

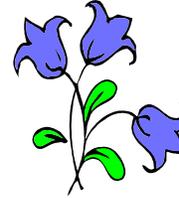
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CITY HALL IS AVAILABLE TO
ASSIST THE COMMUNITY
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8 AM-5 PM

Progress, Pride and Possibilities!



March 18, 2011
Mayor: Virginia Carnes
City Council:
Mike Baleztena, George Hall,
Shawna Kirk, Kacie Moss,
Glen Snively and Annie Tester

City of Pilot Rock

The next regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 @ 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

A Budget Committee vacancy currently exists. Please stop by City Hall and pick up an application if interested. They must be turned in by March 31.

Community members are also encouraged to apply for 5 open positions on the planning commission. Again, please stop in and pick up an application.

Burn Line: 541-278-6397****call before lighting your burn barrel or lawn debris.

Please note that City Hall hours have returned to 8 am-5 pm---Monday-Friday!

Pilot Rock School District

Friday, March 18th - HSTK at Umatilla @ 1:00, JVBB home against Elgin @ 12:00

Saturday, March 19th - VSB home against Wallowa @ 12:00, VBB home against Elgin @ 12:00

Monday, March 21st - SPRING BREAK, VSB & VBB at Riverside Tournament @ 10:00

Tuesday, March 22nd - VSB & VBB at Riverside Tournament

Friday, March 25th - VSB home with a tournament @ 9:00

Saturday, March 26th - VSB home with a tournament @ 9:00

Monday, March 28th - Winter Sports awards potluck, JH Basketball and HS Basketball teams @ 6:30 in cafeteria.

SPRING BREAK---MARCH 21-MARCH 25

Pilot Rock Farmers' Market

May Day Plant Sale

May 2nd

4-7 pm

Main St. Community Garden

All your vegetable garden needs

\$2.00-\$1.00 or less!



Need spring plants? Look no further.

Pilot Rock High School Greenhouse will be having their annual Spring Plant Sale. We are selling Mother's Day hanging baskets as well as patio pots starting in mid-May.

For more info: PRHS Phone: 541-443-2671



P i l o t

02-28 Area Checks
Juvenile Complaint SE Cherry
Follow-up

03-01 Citizen Assist SE Douglas
Area Checks
Agency Assist E. Birch Creek
Follow-up

03-02 Follow-up
Area Checks
Follow-up

03-03 Dog @ Large NE Cherry
Assist SW Birch St
Ordinance SW Birch Street
Follow-up
Area Checks

03-04 Dog @ Large NE 4th
Citizen Assist SW 10th
Trespass McGowan Dr.
Follow-up
Area Checks

03-05 Area Checks
Follow-up

03-06 Area Checks
Noise Complaint SW 3

03-07 Dog @ Large SW 3rd
Parking Complaint S. Alder
Driving Complaint NE Gumwood
Area Checks
Follow-up

03-08 Traffic Complaint W. Main
Follow-up
Theft W. Main
Area Checks

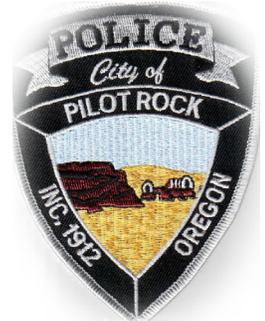
03-09 911 Hang up SE Douglas
Area Checks
Follow-up

03-10 Agency Assist McGowan Dr.
Dog @ Large NE Elm
Citizen Assist NW Birch
Field Interview SW Birch
Area Checks
Fugitive SW Cedar

03-11 Traffic Hazard NE Gumwood
Suspicious Circumstance W. Main
Area Checks

03-12 Follow-up
Area Checks
Criminal Mischief McGowan Dr
Suspicious Vehicle NW Cedar
Noise Complaint NE Cherry

03-13 Welfare Check NE Gumwood
Civil Issue SW Cedar
Information W. Main
Area Checks



R o c k

P o l i c e

Press Log

Caution!

WE ARE LETTING PARENTS/CITIZENS KNOW THAT KIDS SHOULD'T PLAY WITH THIS PLANT. SOME LOCAL CHILDREN PICKED THE FLOWERS FOR THEIR MOM AND WERE SMELLING THE FLOWERS AND THEY NOW HAVE BLISTERS ON THEIR FACES.

myrtle spurge (*Euphorbia myrsinites*)

ODA rating: B



Other common names

creeping spurge and donkey tail spurge

Description

Perennial; blooms in early spring. Grows 4 to 6 inches tall. Leaves alternately arranged in close spirals around the fleshy, trailing, blue-green stems. Flowers inconspicuous and surrounded by a showy yellow green bract. This plant prefers well-drained dry to moist soils with partial shade to full sun. Myrtle spurge is an escaped ornamental that inhabits disrupted areas and waste places. It grows well in zones 5-9 and is known to like dry rocky areas as well.

