

February 2016

MEETINGS

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1st
Economic Dev. Meeting 6:00 pm

3rd
Municipal Court 5:30 pm

9th
City Council Meeting 7:00 pm

16th
Planning Com. Meeting 7:00 pm

17th
Council Study Session

18th
Municipal Court 9:00 am

22nd
Parks & Rec Com. Meeting 7:00 pm

23rd
City Council Meeting 7:00 pm

March 2016

2nd
Municipal Court 5:30 pm

7th
Economic Dev. Meeting 6:00 pm

8th
City Council Meeting 7:00 pm

15th - Tentative
Planning Commission 7:00 pm

17th
Municipal Court 9:00 am

22nd
City Council Meeting 7:00 pm

28th
Parks & Rec Meeting 7:00 pm

All meeting agendas and materials are posted on the City's website at:

www.cityofeaglepoint.org.

Agendas are also posted on the bulletin board in the lobby at:

City Hall
17 S. Buchanan Ave
Eagle Point, OR 97524
For questions regarding City meetings, contact
Cindy Hughes,
City Recorder at
541-826-4212 ext 106



Winter Basketball is off to a great start, we had 160+ kids sign up and all have been placed on teams. Practices and games started late January and will run through mid March. Head over to the Outback Gym to support the young athletes of our community.



Keep a look out for upcoming programs offered to the Upper Rogue area. Next up will be Spring Volleyball with registrations beginning March 2016. For details and registration information please visit the city website at www.cityofeaglepoint.org, call City Hall at (541) 826-4212 or the Rogue Valley YMCA (541) 772-6295.

Help Make Our Community Brighter for Our Youngest Residents - Urgent Need

The Eagle Point Community Association is in need of donations of new or gently used stuffed animals for the 2016 Easter Egg Hunt! The Community Association is a group of devoted community volunteers who sponsor events like the Easter Egg Hunt and Santa Visit for the children of our community. Every year hundreds of children flock to the Outback Field to enjoy the free egg hunt and free activities. Receiving a stuffed animal is a high point of the day for the children, so your donation will brighten many little lives. Please contact Bunny Lincoln ASAP at 541-944-2446 to arrange drop-off of stuffed animals.

2016 Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 26th at 11:00 am at the Outback Field!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is held at the Outback Field located behind 140 E. Main St. The hunts are divided by age groups and begin precisely at 11:00 a.m. (arrive early because candy/prizes go quickly). The Easter Bunny will be in attendance, and parents are encouraged to bring a camera for photos. If you have a little person in your life plan to attend this fun, festive community event! For more information visit the city website www.cityofeaglepoint.org.



PUBLIC NOTICE - Eagle Point Needs You!!



Become part of enthusiastic and innovative groups of Eagle Point residents and business owners working together to create a strong, thriving local economy.

The City of Eagle Point is accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the Economic Development Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Budget Committee. For a list of qualifications or to download an application, visit the city website at www.cityofeaglepoint.org or Eagle Point City Hall, 17 Buchanan Avenue South, Eagle Point, Oregon.

Applicants are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible.
For more information, contact Cindy Hughes, City Recorder at 541-826-4212 ext. 106.

Groundhog Day: February 2nd

According to folklore, if it's cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day, then spring will come early; if it's sunny, the groundhog will supposedly see its shadow and retreat back into its burrow, and the winter weather will persist for six more weeks. Modern customs of the holiday involve celebrations where early morning festivals are held to watch the groundhog emerging from its burrow. The largest Groundhog Day celebration is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Groundhog Day, already a widely recognized and popular tradition, received widespread attention as a result of the 1993 film Groundhog Day.



President's Day: February 15th



Presidents' Day is a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, this day is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22, Washington's actual day of birth, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers.



Important Dates

Check the city website for more activities and information!

February 2016

2nd - Groundhog Day
9th - Scholarship Dessert at EP High School
14th - Valentine's Day
15th - President's Day (City Hall Closed)

March 2016

13th - Daylight Savings Time Begins
26th - Easter Egg Hunt @ Outback Field at 11 a.m.
27th - Easter

Remember to sign up for YMCA Spring Sports



TIPS FROM YOUR

EAGLE POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT



RESOLUTIONS:

It's the time of year when many people make resolutions to change bad habits, start a new healthy activity, or volunteer in the community. Consider adopting a new resolution to make 2016 a safer year for everyone on our roads. Resolutions can be powerful and if we can put them into practice every day, we can actually save lives and prevent tragedies. Here are some ideas to start with:

- I resolve to follow the speed limit. Excessive speed is a factor in many accidents, especially those with fatalities.
- I resolve not to drive, walk, or ride impaired. Alcohol, illegal drugs, and even some legal drugs reduce good judgment.
- I resolve to buckle up every time. Safety belts and child safety seats are the biggest contributors to saving lives in crashes.
- I resolve to be alert, to pay attention to the complex task of driving, and to avoid texting/talking on my phone while driving.

LOW VISIBILITY DRIVING:

Driving at night is more difficult because visibility is reduced. However, low visibility conditions often occur during the day, caused by heavy snowfall, downpours, thick fog, and blowing dust or smoke. Follow these safety tips for driving in low visibility conditions:

- Slow down. Disengage your cruise control. Most accidents occur because the driver is going too fast for the conditions.
- Use your low beams. High beams will disperse in thick fog or snow, making visibility worse for you and other drivers.
- Turn on your rear fog lamps, if your vehicle is equipped. They greatly aid visibility for drivers approaching from the rear.
- Avoid entering an area if you cannot see a safe distance ahead.
- If you suddenly encounter a severe loss of visibility, pull off the pavement as far as possible. Stop, turn off your lights, set the emergency brake and take your foot off the brake to be sure the taillights are not illuminated. Use emergency flashers.
- If you can't pull off the roadway, slow down, turn on low beam headlights and sound the horn occasionally. Use the white fog line or roadside reflectors if necessary to help guide you.
- Never stop in the travel lanes.

Be seen: Use headlights in winter!

Turning on your low-beam headlights during the daytime in the winter months can help make your vehicle more visible to other drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. When natural light is low — at dawn or dusk or when it's raining, cloudy, or snowing — you can improve your vehicle's visibility significantly by turning on your low-beam headlights. In fact, many newer vehicles come with daytime running lights so that anytime the vehicle is operating, the low-beam headlights are on to improve visibility.

Together We Make Our Community Safer!

News from Eagle Point Public Works

Storm System

The City has experienced several storm events this past winter season with only minor issues reported on the City's system. Each year projects are planned and constructed, in addition to maintaining the irrigation ditches and canals, to improve the storm system to reduce the probability of flooding. Two major projects are planned in the next few months at the Crystal/Teakwood intersection, and the Laurel/Tracy intersection. Both projects will add new storm piping to improve the intersections, and remove the deteriorating concrete valley gutter systems. Updates and additional details will be provided on the City of Eagle Point website and Friday Letter. Please contact the City to report any storm issues. If there are after hour concerns, please contact ECSO at (541) 776-7206.

Main Street Lighting

The third phase of the Main Street Lighting project was operational the second week of January. Pacific Power installed the meter to complete this last section of decorative lighting from Royal Avenue to Platt Avenue. Planning and design are underway to install future lighting on Main Street from Platt Avenue to Buchanan.