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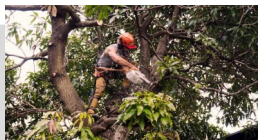
"Small Town, Big Adventures"

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**Yard
Maintenance
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with current
Business
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The City does
not suggest
any specific
contractor.**

FROM MAYOR BALL'S DESK



FEES OR TAXES

NONE, ONE, OR BOTH??

Shady Cove is a city that remains in the 1970's and 80's. Myself being a child of the late 70's and 80's, I believe it was the best time in our country's history (not to mention its music lives today and will always be the best in my opinion). The downside to that is the fixed tax rates established for Shady Cove in 1972-73 do not pay or support the economy or city infrastructure needed to make Shady Cove the city it needs to be today.

We have a very unique situation in our city. We are greatly divided between fixed income retired residents, aging veterans, and retirees who have come here to live out their lives in the beauty that is the Upper Rogue and Shady Cove. Add to the mix, the younger families that are caught in the difficult situation of wanting to raise their children in a rural environment and the affordability to do so. Each of these groups has different priorities, all of which are valid and must be considered.

So how do we move forward with catching up to just the standard norm of what is needed in city staffing, street maintenance, business growth, and the need for long-term water? And as if this isn't enough, throw in the next level of needs that include planning for a future for our city parks and youth involvement.

As a city, we can once again wait for a rich businessman to come in and build water infrastructure and other resources to help the city. Been there, done that. Didn't work real well long term. Alternatively, we can start working together for the future of Shady Cove.

Fees are a real hard issue for me as it is really nothing more than a tax equally placed on all residents. Fees don't differentiate between those more able to accept the increase and the ones who cannot. A tax, on the other hand, is based on the value of something, and so helps to spread the burden to all the community fairly. Those whose assets are worth more, pay more; Everyone else, pays less.

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I know the word "TAX" is like calling your mother something not very nice, but a city is only as healthy, growing and inviting to people (new residents, businesses and tourists), when it is just that: healthy, growing and truly inviting.

During the last few years, I have heard, listened and read of some people (some not even residents of Shady Cove) call to "Unincorporate" the City. Anyone with any financial knowledge would see and acknowledge the great harm this would do to the residents of Shady Cove. Our property taxes make up a very small amount of our general fund and income to the City. The largest amount comes from the fact that the City IS incorporated, and these funds would be lost, crippling the community of Shady Cove, if we forego our "Incorporated" status..

On the flip side, I guess I also see that we as a city have maintained ourselves through all these years and could very easily just keep going that direction (with cuts to services as necessary, and even less maintenance and repairs as the cost skyrockets and the income to cover these items remains virtually the same as 40 years ago).

So SHADY COVE what do we do? Continue on our path towards none of the improvements we need? Or do we begin to change and grow in a way that best represents and supports our diverse population? In other words, find ways to increase revenue for the future of our city and its residents, both young, old, children and those to come..... ***It is a question we need to answer together as a City and as a community of people working together.***

To be continued . . .

SO, WHAT IS COMING UP? - SAVE THE DATES!

Every week, Council or one of Shady Cove's many Commissions/ Committees meet to discuss City business, decide land use issues, plan events, make us fire-wise & emergency-ready, and more. Want to be part of Shady Cove's future? Come to a meeting! Meeting dates are published online on www.shadycove.org.

For family fun, check out the Parks, Recreation & Tourism article in this edition for details on upcoming events. In summary:

- October 14th - 20th / Harvest Fall - Scarecrow Stroll & Best Scarecrow/Gourd Carving Contests
- November 11th / Flag Raising Ceremony – In Honor of Veterans Day
- December 8th / Shady Cove Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration

Other community events can be found on the City calendar:
www.shadycove.org/community-events





City of Shady Cove Planning Commission

By: Commissioner Lena Richardson

Fifty years ago, Oregon adopted a landmark course of action, the Oregon Land Use Planning Program. In the 1960s and 1970s, rapid population growth in Oregon raised concerns about urban sprawl. In 1973, with the goal of protecting farm and forest land while controlling urban growth, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 100 creating the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

Oregon now has 19 statewide planning goals which require planning, management, and protection of agricultural land, forest land, open spaces, scenic and historical resources, natural resources, recreational opportunities, housing, transportation, and public access to beaches.

Oregon Land Use Law requires the state, counties, and cities to adopt a comprehensive plan consistent with the statewide planning goals and the zoning and development ordinances needed to put the plan into effect. Cities were given the authority to create planning commissions to make the local decisions required to conform to their state-approved comprehensive plan and ordinances and to make recommendations to City Council.

Any decisions made by the Planning Commission must be in conformance with our local comprehensive plan and ordinances as well as state land use law. Personal opinions of Planning Commissioners have no relevance in decision-making. All decisions may be appealed to the City Council and the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals.

