

City of Shady Cove **INSIDER**



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"and a river runs through it!"

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

FIRE DISTRICT #4 AND FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT GROUP HONOR BILL AND SHARON LITTLEFIELD WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

On Friday, March 15th Jackson County Fire District #4 and the Support Group recognized and honored Bill and Sharon Littlefield with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" for their many years of service to the Department and its Support Group. The awards banquet was held at Miguel's in Shady Cove and attended by many Fire Department personnel, volunteers, friends and family members.

The Littlefield's have been long time residents of the Shady Cove area and active with many community groups in addition to the Fire Department. Bill Littlefield joined the Fire Department as a volunteer board member in 1985. He is currently the Board Chairman, Sharon was a charter member of the FD #4 Support Group that started in 2006 under Chief Bob Miller.

Mike House, a close friend of the Littlefield's for over 50 years said, "Bill and Sharon epitomize what good citizens and human beings should be. They have honored everyone that ever knew them with their integrity, work ethic and community spirit." Sandee Kruger, a neighbor for many years said, "Bill and Sharon have always been there when you need them; willing to do anything for friends and community members, no matter what time of day or night, or what the request was. Bill and Sharon would always step up to help." Judy Best, a long time friend and fellow Support Group member described

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FROM MAYOR RICHARDSON'S DESK



In a recent yearly audit of Shady Cove's financial records, the final audit report stated that —

The City's permanent property tax rate of \$0.547 cents per thousand is the lowest in the region, and one of the lowest in the state, accounting for approximately \$136,000 in revenue for the year. Our property tax rate falls far short of providing enough revenue to fully fund City services. Without the benefit of franchise fees, public safety fees, other City fees, and state subventions, the City could not provide even a minimal level of service.

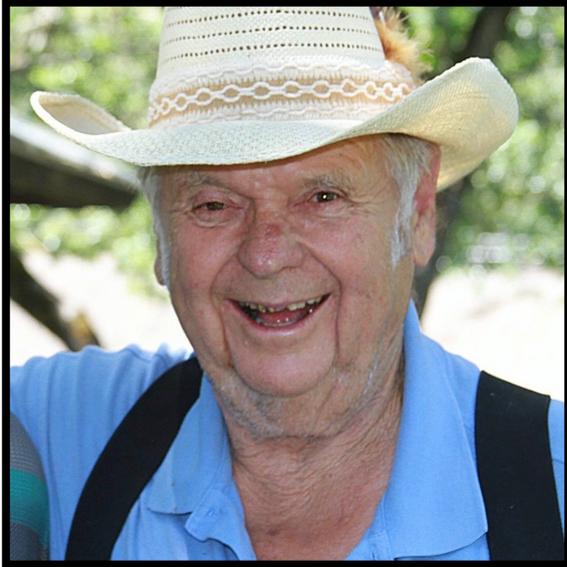
Shady Cove receives revenue from:

- Property Taxes are based on \$0.547 per thousand of assessed property value and contribute approximately \$136,000 to City revenue. In comparisons, property tax rates in our surrounding areas are:

CITY	\$ PER THOUSAND	CITY	\$ PER THOUSAND
Medford	\$5.103	Eagle Point	\$2.458
Central Point	\$4.38	Gold Hill	\$1.679
Phoenix	\$3.297	Jacksonville	\$1.666
Talent	\$2.68	Shady Cove	\$0.547

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD ... *continued*



Sharon; “As a true friend to everyone. She has been, or is currently responsible for many events the Support Group is involved with, including the Children’s Christmas Party, Wildflower Show, Pancake Breakfast, (*her sausage gravy is the best!*), URCC lunches, and the Fire Department yard sale. Sharon is a past Chairperson and Secretary for the Support Group and coordinates the purchasing of merchandise to sell for fundraising. But most importantly, she is a GOOD FRIEND to everyone.”

Bill will forever be remembered for what he did for community members following the 1964 flood that took out the Shady Cove Bridge. He responded and shuttled people back and forth across the river with his Caterpillar tractor. His backhoe tractor was often seen around the Fire Station working on projects, Fire Chief Greg Winfrey stated, “I don’t think you could find a more dedicated person to the Shady Cove Fire District than Bill Littlefield. His dedication to the community through the decades has been felt in both emergency and non-emergent activities of the community.”

Sharon and Bill have faced several health related challenges recently, but anyone that knows them would tell you, neither of them ever complains and both are “tough as nails”.

