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"and a river runs through it!"

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INSIDER RETURNS!

The latest edition of the City of Shady Cove's newsletter THE INSIDER returns! Copies will be available for review only at the County Library, the Upper Rogue Community Center, and City Hall. But why not just get your own? You can receive your copy of the INSIDER by signing up online at www.shadycove.org. It only takes a minute! Get all the info on what's happening and when!



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FROM MAYOR BALL'S DESK

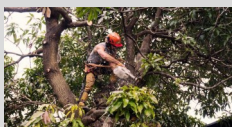


Since becoming the Mayor of Shady Cove, not a day goes by that I don't learn something new. When I was informed that the City newsletter would be returning, which I think is fantastic, I was also asked to provide a little something for the "Comments from the Mayor's Desk" column. At this, I had to chuckle because ironically, I didn't have a desk! So after a little online surfing, a desk/work table was found, ordered and delivered. Now the hard part, putting it together.

The first step was to find and read the instructions . . . no problem. In no time, I was off and running, and as I confidently began assembling the work table using the step-by-step guide, I started to think, "man, I wish I had instructions on being Mayor!"

Fast forward 10 minutes and my "easy can do" perception started to wobble. After fumbling with parts and dropping the legs a few times, I finally broke down, asked and received help from my wife. A short time later, we successfully achieved completion! Now I have a great working area. So, how does this relate to our City, my role as Mayor and the City newsletter? Hmmmm.. As I begin my term as Mayor, it is becoming apparent that there is no clear set of instructions. I

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

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

do have examples set by previous Mayors and Councilors, but is a great example from 10 years ago still relevant today? Maybe, maybe not. The more I look for answers, the more questions I seem to have. At this point, the only thing I can say with certainty is that I will never find the elusive "Shady Cove Mayor How-To Handbook". Rather, I will need to learn as I go to create the "instructions" this Council will need to be successful for our community. And more importantly, as Mayor, I cannot succeed alone. I need your help.

At our first Council meeting of 2023, I proposed (and Council agreed) that we would meet 4 times each month (2 regular Council meetings and 2 workshops), all of which are open to the public. We will perform to this aggressive schedule because we have a lot of work to do, and not a moment to waste. In addition, public forums will be sprinkled in to give the public freer access to Council to express concerns and ideas. If you can, please try to attend these meetings now and then to keep informed of the issues being addressed AND to provide input as appropriate.

Want to do more? The City of Shady Cove could really use your help. At present we have openings on most of our Committees/ Commissions. Our Council has just 4 members, and though each has committed to work hard for Shady Cove, we can only do so much. We need fully functioning Committees and Commissions to help us tackle our long list of goals. Since moving to Shady Cove, I have been constantly amazed with its people and their kindness towards each other. Is there a better way to help your neighbor than to get involved in your City's future? Please consider volunteering and getting involved at a level that feels right to you. If nothing else please become a volunteer building and supporting "unity".

Unity, teamwork and communication are things that have languished over the past few years. My goal is to work with you to get them back on track. Only then will Shady Cove truly prosper.

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 ...

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.

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News from the Upper Rogue Community Center

As we close out the year 2022, we would like to review what has transpired during the past 12 months. The biggest improvement was the replacement of the 40-year-old roof on the original URCC building. This was made possible through the generous grants from West Family Foundation and the Evelyn Nye, Oregon Community Foundation.

The long-awaited generator to supply back up power to the Community Center has finally arrived. Installation is expected to be completed by late January. Again, we would like to thank Pacific Power Corporation and Carpenter Foundation and United Way for funding this important project. To improve security at the facility and in preparation for the generator project, chain link fencing and a new powered gate at the entrance have recently been added. We would also like to thank Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation for their support.

The Thrift Shop, a popular hub for the community, is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00-3:00 p.m. The Thrift Shop volunteers are an incredible, creative and cohesive team who love serving the customers. Our sincere gratitude goes out to the community for their support in fundraising and patronizing our Thrift Shop which helps to support our Center.

