

City of Shady Cove **INSIDER**



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CITY COUNCIL MEETING : FEBRUARY 5, 2015

The City Council approved a Resolution reflecting its intention to revise System Development Charges (SDC's). Revisions require a State Statute mandated 90 day notification period, a Public Hearing and adoption of an Ordinance approving new calculation methodology. Revisions are scheduled to be adopted in early June of this year. The proposed charges are:

- Parks: \$1,108.00 35% of maximum allowable
- Stormwater: \$698.00 35% of maximum allowable
- Sewer: \$2,011.00 35% of maximum allowable
- Transportation: \$3,335.00 25% of maximum allowable

The proposed changes are about 6% higher than the charges established nearly 18 years ago on July 1, 1997. They also reflect a reduction of 54% of the charges in place from mid 2009 to November 1, 2013.

The intent of the SDC revision is twofold. The City Council wants the City, from a cost perspective, to be an attractive place in which to build as well as to be competitive with the other cities in the Rogue Valley.

The City Council approved a Resolution revising the City's Fee Schedule. Revisions include: consolidation of some categories; elimination of a few categories; an increase to 3 fees and a decrease to several. On balance, the entire Fee Schedule reflects a modest decrease in fees charged.

There exists some public misunderstanding concerning Council action taken last month on sewer usage charges for businesses impacted by tourism. In particular, the lack thereof in the off season.

When the City was going through the process to rehabilitate and expand the waste water treatment system, an application for a long term loan and grant from the Federal Government was processed. A grant of \$1,000,000. and loan of about \$2.4 million was awarded. Since the debt was to be repaid through usage fees, rather than property tax, the grantor applied two key conditions to the award: the usage rates must be sufficient to properly maintain the system and all users must pay the same base rate. That base rate today is \$46.00 per month. Every user pays at least that amount.

In addition to the base, several users are charged an additional amount. Prior to action taken by the City Council in January, motels paid an additional \$13.50 per room per month. That additional charge was reduced to \$10.00 per room per month. As an example, The Edgewater Inn paid the base charge of \$46.00 per month plus an additional \$13.50 for each of the 54 rooms, for a total of \$775.00 per month. With the adjustment they pay the basic \$46.00 per month plus an additional \$10.00 for each of the 54 rooms, for a total of \$586.00 per month.

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On the Fee Schedule, the \$10.00 per room is expressed as a percentage of the \$46.00 base rate. If and when the base rate is changed, the percentage will apply.

The City Council adopted a Resolution in opposition to the Pacific Connector Liquefied Natural Gas Pipeline. The Resolution was distributed to all relevant parties.

A Resolution committing to active participation in the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Plan was also adopted.

Finally, the City Council authorized the City Administrator to issue a Request for Proposal for legal services. The firm presently providing legal services to our City is located in Eugene. There is no question about the quality of the service. However, it is desirable to utilize a firm located in our area (potential legal charges for travel time will be greatly reduced). Many legal firms do exist in our area which are preeminently qualified to provide legal services relative to municipal law.

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Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, March 11th 6:00 p.m.

Upper Rogue Community Center

The primary agenda item is citizen input on matters they would like the City Council to address:

- ◆ **Short term (2 years)**
- ◆ **Long term (through December 2020)**

Jackson County Citizen Alert!

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Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our Emergency Alert Program. This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email addresses, text messages and more. You pick where, you pick how.

If you need assistance with registrations, please email Jackson County Emergency Management at: alert@jacksoncounty.org or call: 541-608-1210.

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CITY WIDE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities abound in a small town and everyone has some skill they could share with others. Consider these opportunities to volunteer and contribute to Shady Cove:

- ⇒ **CITY HALL**—Filing of documents, photocopying, assist with mass mailings, assist with the maintenance of the park area, signs or roads, during leaf pick up season. City Hall is open Monday—Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00. For information please call: 541-878-8204.
- ⇒ **UPPER ROGUE COMMUNITY CENTER (URCC)**— Wednesday luncheons, assist with the food bank, Thrift Store, or help with classes that are held for the youth of the community. Become a URCC member. URCC is open Monday—Friday. For information please call: 541-878-2702.
- ⇒ **SHADY COVE LIBRARY**—Assist with story time and crafts (Fridays), shelve books, staff the book sale room or book sales. Join the Friends of the Library. The Shady Cove Library is open: Tuesday Noon—6:00 PM, Wednesday 1:00 PM– 7:00 PM, and Friday 10:00 AM—2:00 PM.
- ⇒ **JACKSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #4 SUPPORT GROUP**—Assist the fire department staff with “non-combat” activities such as working with the Support Group to check properties for reflective address signs, help with the prevention program by checking for working smoke alarms & fire extinguishers, cook meals for firefighters in training, assist with structure fire or wildfire, help with fundraisers to purchase equipment to benefit the department. For information please call: 541-878-2794 or leave a message at 541-878-2666.
- ⇒ **SHADY COVE SCHOOL**—Assist a teacher in the classroom, read to a child, photocopying, help in the library or with art projects, coming to help during special events such as the Dr. Seuss celebration or listening to presentations given by the children. For information please call: 541-878-1400.

K-Shady 94.3 FM, the voice of the Upper Rogue...

We are extremely excited to announce the following new shows:

Ralph McKechnie, editor for the Upper Rogue Independent, will be joining KSHD 94.3 as a new producer of a weekly news update every Friday evening at 5:30 pm and repeated again on the following Monday at 9:00 am.

Jack McIntosh, Shady Cove resident and Health Educator will have a new health educational program every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm called “Speaking of Health”.

Aletha Nowitzky from KSKQ 89.5 FM in Ashland introduces her new weekly production called “Tasty Topics and Tantalizing Treats”, a mixture of music and interesting conversation.

Also a heads up to all of our local underwriters. Most underwriting contracts will be up for renewal at the end of February. At that time everyone will be encouraged to stay with us throughout the summer with new contracts. Our rates will continue to remain the lowest in the area’s radio market at \$75.00 for the entire months of March through June. The continued support helps with the costs and maintenance of the one of two city owned radio stations throughout our country.

Keep your radio station dial set at KSHD 94.3 FM.

Upcoming Events

February 28

URCC

Chili Cook-off & Dessert Auction
5:30 PM

For info: 541-878-2702

March 10—March 19

Become a Master Recycler

www.jcmasterrecyclers.org

5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

For info: 541-494-5488

March 11

Town Hall Meeting

Shady Cove City Council

Goal Setting Workshop

Upper Rogue Community Center

6:00 PM

March 14

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

Upper Rogue Community Center

5:30 PM

For info: 541-878-2702

April 18

Aunt Caroline’s Park

Clean Up Day for Earth Day

For info: 541-878-2225