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To assist the Community
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December 18, 2014

Mayor: Virginia Carnes

City Council:

Mike Baleztena, Ray Corwin, Kacie Moss,
Raymond Doherty, Bob Deno and Jim Hinkle



City of Pilot Rock

COMPLETE MINUTES ON OUR WEBSITE

The December 16th Council Meeting was canceled due to lack of Action Items.

Next City Council Meeting

January 6, 2015 7:00pm Council Chambers

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Christmas Tree Safety

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Trees can be taken to the City burn pile, no charge to drop off tree. Stop by City Hall to get the key Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:45 pm.



PILOT ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Friday, December 19th – ½ day of school, Junior High and High School dismiss @ 11:45, VB&G home against Alesa @ 6:00

Saturday, December 20th – VB&G home against Condon/Wheeler @ 4:00

Monday, December 29th – VB&G at La Grande Tournament @ 11:00

Tuesday, December 30th – VB&G at La Grande Tournament

Wednesday, December 31st – VB&G at La Grande Tournament

Monday, January 5th – School Resumes

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season

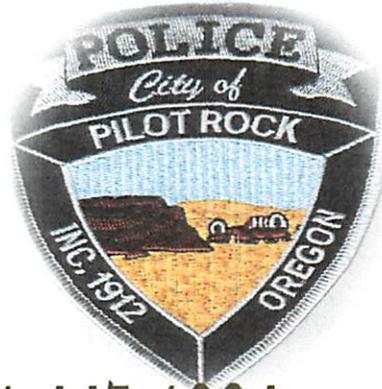


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| 12-01 Citizen Assist 100 blk W. Main
Information 100 blk SE Douglas
Dog Complaint 300 blk NE Cherry
Area Checks | 12-08 Civil 100 blk NW 3rd
Citizen Contact 200 blk NW Alder
Dr Area Checks |
| 12-02 Citizen Contact 500 blk NE Hickory
Abandon Vehicle 300 blk NE Douglas | 12-09 Citizen Contact 100 blk W Main
Suspicious Activity 100 blk SW Birch
Ordinance (littering) 200 blk SW 2nd
Ordinance (garbage) 200 blk NE 2nd |
| 12-03 Harassment 100 blk SE Cherry
Follow up
Building Check | 12-10 Dog Complaint SE 5th
Citizen Contact McGowan Dr
Alarm 700 blk NE Hickory
Area Checks |
| 12-04 Traffic Hazard Hwy 395
Found Property 100 blk SW Birch
Dog Complaint 100 blk N Alder Place | 12-11 Traffic Hazard Hwy 395
Alarm NW Elder St
Citizen Contact 100 blk N. Alder Pl
Citizen Contact SE 4th/Hwy 395 |
| 12-05 Crash 100 blk W. Main
Welfare Check 100 blk W. Main
Area Checks | 12-12 Ordinance (parking) 200 blk NE Elm
Area Checks |
| 12-06 Citizen Contact NW Alder Dr.
Area Checks
Community Policing | 12-13 Area Checks |
| | 12-14 Area Check
Suicidal Subject |

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Police Dept. 541-443-1224

Dispatch 541-966-3651

New Address: 143 West Main



Mayor's Minute

It's hard to believe that we have come full circle and another year has passed! December has been a very busy month, as you well know. We had a wonderful WinterPhest Bazaar with 28 vendors participating. It started out a bit slick that morning, but the day turned out to be awesome. Special thanks to Nancy Hinkle and Linda Snively for taking the reins and running with them! Jean Hemphill worked hard at the raffle table also! Great job. Ladies! Kay Thorne was the winner of the raffle basket which each vendor made a contribution. Lots of goodies for Kay to enjoy and share!

Once again, the Light Parade was held with many hardy souls participating. Award winner for 2014 are as follows:

1st place = Pilot Rock Fire Dept

2nd place = Daniel Christensen and Friends

3rd place = Pilot Rock Assembly of God Church.

And we loved the Stanton Family float and Delores McLaren's big jacked up rig. Fun! Have you ever itched to take a rig for a drive? ;-) Oh, yeah!

Chili and hot chocolate were served courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce immediately following the parade. It was a good day in Pilot Rock! Those involved with the Chili Feed included Lela Thieme, Janice Schreiner, Sheila Buckley, Heather Nelson and Rebecca Burke. Kudos for your efforts!

Our Community Calendars are at the printers and should be ready for pickup at City Hall at the earliest on Friday afternoon (19th) and the latest on Monday (22nd). They are wonderful and everyone who contributed pictures is due a round of applause! You will love them. We're ordering a few extras in case you missed being contacted. It might not hurt to call City Hall at 443-2811 before making a trip down on Friday.

Remember to have your Christmas Lights burning on Sunday evening, Dec. 21, from 5-7 pm. Prizes will be awarded by the Chamber.

May the Blessings of the Season Be Yours as we complete 2014 and look forward to 2015!

Virginia Carnes

Mayor

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
Emergency.....911
Dispatch....541-966-3651
Police Dept..541-443-1224
Burnline...541-278-6397

Cemetery District
Shawna Kirk 541-969-1865

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cityofpr@centurytel.net
if you would like the newsletter emailed
to you.

