



# City of Shady Cove **INSIDER**



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*"Small Town, Big Adventures"*

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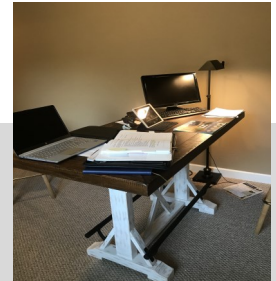
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(click here)



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Maintenance  
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Business  
Licenses  
The City does  
not suggest any  
specific  
contractor.**

## FROM MAYOR BALL'S DESK



### WOW WHAT A YEAR!!

As 2023 started, I was looking for a desk to write these articles from. Now I look back as we head into the final month of the year, with the question of "where did the year go?". But, before I look to the future and 2024, I look back and think what was learned?

1. The wheels of City Government (even in a small city like Shady Cove) turn slowly. Even adding workshops with our bi-monthly meetings doesn't guarantee quick results sometimes.
2. Despite our diverse population, we all have many commonalities: the Rogue River, our small city and its rural appeal, and a need for friendship and unity.
3. The volunteer efforts of our residents (though a small base group) are incredible. But we need more help. I ask the residents to step forward and lend a hand where you can and with what appeals to you.

Now looking forward to the Holiday Season and 2024, what is next? Where do we go from here? We end the year working as a Council to fill the position of City Administrator, as Mr. Corrigan is set to retire in early 2024. As a Council, we also continually strive to fill our commissions, and as a City, we continue to look for volunteers.

Now to the pressing issues at hand. After what ended up being a very contentious School Bond issue for me personally, I have had many people ask me why? Well, why is because the City of Shady Cove needs that money more than the EPSD#9. That is just the straight truth. Education is important yes, but more important is the long term "quality of living" in Shady Cove. We need a sustainable, long-term "Municipal Water Solution" for our city. Many of us (myself included) have a very sufficient well right now so why do we need Municipal Water? BECAUSE THE CITY CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT IT!

We need new affordable housing for young families, retirees, and people relocating from all parts of our state and country.

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

We have multiple (90+) buildable lots right now, but no water to service those lots/homes or businesses. We have people retiring here and finding their wells drying up and NO alternative for a water source. We have vacant business buildings that have no stable source of water. IT IS UP TO ALL OF US TO WORK TOGETHER FOR A SOLUTION!

...And not just a solution for Municipal Water, but for many, a solution to the unity of our City and its residents. As we close the year, we have much to be grateful for but we have a lot of work to do. Please get involved and help! Your thoughts and input are needed. In my second year as Mayor, I believe we as a City Council should open up with some Townhall type meetings and workshops with our local businesses. We need to facilitate "CHANGE" . . . POSITIVE, HONEST CHANGE THAT WILL ALLOW THE CITY OF SHADY COVE TO MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER FOR YEARS TO COME.



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

With 2023 coming to an end, our Recreation & Tourism Commission is taking a well deserved breather, and will start planning its 2024 calendar of fun in January 2024. Please plan to attend this meeting so that your creative suggestions can be considered. The meeting date will be published online on [www.shadycove.org](http://www.shadycove.org) once it has been set.

Other community events can be found on the City calendar: [www.shadycove.org/community-events](http://www.shadycove.org/community-events)

**HOW IS YOUR COUNCIL DOING?**

In February of this year, our City Council adopted a comprehensive set of goals. So how are we doing on those goals? Check it out; we are doing great! Please come to our City Council meetings to keep current on what is in the works.



Status	Goal
Done	Improve public communication: Newsletter, public forums, improved website, FB information page
Done	Fix City URCC relationship
Done	Repeal City Hall parking lot usage fee
Done	Fill EM Commission
Done	Fill Parks & Rec Commission
Done	Improve Zoom equipment
In Process	Relocate (to Workshop) and organize all paper forms of city documents and complete digitization.
In Process	Finish Audits 2021 and 2022
In Process	Determine usage for COVID19 funds: Grant writer/admin should be considered as part of this.
In Process	Outdoor alert system (restart work previously performed)
Done	Partnerships: Establish liaisons to key organizations/cities with regular reporting to Council
	Business forum: How can we help you?

