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The City does
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FROM MAYOR BALL'S DESK

Budgets and Butterflies

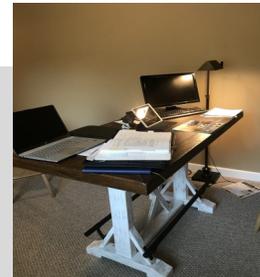
With the first two months of 2024 behind us, the City of Shady Cove is headed toward warmer spring weather, summer festivities and a hope for a fantastic summer of fun in - ***"Shady Cove, Small Town, Big Adventures!"***

Early each year, we look at our "goals" as a council and work to be realistic in our setting and prioritizing of those goals. This year we have done the same. As many of us have figured out with time and experience, we learn to "try" and pace ourselves to achieve our goals while maintaining our personal time (and sanity). That is and was my approach, and I believe Council's approach to our goals this year. For those who did not listen or attend our goals related workshop and council meetings, we remain very focused on the larger goals from last year that are still in the works (ie Audits, City Administrator search, Budget transparency, etc.). These are but a few. I could go on and on about the many other goals and challenges we tackle everyday.

Residents can always listen to recordings of Council meetings, special sessions and workshops on the City website: ShadyCove.org. In fact, I urge you to. Goals affect the City as a whole. Please stay informed and get involved.

So you might ask, why the title "Budgets and Butterflies"? Because I would like to return to my Q3 Newsletter column "FEES OR TAXES, - NONE, ONE OR BOTH??" I did say "to be continued". Whether any of us believe it or not, we are again into our next fiscal budget cycle for the City of Shady Cove. Council and myself, with the help of our Administrator and staff, have tried very hard to get our annual audits up to date, and we are making positive progress.

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From Mayor Ball's Desk continued on page 2

New Logo Coming Soon!

Though our current logo (shown upper left) has served us well since 1972, the City felt it time to explore new options that match with our new "Small Town, Big Adventures" slogan plus better lend themselves to merchandising, social media and signage. Above is a sneak peak of the selected logo. For the full scoop, keep reading!



New Logo continued on page 10

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

Since 2021, each and every one of us has experienced cost of living (inflation) grow at an alarming rate; Much greater than any State or Federal Administration would like us to believe. Well guess what? The City of Shady Cove is kinda like a person too. Inflation affects everything the City does for its residents on a daily basis. Cost of materials to repair, maintain and improve roads, buildings, Aunt Caroline's park and even City Hall have skyrocketed. Replaced lights in your kitchen lately? Wow. Filled a backhoe with diesel? Paid a Pacific Power bill? How about Sewer or even Water for those on NW Natural's system? Well the City pays all these and more to keep Shady Cove a viable place to live, grow and enjoy life. How do we continue to do this?

As we begin budget analysis and meetings, we as a City are still living basically on a 1970's income from Property Tax Rates set when the City of Shady Cove was first brought into existence. Add to that a safety fee that covers less than ½ of our annual Sheriff contract, the rest of which is covered by Franchise fees and the multitude of Grants we constantly search for and receive. Oh, and when we do receive grant money, it is very specific as to what it can be used for, so often we must use our reserves to pay for something and then be refunded accordingly.

As you can see, keeping Shady Cove afloat financially is a complicated balancing act. **Here is the sad part:** We have businesses and commercial landlords who haven't paid Property Taxes in years. We have ⅓ of residents not paying their RVSS sewer fees and hence not paying any portion of their "safety" fee responsibility. We have private property owners past due on property taxes. It goes on and on. Yet the City is required and responsible to supply and maintain certain services. **WHAT WOULD YOU THE CITIZENS ASK YOUR MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO DO? WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?** It is up to all of us to get involved and start the process of building a better future for Shady Cove. Please watch the Budget meeting session, get involved, or at least email me at the address below with your feedback.

So where do "BUTTERFLIES" come in? In December, I as the Mayor of Shady Cove, with the support of City Council took the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. It is my hope we can make Shady Cove a leader in helping to bring education and restore habitat for the Monarch Butterfly's continued existence along the West Coast of North America, and in the process, begin to work to restore natural habitats for multiple pollinating species once abundant to our area. If you are interested in helping myself and the City of Shady Cove in this adventure, please use the email below and we will begin this spring.....