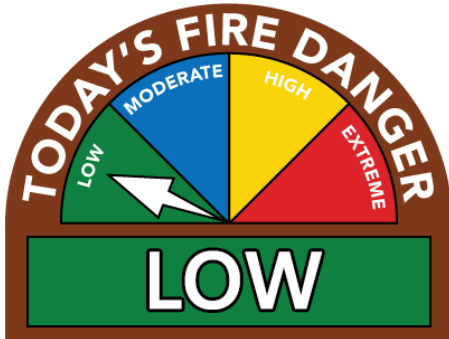
Fifty years ago, Oregon created a benchmark program for responsible land use management. The first of the 19 planning goals is citizen involvement, not just at the state level but at all levels of government throughout the state.

PROTECT THE RIPARIAN ZONE

Before doing any work within 75 feet of the Rogue River, please ensure that you have the proper riparian permit(s). Violators may be subject to fines and restoration of the damaged area(s).



ANNOUNCEMENTS



FIRE DANGER: **LOW**

Due to widespread rain, the fire danger level on Oregon Department of Forestry Southwest Oregon District-protected lands in Jackson and Josephine counties will decrease to "low" (green) as of Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

LEAF DROP - STARTING OCT 9

Bring your LOOSE leaves (no bags) to the Shady Cove Public Works Building at 1008 Celtic Circle. NO garbage, sticks, or other yard debris will be accepted. Pine needles are okay. PLEASE DO NOT OVERFILL THE TRAILER.



SHADY COVE HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE

Check out our new Facebook page to learn the latest about what is happening in our City. Be it an event, a highway road closure or emergency information, you will find it here:

www.facebook.com/ShadyCoveOregon

WE ARE HELPING YOU TO STAY INFORMED!

Shady Cove is in the process of installing an electronic reader board along Hwy 62 in front of City Hall. This sign will display messages 24x7 to keep you informed of emergency directives, road closures/reroutes, upcoming events, and other public service announcements.



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.

Www.shadycove.org 541-878-2225

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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PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM (PRT)

BY: COMMISSIONER MARY PULCINI

Summer has come & gone, and fall is upon us! This summer, we hit the ground running to bring out the best of living and playing in Shady Cove.

Here are some of our successes so far this year:

Flag Program: Shady Cove joined the American Flag Program to place flags on our bridge and city property in honor of our veterans.

Flag Raising Ceremony and Pancake Breakfast: The city hosted this very successful event in conjunction with the American Flag Raising program. Over a hundred people came!

Beautification - Hanging Basket Program: We hung 30 flower baskets throughout the downtown area to bring in the spirit of summer and a welcoming look to our city. They have been a hit, and the bridge has never looked so good!

Rebranding of Shady Cove: With the community's help, "Small Town, Big Adventures" is the official slogan for Shady Cove.

June / Festival on the Rogue Event: We held a booth to promote the businesses in Shady Cove. It was a well-attended event that promoted life in and around the Rogue River.

July 4th / Upper Rogue Chamber Event: The City of Shady Cove joined the Upper Rogue Chamber of Commerce to promote the town of Shady Cove. PRT participated by entering a float in the parade and hosting a vendor booth. Our float won 2nd place!!!

September 24th / Happy Birthday Shady Cove: This was the party of the year! See the separate article on this fantastic event.

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UPCOMING FROM PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM:

October 14th - 20th / Harvest Fall-Scarecrow Stroll & Best Scarecrow/Gourd Carving Contests:

Three Harvest Celebrations are planned!

First, we are encouraging the local businesses to participate in decorating their storefronts for the town's "Harvest Fall-Scarecrow Stroll", which will run from Oct. 14th to Oct. 20th. We want to encourage the town folks to catch the fall spirit by strolling downtown to vote for your favorite business's décor at their place of business.

Next, residents are invited to decorate their homes in a fun scarecrow theme. Decorate your home, register your address with the PRT and you will be entered into the judging which will take place Oct. 14th & 15th.

And to cap it off, Shady Cove PRT is partnering with SC elementary school's PTO to host the Best Scarecrow and Gourd Carving Contests at their Harvest Carnival event on Oct 20th. Scarecrow and Gourd entries are open to residents and businesses alike.

Get creative and let's splash the town in fall fun! Details at www.shadycove.org/community-events

November 11th / Flag Raising Ceremony – In Honor of Veterans Day

Flag raise starts at 9am at City Hall, followed by a continental breakfast.

December 8th/ Shady Cove Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration: Details to Follow, but Santa told us that he will be there!

So, how can you help? Do you have ideas for the PRT Commission? Are you artistic or creative, or do you like to write? Do you want to work behind the scenes or enjoy working with the public? Do you have marketing or social media skills? Do you enjoy photography? The list of skills needed goes on and on, and even if you feel you have nothing more than a kind word or a smile to offer, we need you. When a community comes together, there is no stopping the movement. We invite you to be a part of it!