The City of Shady Cove, would like to recognize and honor Bill and Sharon Littlefield and congratulate them on their “Lifetime Achievement Awards”.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

In June 2016, the City Council adopted regulations to protect waterways in Shady Cove. The Riparian Ordinance seeks to protect streams by regulating uses within 75 feet of the Rogue River and 50 feet of Indian Creek and other river tributaries.

If you own property within these corridors, existing lawns may remain, but cannot be expanded inside the setback area. It is important to carefully follow manufacturers’ instructions when using pesticides and herbicides near the stream. You are permitted to remove non-native species such as blackberries, but these must be replaced with native species. Contact City hall for a list of acceptable plants or these can be viewed on our website at shadycove.net.

Trees are critical to the health of riparian corridors. Only dead or dying and dangerous trees may be removed from the corridor. City staff consults with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to make a determination if a tree is clearly dying. Owners can also contract with an arborist to review the health of their trees. If trees are removed, they must be replaced with the same species or other approved native species.



FROM MAYOR RICHARDSON'S DESK ... *continued*

- State Subventions are revenue-sharing taxes including gas, liquor and cigarette taxes that are collected/paid through the state. Gas taxes are expected to decrease due to more fuel efficient vehicles and alternative fuels. Alcohol and cigarette taxes are also expected to decrease. The current estimated revenue from subventions is \$276,000 per year.
- Franchise Fees are a percentage of gross revenue charged to utility services that operate in Shady Cove. Until recently, Hiland Water was the only utility operating in Shady Cove and not paying a franchise fee. On February 21, 2019, the Shady Cove City Council unanimously passed a 5% franchise fee on Hiland Water's gross revenue in Shady Cove. Franchise fees from all utilities contribute approximately \$227,500 yearly.
- Public Safety Fees were adopted by City Council on June 2012 and are expected to add \$240,000 to City revenue. This is less than half of the cost of law enforcement per year.
- System Development Charges (SDC's) are fees charged for new building construction and based on 7 new homes per year, total revenue is estimated at approximately \$50,000.
- Additional City Taxes and Fees are such activities as hotel occupancy, raft rentals, planning and building fees and business licenses make up approximately \$111,000 in revenue.
- Sewer Service Fees will continue to be collected by the City, but they have been dedicated to the Rogue Valley Sewer Services contract cost and sewer debt principal and interest payments. Rogue Valley Sewer Services will assume operation of the sewer plant in July.

With the exception of less than \$8,500 in Hiland Water franchise fees, there have been no new fees or increases in existing fees in several years. However, since the 2015-2016, the law enforcement protection through the Jackson County Sheriff's Office has increased approximately \$30,000 and may increase slightly in the next fiscal year. Although the City operates with a minimal staffing level and contacts for planning, building and floodplain management through Rogue Valley Council of Government (RVCOG), salaries have increased slightly in compliance with Union and RVCOG contracts.

At this time, the only additional options the City has to make up the difference in potentially decreasing revenue and rising costs are increases in public safety fees and system development fees. State subventions are not within the control of the City and property tax rates must be approved by a vote of Shady Cove's citizens.

In addition, citizens are especially dissatisfied with the condition of City streets and roads and the level of code enforcement. A part-time code enforcement officer hired through the Jackson County Sheriff's Office would serve multiple purposes and cost \$41,000 per year. By more diligently enforcing municipal code, we could improve the appearance of the City, reduce fire risk, discourage animal activity, allow deputies more time to enforce laws and free City staff time. In addition to being unsightly, property disorder and neglect signals to the criminal element that no one is watching and no one cares. Such disorder and neglect does attract crime.

On Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 P.M., the City is hosting a Citizens Open Forum at the Upper Rogue Community Center to find out what the citizens of Shady Cove want the City to accomplish over the next year and how you think progress can be achieved. In about a month, we will have another Citizens Open Forum asking the question "How do you want Shady Cove to look in 5 years and how do you think we can get there?"

We hope to see you all at these important events.

RIPARIAN RESTORATION PROJECT



The City of Shady Cove has received a grant from the Rogue River Watershed Council to do riparian work along the creek in Aunt Caroline's Park.

We will be looking for volunteers to assist with the restoration project throughout the Summer and Fall.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT



Lunch donated by Seth & Laura Goebel, from Goebel's Country Store



AFTER THE HEAVY RAINS THAT HIT US LAST MONTH, THERE WAS A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS THAT CAME TOGETHER, AND PUT IN **HARD WORK** AT AUNT CAROLINE'S PARK.

WE THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK!!!



CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE

The City of Shady Cove has **two openings** for this **NEW** committee.

The Charter Revision Committee is an appointed citizen/City Council body with the primary responsibility of providing recommendations to the Mayor and City Council in revising the City Charter and presenting that newly revised document to the voters of Shady Cove for approval.