For response and input on any of the issues, I have set up a dedicated email at FeedbackForMayor@shadycove.org. It will be directly connected to me and checked daily.

I do ask that everyone remembers to be respectful and constructive or the email can and will be deleted.



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

ATTEND COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM

April Meetings at City Hall are:

- Council: April 4th and 18th, 6pm
- Planning: April 11th and 25th, 6pm

Visit www.shadycove.org for details and info on other meetings/workshops.



JACKSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4

BY: CHIEF CRUME

Fall Prevention

Slips, trips, and falls can happen anywhere, whether at home, at work, or in public spaces. They are a leading cause of injury, especially among older adults, but they can affect individuals of all ages. Therefore, it's crucial for everyone to be aware of the risks and take proactive measures to prevent accidents. Here are some tips and strategies to help keep you and your loved ones safe:

Maintain Clear Pathways: Keep walkways, staircases, and hallways clear of clutter, obstacles, and debris that could cause trips or slips. This includes items such as loose rugs, electrical cords, and toys.

Proper Lighting: Ensure that all areas of your home and property are well-lit, both indoors and outdoors, to improve visibility and reduce the risk of accidents, especially during the darker fall and winter months.

Rugs and Mats: Use non-slip mats or grips to secure rugs and mats in place, particularly in high-traffic areas like entryways and bathrooms, or remove them entirely when possible.

Footwear: Wear appropriate footwear with good traction and support, especially when walking on wet or slippery surfaces. Avoid wearing socks or shoes with worn-out soles that could increase the risk of slipping.

Handrails and Grab Bars: Install handrails on staircases and grab bars in bathrooms to provide support and stability when navigating these areas, especially for individuals with mobility issues.

Maintain Outdoor Pathways: Keep outdoor pathways, driveways, and sidewalks clear of leaves, snow, ice, and other debris that could create slippery conditions. Use salt or sand to improve traction on icy surfaces.

Be Mindful of Wet Surfaces: Exercise caution when walking on wet or freshly mopped floors, and use warning signs or barriers to alert others to potential hazards.

By taking proactive steps to prevent slips, trips, and falls, we can all contribute to creating a safer environment for ourselves, our families, and our community. Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility, and together, we can make a significant difference in reducing the risk of accidents and injuries.

If you have any questions or would like more information about slip, trip, and fall prevention resources available through Jackson County Fire District 4, please don't hesitate to reach out (541-878-2666). Your safety is our top priority.

Stay Safe!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE DANGER: **LOW**

Even though spring has been wet, we still need to be vigilant about fuels reduction around our homes. Jackson County Fire District #4 can help! Call 541-261-0292 or visit www.jcfd4.com/upper-rogue-community-fuels-reduction-program for more information.



SHADY COVE RECEIVES \$1.5M FOR MUNICIPAL WATER!

Thank you Representative Emily McIntire for fighting for Shady Cove's dire need for Municipal Water! This money will allow Shady Cove to take the first step of what will be a long (but worth it) journey to provide fire hydrants and safe, reliable water to each and every resident.

AFTER-THE-FACT PERMITS ARE EXPENSIVE!

Thinking of building a structure, fence, or doing some work in the Riparian Zone? Contact City Hall **BEFORE WORK STARTS** to see what permits (if any) are required. Permitting afterward will cost you 3x the original fee. Ouch!



WEED ABATEMENT IS SERIOUS BUSINESS

Weed abatement is a YEAR ROUND responsibility for each Shady Cove resident. Need a weed whacker? City Hall has a couple that they will loan out on request. Don't wait until your weeds are unmanageable. Get outdoors now and get those muscles moving with some whacking fun. See page 12 For weed abatement guidelines.



JACKSON COUNTY DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

Our Deputy Amaya received top honors last month! In recognition of this prestigious award, on March 7th, Mayor Ball awarded him the key to our fine City. So when you see Deputy Amaya cruising our streets, give him a congratulatory wave. Way to go Deputy!