Impacts

Originally planted as a rock garden ornamental, the species has escaped and is spreading on to open lands in dryer parts of the state. Seeds can be ejected when plants are disturbed, sticking to wildlife hair and enabling transport far from the parent plants. Aside from displacing desirable native species, the plant invades playgrounds and parks in some states. The sap of myrtle spurge is caustic and creates rashes, swelling and blistering of the skin and is a human health concern.

http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/WEEDS/profile_myrtlespurge.shtml

Ring Praise Music Ministry

The unique and beautiful blend of handbells with piano will sound at a Ring Praise concert on Saturday, April 2 at 4:00 pm at Community Presbyterian Church. Phyllis Tincher, handbell soloist, and Sean Rogers, pianist and organist, will touch your hearts and ears through contemporary praise songs, hymns, and reflective pieces. Phyllis rings 3 octaves of handbells and mixes in 2 octaves of handchimes. Sean plays piano and is an accomplished organist. There is no charge for the concert – it's sponsored by a grant from Eastern Oregon Presbytery. It is their desire for people in the community to be able to simply come and enjoy the music. Invite a friend to see this amazing ministry!

Todd Bense

FCCLA

Congratulations to the state competitors in FCCLA. The competition was held at the Double Tree in Portland, March 10-12th. Amanda Bradford brought home a silver medal, Lexie Campbell a bronze medal, Krystianna Crawley, bronze, and Daniel Christensen, a bronze. The students worked hard at completing their projects and their awards were presented at the formal dinner Friday night, March 11th.

FCCLA member Josie Johnson is collecting pop cans for her project with the Cat Companions. She is willing to pick these up. Call the high school if you have some you'd be willing to donate or contact advisor, Mrs. Hadden at 443-2671. Thank you.

Comment--Bike Pit Races



Just dropping you a line letting you know how very impressed I was in the organization of the races today. It was very professional. This is something that Pilot Rock can build on in the future. I see campground and multiple events every year. We handled the only medical issue w/o incident. This is a great building block for the city and the district will lend any help we can to make it succeed.

Brian Hemphill--PRFD Chief

RAFFLE

the **Winget/Rose Ranch** has donated
this Registered American Paint Horse
"Sock Exchange Girl"

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Equipment fund**

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will be making an
additional donation
to help with the
equipment.



It is our pleasure on behalf of "Horsemanship Training for Success" to donate the Registered American Paint Horse, "Sock Exchange Girl" (foal date June 6, 2008) for this raffle.

As I, Margaret, received my education from the Pilot Rock school system I have many wonderful memories of the park and all the years we all enjoyed the equipment that was offered to us through the school system. This is a worthy cause!

"Socks" is lovable and will be trained in ground manners, respect and trailer loading before the "lucky ticket" is drawn.

Winner will be drawn at **PGG Spring Spectacular**
March 19, 2011 at the **Pendleton Convention Center**

Tickets also will be available
at Spring Spectacular



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Lost & Found Youth Thank You!

Special thanks to the Lost & Found Youth Group, under the direction of Jeremy Baker, Pastor Harley Jeffers and Danny Bane, for all of their help during the recent Bike Pit event---both in set up and clean up. You were so appreciated!

The Bike Pit Board of Directors

Scam Alert

Oregon Attorney General John Kroger warns Oregonians to be alert for scam artists posing as Japan disaster relief charities. While many legitimate organizations are seeking donations to aid victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan, thieves are sending e-mails, making phone calls, and posting fake video footage on social media sites to steal money and personal information.

Scam artists are becoming increasingly adept at exploiting disasters for personal gain. After the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, text messages became a convenient and popular way to donate to legitimate groups like the American Red Cross. Scam artists caught on to this trend and started sending mass "charity relief" text messages, requesting credit card numbers and other sensitive information.

In a new twist on the "emergency" scam, hackers are now using alleged video footage of the disaster in Japan linked to malware and online surveys that are designed to extract personal information. For example, one report describes a video linked to a scammer's Facebook account. By clicking on the video, the viewer's personal information shared on Facebook becomes available to the scammer.

Attorney General Kroger offers the following tips to avoid common emergency relief scams:

- * Be sure you are contributing to a legitimate organization registered with the Attorney General's Office. Searching the Department's online database or calling 971-673-1880. You can also visit www.guidestar.org or www.charitynavigator.org, to get detailed information about charities and their performance.

- * Give to established charities. Creating an efficient and effective charity overnight is nearly impossible, make sure the charity was around before the disaster.

- * Do not respond to email requests from supposed disaster victims. Unless you know someone in Japan, these requests are almost always scams. Also, be wary of donation requests or videos posted on social media sites by alleged victims or unfamiliar charities.

- * Do not give out personal information via phone, text or email. Legitimate charities will be pleased to receive a contribution by check. Don't send contributions with a "runner," by wire or overnight parcel pick-up service.

- Beware of calls, emails and texts requesting fast money. If you are unfamiliar with the charity, always ask for written materials. No legitimate organization will insist that you donate immediately. Watch out for solicitors who employ dramatic, emotional or heart-tugging stories.

