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Next City Council Meeting August 2nd

July 29, 2016

Mayor: Virginia Carnes
City Council:
Ray Corwin, Bob Deno,
Raymond Doherty, Terry Womack
Jim Hinkle and Deacon Perkins

PILOT ROCK PRIDE

SEE MAYORS MINUTE

City of Pilot Rock

The July 19, 2016, Council Meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: August 2, 2016, AT 7PM

The following is slated to be on the agenda:

- Resolution declaring the Bike Pit as Surplus. Before the bike pit property can be deeded the City must first pass a resolution stating that it has been determined that the lot is not needed by the City for current or future use and that it is in the best interest of the public to convey the property.
- Approval of the deed conveying ownership of the Bike Pit property to the OHV board. The deed is part of the Council packet and available at City Hall. Council will review the deed and determine the best course of action.
- Variance Request at 518 NE Fir. The property owner has requested that the side and rear setbacks be reduced where he is building a garage. Notice was sent out and a public hearing was held on July 18, 2016. Council is asked to give final approval to the Planning Commission recommendation that the variance be granted.

WHAT'S GOING ON...

By Teri Porter

Stairs to School and Downtown

Work is finally underway. The City purchased the property and the old house at the bottom of the stairs. There were issues with the legal description of the property that went back 100+ years. Then there were back property taxes that needed to be worked out with the previous owner. Then there was asbestos concerns and elimination. **See stairs 1A**

Lagoon Upgrade and Sewer Rate Increase

July is the first month you will see the new sewer rate. As previously reported, in order for the City to qualify for a low interest rate and a $1.4 million grant to pay for the DEQ required Lagoon Upgrade, we must have our sewer rates at about $40 a month, which is the average rate of other similar small towns. **See Lagoon 1A**

City to Deed the Bike Pit Land to the OHV Board

Tuesday, August 2nd, the Council will consider a deed to convey ownership of the Bike Pit to the OHV board. This comes after years of concerns regarding the City's possible liability. **See Bike Pit 1A**

Community Days Committee Hard at Work

Each year a handful of volunteers gather to start making plans and preparations for Pilot Rock's Community Days event. With Mayor Carnes at the helm they start their meetings in March meeting only once a month until June or July when things start to really pick up and weekly **See Community 1A**