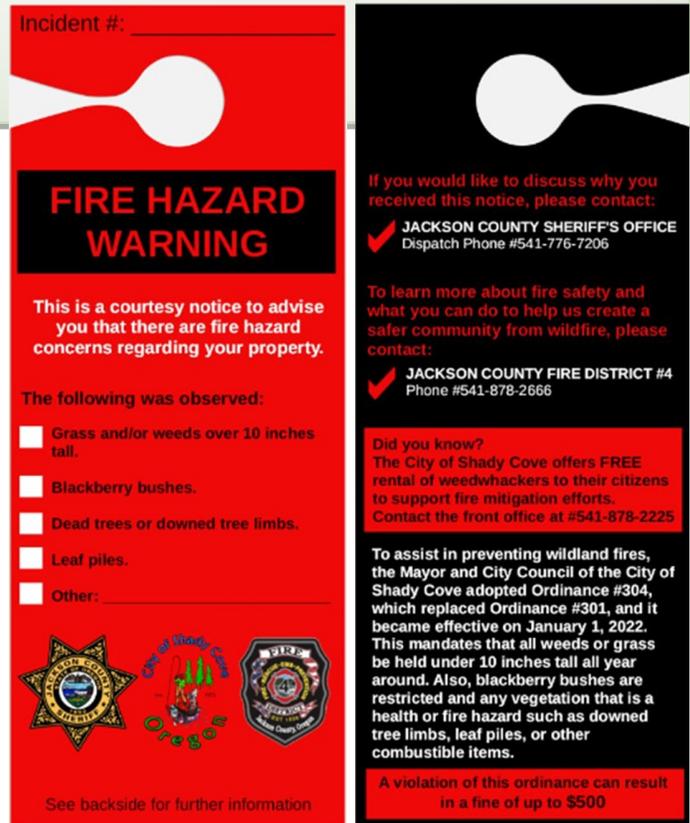
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By: COMMUNITY SERVICE
DEPUTY WEAST

Coming Soon: Fire Hazard Warning Door Hangers!

Ordinance #304 addresses noxious vegetation and vegetation that is a health or fire hazard. The current violation notice procedure often results in a violation (fire hazard) going unaddressed for a month or longer. The Fire Hazard Warning door hanger is meant to serve as a courtesy notification and streamline the notification process so that the recipient may begin to mitigate fire hazards and make our community safer as quickly as possible. As always, our goal is to work with the community, educate, and gain compliance without needing enforcement, which can result in fines of up to \$500. The door hanger offers fire mitigation resources and contact information so that the recipient may receive further guidance and information.

Deputy Weast developed this idea of a courtesy Fire Hazard Warning door hanger with the hopes of increasing awareness and effectiveness of fire mitigation in Shady Cove. Having been assigned to the Obenchain Fire Command and evacuations of 2020, she saw firsthand the impact the fire had on the Shady Cove community. Per Weast: *"I know that in my current position as a Community Service Deputy, I can have a positive impact on creating a more fire safe community through ordinance enforcement and public outreach"*.



What you can do: Nuisance Barking Dog Complaints

Deputy Weast proposed (and Council agreed) that the City of Shady Cove adhere to the processes in which Jackson County Animal Services addresses barking dog complaints. By doing so, this will increase our effectiveness in addressing nuisance barking dog complaints and/or lessen neighbor disputes.

Our current process includes that law enforcement actively observe the violation, which has often been unsuccessful due to response time delays due to priority emergency calls. The new process would include the complainant/petitioner receiving a letter encouraging them to discuss the matter civilly with their neighbor and/or leaving them a cordial note or letter. If they are unable to do so, they would need to complete a nuisance animal petition packet that must be signed by two separate parties, whom have two separate residences in the neighborhood, that the animal is a public nuisance. They would be required to keep a log of barking times/duration and photos or audio/video as evidence in this case. The dog owner would also receive a letter notifying them that a complaint was received, a reminder of the Shady Cove ordinance pertaining to barking dogs, and suggested abatement methods. If the problem persists and the petitioner packet has been completed, we could proceed with enforcement. The City believes that this process will be more effective, reinforce the legitimacy of complaints, and alleviate violations.

DON'T BE IN THE DARK DURING AN EMERGENCY

Click [here](#) to register for Citizen Alert! By signing up for this emergency notification service (which is FREE), you will receive alerts about emergencies near your home, workplace, children's schools or other important places!

