

February 2017

PUBLIC MEETINGS

February 2017

- 1st
Municipal Court 5:30 pm
- No Meeting Scheduled
Economic Dev. Meeting
- 14th
City Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 16th
Municipal Court 9:00 am
- No Meeting Scheduled
Planning Com. Meeting
- No Meeting Scheduled
Parks & Rec Com. Meeting
- 28th
City Council Meeting 7:00 pm

March 2017

- 1st
Municipal Court 5:30 pm
- No Meeting Scheduled
Economic Dev. Meeting
- 14th
City Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 16th
Municipal Court 9:00 am
- 21st - Tentative
Planning Commission 7:00 pm

No Meeting Scheduled
Parks & Rec Com. Meeting

28th
City Council 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

Help Make Our Community Brighter for Our Youngest Residents



The Eagle Point Community Association is in need of donations of new or gently used stuffed animals for the 2017 Easter Egg Hunt! 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 lives. 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. If you would like to get involved in this event they are always looking for volunteers and donations! Contact Bunny at 541-944-2446 to arrange drop-off of stuffed animals.

Friday Night at the Movies



Are you looking for a fun, free LOCAL activity for your family on the first Friday of the month? Look no further than the Eagle Point Library! Eagle Point Friends of the Library are sponsoring *Friday Night at the Movies*, featuring a free movie and popcorn for the whole family to enjoy. The showing is held on the first Friday of the month from 7-9 p.m., in the Eagle Point Branch Library Community Room. The library is located at 239 West Main Street in downtown Eagle Point. For more information on this event please



Eagle Point **Department of Public Works**



Four-Way Stop at Royal Avenue and Loto Street

Southern Oregon Transportation Engineering completed a traffic analysis of the intersection of Royal Avenue and Loto Street. Based upon the study, modifying the intersection to a four-way stop will provide both safety and operational improvements. Please look for the new stop signs at the intersection, modifying the intersection to a four-way stop. Advanced warning signs will be placed, and a notice on the City's website of the date of the new sign installation.

Mattie Brown Park Shade Structure

Construction is scheduled to begin in February of 2017 on the new Mattie Brown Park Shade Structure. The design was completed by Galbraith & Associates and ZCS Engineering for the new shade structure, modeled after the nearby Centennial Plaza. Vitus Construction will complete the project, which also includes lighting and access from the parking lot to the gazebo area.

If you've noticed a higher presence of rats on your property over the past few years, you're not alone. Residents all over the valley have noticed them too. Local exterminators tell us this is the worst year they've ever seen in the valley. If you're interested in learning more or need assistance with vermin control, visit the Jackson County Vector Control website at <http://jcvcd.org/rat-control/>. You can also keep these critters at bay with property maintenance shown here.

Keep Rats Away From Your Home!
Do not give food and shelter to these most unwanted guests!

- Stack firewood 18 inches off the ground and away from all buildings
- Birdhouses and seed should be on poles and in trays rats can't get to
- Keep garbage can lids closed tightly
- In basements keep any food in closed containers that rats can't chew through
- Plant bushes so they will stay at least 3 feet from your house
- Keep yards and alleys clean. Take junk to the dump!
- If you feed them, they will stay. Pick up fruit and vegetables in your yard.
- Rats live in sewers and can follow the food in pipes up to your toilet. Keep your kitchen sink rinsed clean and use garbage disposals as little as possible.
- Do not give food and shelter to these most unwanted guests!
- Rats can come up the sewer pipes.
- If there is a rat in your toilet - flush it! (and keep the lid down)
- Do not leave pet food outside. If your pet doesn't eat it, the rats will.
- Roof rats get into your house from tree branches that hang over the roof. Keep trees cut back and cover any openings in the eaves.
- Use only rodent resistant composters
- Do not compost any animal products (fish, meat, chicken, cheese, butter) keep lids tight.
- Cover all openings to your house. Rats can get into very small places.
- The time to act is before you see the signs (droppings) of a rat or mouse.

Important Dates

February 2017

March 2017

For more information
check the city website
www.cityofeaglepont.org

2nd - Groundhog Day
14th - Valentine's Day
20th - President's Day (City Hall closed)

12th - Daylight Savings Time Begins
17th - St. Patrick's Day

Remember to sign up for YMCA Spring Sports



News From Your **EAGLE POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT**



Together We Make Our Community Safer!

