

# City of Shady Cove INSIDER



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*"and a river runs through it!"*

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### ARTICLE OF INTEREST



**Yard  
Maintenance  
& Landscape  
Contractors  
with current  
Business  
Licenses  
good thru  
06/30/2021**

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## GRANT UPDATE

### GRANTS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES AVAILABLE

The City of Shady Cove has been seeking out grants from a variety of sources. Grants for Local Businesses Available.

Local businesses have the ability to apply for different pots of funding.

The 2020 Emergency Small Business and Micro-Enterprise Grant Assistance Program will have approximately \$18,200 to offer to businesses through a Community Development Block Grant. Applications and details are available from City Hall or online at [www.shadycove.org](http://www.shadycove.org).

Another way to access these grants is through the same process with Jackson County. Businesses must be located within the County to seek funding. Details again are online at [www.shadycove.org](http://www.shadycove.org) or by contacting Jackson County at <https://soredi.org/home/coronavirus-resources/jacksoncomatching/>.

The City has also applied for Small Business Relief Fund through Business Oregon, which would make another \$10,000 available. We were just notified that we were approved for this grant.

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## FROM MAYOR RICHARDSON'S DESK



Accepting the uncertainty and feeling the helplessness associated with the risks of coronavirus can cause our outlooks to vacillate from anxious to overwhelming. At times in life when contemplating what to do about something, my mother always gave me reliable two-step advice: get a good night's sleep and do the right thing. The health professionals in this situation say that the right thing is washing our hands regularly, wearing masks, and socially distancing. As a society, we tend to resist being told to follow such personal mandates but if we all give it a try, it could work.

Shady Cove has ended the 2019-20 fiscal year in a strong position financially and adopted the 2020-21 budget with estimated income just below \$1,500,000. Income estimates are traditionally conservative but additional reductions had to be made in response to the pandemic because there is so much uncertainty around tourism, travel, housing and those activities that generate income for the City. Grant funds are being used to pave and install curb, gutters and sidewalks on Schoolhouse Lane and to complete a housing and commercial inventory of the City. Other grant opportunities are also being pursued for City improvements.

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*From Mayor Richardson's Desk continued on page 2*

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

As I've mentioned in prior newsletters, the 2020 Census is very important to Shady Cove and Oregon. For instance, federal funds to state and local government are based on population and congressional representation is based on population. Currently, the State of Oregon has a 64.4% response rate but Shady Cove's response is only 47.6%. Starting around July 23, the non-response follow-up process is scheduled to begin in Shady Cove. Census takers will be going door-to-door and contacting households that have not yet provided census data. Please respond to this important, confidential process.

The City is searching for opportunities to secure grant funds for small businesses in Shady Cove that have been adversely affected by the economic situation associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. So far, we have identified the 2020 Emergency Small Business and Micro-Enterprise Grant Assistance Program. In this program, seven small cities (Rogue River, Butte Falls, Cave Junction, Central Point, Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Jacksonville, and Shady Cove) are grouped together to share \$150,000. Each city will receive \$15,000 and the remaining balance will be allocated to participating cities based on population. Shady Cove is in the pre-application phase and is now contacting businesses and distributing application forms. At this time, the City needs to know if a business intends to apply and how many employees are affected but the deadline for businesses to submit their applications will be later in July. There are other programs coming forward so we are looking for additional opportunities to help Shady Cove businesses and we intend to provide information on those as soon as they are available.

The news media and our own instincts seem to direct us toward things we are missing as a result of the pandemic. However, a healthier and more peaceful approach is to think about the many things we still have in our lives. Summer in Shady Cove is a beautiful season with colorful flowers blooming in our gardens and a fresh morning breeze coming through open windows. Fruit and vegetables are ripening in gardens and orchards. Plus, in Shady Cove, we have the beautiful Rogue River flowing right through the City.

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT—RIPARIAN ORDINANCE

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 the City's website. Use this link to get there quickly ... [Click here](#)

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.



## GRANT UPDATE ... *continued*

### CURRENTLY AT WORK FOR THE CITY –

Small Cities Allotment grants (SCA Grant) through ODOT were received totaling \$176,000. One of these grants is being used to install curb, gutter and sidewalk along Schoolhouse Lane. Work should be complete in the month of July, being done by Visar Construction so once schools open again, everyone can walk safely up to school.