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Status	Goal
Done	WiFi: AC Park, Workshop, and City Hot Spot. This will enable security at AC Park & Shop, plus allow AC Park auto restroom locks. Note: City Hot Spot is cost prohibitive at this time.
Done	Community Calendar
In Process	Water: Define multi-phase city water strategy approach
Dependent on ODOT	Sidewalks south of bridge: Define any add-ons and communicate with ODOT
Done	City Festival: Chuck Huntington will assist
In Process	Establish City Branding & Tourism Strategy (and let's not forget our new Welcome signs!)
In Process	Reader Board Project (Coordinate with Fire Dept on possible collaboration)
In Process	Emergency Management Education to public
N/A	Strategic Plan update



**CITY OF SHADY COVE**  
***EMERGENCY*MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

By: Council Liaison Jim Hubbard

I would like to thank our citizens who have volunteered to become members of the Emergency Management Commission. They are Jay Taylor, Randi Brock, Scott Robertson, Sandra Barber and Jenn Gilmore. Without our community stepping up and volunteering for not only this

Commission, but also our other Commissions and Committees, it would make the job for our City Council and City Administration much more difficult.

Since recently forming the EMC (Emergency Management Commission), there has been one meeting and one workshop. The EMC's first objective is to continue the research of an Emergency Siren/Alert System for our community that was started by the previous EMC. The system could project both a siren and voice message depending on the nature of the emergency. The city has recently received three bids and is looking into the best locations for the sirens. It's important to note that this would be an additional means of notifying our residents of an impending or immediate emergency.

The EMC would like to increase our communication and education with the public as it relates to Evacuation Checklist, Wildfires & Defensible Space, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training and the sources available to receive current information during an emergency. In closing, remember that the public is invited to attend the EMC Meetings and Workshops. Dates are posted on the city's website.



# City of Shady Cove Planning Commission

By: Chair Art Sterling

During my tenure on the Planning Commission, spanning almost 10 years (seems impossible), with most of that as chair, I've heard more than a few questions and comments. Some come from folks who were unhappy with a decision, regardless if they were for or against an application or issue, and some simply because they didn't know or understand the process. Let me address a couple of these:

Why do we have a Planning Commission?

Back in 1973 the Legislature convened with bipartisan support to strengthen state oversight of local planning. The result of its efforts, the Oregon Land Use Act of 1973 (Senate Bill 100) established the framework that, for the most part, governs and guides land use planning in Oregon today. Simply stated, the State mandates Planning and Planning Commissions. State statues, local charters and ordinances define the authority and responsibilities of Planning Commissions. The Planning Commission in Shady Cove must adhere to those rules and make decisions based on current codes and standards.

Another question - What is land use planning?

Planning itself is about making decisions. Those judgements may be about community priorities, housing needs, natural resource protection or the appropriate widths for local streets. Once those determinations are established, typically contained in a *Book of Ordinances*, a Planning Commission is called upon to assure that land usage is appropriate. Land use planning is a tool to bridge the gap from now to the future. From today's realities to tomorrow's possibilities.

Last thought - There is currently an opening on the Shady Cove Planning Commission. Please be advised that it is not a job for everyone. If you reflect community values and can recommend policies, interpret and apply city ordinances, commit to doing your homework, make land use decisions based on what is "on the books" not what you would like it to be, communicate with staff and other commissioners and have a vision for our city, please apply .

## 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**

Even though fire season is over, we still need to be vigilant about fuels reduction around our homes. Jackson County Fire District #4 can help! Call 514-261-0292 or visit [www.jcfd4.com/upper-rogue-community-fuels-reduction-program](http://www.jcfd4.com/upper-rogue-community-fuels-reduction-program) for more information.

## New City Hall Hours

City Hall is now closed daily from noon to 1pm. Why? To allow staff to take lunch at the same time and thus better ensure that the expertise you need will be available when you visit.



## SHADY COVE HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE

Check out our 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](http://www.facebook.com/ShadyCoveOregon)

## OUR ELECTRONIC READER BOARD IS ALMOST HERE!

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. Installation has begun so keep a lookout!



