

# Pilot Rock Newsletter

August 26, 2016

Volume 23 Issue 16  
Editor: Wanda Young  
Published by City of Pilot Rock  
541-443-2811  
[www.cityofpilotrock.org](http://www.cityofpilotrock.org)  
Email: [cityofpr@centurytel.net](mailto:cityofpr@centurytel.net)



City Hall is available  
To assist the Community  
Monday-Friday 8 AM – 5PM  
Editor reserves the right to edit any and all articles for content  
**Next City Council Meeting September 6th**



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

## Back to School for Pilot Rock



**Be sure to watch for children in the streets**

### City of Pilot Rock

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: September 6th, 2016, AT 7PM**

1. Council granted permission to Pilot Rock Librarian, Susan Price, to apply for the \$1,000, Ready to Read Grant. The grant is used to fund the Summer Reading Program.
2. Council tabled both the Bike Pit Deed and Bike Pit legal and surveying fees. See article in this newsletter.
3. Council was presented with a draft of the newly developed Park Maintenance Program. The program will be circulated to the City's insurance company (CIS) and to attorneys for their review as well. The program will be on the next agenda for formal action.

The following items will be on the September 6, 2016 agenda:

1. Renewal of the Public Works Emergency Response Cooperative Assistance Agreement
2. OHV Board Agreement. Council is asked to consider putting a formal agreement in place while the deeding issues are worked out.
3. Investment Policy. Council will be given a draft of the Investment Policy which they will be asked to act on at the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### WHAT'S GOING ON...

By Teri Porter

#### Community Days

Another Community Days has come and gone. I am proud to say that I am a member of the awesome team of volunteers that work long and hard to make the event a reality each year. The Community Days Committee's takes the whole family into consideration when planning the events. The committee's mission is to pull the community together, celebrate each other and year, as in past years', citizens could be seen taking part in events, laughing, enjoying each other's company and catching up with schoolmates they haven't seen in years. **See Days 1A**

#### Swim Bus Program Record Numbers

It's hard to believe summer has come and gone already. This year our Swim Bus Program, under the direction of Amylee Perrine, served 129 children in our community. The average daily count was 44 kids on the bus each day, with the highest being 57. Our hats off to Ms. Perrine and Barbara Montgomery, who not only drives the bus, but along with Ms. Perrine, gets right in there with the kids to ensure that they have a fun and safe day. **See Swim 1A**

#### Bike Pit Deed Put On Hold

August 16, 2016, Council meeting Agenda, listed Deeding the Bike Pit property to the OHV Board. A copy of the proposed deed was included in Council's packet as they were ready to act on the matter. Jeff Mills of the OHV board was present at the meeting and presented Council with a letter, requesting more time for the board to consider the ramifications of accepting a deed to the property. The OHV Board recently learned that although they have a 501(c)3 tax exempt status, they are not exempt from paying property taxes on the property if the deed was in their name. County Tax Assessor, Paul Chalmers, graciously attended a Bike Pit meeting here in Pilot Rock, to answer questions from the board. Chalmers stated that the annual taxes would be approx. \$4,000. That is a lot of money to this non-profit organization that is doing all it can to improve the pit and meet pro race standards. The City, on the other hand, as a municipality, is not required to pay property taxes on property it does not receive revenue from.

In addition, recent rulings in the Recreational Use Immunity laws (ORS 105.682) have raised a lot of questions regarding liability protection for public areas. **See Bike 1A**

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

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.

DIST	DISTURBANCE	INFO	INFORMATION	DOMESTIC	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
ASLT	ASSAULT	CIVIL	CIVIL ISSUE	ASSIST	AGENCY ASSIST
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	EMERGENCY MEDICAL	UNAUTHORIZED US OF MOTOR	UNAUTHORIZED US OF MOTOR	BURG	BURGLARY
EMTS	SERVICES	UJUV	VEHICLE	SHOTS	SHOTS FIRED
OPEN	OPEN DOOR	CONT	CITIZEN COMPLAINT	SHOTS	SHOTS FIRED
WALK	WALK AND TALK	TSTOP	TRAFFIC STOP	BUILDCK	BUILDING CHECK
NOIS	NOISE COMPLAINT	DRVC	DRIVING COMPLAINT	CM	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
PROP	LOST/FOUND PROPERTY	WCHK	WELFARE CHECK	MVA	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