Community begins with drawing people together and so we invite you to join us at the Monday morning Coffee Social from 9:00 till noon. A Children's Dance class has started up every Thursday evening and the Art class offered every Wednesday morning is still going strong as is the Boy Scouts program which meets twice a month on Monday evenings. Keep fit with the morning Aerobics class which meets every Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Yoga classes are held on Tuesday & Thursday mornings and an evening class on Wednesday.

Other vital services are the URCC Food Pantry that is offered every Thursday from 10:00-12:00. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization and we thank everyone who has worked tirelessly with their time, treasure, and talent to build up our community and make the URCC programs a

success.

Please mark your calendars and join us for the popular Annual Chili Cookoff and Dessert Auction to be held on February 25th- It will prove to be a fun evening.

If anyone would like to join our volunteer staff, please contact us at 541-878-2702. For additional programs and services please see our website at www.upperrogucommunitycenter or Facebook pages (URCC and Thrift Shop).

URCC Board

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.



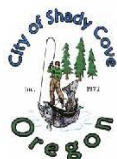
FIRE SEASON— RESTRICTIONS

When fire danger is “**High**” or “**Extreme**,” the Department of Forestry sets restriction 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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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.

Parks & Recreation Commission: Meets 1 or 2 times a month to address park improvements and maintenance, tourism, and other recreational opportunities. This can include: planning events to bring shoppers into the city; finding a solution to keep the Aunt Caroline bathrooms open on weekends and holidays; working with county business organizations to help revitalize our downtown, and more.

Shady Cove desperately needs creative minds and helping hands. Please be a part of our team. Contact City Hall at: 541-878-2225.



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MEET YOUR 2023 CITY COUNCIL!



Jon Ball

There is strength in UNITY. Working together, Shady Cove can only grow and prosper.



Kathy Nuckles

Let's make 2023 the start of great times for Shady Cove. Together we will succeed.



Paige Winfrey

I am so grateful to have been elected to serve the citizens of my hometown. I am really enjoying the enthusiasm this Council has shown and the progress being made for the future is electrifying.



Jim Hubbard

We had a great turnout for our first Council meeting and I look forward to your continued participation. Together with your participation at Council, commission, and committee meetings, we will strengthen our community and further enhance our awesome City of Shady Cove.



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.



Shady Cove Library News



Every winter the library invites you to join Rogue Reads. This is a 3-month program in which you read the selected books, download discussion guides, and register for programs. There are opportunities to win prizes.

Friday January 6th the library will host CD Scratch Art, for 13 years and older. Paint an old CD, then scratch a design onto the CD for a unique holographic look. From 2:00 – 3:00pm.

The Nielson's will present on Alaska January 17th from 5:00 – 6:00pm. Please join us for some refreshments, and a wonderful presentation on this great state. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the SC library.

January 24th 4:00 – 5:00pm Movement & Me: A musical sensory experience for kids 3 and over. This is a special program of songs and play with a ribbon wand decorated by participants. This program is for all children, but especially welcoming for those who may have a challenging time in a more traditional setting.

February 3rd Live Looping with Larry, 4:00-5:00 for 13 + years. Larry Smith is a music professor, who will create original music in a live looping session. Live looping involves recording, layering, and texturing tracks. Audience participation is invited.

February 10th, 3:00 – 4:00pm Silent Disco Dance Party. 13 + years. Join us with your own mobile device, headphones, and funky attire, and we will take care of the rest: food, glow sticks, music.

February 15th 3:00 – 4:00pm Musical Mobiles, 7 + years. Create a music themed mobile out of various materials.

February 17th 3:00 – 4:00pm Songs that tell stories 5+ years. Hear stories and participate in making music with local story teller Laura Rich. Laura Rich is a percussionist with the Art Council of Southern Oregon.

Niagara Falls on 2-21, The Nielson's will present a program on Niagara Falls & the Erie Canal. Refreshments available.

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.

February 2023

2— City Council Meeting 6:00 PM

9— Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM

16— City Council Meeting 6:00 PM

23— Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM

CITY ELECTIONS & VACANCIES

The City of Shady Cove is accepting applications for the Parks Commission and Emergency Management Commission.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT:

[Application for Commission or Committee](#)

Or contact City Hall at 541-878-2225.



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.**