The other Small Cities Allotment grant is being used to chip seal our smaller, dirt and gravel roads such as Heather, Sowell, Kinworthy, Chandra, Riverview, Train, and Mason. Jackson County has started the work already. Our goal is to have more accessible and safer roads as well as less dust for all residents and visitors.

We will seek additional funding to upgrade more areas in the coming year.

A DLCD grant has been approved for an inventory of our empty lots, both residential and commercial. This would help the City have a better understanding of what we can offer to attract new businesses and residents to our fair City. The work is being completed by Rogue Valley Council of Governments.

The next grant we have been approved for is a COVID Relief Fund grant for extra expenses incurred by the

City during this pandemic. When we had employees out during this period, we sought and will receive compensation for their time off due to isolation. The signing, disinfection products, and teleconferencing costs will also be reimbursed.

Still in the works - The City is seeking Community Development Block Grant funding for a feasibility study of our water lines and service in the City limits.

We are addressing our TMDL concerns with grants. That is the amount and makeup of runoff that enters our creeks and the Rogue River.

And finally, there is a chance of receiving funding from ODOT for a possible sidewalk headed south from the bridge.



# WEED ABATEMENT—NOXIOUS VEGETATION ORDINANCE No. 251—SECTION 2

**EFFECTIVE: MAY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30**

## WHAT IS NOXIOUS VEGETATION?

- ⇒ Weeds or grass more than 10 inches high.
- ⇒ Blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line.
- ⇒ Poison oak or ivy.
- ⇒ Vegetation that is a health hazard because it is near other combustibles, or a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of the public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous for pedestrians and/or vehicles.

## REMOVAL—RESPONSIBILITY

The owner, agent of owner and/or occupant of any lot or parcel of land within the limits of the City of Shady Cove shall cut and remove the weeds, grass, bushes and shrubbery growing thereon, or on adjacent and abutting streets between May 1st through September 30th of each year and where the same grows a second growth. If you are in the Floodplain ~ mowing and trimming is acceptable; however, complete removal of any vegetation will require a permit. *For more information, please call or email City Hall for more information.*

## NOTICE TO ABATE

It is expected that the property owner/occupant will comply voluntarily; however, should the owner/occupant fail or neglect to cut weeds, grass, or shrubbery as herein provided, the City shall serve a Weed Abatement Notice requiring that the property be abated within 14 days of notice.



## WEEDS DECLARED NUISANCE

The growth of grass, weeds, shrubbery, and vegetation upon vacant and other lots and parcels of land, the streets and alleys abutting thereon, in the City, during the summer season (May 1st—September 30th) constitutes a fire menace, and greatly increases the fire hazard in the City, and is declared to be a nuisance.



## FIRE SEASON—RESTRICTIONS

When fire danger is “High” or “Extreme,” the Department of Forestry sets restrictions levels that escalate according to the heat and dryness. Therefore, later in the summer, as fire danger worsens, using motorized equipment in combustible vegetation is allowed only until 1 p.m. or after 8 p.m., then until 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m., then not at all.

To keep up on the current restrictions please contact the Oregon Department of Forestry at (541) 776-7007.

## NEED HELP WITH REMOVAL?

A list of Landscape Maintenance and Contractors may be obtained by contacting Shady Cove City Hall at: (541) 878-2225 or by visiting the City’s website at: [www.shadycove.org](http://www.shadycove.org).



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## PARKING ORDINANCE

The Shady Cove City Charter and Rules of Government require two meetings for an ordinance to be approved by City Council. Proposed ordinances are available in writing to the public as part of the City Council Meeting Agenda on Friday prior to a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday of the following week. After the first reading of an ordinance, the Council may:

- \* *Direct that public hearing on the ordinance be held;*
- \* *Refer the ordinance to committee for review and recommendation;*
- \* *Refer the ordinance to the City Administrator for further revision;*
- \* *Pass the ordinance to a second reading; or*
- \* *Reject the ordinance in whole or in part*

Any amendments to a proposed ordinance must be read aloud or made available in writing to the public before the ordinance can be adopted at the second meeting. An affirmative vote of at least three members of the Council shall be necessary to pass an ordinance.