As the City Charter is the "Law of the Land", it is the document from which all other laws and operations spring forth. The committee will meet until the work is completed and suggestions have been accepted by the City Council to be forwarded to the citizens in a General Election.

In addition to the Charter Revision Committee, we still have two positions that need to be filled on the following:

BUDGET COMMITTEE

1—Position Open

PLANNING COMMISSION

1—Position Open

Volunteer positions available for Citizens who would like to contribute, time, effort and skills to help our City prosper.

APPLICANTS FOR ALL POSITIONS MUST HAVE LIVED WITHIN SHADY COVE CITY LIMITS FOR AT LEAST THE LAST 12 MONTHS AND BE A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE STATE OF OREGON. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL, OR ONLINE: WWW.SHADYCOVE.NET.



Jackson County
Library
Services

TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH FROM 5:00 P.M.— 6:00 P.M.

Dan and Carole Nielson will present a “Kentucky Adventure” Come and learn more about Churchill Downs, Daniel Boone, and President Abraham Lincoln’s birthplace!

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH FROM 2:00—4:00 P.M.

The Library will be hosting a “SEED LIBRARY” in the library’s community room.

For information please call: 541-878-2270

Oregon Department of Fish and

Are you planning to fish, hunt or look for wildlife this weekend? You’ll find the latest information on conditions and sightings for the places you want to go in the weekly Recreation Report.

Be sure to check out the latest **regulation updates** (especially for fishing) at the top of each zone or area update. You can find the updates by following the link below <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report>.



... SAVE THE DATES ...

MARCH	APRIL	MAY
14 –Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 P.M.	4 –City Council Meeting 6:00 P.M.	2 – City Council Meeting 6:00 P.M.
19 – Citizens Open Forum 6:00 A.M.—8:00 P.M.	11 – Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 P.M.	9 – Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 P.M.
21 – City Council Meeting 6:00 P.M.	18 – City Council Meeting 6:00 P.M.	16 – City Council Meeting 6:00 P.M.
28 – Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 P.M.	25 – Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 P.M.	23 – Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 P.M.

Did you know? Sound travels 15 times faster through steel than air.

Did you know? The oldest word in the English language is “town”.

Did you know? Spiders have transparent blood.

Did you know? You’ll eat more than 35,000 cookies in your lifetime.



CITY OF SHADY COVE CITIZENS

OPEN FORUM

The City of Shady Cove is hosting a Open Forum, to receive input from the Citizens of Shady Cove. Topics include:

- ◆ Future Needs of the City
- ◆ Drafting of the City Council Goals



WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH

WHERE: UPPER ROGUE COMMUNITY CENTER

TIME: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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 - ◆ Chelsea Marie Unforeseen Photography
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KSHD 94.3 FM

OFF AIR

TRANSMITTER DOWN

KSHD 94.3 FM has been off the air over the last couple of weeks. The station's transmitter went down, but good news! We have a new one on it's way. In the meantime, you can stream the station online at: www.shadycove.net We hope to be up again shortly!

Jackson County Fire District 4

2017 Calendar



JACKSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #4

Board Meetings are held on the Third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 A.M. Support Group meets monthly on the Second Monday of the month at 5:00 P.M. Both meetings are held at the Edgewater Inn.

The Fire District has openings for Budget Committee Members. For info go to: www.JCFD4.com.

We would like to thank FEMA for our 2018 Water Tender. It replaced the thirty year old water tender we were using.



SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES! Is yours working? If not call and we will be glad to install one.

ROGUE RIVER
WATERSHED COUNCIL

Shady Cove
and
Community
Volunteers

FESTIVAL ON THE ROGUE 2019

@FestivalOnTheRogue

Where: Upper Rogue Regional Park
7660 Rogue River Drive
Shady Cove, Oregon

When: June 8, 10 am to 4 pm

What: Our second annual Festival on the Rogue will be held next to the river from 10 am to 4 pm on June 8. The family-friendly event focuses on the upper Rogue watershed's natural wonders and recreational opportunities, as well as on ways to assure that they are passed on to future generations.

The 2019 festival will include: a large aquarium holding adult salmon and steelhead; a 25-foot inflatable salmon storytelling tent (weather permitting); visits from Smokey Bear; a variety of interesting exhibits; raffles for prizes including free same-day raft trips; artisans selling watershed, river, and nature-related arts, crafts, and photos; and other inexpensive activities and attractions for families, friends, and individuals.

Come on out and enjoy the fun! Visitor parking and admission to the festival will be free. Additional activities will occur in Shady Cove outside the park.