NOTE

****[Sterling Savings Bank has established an account for donations and all the money will go to the Red Cross for Japan disaster recovery.](#)

Small Town Life

After attending the memorial service for Brody Matthew Bensel, I felt compelled to write about the life of a small town. Sadly, Brody was only 2 years old, but impacted a whole town in his short time here. But this isn't the first time I have seen this community come together. It amazes me to see the warmth and compassion that people have toward one another here even if you don't know them.

I will never forget the day we moved here. As we began unloading our truck of furniture, a man in a small pickup pulled up and asked if we needed help. At first, I asked myself why anyone would do that, because I came from the city and people didn't do those things up there. But I quickly realized how people were in this town. I knew that this was the right decision for my children and our family.

People here were about the kids and keeping them busy with youth sports. As the economy has drastically dropped off, so have the funds for kid's activities. We no longer have Band, Cheerleading, and we almost lost our Junior High sports. We used to have coaches that were very involved in getting kids to play sports, and if you weren't playing they were very persuasive in getting you too. There is not an activity in Pilot Rock that will turn a kid away if they cannot afford to pay. If you can't pay, then volunteer. If anything the kids are the future of Pilot Rock, if we don't support them, then we will have nothing here. I don't want to see this small town life go away. In turn I am asking that if you have children in activities that you get involved in some way. There are so many things we can do to keep this town going, Community Days, the Bike Pit, the Kinzua Boise Mill, the Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Association, and soon the A&V Investment Group.

Jen Callahan

Lost & Found Youth

The Lost & Found Youth organization is looking for projects to assist members of the community. If you are a senior or disabled citizen, please contact PRPD Chief Darren Richman @ 5421.443.2811 if you need assistance. Community leaders---do you have upcoming projects that you need help with? We have willing youth who can lend a hand!

Bike Pit Volunteer Compliment

I am very happy with all of the positive comments and feedback we received this weekend. People were very surprised and impressed about the dinner and race. I had comments wanting more races and events, and I said we're working on it for the future. The City of Pilot Rock should be proud of their residents, efforts and generosity. They were great hosts. Thanks to the City Council for their support and the Fire Dept. and EMT's were great! Looking forward to more successes in the future.

Sincerely Tracy Suttle-volunteer



Chairs Needed!

If you have, or know of, any solid wooden chairs you would be willing to donate to the Downtown Association for a fundraiser during Community Days, please let Virginia Carnes know @ 541.443.5832. They must be paintable---if that's a word!! Look or more info. soon on the Chairity Event!



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Community Gardens

Greetings Gardeners! We are planning a demonstration about growing season extension on Saturday, April 9. We will meet at the Main Street Garden site in beautiful downtown Pilot Rock at 10:00 to learn how to use bedcovers to grow vegetables in the early spring and then into the fall. There will be raised beds and bed covers for sale, as well as early spring seedlings to plant in them. After our class, brunch will be available for \$10.00 for those interested at Archie's. If you are interested in helping us plant or build bed covers, please call me at 443-2905. We could use your help, even young people!

Speaking of young people, we are partnering with 4-H this year to bring gardening skills to young people. I have been approved to be a 4-H leader and I plan to begin programming soon. Assistants will be necessary, so if you have experience in 4-H, please call me to share your talents and wisdom.

We have beds available for this gardening season, and I am taking reservation requests already, so call soon if you and your family would like to use our community gardens this year. See you in the garden!

Lori Newberry



Pilot Rock Downtown Revitalization Assoc. DTA

Mission:

The DTA recognizes Pilot Rock's many assets. It already has the **essentials for a healthy downtown** in place, including City Hall, public library, bank, post office, hardware store, beauty shop, doctor, churches, schools, community center, laundromat. Our restaurants, grocery store, gas station and dump station **give travelers a reason to stop. Great geography!** The city is nicely defined by hills and bluffs with two beautiful creeks running through it, there is a lot of natural beauty and wild life. **A highway runs through it!** 395 is a major artery in east Oregon and it runs right through our beautiful city, yet Main St. is a separate business loop. **Quality residential living** right in the downtown area.

Valuable industrial land, with tremendous opportunity for new business and jobs. Fantastic **community pride and spirit**. We have some of the most warm and friendly citizens around. With all this going for it we believe that Pilot Rock has a great foundation to build upon and restore it to the thriving city it was not so long ago.

I have heard some say **"We don't want to change!"** But **change is inevitable**. Over the past 30 years we have seen many changes in Pilot Rock, the loss of industry, jobs, buildings, business etc. If you do nothing you are going backwards. **The mission of the Downtown Revitalization Association is to guide change in a positive direction by facilitating the necessary actions to attract new industry and jobs, and enhance opportunities for our citizens.** Anyone interested in being part of this positive move to improve the great community you live in, please call 541-443-4130. Our members include: Teri Porter, Jim Hatley, Shawna Kirk, Steve Draper, Virginia Carnes, Darcy Williams, Karen Bopp, Robyn Deter and Tony McKague.

Teri Porter, President