PRPD

CM	07/12/2016	67229 R A KOCH RD	INFO	07/18/2016	SW BIRCH PL
HOUSE CH	07/12/2016	NE CHERRY ST	DOMESTIC	07/18/2016	NE CHERRY ST
TSTOP	07/13/2016	SW BIRCH ST/SW 8TH ST	TRESPASS	07/18/2016	NE 2ND ST
TSTOP	07/13/2016	HIGHWAY 395 S/N ALDER ST	ASSIST	07/19/2016	SW BIRCH PL
SUBPOENA	07/13/2016	W MAIN ST	TSTOP	07/19/2016	E BIRCH CREEK RD
HOUSE CH	07/13/2016	W MAIN ST	WRT	07/19/2016	E BIRCH CREEK RD
CIT CONT	07/13/2016	SW BIRCH PL/SW CEDAR ST	INFO	07/19/2016	SW BIRCH PL
PARK	07/13/2016	W MAIN ST	ASLT	07/19/2016	NE ELM ST
FIRE	07/13/2016	SW BIRCH ST	MISC	07/19/2016	SW 3RD ST
JUVC	07/13/2016	NE CHERRY ST/NE 3RD ST	MISC	07/19/2016	SE ELM ST
DOG	07/14/2016	SW 2ND ST	SUSP	07/19/2016	NW ELDER ST
DRVC	07/14/2016	HIGHWAY 395 S/HOEFT RD	DIST	07/19/2016	W MAIN ST
TSTOP	07/14/2016	HIGHWAY 395 S/NE 4TH ST	UEMV	07/19/2016	SE DOUGLAS ST
TSTOP	07/14/2016	W MAIN ST/SW BIRCH ST	MISSING	07/20/2016	MCGOWAN DR
CM	07/14/2016	SW CEDAR ST	DOG	07/20/2016	SW 10TH ST
TSTOP	07/14/2016	N ALDER ST/HIGHWAY 395 S	TRESPASS	07/21/2016	SW CEDAR ST
SUSP	07/14/2016	SW BIRCH ST	HIT/RUN	07/21/2016	W MAIN ST
EMS	07/14/2016	SE ELM ST	INVST	07/21/2016	SW BIRCH ST
BUILDCK	07/14/2016	W MAIN ST	AREACK	07/21/2016	MAIN ST
ASSIST	07/14/2016	SE ELM ST	TSTOP	07/21/2016	HIGHWAY 395 S/NE 4TH ST
JUVC	07/15/2016	ALDER PL	CIVIL	07/21/2016	N ALDER ST
TSTOP	07/15/2016	NE CHERRY ST	AREACK	07/21/2016	W MAIN ST
VRO	07/15/2016	SW BIRCH PL	TSTOP	07/21/2016	HIGHWAY 395 S/NE 4TH ST
BUILDCK	07/15/2016	W MAIN ST	TSTOP	07/21/2016	NE ALDER ST/NE 6TH ST
WALK	07/16/2016	MCGOWAN DR	TSTOP	07/21/2016	NE ALDER ST/NE 6TH ST
TSTOP	07/16/2016	NW BIRCH ST	WRT ATT	07/22/2016	W MAIN ST
TSTOP	07/16/2016	W MAIN ST/N ALDER ST	TSTOP	07/22/2016	N ALDER ST/HIGHWAY 395 S
TSTOP	07/16/2016	HIGHWAY 395/NE 6TH ST	DIST	07/22/2016	ALDER PL
SUICIDAL	07/16/2016	SW BIRCH PL	SUSP	07/22/2016	NE ELM ST
HARS	07/16/2016	NW BIRCH ST	WALK	07/22/2016	W MAIN ST
DIST	07/17/2016	NW BIRCH ST	TRESPASS	07/22/2016	W MAIN ST
INFO	07/18/2016	SW 2ND ST	WALK	07/22/2016	W MAIN ST
FIRE	07/18/2016	SW BIRCH ST	WALK	07/23/2016	E MAIN ST/NE DOUGLAS ST
DOMESTIC	07/18/2016	SE DOUGLAS ST	HOUSE CH	07/23/2016	NE DOUGLAS ST
CVL	07/18/2016	SW BIRCH PL	WCHK	07/23/2016	NE 2ND ST

Emergency Dial 911
POLICE DEPT. 541-966-3651
FOR ALL POLICE MATTERS
PLEASE CALL
DISPATCH - 541-966-3651

Are your house numbers
Visible from the street?
If not emergency services may
not be able to find you if you need them.

To better serve you, The Pilot Rock Police Department would like you to call Dispatch for non-emergency police business, <u>not City Hall</u>.

THE MAYORS MINUTE

Just checking in with you to see if you are gearing up for community days August 19-21? Think about a general clean-up of the community and what you can do to put a positive spin on Pilot Rock for those who are coming home for the occasion. There has even been the suggestion that we might award a "block of the month" award what suggestions do you have for getting us back up to a place where people want to live? Its wide open for either conventional or non-conventional ideas! We will have a lot of visitors. Look at Pilot Rock through their eyes.

Are you having a yard sale during Community Days? If so, please call City Hall @ 541-443-2811 and get on the list. I know it's pretty easy to ride the shirt tails of your neighbors and not list your sale but some people search for specific items that you might have listed. Our yard sales bring in a lot of buyers from other communities. We are more than what we appear to be on the surface. **Pilot Rock Pride**