# 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.



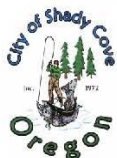
### FIRE SEASON—RESTRICTIONS

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



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## JACKSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4

BY: CHIEF CRUME

### *Keeping Your Home Safe: Understanding Flue Fire Safety*

Dear Upper Rogue Residents,

As the colder months settle in, the warmth of a crackling fire becomes an inviting companion. However, it's crucial to remember that a cozy fire brings with it potential hazards, particularly concerning your chimney flue. Jackson County Fire District 4 is committed to ensuring your safety, and in this article, we shed light on essential flue fire safety practices.

#### **Understanding the Flue**

The flue, an integral part of your fireplace, serves as a passage for smoke and gases to exit your home. Over time, creosote—a highly combustible residue—can accumulate within the flue, becoming a primary cause of chimney fires. Regular inspection and maintenance are vital to prevent such incidents.

#### **Scheduled Inspections**

We strongly recommend an annual inspection by a certified professional chimney sweep. This inspection ensures that any creosote buildup or potential obstructions are identified and addressed promptly. Regular inspections also catch structural issues that could compromise the safety of your chimney.

#### **Safe Burning Practices**

1. **Use Proper Fuel:** We recommend only burning seasoned hardwoods, as they produce less creosote buildup compared to softer woods.
2. **Adequate Air Supply:** Ensure your fireplace has enough air supply to facilitate proper combustion and reduce creosote accumulation.

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### Keeping Your Home Safe ... *continued*

- 3. Regular Cleaning:** Empty ash from your fireplace regularly and ensure your chimney is clean. *\*Jackson County Fire District 4 has a free Chimney Brush Rental Program for those who prefer to clean their chimneys. Call or visit our website for more details.*
- 4. Install a Chimney Cap:** A chimney cap keeps debris, animals, and excessive moisture out of your chimney, reducing the risk of blockages and subsequent fires.

#### Signs of a Potential Problem

Keep an eye out for warning signs that could indicate a flue fire risk:

- Excessive smoke inside your home
- Visible creosote buildup within the flue
- Strong odors coming from your fireplace
- Dark, powdery residue on furniture or walls near the fireplace

#### Emergency Protocol

If you suspect a chimney fire, promptly alert your household members, evacuate the premises, and call 9-1-1.

#### Final Thoughts

Your safety is our priority. By practicing these safety measures and staying vigilant, you significantly reduce the risk of chimney fires and ensure a warm, cozy, and safe home this winter.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Jackson County Fire District 4. Together, let's make fire safety a shared responsibility in our community.

Stay Safe,

Chief Crume

Jackson County Fire District 4

### Chimney Brush Program

In order to provide a no-charge method for residents to keep their chimneys clear of creosote buildup and to prevent chimney/flue fires, Jackson County Fire District 4 offers a free chimney brush program.

Call our business office at 541-582-2666 or fill out the form at [www.jcfd4.com/chimney-brush-program](http://www.jcfd4.com/chimney-brush-program) to request a chimney brush checkout.

We ask that you use and return the brushes and rods in a timely manner (24 hours) so that they will be available for others to borrow.







# HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

....**WITH SANTA!**

On Friday, December 8th, the City of Shady Cove held its annual Holiday Tree Lighting event. To say that it was a success is an understatement . . . It was FABULOUS!

The evening started off with Santa counting down the lighting of our “new” tree, You’ve seen the giant pine in front of City Hall? Well, thanks to the help of Pacific Power, that beauty is covered in lights! Better still, those lights are color changeable so they can stay up all year long and dazzle us with different colors for different seasons/events.

After the countdown, Santa settled into his chair and listened with interest as our kids shared their wishes for Christmas. And while Santa was doing his thing, all around the courtyard, the party vibe continued:

- \* The City of Shady Cove hosted a gourmet hot chocolate bar (so yummy), with Goebel’s providing platters of scrumptious cookies.
- \* The Shady Cove Library opened its doors for warmth, more goodies and Christmas cheer,
- \* DJ Jeremy Brewer rocked Christmas tunes while the kids of 71Five led us in lively sing-a-longs.
- \* The Upper Rogue 4-H club provided backed goods and helped the kids create holiday ornaments.
- \* And the Upper Rogue Community Center opened its doors with music (by David Christian), more treats and much needed chairs for the weary party goers to rest.

What a **fantastic** evening this was!