Crime Prevention

We would like to remind our residents: Do not leave vehicles running unattended! The entire valley has seen an increase in vehicle thefts, and we are not immune in our small town. Thieves are actively preying on the sense of small-town safety where residents leave vehicles unsecured and homes unlocked. This behavior continues to plague our town as the criminal element is rewarded with easy, unsecured targets. Many criminologists believe that these situations are created when motivated offenders readily find appealing targets that are not closely guarded. Under this theory, a reduction in this type of crime can be achieved when potential targets are secured and constantly monitored by capable guardians. One way to make your home and vehicles less appealing to thieves is to "harden" your property through the use of locks, security systems, and outdoor lighting. Make your vehicles less appealing targets by removing valuables, securing doors and windows, and never leaving them running unattended.

In addition to hardening potential targets, the presence of capable guardians is one of the best ways to deter criminal elements, as many thieves weigh the cost of getting caught against the potential reward. Neighborhoods with active guardians (such as Neighborhood Watch groups) typically see less criminal activity. If criminal activity does take place, the chances of apprehending the offender are higher when there are eyewitnesses or surveillance. When criminal activity is constantly thwarted, the thieves will move on to easier targets. Ultimately, by watching out for each other we can send a message that criminal elements are not welcome in our community. Let's work together and keep our community safe!

Pedestrian vs. Vehicle Right of Way

Our department recently received a request to provide general information to the community regarding pedestrian vs. vehicle right of way on public streets. Based on this request, we have compiled a summary of the most applicable Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) sections, which we hope will provide some clarification to drivers and pedestrians in our community. This information is not intended to take the place of all applicable ORS sections, as there are a number of additional pedestrian vs. vehicle scenarios that space did not allow to be included here. It is the responsibility of each driver and pedestrian to familiarize themselves with all applicable statutes, which can be found online at www.oregon.gov. For the purposes of this article, a pedestrian is defined as "anyone afoot or confined to a wheelchair" as outlined in 801.385.

ORS 801.220 outlines the definition of a crosswalk as the part of a roadway at an intersection (or elsewhere) that is distinctly marked for pedestrian crossing. In locations where no marked crosswalk exists, a crosswalk is that portion of the roadway as described:

- ⇒ Where sidewalks, shoulders or a combination thereof exists, a crosswalk is the portion of a roadway at an intersection (no more than 20' wide) measured from the lateral line of the roadway toward the prolongation of the adjacent property line included within
- ⇒ Where no sidewalk exists, a crosswalk is the portion of the roadway at an intersection, measuring not less than six feet wide

ORS 811.028 outlines the requirements regarding stopping for a pedestrian. The driver of a vehicle must stop and remain stopped for a pedestrian when the pedestrian:

- ⇒ Is proceeding in accordance with a traffic control device in any of the following locations:
 - In the lane in which the driver's vehicle is traveling
 - In a lane adjacent to the lane in which the driver's vehicle is traveling
 - In the lane into which the driver's vehicle is turning
 - In a lane adjacent to the lane into which the driver's vehicle is turning
 - Less than six feet from the lane into which the driver's vehicle is turning, if the driver is making a turn at an intersection that has a traffic control device
- ⇒ This section does not require a driver to stop and remain stopped for a pedestrian:
 - Upon a roadway with a safety island, if the driver is proceeding along the half of the roadway on the far side of the safety island
 - Where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead crossing has been provided at or near a crosswalk

ORS 814.020 outlines the following responsibilities of a pedestrian. A pedestrian must:

- ⇒ Obey any traffic control device specifically applicable to the pedestrian
- ⇒ A pedestrian is not subject to the requirements of this section if the pedestrian complies with directions of a police officer

ORS 814.040 outlines the requirements regarding yielding to a motor vehicle. A pedestrian fails to yield to a vehicle when that pedestrian:

- ⇒ Suddenly leaves a curb or other place of safety and moves into the path of a vehicle to constitute an immediate hazard
- ⇒ Does not give right of way to a vehicle upon a roadway when the pedestrian is crossing the roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection