

# PILOT ROCK NEWSLETTER

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Ray Corwin, Kacie Moss,  
Raymond Doherty,  
Bob Deno, Jim Hinkle and  
Deacon Perkins

**Next City Council Meeting Sept 8, 2015**

## Have a Happy and Safe Labor Day Weekend

### CITY OF PILOT ROCK Next Council Meeting September 8, 2015

The following topics were discussed at the August 25th, Council meeting:

- Council meet in a work session to discuss the options to do required upgrade to the wastewater lagoons (see article below right).
- Sherry Lybrand made a presentation in favor of a marijuana dispensary in Pilot Rock (see article below right).
- Council approved the agreement with Read and Bose to conduct the 2015 annual audit.
- Teri Porter followed up on the social media question, informing council per the director of the League of Oregon Cities, If an individual council member responds to someone's facebook page it is an individual action (see article in Aug. 20th newsletter). The issues with records retention etc. arise if the city itself had a facebook page or if a quorum of the city council used someone's page to discuss city items. Teri stated that it seemed clear that Council was not comfortable with responding to facebook and she is happy to keep our citizens informed through minutes and newsletter articles.

The following topics will be discussed at the September 8, 2015, Council meeting:

- Bike Pit Deed and choice of attorney to draw up the document.
- Burn Ban Extended Past September 15th.
- Approve a Marijuana Ordinance work session for September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### WHAT'S GOING ON...

By Teri Porter

#### Council Approved Option for Lagoon Upgrade

On August 25th during a work session, Council heard from Brad Baird and Jaden Herron of Anderson Perry Engineers, as they reviewed the four options to do the required upgrades to the City's wastewater lagoon system. As previously reported (June 18, 2015 newsletter) DEQ is requiring the city to upgrade the sewage treatment lagoons. Of the four options Council zeroed in on the fourth and during the regular Council meeting on that same evening voted to move forward with this option that would require purchasing land adjacent to the existing lagoons for use as evaporative storage ponds. At nearly \$4,000,000, this is the most expensive option initially, but it has the lowest operation and maintenance cost which will save the city a significant amount of money over the course of twenty plus years. The biggest hurdle at this time is acquiring the land needed to complete the project. Steve Draper has been in contact with the land owners adjacent to the existing lagoons and is negotiating mutual agreeable terms. No deals have been made yet as far as purchasing the property.

**See Lagoon Upgrade 1A**

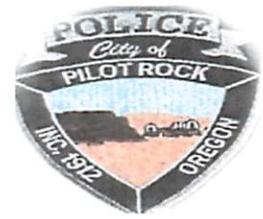
#### Marijuana Retail Store in Pilot Rock???

Earlier in the year Council heard from Charlie Carnes, who was against legalizing marijuana and allowing dispensaries within the State. Willing to give time to an opposing view Council heard from Sheri Lybrand and husband Jason on August 25, 2015. We were all surprised when their presentation included a proposal to open a marijuana retail dispensary in Pilot Rock.

**See Marijuana 1A**



# PRPD



8/20/15	Extra Patrol	SW Birch Pl	8/26/15	Animal Complaint	NW 3 <sup>rd</sup> St
8/21/15	Hit and Run	SW Birch St		Animal Complaint	SW Birch St
	Traffic Stop	N Alder St		Dog Complaint	NE Fir St
	Traffic Stop	NE 4 <sup>th</sup> St		Theft	SW Birch St
8/22/15	Drunk	SW Birch St	8/27/15	Citizen Contact	McGowan Dr
	Walk	West Main St	8/29/15	Dog Complaint	NE Douglas St
	Area Check	East Birch Creek Rd	8/31/15	Run Away	NW 3 <sup>rd</sup> St
8/23/15	Welfare Check	SW Birch Pl		EMS Call	West Main St
8/24/15	Traffic Stop	SW Birch St	9/1/15	Juvenile	Alder Pl
	Citizen Contact	SW 2 <sup>nd</sup> St		Dog complaint	NW Elder St
8/25/15	Traffic Stop	Yellow Jacket Rd		Information	N Alder St
	Citizen Contact	SW Birch		Citizen Contact	S Alder St
	Traffic Stop	NE Cherry St			

## Umatilla County Sheriff's Office

8/20/15	Welfare Check	SW 3 <sup>rd</sup> St	8/29/15	Open Door	NW 2 <sup>nd</sup> St
	Menacing	West Main St		Dog Complaint	NE Douglas St
	Area Check	N Alder St	8/30/15	Fight	West Main St
	Juvenile	McGowan Dr		Suspicious	East Main St
8/23/15	Domestic	NE 4 <sup>th</sup> St	9/2/15	Illegal Burn	11 Rd 54
8/28/15	Animal	East Birch Creek Rd		Search and Rescue	E Birch Creek

**EMERGENCY DIAL 911**  
**POLICE DEPT. - 541-443-1224**  
**LEAVE A MESSAGE OR CALL**  
**DISPATCH - 541-966-3651**

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

# MAYOR'S MINUTE OR TWO..

Special thanks to all of the committee chairmen and volunteers who helped with our Community Days this year! They made a huge effort and their time, expertise and enthusiasm is deeply appreciated. We added some new events which proved successful and they will likely continue next year. The smoke and cold evening didn't work in our favor, but there wasn't much we could do to change that. Thanks to all of you who participated by having yard sales, working on committees or participated in the events. It couldn't happen without you!