## Fishing the Upper Rogue: What's Happening Now!

As winter sets in on the upper Rogue River, cold and rainy weather, shorter days and turbulent water is the norm. Fishing pressure eases on the River but many Guides consider this to be one of the best times to fish for Steelhead. With water levels fluctuating constantly, working with a local guide or a seasoned area angler is a huge plus. Local reports are of multiple-fish hookups per day. That should continue while we transition from late-run Summer Steelhead to the prized Winter Steelhead after the first of the year. Important this year are the new Southwest Section Regulations for Steelhead.

### Rogue-South Coast Area Steelhead Regulations:

The following regulations apply from December 1 to April 30

- a. Rogue-South Coast Steelhead Validation must be in possession by all anglers (regardless of age) to angle for steelhead (hatchery or wild). » Validation is in addition to a fishing license and Combined Angling Tag.
- b. Rogue-South Coast Wild Steelhead Harvest Tag must be in possession by anglers (regardless of age) to harvest wild steelhead.
  - Harvest of wild steelhead can only be legally recorded on this harvest tag.
  - No more than 1 wild steelhead per day and 3 per season (Dec 1 - Apr 30) may be harvested.
  - Return paper harvest tags to ODFW at the end of the season.

For the truly brave angler, both Diamond Lake and Lake of the Woods will offer the opportunity to ICE-FISH for trout, (weather permitting) in the dead of winter (Jan.- March). Follow all safety procedures and verify with lake officials the ice is safe for fishing. Good luck with this one....

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Winter offers lots of unique recreation options for our area. Try some of the following:

- Diamond Lake Resort - Snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and snow sledding and tubing. Even a snowmobile trip from Diamond Lake to the Rim of Crater Lake. WOW!
- Union Creek/Farewell Bend Sno-Park - A great day trip for tons of fun with the kids. Bring your own tubes or sleds or anything to slide down the hill on. Don't forget the Sno-Park parking permit (daily or annual). They are sold at the local Shady Cove/Ace Hardware Store.
- Crater Lake National Park - Enjoy some of the most incredible winter scenery and views in the world at this beautiful National Park. Just 1 or 2 hours from Shady Cove, depending on weather, it is an awesome Winter Wonderland and a must-see during the beauty of winter. Winter recreation depends on Federal Funding so call ahead to see what is available. The views/pics are worth the trip regardless.
- Lake of the Woods - Offers many of the same recreation options as Diamond Lake. Rumor has it, sometimes on bright, sunny, cold days people are seen flying kites on the frozen lake. Sounds like an adventure to me!

Regardless of your Winter Recreation, **BE PREPARED**. Carry tire chains, a shovel, some extra water and food, blankets and extra dry clothes. Let someone know where you will be and your expected return. Keep your phone charged and always err on the side of caution. Enjoy your winter and next report we will start looking forward to our salmon runs. 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!

The logo at the bottom of the card features a stylized house icon with a square inside, set against a yellow background. Below the icon, the word "ACCESS" is written in a small, black, sans-serif font.

**Call City Hall now at 541-878-8206 for more information—Monday through Friday from 8 AM until 5 PM (closed daily noon to 1pm for lunch).**

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

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

## January 2024

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 :

Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Commission,  
Emergency Management Commission,  
Planning Commission  
and  
Shady Cove Volunteer Group

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT:

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

(...continued from previous INSIDER edition)

The first bridge over the Rogue River in Shady Cove was built in 1921 and was washed away by the Christmas flood of 1964. If you walk over the bridge mid-way and look down into the river, you will still see the concrete slab from that bridge lying on the bedrock in the river. That slab was the previous location of the bridge.

The above average rainfall for 1964 was followed by a historic warm temperature storm, called the Pineapple Express. According to a local resident, the bridge was knocked out by a log jam started when an old growth Douglas fir tree was trapped by the rising waters against the steel of the bridge. The bridge held for roughly seven hours as logs piled up behind it until nine at night on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, when the bridge washed away. The Dodge and TouVelle bridges further downstream were both damaged, and there was no easy way to get into the town until a temporary Bailey bridge was built three months later.

The Shady Cove School functioned as a refuge as a food distribution center. The flood control dam at Lost Creek Lake was installed by 1977 to mitigate future flooding.



## 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 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!** Two seats are 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!

Contact City Hall at: 541-878-2225, or on our website at [www.shadycove.org/volunteering](http://www.shadycove.org/volunteering)