

Timber Valley is a sweet part of Sutherlin.

We know there are among us that love our park and its location tucked back in in a valley but wish it were surrounded by a tennis court high fence with manned gates at the entrances. We would love to have our own police and fire systems, courts, water wells and to generate our own electricity through a solar field and two windmills. We then would not have to interact with the city at all. OH yes our own garden too!!!

Of course my over dramatic description is not possible. We need the city so I thought I would inform you of what the mayor, Michelle Sumner recently reported; the Half Shell is looking for an appropriate name. The city is conducting a contest to and all may enter. The Shell may be rented for local events in addition to the scheduled concerts and will be the site of the Christmas display.

There are 4 new paid wildland firemen and 12 additional volunteers to keep us safe. The fire department has established on line "Community Connect" which is available for citizens to document data giving first responders information prior to arriving to their home.

Everett St is getting new sidewalks and stop sign which is frequently not heeded.

Ford Pond has received a grant for \$200,000 to complete to the path, complete the picnic area and restrooms.

A masterplan is being developed for planning a recreation area to be located behind the fire station. Lots of ideas are being studied.

The old Bank building at State and Central will have an investment of \$20,000 to make repairs and ready it for a new business.

Michell reported the former Sutherlin Hardware building is being used as an indoor salad green growing site by a young man and graduate of SHS. She would love to have a new grocery store located next to the coming super-charging station.

Pickleball on an old tennis court.

Urban Renewal funds have been awarded to several Central Ave businesses to redo storefronts. Included is the liquor store, Rotary building and perhaps others.

Central Ave street damage, by logging trucks, is being repaired, Soon after Central was paved there were up to 1,000 trucks hauling fire damaged trees. The pavement and all manhole covers are being repaired and replaced.

The city purchased a property and established an unhoused community called Hasting Village. 30 people live there which is self-managed by five residents and is having successes like finding jobs which allows them to be able to afford indoor living quarters. The Village is highly supported by our City. Residents are hopeful that hard awnings or tiny houses will eventually be located there. Running water and electric would also improve life there.

Our little village has a lot to offer and is growing.

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