Last week on July 20th we hosted the League of Oregon Cities "Small Cities Meeting" which brought 26 visitors to council chambers from Boardman to Joseph; and it was well attended, special thanks to Teri Porter and Wanda young for all of their help and to chief Bill Caldera for making time to attend. All of our small cities realize how important our police departments are to our well-being and livability. It's a very thin blue line for us in Eastern Oregon and that's what makes the interagency responses so important to all. God Bless our police department, the Pendleton PR, Oregon State Police and the Umatilla County sheriff's department for all of their assistance. We are so lucky. When we look at what has happened in other communities, we need to thank our officers every day for their service! I know it may be overused, but if you "see something, say something". I know we are not Dallas or Baton Rouge, but there is nothing to say some bizarre off the wall incident couldn't happen here. For those who thought there was an overabundance or over the top response to an incident last week, you had best thank God we still have officers who will respond quickly to assist our community. It's easy to cuss and discuss actions, but I think I can safely say these same people want the same kind of response if they make a 911 call.

Have a good couple of weeks and stay safe.

Virginia Carnes,

Mayor

YARD OF THE MONTH

Loal & Liz King

274 SW 3rd

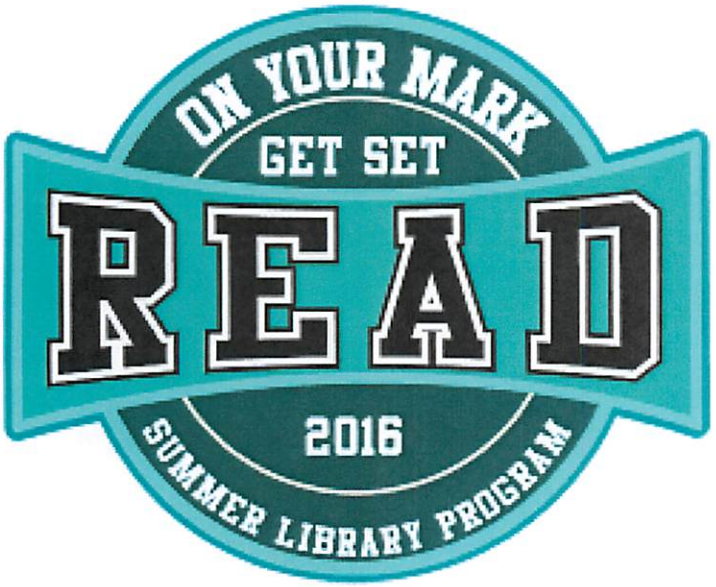
Glen & Linda Snively

261 SW 2nd

Glenn & Loraine Greene

390 NW Hillcrest

Library News



Summer story time & crafts
Monday's @ 11:30
Everyone is welcome!!

5th Annual Class Reunion and Community Dinner

Friday, August 19, 2016, is the date of the 5th Annual Class Reunion and Community Dinner. The dinner is returning to Friday night and will be held at the Pilot Rock High School cafeteria.

The theme for PR Community Days is "Honor Our Veterans." The price of dinner for veterans or active members of the armed forces will be $10. Other prices will be Adults--$15, Seniors 65+ and Students--$12. The menu includes a choice of BBQ tri-tip or chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, coleslaw and bread.

Class reunion groups need to request separate seating prior to the dinner and the tables will be set aside for easy conversation. Dinner will be served from 5:30-7:30. We will serve senior citizens from 5:30-6:00 and everyone else from 6:00 to 7:30. But of course if your family generations would like to eat at the same time, we will gladly serve you together.

Please make reservation by August 10 by calling Annie Smith Tester at 541-377-3075, contacting on Facebook, or email annie_tester@yahoo.com. We hope to see lot of PRHS graduates and local folks who would like a great meal at a minimal cost.

High School Registration

High School registration is less than a month away and parents will receive a letter after the first of August. Registration days will be the following:
Monday, August 8--Seniors & Juniors
Tuesday, August 9—Sophomores & Freshman
Thursday, August 11—7th and 8th grade
Students who are participating in fair should contact the office August 3rd and 4th.
There will be some changes at PRHS for the next year. Parents and students need to be aware and prepare prior to the beginning of school.