The Bike Pit is undergoing major improvements and the first **Motocross Race** is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>! Also, keep October 24 and 25 open as **Mud Bogs are Scheduled!!!**

I know many of you have been waiting for this event and it is almost here ;- That should be a fun time for participants as well as observers. More information will be made available as the event gets closer. I do know the gates will open at 7 am and racing will begin at 10 am on both days. Saturday evening entertainment is also being planned. A professional team will be coming in to help with the first races.

## **For October we have a few things scheduled**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Pet Care Vaccination Day, with Riverside Vet Clinic, and free City dog licensing 3-5 pm.

October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Community Yard Sale, Please call me at 541-443-5832 or city hall 541-443-2811 to schedule a pickup.

October 23rd from 4-7 pm in Council Chambers Flu shots will be available 4:00-7:00 given by Rite-Aid, so please put those dates on your calendars.

I understand school opened smoothly, and that's always good.

Have a wonderful couple of weeks, and a special thank you to Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts and Umatilla County Sheriff Terry Rowan for all of their help as we rebuild our police department.

Virginia Carnes  
Mayor

## **Joseph "Joe" Burgess Miller**

Joe passed away August 13 at the home of his son in Clinton, WA, at the age of 95.

Joe raised wheat and cattle on his farm on Little McKay Creek near Pilot Rock, Oregon. In retirement Joe remained on his farm gardening and doing projects in his shop until his 94<sup>th</sup> year. For health reasons Joe moved nearer family and continued gardening on his window sill at Maple Ridge Retirement Center. During World War II Joe was a Navy Seabee building staging areas for the Pacific conflict. Joe maintained lifelong contact with fellow Seabees through reunions and later by email.

Joe is survived by his wife of 73 years, Anita B. Miller; children Marilyn Miller, Don (Linda) Miller; grandchildren Ben (Rebecca) Armstrong, Jesse (Jen) Miller, Chelsea Miller; great grandchildren Natalie and Spencer Armstrong; brother James S. "Jim" (June) Miller, nephew Glen (Sherry) Miller; niece Krista (Joe) Hunter; step granddaughters Layel Moore, Briann (Jake) Zourkus and great grandchildren Madison and Brhody Zourkus.

Memorial Service will be at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 US-395 South, Pendleton, Oregon, on Saturday, September 26, at 12:30 pm. Fellowship will follow at 1:30 pm, Pilot Rock Community Center (please note date change from original obituary published in the East Oregonian).

Memorial donations may be made to the Pilot Rock Food Pantry, PO Box 128, Pilot Rock, OR 97868 or a charity of choice.

Family condolences may be sent to Anita Miller, 1767 Alliance Avenue, Box 321, Freeland, WA 98249.

We are off to a great start at PRHS. First I would like to thank the football team and Key club for all their hard work during Community Days. The best way to learn about volunteerism is by doing. It was fun seeing our State Softball Championship players receive their rings in front of the local community members.

Upcoming events include Open House on Tuesday, September 8, where you can meet our new staff members: Steve Collins, Chris Garrigues, Ellaina Staldine, Jacob Try and Nancy Weinke. The Open House will run from 5:00 to 7:00.

Also on Tuesday will be the parents meeting for all football and volleyball players 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The football meeting will happen at the varsity football field at 5:30-6:00. Parents can visit the high school after the meeting is over. Athletic handbooks will be distributed and discussed. Volleyball parent meeting will take place at 7:15 in the high school gym for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.

Picture day is Wednesday, September 16. Packets are in the HS office.

PRHS will have a float in the Dress-up Parade on Saturday, September 12. All students are welcome to meet us at the Convention Center parking lot at 8:00 AM to help decorate and ride through the parade. We are not providing transportation to Pendleton or back to PR.

Football and volleyball seasons are in full swing. Schedules are available in the HS office.

Thanks,  
Annie Tester

## Hygiene Item Drive

The Pilot Rock High School Key Club will be collecting donations of hygiene items for the Pilot Rock Food Pantry. We will be leaving a blue plastic bag to hold the donated items on doorsteps of homes along SW Birch & SW Cedar Streets. We will leave the bags during the week of September 21 & 22, 2015, and return to pick them up on Tues. & Wed. September 29 & 30, 2015, from approximately 2:30 to 4:00 pm. The items we are collecting are listed below.