Or check it out on our web site
 at www.cityofpilotrock.org

Please Remember Our Service Men and Women this Holiday Season

Please drop off your recently used magazines at the PR public library through the month of December, for our U.S. military. Thank you! J Ron King

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Grannie Vickie @ 541-419-9057



Library News

Friday Story Time
December 19th
11:30 am



UMATILLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

"Conservators of the Peace"

Sheriff Terry L. Rowan



Undersheriff Jim Littlefield

NEWS RELEASE – For Immediate Release
December 9, 2014

UMATILLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP IN A CHECK FRAUD INVESTIGATION

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office is asking for your assistance in the investigation of a check fraud case. A business in the Pilot Rock area was recently victimized and several dozen checks were stolen. The stolen checks were made out to the Pilot Rock Sanitary Station and were already processed by the bank. We have made an arrest in the case, with more pending, but some of the stolen checks may still be in circulation. Investigators are asking that if you wrote a check to this business between May 2014 and September 2014, please review your checking account and bank statements for any activity that may be questionable. If you find suspicious activity, please notify the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office at (541) 966-3600

How to Protect Yourself from Becoming a Victim of Check Fraud:

Fraud professionals have become increasingly skilled and sophisticated, thanks to advances in readily available technology such as personal computers, scanners and color photocopiers. Criminals today can defraud you and your financial institution quite easily with a blank check taken from your check book, a canceled check found in your garbage, or a check you mailed to pay a bill. Therefore, it is important to follow a common-sense, logical approach with the way you use and store your checks. Here are some suggestions:

- Make sure your checks are endorsed by your financial institution and incorporate security features that help combat counterfeiting and alteration.
- Store your checks, deposit slips, bank statements and canceled checks in a secure and locked location. Never leave your checkbook in your vehicle or in the open.
- Reconcile your bank statement within 30 days of receipt in order to detect any irregularities. Otherwise, you may become liable for any losses due to check fraud.
- Never give your account number to people you do not know, especially over the telephone. Be particularly aware of unsolicited phone sales.
- Unless needed for tax purpose, destroy old canceled checks, account statements, deposit tickets, ATM receipts.
- When you receive your check order, make sure all of the checks are there, and that none are missing. Report missing checks to your bank at once. Should you fail to receive your order by mail, alert your bank. Checks could have been stolen from mail box or lost in transit.
- If your home is burglarized, check your supply of checks to determine if any have been stolen. Look closely, because thieves will sometimes take only one or two checks from the middle or back of the book. The longer it takes to detect any of your checks have been taken, the more time the criminal has to use them successfully.
- If someone pays you with a cashier's check, have them accompany you to the bank to cash it. If at all possible, only accept a check during normal business hours so you can verify whether it is legitimate. Make sure you obtain identification information from the individual.
- Do not mail bills from your mailbox at night. It is a favorite location from which a criminal can gain possession of your check with the intent to defraud you. Criminals will remove a check from your mailbox and either endorse it using bogus identification, photocopy and cash it repeatedly, scan and alter the check, or chemically alter it. The Post Office is the best location from which to send your bill payment.
- Limit the amount of personal information on your check. For example, do not include your Social Security, driver's license or telephone numbers on your check. A criminal can use this information to literally steal your identity by applying for a credit card or loan in your name, or even open a new checking account.
- Don't leave blank spaces on the payee and amount lines.
- The type of pen you use makes a difference. Most ballpoint and marker inks are dye based, meaning that the pigments are dissolved in the ink. Liquid gel ink pens, use gel ink that contains tiny particles of color that are trapped into the paper, making check washing a lot more difficult.
- Don't write your credit card number on the check.
- Use your own pre-printed deposit slips, and make sure the account number on your slip is correct. Thieves occasionally alter deposit slips in the hope you won't notice and the money goes into their account.
- Don't make a check payable to cash. If lost or stolen, the check can be cashed by anyone.
- Never endorse a check until you are ready to cash or deposit it. The information can be altered if it is lost or stolen.

If you have any questions on how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of fraud or any other crime, notify the Umatilla county Sheriff's Office.

Phone 541.966.3601

Fax 541.278.5496

www.co.umatilla.or.us/sheriff



Letter from Pilot Rock Sanitation

To my valued Pilot Rock Sanitation customers, I would like to address last week's press release and news stories about the Labor Day burglary and subsequent check fraud.

I apologize for the timing and the way in which you informed of the robbery. It was not my intention to hide or keep this information from you. However, when I was told by the Sheriffs office that it was in fact confidential, I had to comply, which unfortunately meant I could say nothing. My hands were tied. As I told the reporter from the East Oregonian, "I wouldn't have tried to hinder the investigation, but I think it would have been nice if something was done at the beginning".

I know that this robbery has affected many of us. It has put us in some very trying and difficult situations that we have had to spend our time and money dealing with and resolving. I still have not received a police report to give to my insurance agent.

I would like to inform everyone that if you wrote your check after August 18th your checks are safe. It was mistakenly reported that checks from May-Sept were stolen.

Our merchant service provider required us to hold scanned checks for 90 day before shredding. That is why your checks were still in our possession in a locked safe, at the time of the robbery. We were robbed of several items weighing well over 200lbs so the safe was no problem for them to heist as well.

Our need for Remote Deposit has been resolved. As many of you have noticed there is a change in the mailing address as I have moved to Stanfield. You may still use any payment method or drop off method you choose and all are safe. On that note, we are happy to offer our customers a secure way to pay on-line and to also sign up for paperless billing. Look for your code and our web address on your next statement to set up your own secure account. This way you will no longer need to send a check, if you are uncomfortable doing so. Payments sent by check are no longer scanned and held, they are deposited daily.

I appreciate your loyal business and will continue to do everything I can to remain a trusted partner in this community. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you need help setting up your online bill pay please give me a call at [\(541\)443-6131](tel:5414436131)

Thank you for your business and have a happy holiday season!

Sincerely,
Ranee Mckague
Owner, Pilot Rock Sanitation, LLC

**Have a Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year**

Be a Good Neighbor

**Help make 2015
Our Best Year Ever!**