1) Each classroom will now have a cell phone parking area, which each teacher will enforce for ALL students. The students will need to turn their phones off and place them in the box as they enter each classroom. If parents need to reach their students during class time, they should call the office at 541-443-2671 and we will make sure the students are called to the office for the emergency information. Parents need to support this because cell phones have become a disruption for the learning environment.
2) As parents do school shopping please keep in mind the rules for attire. We do not allow students to wear tops with less than two-inch coverage on the shoulder. Shorts and skirts must be longer than the fingertips extended down. Clothing must have backs. No underwear may show. No handkerchiefs, hats or other headwear can be worn in class. Illegal, abusive, drug or alcohol remarks on clothing is not allowed. Don't waste money on inappropriate clothing.

Mrs. Annie Tester

Head Start Apply Today

Head Start is a preschool program which serves children age 3 to 5 and their families. Their focus is to increasing the school readiness of young children in low-income families. Head Start has been delivering high quality education for over 30 years by utilizing curriculums such as Creative Curriculum, Second Step, Positive Behavior Intervention Supports and MESS. Head Start also offers services in the areas of medical, dental, mental health, nutrition, and family engagement. They are a caring network of quality individuals working with others to strengthen families and communities.

If you would like more information, please contact the Family Advocate at our Pendleton Office at 541-966-3362 or stop by to complete an application in your local area and at Pendleton Early Learning Center in Pendleton

Thank you for your time!
Crystal Umbarger
Family Advocate Pendleton
Child and Family Advocate
(541) 966-3362

Stronger Families, Better Communities, Brighter Futures

Stairs

Once all that red tape was dealt with, The City's public works crew (Steve, Tim and Adam) were ready to get to work. They have already started removing the condemned stairs from above the bluff. Steve is hoping that next week they can start demolition of the old house. Once that it gone they will have access to remove the bottom portion of the stairs. Steve's goal is to have the new stairs in and ready for use by the start of school this coming fall. Fingers crossed we don't hit any snags, things go smoothly and we will all enjoy our new stairs that have long been missed.

Lagoon

The new rate brings us to $35, so next year there will be one more bump to bring us in line before the loan goes into effect.

As far as the project itself, we are in the funding application process, which means with help from Anderson Perry the City engineers, we are accumulating all the needed documents and submitting our application for the loan to fund the $5.2 million project. to pay for the project. In the meantime, the engineers are doing a lot of field work so that once the funds are available they are ready to get started. Once the funds are approved they will go out for bid to determine what company would be best and most cost efficient to handle the job of constructing our new lagoons and eliminating our old ones. We could still be about a year away before we see any dirt moved up there. Although you don't see it there is a lot of background work being done in preparation.

Bike Pit

Recent changes in the Recreational Use Immunity rulings have created cause for concern and Council is motivated to address the issue of deeding the property to the OHV Board, thereby eliminating any liability issues against the City. The deed provides that the property is to be used as a motocross park and follow the plans that are outlined in the Bike Pit Masterplan which was approved by Council back in 2010. At Tuesdays meeting Council will review the draft of the deed and make a decision on the best course of action.

Community

meetings become necessary. So rest assured they are back at it this year planning another great event that has become a tradition, once again. Community Days starts Friday August 19, with the Pilot Rock Class Reunion Dinner. Goes through Saturday with all sorts of events from Craft fair, Horseshoe tournament, Stick Horse Rodeo, Dog Costume Contest, Wiener Dog Races, Car Show, Barn Yard Bingo, Duck Race, Children's Carnival, the Mud Bog up at the Bike Pit, a Parade to be proud of that grows bigger and better each year and the beer garden with Karaoke in the evening. The festivities end on Sunday with services in the park, Community Pot Luck and the Pine Derby Car Races. See the Schedule of events in this issue of the newsletter for event times.

This year the theme is Honoring our Vets and those who serve to protect our Country and our way of life. The Committee is looking for pictures of citizens who are veterans or currently serving. If you have picture you would be willing to share you may contact me, Teri, at City Hall (541-443-2811) and I will make a copy of your picture for the committee to use. Also the committee will have a float for our veterans to ride on in the parade. We are calling out to all citizens who have been of service to our country to please come and ride on the float (sign up at City Hall).

