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City of Shady Cove INSIDER

MEET YOUR NEW PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM COMMISSION



City of Shady Cove

"and a river runs through it!"

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(click here)



The Shady Cove Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Committee (PRT) has been working diligently to help rejuvenate our little city. For the past six weeks, PRT has been brainstorming on ways that Shady Cove can become a better partner with our neighboring cities and townships. We have also been focused on how we can brighten and clean up our downtown area to make it more appealing and inviting to not just our citizens, but to our local communities and travelers as well. (Continued next page)

FROM MAYOR BALL'S DESK



It has been a busy first quarter of the year for the City Council and the City of Shady Cove. After a hectic settling in period, our pace has slackened just a bit to allow time for a deep breath. The last few months have seen multiple workshops and council meetings with goals and moving forward with City-wide improvements at the forefront.

A top priority for us was the filling of our many council, commission and committee positions. Thank you to all the applicants who answered our call for help. For many of our interview sessions, we had more applicants than available positions!

For Council, we welcomed Steve Mitchell to fill the seat vacated by a previous Council member. Steve's experience, history and attention to detail is a great benefit to your Council.

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**Yard
Maintenance
& Landscape
Contractors
with current
Business
Licenses
good thru
end of
2022**

FROM MAYOR BALL's DESK ... *continued*

We also filled our newly renamed "Parks, Recreation and Tourism" Commission (or PRT for short). Again, we had more applicants than positions. All great applicants and hopefully long-time City volunteers.

Same goes for the Planning Commission and Budget Committee. We now have all positions filled and these groups are moving forward in a big way. Please see the Planning Commission article in this newsletter for updates on the work they are doing.

In addition to fully staffing our many Commissions and Committees, we have also managed to start the process of making real improvements to our City. Some will be realized soon, others will help set the City up for success moving forward.

First up, the City completed the upgrade to our Zoom meeting capabilities for better participation from remote connections. Please join not only the City Council meetings, but also the Planning Commission and maybe even a PRT meeting live via this greatly improved Zoom capability.

Next, Council has moved forward on and is working to finalize a large Digital Information Sign in front of City Hall. We hope to coordinate this with the same type of sign that will soon be installed at the Fire District #4 location. Together, these signs will be a great way of constant communication with the City's residents and a vital source of information in times of emergency.

With an eye toward our future, Council and our City Staff have tasked the updating and/ or refurbishing of our City welcome signs to the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission. Our goal is to begin energizing the City of Shady Cove with an updated "City Brand" and strive to make Shady Cove a destination for not just regional vacationers but also start to attract national tourism when possible. And we would like to accomplish this while not losing the small town rural feel we all love. What a mission right?

After just three months as the Mayor, I have been through a great range of emotions. What I do know is we all live in a very unique and beautiful City with qualities and assets unmatched by most of our state and only found in Southern Oregon. I ask again, please get involved, please volunteer and please be a part of what is ahead for our Shady Cove Community.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Mayor. JB

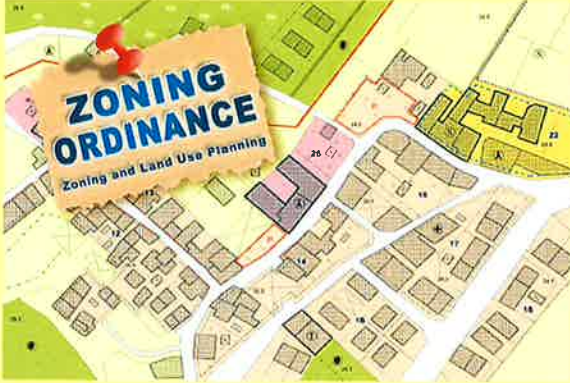
Parks, Recreation, and Tourism continued from Page 1

Our vision may be a bit hazy now, but the more we meet, talk and interact with the community, that vision will become ever more clear. We want to hear more stories of the history of Shady Cove: about our fishing, logging, mining and the Native Americans who were here long before any of us. While we have had quite a bit of community involvement in our meetings and workshops, we would love to see more of our citizens contribute their thoughts and ideas to help us bring a beautiful and vibrant future to Shady Cove. As a teaser, here are just a few ideas that PRT is working on (pending approval): New city welcome signs; City beautification; Patriotic flag raising ceremony and breakfast; and a Shady Cove float in the Eagle Point 4th of July event. Details will be available on the City website as they become available. Yes, we are busy.

Please come and join our team!

<https://shadycove.org/volunteering/>





City of Shady Cove Planning Commission

Let's begin with a simple introduction to planning, with the emphasis being on the Planning Commission. Much like a family, we have individuals, each with their own particular skills and priorities. Yet each are bound together by important responsibilities, traditions, legal and economic concerns as well as common needs and experiences. The big difference between a family making decisions for their needs and our family of Commissioners is the scope of the decision making. The Planning Commission is not the answer for every concern. However, good community planning can do much to help a community face the issues that need to be confronted. Effective decision making involving the community avoids the worse hazards, while optimizing our local resources. Effective planning and compliance with Statewide Planning goals, can and will make Shady Cove a better place.