08/16/2016	TSTOP	NE 4TH ST/E ELM	08/16/2016	TSTOP	SW BIRCH ST/SW 8TH ST
08/10/2016	TSTOP	SW BIRCH PL	08/16/2016	TSTOP	SW BIRCH ST
08/10/2016	TSTOP	SW BIRCH PL	08/17/2016	TRESPASS	NE ELM ST
08/10/2016	TSTOP	E BIRCH CREEK RD/SW 10TH ST	08/17/2016	MVA	HIGHWAY 395 S
08/10/2016	ANIMAL	SW BIRCH ST	08/17/2016	WALK	MCGOWAN DR
08/10/2016	CIVIL	SW CEDAR ST	08/17/2016	DOG	NE 2ND ST
08/10/2016	ANIMAL	NE ELM ST	08/17/2016	WRT	N ALDER ST/HIGHWAY 395 S
08/10/2016	DOG	MCGOWAN DR	08/17/2016	DRVC	NE ELM ST
08/10/2016	DOG	MCGOWAN DR	08/18/2016	HOUSE CH	W MAIN ST
08/10/2016	BUILDCK	W MAIN ST	08/18/2016	INFO	ALDER PL
08/10/2016	HARS	SE DOUGLAS ST	08/18/2016	EMS	NE 2ND ST
08/11/2016	DRVC	E MAIN ST/NE ELM ST	08/18/2016	DRVC	NE ELM ST/NE 3RD ST
08/11/2016	NOIS	SW CEDAR ST	08/19/2016	ASSIST	NE 5TH ST
08/11/2016	SUICIDAL	SW CEDAR ST	08/19/2016	EMISC	SW 3RD ST
08/11/2016	DOG	SW 2ND ST	08/19/2016	TSTOP	HIGHWAY 395 S/SW BIRCH PL
08/11/2016	ASSIST	E BIRCH CREEK RD	08/19/2016	TSTOP	HIGHWAY 395 S/N ALDER ST
08/11/2016	DRVC	SW 10TH ST	08/19/2016	WALK	W MAIN ST
08/12/2016	CIVIL	SW BIRCH ST	08/20/2016	DRUNK	HIGHWAY 395 S/NE 6TH ST
08/12/2016	THAZ	SW BIRCH ST	08/20/2016	DOG	NE CHERRY
08/12/2016	TSTOP	Hwy 395 S/NE 4TH ST	08/20/2016	PARK	ALDER PL
08/12/2016	TSTOP	HIGHWAY 395 S/NE 4TH ST	08/20/2016	MISC	R A KOCH RD
08/13/2016	TSTOP	NE CHERRY ST	08/20/2016	JUVC	SE DOUGLAS ST
08/13/2016	MISC	SW 3RD ST	08/20/2016	DISABLE	HIGHWAY 395 S
08/13/2016	TSTOP	SW BIRCH ST	08/20/2016	PROP	ALDER PL
08/13/2016	TSTOP	Hwy 395 S/NE 6TH ST	08/21/2016	DOG	NW CEDAR PL
08/13/2016	WALK	W MAIN ST	08/21/2016	WALK	MCGOWAN DR
08/15/2016	SUSP	SW CEDAR ST	08/21/2016	EMIS	SW BIRCH PL
08/15/2016	INFO	R A KOCH RD	08/22/2016	TSTOP	SW BIRCH PL
08/16/2016	HOUSE CH	E MAIN ST	08/22/2016	TSTOP	SW BIRCH PL
08/16/2016	WCHK	SW 2ND ST	08/22/2016	DRVC	NE ELM ST
08/16/2016	TSTOP	SW 8TH ST/SW BIRCH AVE	08/22/2016	JUVC	SW CEDAR ST



**PRPD**



# THE MAYORS MINUTE

Here's hoping that the 2016-17 school year is a success for our students, staff and sports teams. From what I understand, it was a smooth start. Thanks to retired educator Maureen Rugg for coming out of retirement to fill in for a couple of weeks until a second 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher can be hired. Numbers are really building up in most classrooms and it's good to see such a proactive approach from the school Board and administration. The days of 18-20 Kiddo's per classroom are long over and in my humble opinion alternate sources of school funding are needed.