At the July 16<sup>th</sup> Shady Cove City Council Meeting, the agenda contained the first reading of Ordinance No. 296 – An Ordinance Regulating Traffic, Vehicle Parking, and Vehicle Storage in the City of Shady Cove, Oregon; Providing Penalties and Repealing Nos. 70 and 93. This ordinance is intended to improve the appearance and livability of our city and make it more attractive for businesses, homeowners, and tourists.

The series of events that led to this action included a survey conducted by the Shady Cove Planning Commission in September 2017. Citizens were asked what they liked about Shady Cove and what they did not like. The rundown appearance of the City including the business area, the lack of pride in property ownership, the lack of progress, and the negativity toward progress were common concerns.

In 2019, the City started conducting public forums where citizens could come and voice their thoughts on city-related topics. In April, the questions we asked the attendees were “What do you want Shady Cove to be in 5 years?” And “How are we going to get there?” Under the City shortcomings, they again identified “trashy looking property” and “poor response to change that resulted in inaction”.

You can see that the appearance of our City and our reluctance to do anything about it is a recurring theme in Shady Cove. City Hall regularly receives complaints about abandoned and inoperable vehicles as well as dangerous and inappropriate parking in residential neighborhoods. Staff is told that citizens cannot peacefully enjoy their homes because cars are coming and going at all time of the day and night, property values are affected by other properties that look like junk yards, and Shady Cove cannot attract successful businesses or attractive housing because of the appearance of some neighborhoods. The City cannot do anything about these complaints because we have no ordinances that prohibit the number, condition, or location of cars parked in residential neighborhoods.

On February 19 of this year, City Council held a work session to address this issue and it was attended by the entire Council with the exception of Councilor Mitchell who had a previous commitment. We used our current ordinances, ordinances from 2 other cities, Jackson County regulations and Oregon Revised Statutes to discuss changes to our current ordinances. As a result of that meeting and the input of those present, we drafted Ordinance No. 296.

As part of the adoption process, Council planned to discuss parking in Shady Cove at the April Public Forum. However, COVID-19 required us to cancel all of our monthly public forums and most other public meetings



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## **PARKING ORDINANCE ... *continued***

held in person.

Before the July 16 Meeting, we received comments that were incorporated into an amended version of Ordinance No. 296 and will make additional amendments based on input since that time. Ordinance No. 296 has been referred to the City Administrator for further revision. During the public comment portion of the meeting, some citizens stated that they live in homes that have existing RV parking with proper permits and their property is clean and well-maintained. Properties meeting that description would not attract the complaint required for the City to send a code enforcement officer to enforce Ordinance No. 296.

Another comment was that the City does not have the resources to enforce codes. Two years ago, that would have been a true statement but at this time, Shady Cove contracts with the Jackson County Sheriff Department. They provide 2 Community Service Officers each working one day a week in Shady Cove. Since early summer they have been making a significant difference in code enforcement here.

In the 2017 Planning Commission survey, another problem expressed by citizens who responded to the survey was “gossip and small town drama”. Recently, there has been a wide distribution of misleading information. Citizens have expressed concerns that the City will send code enforcement officers out counting cars and writing tickets. That is not the case. Code enforcement in Shady Cove is complaint-based with the exception of overgrown weeds, dangerous trees or other issues that are potential safety hazards. When the City receives a complaint about property with high weeds and potential fire danger; trash, waste, or junk creating a hazard or eyesore in a neighborhood, drainage onto adjoining property, the code enforcement officer is asked to go and determine if it is against City Ordinance. In order to respond to complaints of neighborhood blight caused by vehicles, we need to have the tools to address that issue as well.

*Parking Ordinance continued on page 7* [READ MORE](#) ➔



**FOR MAKING SHADY COVE  
A BETTER PLACE !**

### **Oregon Department of Forestry**



**SWO FIRE**

**OFFICIAL BLOG OF SW OREGON DISTRICT**

Curious to the current fire restrictions and stats? Bookmark this link and have all of the news at your fingertips!

[CLICK FOR MORE INFO](#)

**PARKING ORDINANCE... *continued***



## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



### 2020—2021 Flag Program

WE JUST KICKED OFF YEAR 2 OF OUR DECORATIVE FLAG PROGRAM WITH 33 MEMBERS/DONATORS!!! THANKS TO THESE VERY GENEROUS COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS, OUR TRADITION OF SPLASHING THE CITY WITH SEASONAL COLOR CAN CONTINUE. AS YOU SHOP AND SOCIALIZE AROUND SHADY COVE, PLEASE BE SURE TO GIVE THEM A FRIENDLY WAVE.