Questions? Call Jackson County Emergency Management at (541) 774-6790



CITY OF SHADY COVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

By: Council Liaison Jim Hubbard

First off, thanks to our Commission members who have put much time and work in researching the Emergency Siren/Alert System. This is a work in progress and we are wanting to make sure all the "T's" are crossed and the "I's" are dotted before submitting to Council for approval. This is a large investment for the city and we are doing our best to see that Shady Cove receives the best return on this investment. There has been concern brought up as to how much this is costing. The Commission agrees that this is not an inexpensive investment, but if it would save one life, it would be worth it.

With spring now around the corner, it is not too early to start thinking about fire season. Are you doing everything you can to clear a defensible space around your residence? A home assessment is available to all residents free of charge. Contact Jackson County FD4 for more information on this. Now is also a good time to verify you are signed up for Jackson County's Citizen Alert – Emergency Notification System. You can call 541-774-6790 to sign up.

Something we have done in our household in case of an evacuation is an Evacuation Checklist or "Bug Out List". On it we have our important documents listed and already in a plastic file box. Personal medications and if you have pets, what would you need for them. If you have an RV, do you keep the propane topped off in it? We have a two page checklist that lists what we each need to accomplish and prioritized in case there is limited time to leave. If no evacuation is required but power is lost, do you have some water stored or a source to obtain water? We have a river running through town and there are portable inexpensive water purification devices available, some almost as small as a straw.

At a recent City Council meeting, it was announced by Fire Chief Travis Crume that in April, a new firetruck goes into construction and a new rescue boat is being delivered in about a month. In closing, remember that the public is invited to attend the EMC Meetings and Workshops. Dates are posted on the city's website.



Fishing the Upper Rogue: What's Happening Now!

Spring on the Upper Rogue is another unique time of year for anglers, rafters, guides and river lovers. What is running? When do the lakes open and start fishing well? How about the Upper Rogue above Lost Creek Lake? Diamond Lake? Fish Lake? Lake of the Woods? Where do I fish? What do I use? How do I rig up? Great questions and the answers are more than fish in the river depending on who you talk to.

First, remember to always know the regulations for where you're fishing. The month of April brings lots of changes to the adventures on the Rogue River so stay on top of it. The snow from the Crater Lake area melts, filling

the Upper Rogue with bone chilling water at high flow rates. It is not very fishable early on, but down by Prospect Diversion might work for bait and spinning gear. As we move downstream you get to Lost Creek Reservoir. The lake is filling this time of year and the Marina will open in April for the season. The Café in the Marina is usually open by Mother's Day. Early in the season, the inflow area where the Rogue River (both forks) flows into the Lake has lots of food for the fish and good fishing is in order, but the water is a lot swifter than it looks so use caution.

Second, no matter what, don't forget to purchase your fishing license. It can be purchased and downloaded on your smartphone by going to ODFW.org or at a local fishing retailer like the Fishing Hole here in town. If you are targeting Steelhead or Salmon, those take special tags so be prepared.

Spring on the Rogue River is time for Winter Steelhead and later, the Chinook Salmon Runs; Both giving way to Fall Salmon and the Summer run of Steelhead. As always, to get the most of your fishing day on the Upper Rogue, the assistance of a guide or a seasoned local angler is a huge plus and increases your chances of a trophy catch.

As we move to warmer weather, the Upper Rogue will come to life with the rafters and day drifters that we all enjoy. May will bring the opening of the raft rentals here in town and on a hot day, a float down the river is a must for everyone. Always remember to wear your PFD (personal floatation device) or Life-Jacket.

As the weather warms and the days grow longer, Shady Cove and the Upper Rogue are wonderful places to live, entertain guests/family and enjoy the beauty that we get to call home.

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If you are not signed up to receive this publication via email, you may miss out on vital City and community information. Sign up is easy; We just need your name and email! Go to www.shadycove.org and you will see the signup box near the bottom of the page.



CITY ELECTIONS & VACANCIES

The City of Shady Cove is accepting applications for :

- Recreation, and Tourism Commission
- Emergency Management Commission
- Budget Committee
- Shady Cove Volunteer Group

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT:
www.shadycove.org/volunteering





City of Shady Cove Planning Commission

By: Commissioner John Edwards

Effective Public Involvement

The roles of the Planning Commission and the City Council are both distinct and critical in land use planning decisions in our community. The primary goals include ensuring responsible city growth and economic development.