And now to the elephant in the room :O) Community Days, for the first time, has finished in the red approximately \$300.00. The big question is how to shake it up for next year or the alternative of simply not doing it. The committee spent a long time Monday evening discussing both avenues. What to do? We will meet again on Feb. 27, 2017 @ 7pm in council chambers for all interested. Put that on your calendar as this will be a critical meeting. A decision will be made as to whether we continue or dissolve the committee. It's a huge amount of work and to see many of our locals not supporting the activities is disheartening, Also, hearing the negatives spouted by those who don't and never have participated is a crock. I guess I only have a bit of advice for those people. Anything you say always gets repeated and you step on the toes of those who spend hours and hours working to improve this community. It pretty much comes down to "put up or shut up!" Lend a hand or keep your opinions to yourself! This community doesn't need your negativity! My special thanks go out to the many, many volunteers who spent untold hours endeavoring to bring some activities for all and they include the following: The entire city staff, Teri Porter, Wanda Young, Paula Sandy, Steve Draper, Tim Britain and Adam Ruiz. Also Thank you Joey Grosjacques, Daniel Christensen, Michael Baleztena and the entire football team for setup and cleanup as well as Keith Porter for numerous jobs..Heather, Mike and JT Nelson. Sheila Buckley and Mary Ann Low for a variety of areas of help.. Leah VanHouten and the Woolly Ranglers for hours of work with the Stick Horse Races..Pilot Rock PD (Bill Caldera and Daniel Bedal) plus OSP who stopped by.. Jackie Carey for many activities she was responsible for including the weiner dog races..Jim and Nancy Hinkle and Josh Hoeft (PRFD) for delivering water to the great Duck Race..Glen Snively for organizing the Veterans float for the parade..The Jensen Family for the honor-guard colors and OSU Extension for the flags..Irish Country (Packy, Jim & Kelly Doherty, Jan Post and Mark Moore for the music..Terra Arbogast for her Kareoke D-Jing and to those ready and willing to sing :O) And also to Terra for putting up with a cranky mayor, my apologies.. To Jean Hemphill, Jeanette Hall, Rebecca Burke, Shandi Christensen, Teri Draper, Krystal Bennett, Leah Van Houten and Sheila Buckley for ID checking and chip sales in the Beer Garden..To Archie's (Richard Carnes and Daniel Contway) for serving and what that entails..Teresa Goad for her help with the Weiner Dog Races..Paul Ellis for his singing ability, good nature and the star spangled Banner..Dave Sloom for announcing the parade..Jason Bedard for his chairmanship of the Horseshoes..Josh Endersby, Harley Jeffers and all from the Baptist Church who helped with the Childrens games, church service and community potluck in the park..To Annie Tester, Randy Mills, Laura Byrnes, Steve Staniac, Joey Grosjacques, Denise Weinke and Sheila Buckley and Jean Hemphill thank you for the Reunion Community Dinner on Friday evening. It was a wonderful dinner, but where were so many of the classes and where were the people living right here in town? That dinner is also a huge amount of work, planning and effort!..To those who attended—Thank you..To those who stayed home-so sorry. It is your loss.. And a final thank you to Sheila Buckley for following me home @ 12:30 am to make sure I arrived safely on my scooter. She also helped clean up my house which was a huge mess from leaving an energetic pup 16 hours on his own. Oh, my Lord! He was certainly bored and made good use of his time..If I missed anyone, please accept my apologies-and if I offended anyone about their negativity-if the shoe fits-wear it! Have a wonderful couple of weeks!

Virginia Carnes,

Mayor

P.S. The football team could use some donation to help them purchase sweatshirts. I'm just saying...City Hall would gladly accept donations.

# Yard of the Month

Frank & Patti Maness  
420 NW Elder



Leonard Burgess  
265 W Main



Jack & Rose Mann  
623 NE Elm



## Pilot Rock FFA Summer Activities

The Pilot Rock FFA chapter had a fairly active summer. In July we went on an officer retreat in the mountains. Then in August there were several kids that took livestock animals down to the County Fair. Olivia Warner won first in livestock judging and Chris Weinke placed fifth in the Ag 1&2 classification. Blair Aichele placed sixth in the Ag 3&4 classification. Tali Leatch place third in Confirmation with her lamb and was among the top placers in Showmanship.

Chris Weinke Chapter Reporter

## Community Days Winners!!

### Stick Horse Rodeo:

2&under Dallie Mespelt  
3-4girls (tie) Rietta VanHouten & Elizabeth Boodt  
3-4 boys Danner Boodt  
5-6girls Stevie Osbourne

### Dog Costume Contest:

Madyson & Paige Moffit

### Wiener Dog Races:

1st Luna (Jaxynn Thurmond)  
2nd Lilo (Wanda Young)  
3rd Flower (Destiny Doherty)

### Car Show:

Tim Gill, Richard & Dennis Doherty, Jake Doherty & Wes Herald

### Duck Race:

1st John Murray(sp?)  
2nd Mason VanHouten  
3rd Misty Hollinger

### Parade Bingo:

Joey GrosJacques

### Parade:

Veterans Float, Class of 70's, Pilot Rock Pep Band

## PRODUCE GIVEAWAY

All community Members Welcome  
get great produce for free!!

When: 2:30-3:00 pm on the First  
Tuesday of every month  
(weather permitting)

Where: Pilot Rock Pavilion Produce  
brought to you by CAPECO & Oregon  
Food Bank Any questions,  
Call 541-276-5073



x17871971 fotosearch.com ©

## PILOT ROCK HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – VVB at Grant Union @ 8:00

Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – VFB at Imbler @ 2:00

Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL, LABOR  
DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – VVB at Umatilla @ 4:00

Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – VVB home against  
Enterprise @ 5:00

Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – SCHOOL IN SESSION, VVB  
at Riverside @ 4:00, VFB at Umatilla @ 7:00

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – VVB at Condon @ 9:00

Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – STUDENT BODY  
PICTURES

## HOME OF THE ROCKETS

## Library Book Sale

.25 each or

5 for \$1.00

Come in and see what we have!!