If you are interested in being a vendor on Main St. on Saturday, the 21st. Contact City Hall for an application. Only $5 for a 10x10 space.

Community Wide Yard Sale: Get on the Map. Only $5 and we will add your yard sale to the map. The map is a must have tool for all those treasure hunters to find you. Contact City Hall.

So save the date AUGUST 19-22, PILOT ROCK COMMUNITY DAYS. See you there!!!

It is my intention to include articles such as these in each newsletter to keep our citizens informed. I will make every effort to include all sides and present as much of the facts as possible. If you have questions please stop by City Hall and Steve Draper or I will be happy to answer them to the best of our ability. You are also invited to drop questions in the payment box and if appropriate we will answer them in the newsletter.
Teri Porter, City Recorder

Pilot Rock Community Day/Reunion Weekend 2016 Schedule of Events and Locations
Revised-7-28-2016

****Friday 19****

5-8:00 pm Class Reunion & Community Dinner *(High School)* (Pilot Rock Foundation-)
Make Reservations contact -----Annie Tester—541-377-3075)
Tri-tip Steak or Chicken. Baked Potato. Coleslaw-S 15.00. Senior $12.00 (65 or older)
Hotdogs for kids S5.00 (Please call
Annie asap to get on the list!)

****Saturday. August 20****

7:30 am—Jan Bensel Memorial Race 10k & 5k Race

7 am Set-Up; —Football team—PRFD
8 am Yard Sales: — City Hall—541-443-2811
8 am Vendors: set up. Main Street—Teri Porter—541-215-5031
8:30 am Horseshoe Tournament: — City Park—Jason Bedard—541-377-9789
10 am Mud Bogs: PR OHV Park
10 am Information Booth/Guest Registration/Pilot Rock Foundation: Main Street —Annie Smith Tester—541-377-3075,
High School tours by request
10 am to 5 pm—Cooling Center on Main Street—sit and visit a
bit!
Children Carnival at City Park—Pilot Rock Baptist Church—
Josh Endersby 541-215-2982

llam-12 noon—Stick Horse Rodeo—Lea Van Houten 541-240-1961 on Main Street (Pre-registration at 10 am)
1:00 Any Breed Dog Costumes Contest at Veteran's Park
1:30 Wiener Dog Race at Veteran's Park- Jackie Carey 541-443-8551

2-4:00 pm Car Show Main Street- Sheila Buckely541-969-0830—Entrees will get ticket to the beer garden

Signup for Barnyard Bingo before the parade—S5 per square— Mary Ann Low-
Dice 4,5,6 game in the afternoon Mary Ann Low

3 pm: Great Duck Race—East Birch Creek— Jim & Nancy Hinkle 541-379-1975 & PRFD Main Street Bridge

Food Available Teri Porter—
Vendors—541-215-5031

5-6 pm Parade — Begins @ Fire Station—south down Cherry St., ***Main St. to south down East Birch to 8h north up Cedar to 395—back to Fire Station
Dave Slootwig=Parade MC's
Awards Ceremony after the parade

Beer Garden— 6pm-12midnight —City Hall Parking Lot
Karaoke by Terra Arbogast and Irish Country (Dohertys)
Admission to Beer Garden=$3.00 single or $5.00 couple
Beer=$4.00 & Wine=$4.00 or 5 for $20.00 ;-)
Dice Game 4,5 & 6 in Beer Garden—Mary Ann Low

****Sunday. August 21****

Community Church Service: 10 am at City Park—Harley Jeffers—541-240-1478 & Mike Nelson—541-377-0635
Community Potluck after Church 10 am –
12:00 Pine Derby Contest
Downtown Clean-up PR Football Team

Overnight camping available in City Park/Elem. School or Trailer parking @ Football Field parking lot If you have additional questions that have not been answered, please call Virginia Carnes @ 541-443-5832/969-6033
Or Pilot Rock City Hall @ 541-443-2811