The City Council's responsibilities concerning planning include:

- Represent constituents
- Set policy and enact ordinances
- Appoint the Planning Commission
- Act on recommendations and appeals

The Planning Commission's responsibilities include:

- Interpret and apply ordinances
- Make land-use decisions
- Recommend policies
- Communicate with staff and elected officials
- Envision long range planning
- Reflect community values
- Educate the public & provide for citizen input

Equally as important is the availability for the public to contribute constructively throughout the process. Residents can make effective contributions when they understand the system involved in the planning process and educate themselves in the Shady Cove Code of Ordinances as it relates to the relevant issues.

Public involvement has been beneficial and effective during various Planning Commission meetings and hearings. Recently, public input during Planning Commission meetings has provided operational knowledge that contributed to the Commissioners' understanding of particular issues, making more informative and comprehensive recommendations to the City Council.

While the Planning Commission members have diversified knowledge and backgrounds in a variety of issues brought before them, positive public feedback and contributions are certainly welcomed.

Citizens know their neighborhoods and communities best. Property owners and residents can offer ideas on what their needs are and provide insight on what might work for them. Community members can contribute by bringing their specific knowledge on subjects that they have experience with before the Planning Commission regarding residential and commercial land use matters.

Residents have the opportunity to also participate in the development of a plan or an ordinance by contributing relevant information through research and understanding of the existing City Ordinances and the Comprehensive Plan. There are several ways for residents to provide input on Planning Commission matters including public comment during hearings and meetings or written communication provided to the City Administrator prior to the meeting dates.

Planning Commission meeting dates and agendas are available on the Shady Cove City website in advance. Public comment times during meetings are limited so please be prepared.

We welcome your contributions.



ORDINANCE CHANGES:

Thinking about building a fence or offering your home as a Short Term Rental? The Ordinances for both were recently changed, so get familiar with the new regulations before you act. Highlights of the changes are as follows:

Fencing (Ref. Ordinance 307): Changes to this Ordinance center around standardization of most fence heights to 6 feet and stringent restrictions for use of electric and barbed wire fencing. Oh, and the Ordinance is clear that for all fences, A PERMIT IS REQUIRED.

Short Term Rentals (Ref. Ordinance 306): In an effort to better protect our rural vibe, changes were made to restrict Short Term Rentals (STRs) to more densely populated City zones with stricter operational and licensing regulations for allowed rentals. The changes include:

- Restriction of STRs to residential zones R-1-6, R-2, R-3 and commercial zone G-C;
- Prohibit use of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) as an STR;
- 75% approval from affected property owners for properties with shared wells and/or shared driveways.
- Restrictions on maximum occupancy and vehicle parking;
- Stringent property owner requirements for licensing, insurance, management.

THE CHANGES DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE SUMMARY ONLY. PLEASE CONTACT CITY HALL FOR DETAILS.

SHADY COVE LIBRARY

So much is going on at the Shady Cove Library! Here is a peek of what is happening in April.

The Nielsons Present...Mexico – April 16 – 5:00-6:00

Dan and Carole Nielson return to the Shady Cove Library for their monthly deep dive into geography and world history. This time, they look at some of Mexico's most important sites, including *Chichen Itza* and the Tulum's Mayan ruins.

Trebuchet vs. Catapult – April 18 – 4:00-5:00

In this STEAM program, children and adults alike will learn the differences between catapults and trebuchets... and then build a scale model! Recommended for 9-years-old and up.

Fuel Mitigation Close to Home – April 19 – 4:00-5:00

For this defensible space and home hardening presentation, join local firefighters and risk reduction experts as they discuss fire safety, fuel mitigation, and the ways in which nature is adapting (or acclimating) to climate change. Q&A to follow.

Electric Circuits – April 25 – 4:00-5:00

In our second STEAM program for the month of April, kids (and adults!) 5 and up will learn what circuits are and how they work. The presentation will culminate in an interactive light-up sculpture experiment to see circuits in action!

We also have Pre-school Storytime every Friday from 11:00 – 11:30AM and the Friends of the library have an all day book sale every Friday.