If interested, please stop at City Hall and fill out a Volunteer Application, or go to www.shadycove.org/volunteering and complete one.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHADY COVE

51 YEARS

On Sunday, September 24th, Shady Cove celebrated its 51st birthday in style. The celebration was AWESOME! We served ~185 plates of tacos, 160 bags of popcorn, and too many cupcakes to count. The park was packed with kids who were crazy excited about everything which brought big smiles to the older crowd.

Brewski and Red Beard rocked it with party music galore; the food was first rate gourmet (tacos with mango salsa . . . Yum!); Cub Scout Pack 62 proudly promoted their club; and all around, we had games, games games!

Though this event was free to all, the community showed great generosity with \$240 in donations which the City proudly presented to Cub Scout Pack 62. This much appreciated money will be used to buy awards for the Pack members.

Year 51 was good for Shady Cove. Let's make year 52 even better!



Fishing the Upper Rogue: What's Happening Now!



SHADY COVE

September 1st thru October 31 from the Fishers Ferry boat launch upstream to the Cole Rivers Hatchery Dam—gear is restricted to artificial flies only, with no added weights or attachments except a bubble or similar floating device attached to the line.

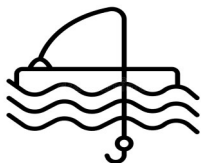
This area is also closed for Chinook salmon beginning Sept. 1, but remains open for hatchery steelhead retention, and wild steelhead catch-and-release angling. Always beware of the regulations for the area of the Rogue river you are fishing. More importantly to the average angler a word of caution during these months (and always really), if wading or drifting the Rogue be very attentive of the Salmon Redds (spawning areas). You see there are gravelly areas where you will actually see Salmon spawning and splashing about. It is great experience to see and should definitely be avoided by humans.

The Holy Waters usually go off during a week or two during the fall and the insect hatch is just right. All artificial flies, barbless and catch and release unharmed. I find it easier to watch the most experienced local guides and fly fisherman to know when this happens. If they are hard to reach but are carrying their rods in the vehicle, that is a good indication.

Fall can be a great time to fish our area's lakes. The crowds have grown much smaller and the reservoirs are lower, condensing the fish. Cooler weather cools the water and the trout become more active. For a great chance at a Trophy fish, from a lake, Diamond Lake is usually a great bet in late September and early October.

Depending on the lake, still fishing with Powerbait or drifting Nightcrawlers is a great approach. If you have a boat and can launch it try to find the current at the bottom of Lost Creek Lake and troll deep with flashers and Wedding Ring lures (tipped with a worm).

And lastly, for the next couple of months before winter sets in the Rogue River above Lost Creek Lake and Prospect in peaceful, beautiful and loaded with hold-over trout from the summer stockings. Rumor has it that it is often a location for fall drops of Trophy sized over-stock if the reservoirs are to low to get them.... Tight lines.





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.

October 2023

5 – City Council Meeting 6:00 PM

12 – Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM

19 – City Council Meeting 6:00 PM

26 – Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM

CITY ELECTIONS & VACANCIES

The City of Shady Cove is accepting applications for :

Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Commission
and

Shady Cove Volunteer Group

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.shadycove.org/volunteering



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

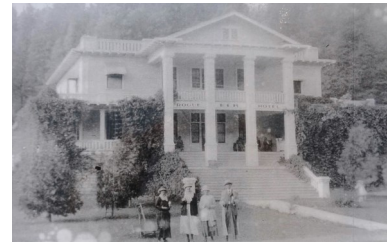
Call City Hall at (541) 878-2225 to make a payment with a debit or credit card. Your card numbers are never stored.

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.**



Brief History of Shady Cove, Oregon

Before European settlers arrived, the land that is now Shady Cove was inhabited by the Takelma Native American tribe. These indigenous peoples relied on the abundant resources provided by the river and surrounding forests for sustenance and shelter.

Settlers started moving into the area, spreading out from Trail, in the 1870's. The Postal Service did not establish an office in a place called Shady Cove until September 12, 1939, a Mrs. Lillian Hukill as postmistress. According to a local historian, the name for Shady Cove came from a speculative operation by some Medford businessmen. They bought some land for summer homes on the east side of the Rogue River and called their business "Shady Cove Country Club".

Story to continue.....



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!

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!** One seat is open and waiting for YOU!

Shady Cove Volunteer Group: If you have some time to spare, please consider lending a hand by joining this group. As a Volunteer Group member, 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 and your efforts will help Shady Cove grow and thrive. Sound like fun? Please contact City Hall for a Shady Cove Volunteer Group application. We look forward to welcoming you to our team!

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