The Bike Pit is looking

for volunteers!! Please

contact Steve Draper

@ 541-379-2568

if you would like to help.

## PILOT ROCK OHV, INC.

# 2016 MOTOCROSS RACES

800 RA Koch Road

Pilot Rock, OR 97868

### 2016 RACE DATES

SUNDAY

March 13, 2016

SUNDAY

April 17th 2016

SUNDAY

May 22, 2016

SUNDAY

June 12, 2016

SUNDAY

Sept. 11, 2016

SUNDAY

Oct. 23, 2016

Find us on  
Facebook  
pilotrockohv

Gates Open @ 7:00 AM

Practice from 8-9 AM

Races Begin @ 10 AM

Gate Fees: \$8.00

Race Fees: \$25 first race

\$20 second race



Master  
Printers



[www.pilotrockbikepit.com](http://www.pilotrockbikepit.com)

email: [motocross@pilotrockbikepit.com](mailto:motocross@pilotrockbikepit.com)

Contact Steve Draper 541.379.2568 [stevedraper@centurytel.net](mailto:stevedraper@centurytel.net)  
or Wayne Bedard - 541.377.0239 [wavneb61@wtechlink.us](mailto:wavneb61@wtechlink.us)

### **Days**

While attendance may have been down slightly, I call that a success all the same!! As with most things there are always a few cynics, kill joys, complainers or sour pusses who seem to lack the spirit or joy in their hearts to see the positive aspects of Community Days. We must remind ourselves they are few and we are many. If I may be so bold as to speak for the committee, we know it is not perfect, we welcome and appreciate suggestions on how to improve. Next year you will see some changes, brought about because we are listening to those suggestions. So keep a positive thought and let's look forward to many more Community Days that just keep getting better and better.

### **Did you know...**

- While Community Days is a City sponsored event, it does not use City funds to finance the events.
- The sponsorship allows the event to be covered under the City's liability insurance.
- All money raised from the Beer Garden, Parade Bingo, Duck Races, Wiener Dog Races etc. all goes back into the Community Days kitty to pay for next year's event.
- City employees involved with Community Days volunteer their time, they are not paid for the time they are volunteering.
- Everyone on the committee donates their time. No one is paid.

### **Swim**

This year Ms. Perrine will take her position as science teacher at the High School. If her success with the Swim Bus is any indication, she will have an awesome career and the kids will be fortunate to have her as their teacher. Just hope she doesn't wear herself out throughout the year because we need her back on the Swim Bus next summer.

### **Bike Pit**

Currently the OHV Board only carries liability insurance during race events that charge a fee to enter. In the past it was understood that ORS 105.682 protected private and public property owners from liability when they allow the public to use recreational land for free. Recently an Oregon court held that the law does not apply to employees of property owners. This could mean that if the OHV Board takes the property it will have to carry insurance year round, at a cost of upwards of \$10,000 to \$14,000 a year, which would be prohibitive for the board. On the other hand, if the City kept the property and continued to operate the park as it has, the City is protected and the City's liability insurance would cover the legal cost of defending employees, if such a claim were to be filed. In the 10 years that the folks have been riding at the Bike Pit, no claim has been filed against the City or the OHV board. I have also been informed that CIS (the City's insurance carrier) is now considering increasing rates for high risk property. In light of all of the above, Council did table all OHV items and gave the board 45-60 days before they would revisit deeding the property.

### **Did you know...**

1. The OHV Board did not ask the City to give them the property. City Council in 2009, decided it was in the best interest of the City to deed the property to the OHV board, releasing the City of possible liability.
2. Tax payer dollars are not spent on the Bike Pit. Any money spent for legal fees, surveying or development of the industrial property donated by International Paper (this includes the Bike Pit), comes out of the economic development fund. A fund created to manage revenue received from the industrial property.
3. Pilot Rock Public Works Director Steve Draper, is Chairman of the Board for the OHV. He does not ride; he does not have children or grandchildren who ride. He does not get paid. He has been known to invest his own money. His only interest in the Pit is to see it develop into a pro track and possibly attract the crowds that the Cities of Washougal and Horn Rapids enjoy. It would be good for Pilot Rock.
4. If the Bike Pit were deeded to the OHV Board, they could not sell it or convey it to another entity. If the Board no longer wanted the property it would revert back to the City.
5. If the Bike Pit were deeded to the OHV Board, they could not borrow against the property.
6. The City does not pay property taxes on property it does not receive revenue from. If the City were to charge the OHV board for use of the park for their events, they would then be subject to pay property taxes on the property.

*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*