regular inspection schedule.

SPIRE Grant generator. We were awarded a Portable Power Generation 56kW from the State Preparedness Incident Response Equipment (SPIRE) Grant Program. The generator will be delivered to the Sewer Plant. We are appreciative of this grant of equipment and thank the SPIRE program and Janice Schultz for her grant writing expertise.

Community Emergency Preparedness. Councilor Delena Oden is our new Emergency Program Manager. We thank her for taking on the task. She organized a public meeting in October featuring Stacey Belt, the Director of Jackson County Emergency Preparedness Program, who discussed measures you can take to prepare yourself for a community emergency and answered questions from the community.

Planning Commission. As we move into the acquisition of the Weyerhaeuser lands, it will be important to have an active Planning Commission to assist in planning and reviewing land use. The Planning Commission is an advisory body to the Town Council. If you are interested in serving, contact city hall [541 865 3262].

Weyerhaeuser Lands. We will be scheduling a public meeting for the second week in November to share information on the land acquisition and to hear your ideas for a vision of how the land can best be used. When dates and times are confirmed with the Governor's Office, who will facilitate the meeting, information will be posted on our Facebook page and on bulletin boards around town. Please join us. Your voice is important to our process.

Respectfully,

Linda Spencer, Mayor
Town of Butte Falls