Every city must develop its own list of issues and concerns, find its own solutions and most importantly, identify a vision for its future. In Shady Cove, that process includes complying with current codes and standards. As our City grows and evolves, so will our Planning Commission.

"Today's problems cannot be solved by the same level of thinking that created them"--
Albert Einstein.

Planning Commission Chair, Art Stirling

WEED ABATEMENT—NOXIOUS VEGETATION ORDINANCE #304

EFFECTIVE: ALL YEAR ROUND!

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 all year round. 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.***

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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, all year round. It 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.



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Important

SHADY COVE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Got a few free hours each month? Want to meet new friends? Want to leave a lasting positive mark on this City? If YES, then we've got an opportunity for you!

Throughout its existence, Shady Cove has relied heavily on volunteers to help City Hall "get things done". It is thanks to these individuals that Shady Cove can not only comfortably exist, but also thrive and even have fun! Sadly, at present, our volunteer base is extremely lean, and this is having a negative affect on some of Shady Cove's critical services, two of which are Emergency Management and Parks & Recreation. If you have some free time and feel that you can contribute in these areas, please apply! Not sure what these positions entail? Please contact City Hall and they can answer any questions you may have, but in summary:

Emergency Management Commission: Meets 1 or 2 times a month to study, recommend and promote changes and improvements to how Shady Cove prepares and responds to emergencies. This can include recommendation of a siren, reader board, or other technology to help alert citizens; it can include creation of community response teams to help citizens in times of need; it can include working to ensure that Shady Cove has the resources to save this City from fire . . . the list goes on.

Shady Cove Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Commission: Has big plans for this City - Celebrations, new City Welcome Signs, a City brand, and City beautification efforts. All exciting stuff, however, they can't do it alone. **They need help!** If you have some time to spare, please consider lending a hand by joining **Shady Cove Volunteer Group**. As a member of this group, we can reach out to you with volunteer opportunities that you can accept, (or not), based on your talents and availability. It's a win/win for all. You work when you want; your efforts will help Shady Cove grow and thrive. Sounds like fun? Please contact City Hall for a Shady Cove Volunteer Group application. We look forward to welcoming you to our team!

Contact City Hall at: 541-878-2225, or on our website at www.shadycove.org





Next time, some information on fishing our local lakes.



Fishing the Upper Rogue: What's Happening Now!

It is spring on the Upper Rogue so what do I fish for and where?

The Rogue River has four fish runs each year. 2 - Steelhead and 2 - Salmon

Let's break it down for current fishing conditions:

There is the Winter Steelhead run. This year, the Upper Rogue is experiencing a very late run but they have been showing good numbers since mid-March and continue to be active in the Upper Rogue. Guides have been hooking up daily as well as bank anglers. Here is the great part: the Summer Salmon run is officially on the board and the opportunity to catch both fish and a few trout are all in play for the avid fisherman.

Here are a few things to remember when fishing the Upper Rogue. Licensed anglers have a right to the river via the water up to the highwater mark. There is a lot of private property along the river so be respectful and ask permission for access as well as obeying the signs. Trout retention at any time is limited to stock fish only (ie. The Adipose fin is removed). Natural trout must be released unharmed.

Finally for this edition, remember that the "Holy Waters", the section of river above the Hatchery to the base of the dam, is always "Artificial flies, barbless, and Catch and Release only". The "Hatchery Hole" just below the Hatchery is closed most of the year with special restrictions when open. So be knowledgeable when you fish and avoid any unwanted outcomes.



**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](#)



LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Do you need help paying your water bill?

ACCESS can help.

A new federal assistance program, the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program, is available to help eligible households pay their water and wastewater (sewer) bills.

For more information and to apply, please contact:

**ACCESS Energy
Assistance Department**
(541) 779-9020

ACCESS can also help with:

- Energy bills
- Housing assistance
- Food & nutrition assistance
- Veteran's assistance...and more!



Call City Hall now at 541-878-8206 for more information—Monday through Friday from 8 AM until 5 PM.

Have a water bill in an adult household member's name.—
If your water bill is in your landlord or property management company's name, contact ACCESS to discuss and apply, as there are some extra steps in that case.

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

www.shadycove.org

Refer to agendas posted online for specific information and Zoom link.

May 2023

4 – City Council Meeting 6:00 PM

11– Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM

18– City Council Meeting 6:00 PM

25– Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM

CITY ELECTIONS & VACANCIES

The City of Shady Cove is accepting applications for the

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
And

Shady Cove Volunteer Group

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT:

[Application for Commission or Committee](#)



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) 878-2225 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.**

YOU ARE INVITED

Join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the library's expanded hours!



Friday
April 21
9:30 am

Shady Cove Library
22477 State
Highway 62