62 Burgers & Brews	Indian Creek Mini Storage	Shady Cove Chevron/Circle K (Colvin Oil)
Active Property Management/ Fitzsimmons Investments, Inc.	Keiffer's Before & After	Shady Cove Family Dentistry
Bargains on the Rogue II	Leisure Day's, LLC	Shady Cove Hardware
Bella Chalet	Lile International	Shady Cove Pharmacy
Book-N-More	Lucky's II	Shady Cove Riverhouse
Communications & Power Engineering	Maple Leaf Motel	Shady Cove Station
Clearwater Recycling (D & D Onsite Servicing)	Ruth Miller	Stoebe Services
Direct Physical Therapy	Phil's Frosty	Art & Mary Stirling
Edgewater Inn	RF Vaughn Realty, Inc.	TC Technologies, LLC
Goebel's Country Store & BBQ	RKR Properties, LLC	Western Rock Reduction Co.
High Country Arts	Scorpius Arms, LLC	Windermere Trails End Real Estate, LLC

This program is open to businesses, organizations and private parties to partake in our efforts to welcome visitors in our City with a splash of color along the Highway 62 corridor and provide our residents with a sense of pride and solidarity.

For the 1—year membership fee of \$50.00, your business or residence will be provided with a flag mounting bracket and flag pole on which the seasonal flag in effect can proudly be displayed. Together, we can dress up downtown with seasonal color and spirit, and help to better establish Shady Cove as a desirable tourist destination. For information on how you too can have a seasonal flag displayed, please contact City Hall.

[READ MORE](#) →

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## AUNT CAROLINE'S PARK

We are in the final stretch of the Aunt Caroline's Park beautification and upgrade! Left on the "to do" list is the completion of the ADA ramp, which will be available for use as soon as the handrail is reworked to comply with allowable rail height tolerances. The Contractor is actively working the issue, so we are hopeful that the problem will be resolved quickly. Once complete (and inspected), the tape will come down and the ramp will be open to the public for use. We thank you for your patience during this construction phase. Oh, and as a reminder, we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Though we work very hard to keep the park clean, we can't control who has used the park amenities before you, so please do take care.



### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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#### JCLD FINALIZES TRANSFER OF FACILITIES

Medford, Oregon (July 8, 2020)— At a special board meeting on June 25, 2020, the Jackson County Library District's Board of Directors finalized the transfer of the existing titles and/or lease agreements for all 15 branches in the system from Jackson County to the Jackson County Library District, representing the transfer of all of Jackson County's remaining interest in the library system to the District. The transfer was initiated in connection with the sunset of the bonds utilized to pay for the construction of a majority of the library branches on Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

"This is an amazing moment," said Board Vice President Cathy Shaw. "Twenty years ago, the bonds passed to build or improve all of our branches. Then in 2007, the largest closure of a library system in the nation happened. The libraries bounced back, thanks to the contract with Library Systems and Services (LS&S). We would not be where we are today without their partnership."

Board Director Jill Turner also thanked Jackson County for their ongoing support and partnership. A relationship with the County will continue, as the District has contracted with them for maintenance of the facilities. "They know and care about our buildings," said Turner.

JCLD Legal Counsel Jacquelyn Bunick worked with District Administrator Lisa Marston to negotiate the final agreements with the County, and the cities, towns, and special districts involved in the transfer of ownership of the buildings.

The Library District looks forward to continuing to provide library services throughout the County and celebrates this milestone.

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### About Jackson County Library Services:

The mission of the Jackson County Library District is to connect everyone to information, ideas, and each other. With 15 branches throughout the county, community meeting rooms, programs, outreach to homebound residents and to childcare centers, computer classes, free internet access, 24-hour online resources, and a staff of experts, library services touch nearly every Jackson County resident. For more information about library services and locations, visit [jcls.org](http://jcls.org).

**IMAGINE YOUR STORY**

**SHADY COVE TAKE & MAKE SCHEDULE**

**SUMMER 2020**

**What is a Take & Make?**

Take & Make's are hands on activities for you and your family to do at home that don't always require a screen! Here are the activities that are available at your branch! Please know that these are only available **while supplies last**.