Thank you,  
Riley Lankford, Project Chairman  
PRHS Key Club

**September 21 & 22, 2015: Blue donation bags left by PRHS Key Club members to homes along SW Birch & SW Cedar Streets.**

**Tue. & Wed. September 29 & 30, 2015: Bags picked up 2:30-4 pm by PRHS Key Club members**

Any questions: Call PRHS: (541) 443-2671

**Please note: If you would like to donate to the Pilot Rock Food Pantry, & do not receive a blue bag, please contact PRHS, leave your address, & we will gladly pick up your donation! Thank you.**

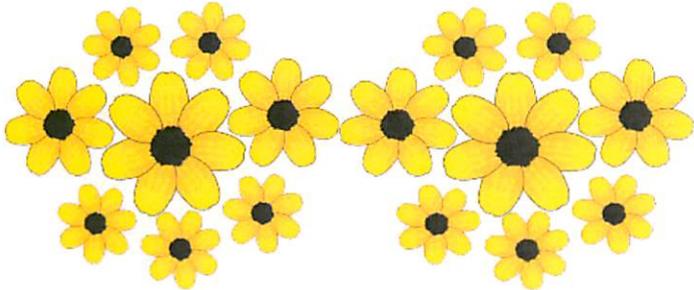
**Items we are collecting: laundry soap, bar soap, hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and any other miscellaneous new & sealed cleaning/hygiene items; also miscellaneous paper products.**

# YARD OF THE MONTH

**BADA SILER**  
**158 NW 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**ROBBIE YOUNG**  
**526 NE ELM**

**IRENE PEDRO**  
**362 SE ELM**



## Pilot Rock School District

**Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** – VVB at Neah-Kah-Nie, TBD

**Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** – NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** – Open House from 5:00 – 7:00

**Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** – School Board Meeting @ 7:00

**Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** – SCHOOL IN SESSION, JHVB at Helix @ 1:00, VFB home against Umatilla @ 7:00

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** – VVB at Condon @ 9:00

**Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** – JV/VVB home against Helix @ 5:00

**Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** – Student Body Pictures

**Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** – JHFB/JHVB at Heppner @ 5:00, JV/VVB at Stanfield @ 5:00

**Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** – JV/VVB at Union @ 3:00, VFB at Union @ 7:00

The Yearbooks from the 2014/2015 school year are in !! Stop by the office to purchase them. The cost is \$40.00, and the supply is limited. The office also has yearbooks from previous years, so if you're missing one, please stop by.

## Flu Shot Clinic

September 23<sup>rd</sup>

4-7pm

In the Council

Chambers

Here in Pilot Rock  
by Rite Aid Pharmacy

BEAT the **FLU BUG**



Get your **Shot!**

Thank you swim bus sponsor

Pilot Rock Parks and Recreation



# STORYTIME

At the Pilot Rock Public Library

Story time will begin on

Friday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.

Will be held weekly

throughout the school year.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Lagoon**

There has been speculation as to whether we should have nailed down the purchase of the property before deciding to go forward with this option. It is sort of a chicken or the egg thing, we need the loan to purchase the property, but to apply for the loan we needed to decide on an option so that we can submit plans along with the application. Brad assures us if we are unable to purchase the property we will be able to adjust the plan at a later date. It should be noted that all four options would have required a sewer rate increase in order to meet the "affordability criteria index" and qualify for grants and low interest rates. This year the sewer rates were increased by \$10. Next year it will likely increase by \$7, then the following year by \$5. These increases will bring our sewer rate up to the minimum threshold amount of \$40.36 by the time the project begins. The "affordability criteria index" per the Infrastructure Finance Authority is determined by taking an average sewer rate of cities with similar population, infrastructure, median income etc. The city has sought to keep the utility rates low, which have resulted in some of the lowest rates compared to other similar cities. These increases will bring the sewer rate in line with the average cost of similar cities.

**Marijuana**

While Sheri and Jason had a very informative and well put together presentation, which highlighted the professional sleek design of the facility, the need in the community and the revenue advantages to the city, in my opinion it was a hard sell. Since a majority of the Pilot Rock voters voted against Oregon Legalized Marijuana Initiative Measure 91 back in November of 2014, the City Council has been operating on the assumption that our citizens would not be in favor of a dispensary within the City limits. Of the 397 citizens who voted 249 were opposed. Although Measure 91 passed, House Bill 3400 does allow that local governments in counties whose residents were strongly opposed to legal pot now have the right to ban retail operations. Interestingly enough, the law states that a marijuana dispensary cannot be located within 1000 feet of a school, in our town that takes up most of the city. Council will most likely meet in a work session on September 22nd to consider an ordinance banning the sale of marijuana within the Pilot Rock city limits.

*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, Pilot Rock City Recorder*

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