For a complete calendar of library events, please check out our website: <https://jcls.org/branch/shady-cove/>



SHADY COVE'S LOGO JOURNEY

Our journey toward a new logo started in early January when eighteen students from the Southern Oregon University Advanced Graphics Design class embarked on a 7-week project to work up a logo design package for Shady Cove. In late February, a team of 7 Shady Cove representatives travelled to Ashland to witness presentations from each of these talented artists. It was amazing! Below is a glimpse of the logos presented.



After the presentations, the judging team narrowed the field down to 4 designs (a very difficult task), and then opened up the lines for public input. The response was MUCH better than expected. For the first time in years, residents were really engaged and voicing their constructive opinions on the design they felt best represented Shady Cove.

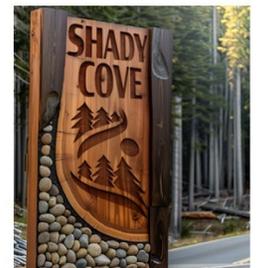
Finally, on March 7th, Council met and selected the winning design (which by the way, was the same design selected by the public). Oh, and the best part . . . The artist, Julia Jackson is a Shady Cove resident!

So why aren't we seeing the logo around town yet? Well, there are still some contractual and pre-production loose ends to tie up, so please bear with us. But as a teaser, to the right is Julia's vision for the new logo. VERY EXCITING!

A huge thanks goes out to Professor Sam Hayes-Hicks and the 18 students who all played a big role in helping Shady Cove to establish its vision for a prosperous future.

LOGO D

Note: No recommended changes.



Variations using same base elements





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.

So what FUN events does Shady Cove have planned? Well the Recreation and Tourism Commission has been busy planning a year of fun for the entire family. Here are the events on the calendar so far:

- **May 27th (Monday), 9:00-10:30am: Memorial Day Flag Raising and Pancake Breakfast.** Come honor our fallen heroes and enjoy a free pancake breakfast.
- **June 22nd (Saturday), 5-7pm: Shady Cove Summer Nights.** After a hard day of play, bring a picnic basket and come unwind with us at Aunt Caroline's Park for music, great company and free dessert.
- **July 4th (Thursday): Eagle Point 4th of July Celebration.** Shady Cove will once again participate in Eagle Point's giant 4th of July event with a fish-art booth and possibly a parade float. Come have fun with us!
- **July 27th (Saturday), time is TBD: Shady Cove Summer Bash.** This will be the event of the year. Details are still being worked, but rumor has it that we will be taking over the big Shady Cove Park plus Riverhouse with a wine/beer garden, family friendly inflatables/games, music, food trucks and more!
- **Aug 17th (Saturday), 5-7pm: Shady Cove Summer Nights.** More music and free dessert at Aunt Caroline's Park.
- **Sep 7th (Saturday), 3-5pm: Shady Cove 52nd Birthday Celebration.** Remember last year's celebration with axe throwing, sack races, dancing and the amazing food? Well this year will be even better!
- **Nov 11th (Monday), 9:00-10:30am: Veterans Day Flag Raising and Continental Breakfast.** Come enjoy a free continental breakfast as we honor our veterans.
- **Dec 7th (Saturday), 4-7pm: Shady Cove Holiday Tree Lighting.** If you thought last year's celebration was grand, wait until you see what is planned for this year!

Details are still being worked so please check the City calendar monthly for updates.



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 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



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).



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 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.



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.

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.

For more information and to apply, please contact:

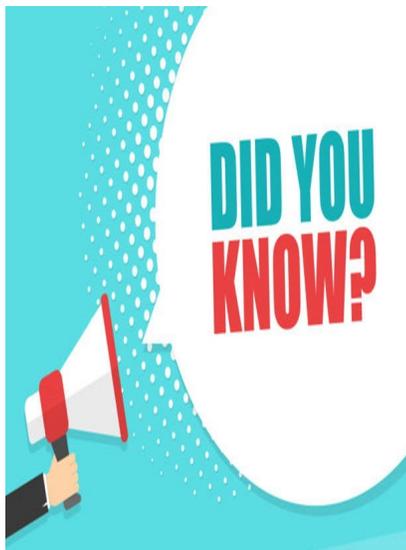
**ACCESS Energy
Assistance Department**
(541) 779-9020

ACCESS can also help with:

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



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



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.