**August**

August 9-15: Traveling Lantern Show Code: Sherlock Holmes Takes the Case  
August 23-29: Make a Kaleidoscope

# YARD MAINTENANCE & LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS

with Current Business Licenses  
2020 – 2021

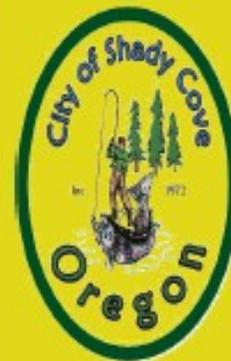
ORDINANCE 251  
WEED ABATEMENT: NOXIOUS VEGETATION  
EFFECTIVE ANNUALLY;  
**MAY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30**

■ Asure Cut	541-630-0077
■ Clayton V Poulton Landscape & Maintenance	541-621-9762
■ Crater Landscape Management	541-951-3636
■ Eichenlaub's Lawn Care & Clean Up	541-324-2709
■ Elite Landscaping & Lawn Care	541-878-8474
■ Genesis Landscape Maintenance	541-890-5523
■ Greenway Spray, LLC	541-622-9949
■ Ground Control So. Oregon, LLC	541-776-2275
■ MF Products and Services	541-770-0232
■ Milestone Landscape Group, LLC	541-664-6543
■ Osorio's Yard & Garden Care	541-951-8555
■ Rich's Property Maintenance	541-531-4361
■ Tru Green Chem Lawn	541-858-8990
■ Upper Rogue Landscaping	541-531-1090

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## HOMEOWNERS AND CONTRACTORS:

ANY WORK BEING DONE NEAR THE RIVER MUST ADHERE TO RIPARIAN ORDINANCE 279.  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE INQUIRE PRIOR TO BEGINNING ANY WORK.

# 2020 MUSIC IN THE PARK SERIES

Aunt Caroline's Park, Hwy 62, Shady Cove, OR



**FOGLINE**  
Saturday June 20th, 6-8 PM

**CANCELLED**

**BLUE LIGHTNING**  
Saturday July 11th, 6-8 PM

**DANIELLE KELLY SOUL PROJECT**  
Saturday August 15th, 6-8 PM

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED DUE TO COVID

**FRANKIE HERNANDEZ**  
Saturday September 5th, 6-8 PM

**FREE**  
ADMISSION



Food truck(s) will be onsite  
Bring a blanket, chair,  
and picnic.

Upcoming meetings & events can be found on the City's website:

[www.shadycove.org](http://www.shadycove.org)

Refer to agendas posted online to verify if the meeting will be held in City Hall or telephonically.

## AUGUST

6 – City Council Meeting 6:00 P.M.

13 – Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 P.M.

20 – City Council Meeting 6:00 P.M.

27 – Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 P.M.

## CITY ELECTIONS & VACANCIES

The City of Shady Cove is accepting applications for the appointment to fill vacant Planning Commission Positions No. 2 and No. 4. Applicants must have lived within Shady Cove city limits for at least the last 12 months and are a registered voter in the State of Oregon.

Application packets for Mayor and Council Positions can be obtained at City Hall. Please call in advance to make an appointment with the City Administrator. These packets are not available online.

Appointment of Planning Commissioners will be made by the City Council at the Council Meeting on Thursday, August 6th, 2020. at 6:00 P.M.

**COMMISSIONER APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON JULY 31, 2020. APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT:**



### THE CITY OF SHADY COVE OFFERS MANY CONVENIENT WAYS TO PAY YOUR MONTHLY UTILITY BILL.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

#### FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

Have your monthly bill automatically withdrawn from your bank account with **Auto Pay** or **Bill Pay!**

#### ACH DIRECT PAYMENT

Complete an [ACH Direct Payment Agreement](#) and have your checking or savings account automatically debited each billing cycle on/or around the 16th of each month.

Sign me up!

#### BY PHONE

Call City Hall at (541) 878-8206 to make a payment with a debit or credit card. Your card numbers are never stored.

#### BY MAIL

Mail your payment and remittance slip to:  
City of Shady Cove PO Box 1210 Shady Cove, OR 97539

#### IN PERSON

Pay your utility bill at City Hall. Payments can be made with cash, check, debit/credit card or money order. A payment drop box is located in front of City Hall for quick drop off or after hours. **DO NOT PLACE CASH IN DROP BOX.**