

## Upcoming City Meetings

JAN 2.....	MUNICIPAL COURT @ 5:30 PM
JAN 7.....	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT @ 6:00 PM
JAN 8.....	CITY COUNCIL @ 7:00 PM
JAN 10.....	PARKS & REC MEETING @ 7:00 PM
JAN 15.....	PLANNING COMMISSION @ 7:00 PM
JAN 17.....	MUNICIPAL COURT @ 9:00 AM
JAN 21.....	CITY HALL CLOSED
JAN 22.....	CITY COUNCIL @ 7:00 PM
FEB 04.....	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT @ 6:00 PM
FEB 06.....	MUNICIPAL COURT @ 5:30 PM

## Improvements to City Hall....

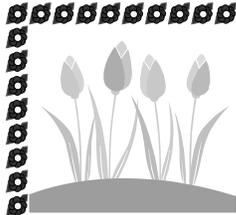
We wanted to thank everyone for your patience during the process of preparing for the painters. City Hall was painted the weekend of December 8th & 9th. The Police Department was painted the weekend of December 15th & 16th.

## Insulate water pipes....

With colder weather this winter, here are some tips for winterizing your plumbing: Inspect all outdoor faucets. If possible, insulate all piping and irrigation exposed to direct air. To protect your plumbing from the water meter to the house, many owners place a piece of Styrofoam or insulation on top of the meter. Disconnect, drain, and store all hoses for the winter. Drain all water from irrigation pipes.

## Openings for ...

Please see the City's website or call the City at 541-826-4212 to learn more about serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission.



Spring-blooming flower bulbs were planted at City Hall during the last week of November. Additional bulbs will be planted at Centennial Plaza, the museum and possibly Harnish Wayside, for a total of 4,000 bulbs to be planted. This is a volunteer effort which includes members of the Eagle Point Women's Club and a few amiable, hard-working husbands. Special thanks to Char & Gary Hoppe, Kathy Sell, Wyn Lewis, Bill Watson, Shari Lawson, and Lydia & Bob Davidson.

## Oregon Highway 62 improvements planned this summer...

At the December City Council meeting, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) officials presented details on the Highway 62 construction project that will occur this summer between Linn Road and Oregon Highway 234. The main purpose of the project is to replace the existing pavement, but the project also includes:

- Widening of the highway between Rolling Hills Drive and Crystal Drive to accommodate a continuous two-way left turn lane, to increase safety and allow for a turning refuge lane.
- A turn pocket will be built for traffic turning left onto Barton Road. There will still be no left turns allowed out of Barton Road onto Highway 62.
- The Barton Road access will be temporarily closed during the project to expedite construction. Local access to the highway will be via Sienna Hills.
- The highway shoulder and 'throat' at Rolling Hills Drive will be widened from 19 to 26 feet.

To speed up the project, and to keep traffic moving, the contractor will work at night from 7 p.m. - to 7 a.m., although some work will occur during daytime hours.

"There will be some noise, and some out of direction travel for those residents who use Barton Road, and those who live in the adjacent neighborhoods," said Project Leader Jayne Randleman. However, this will make it a one season project instead of two.

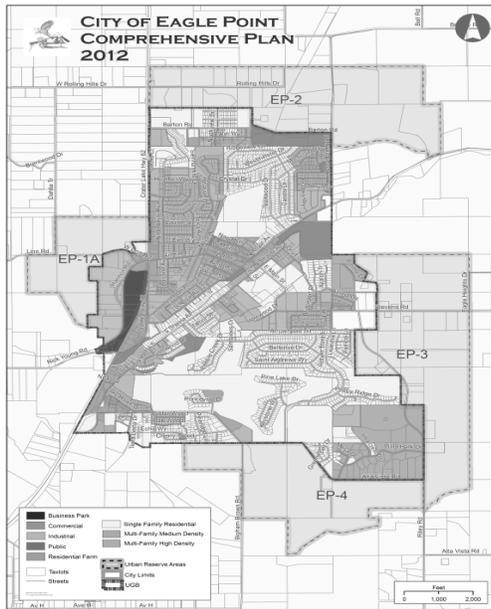
The main contractor for the project won't be known until early May of 2013, when the project goes to bid. Under an Emerging Small Business contract, there will be some early culvert work for the Eagle Point Irrigation District in late February through March. Night work will begin after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, and is scheduled to end by October 31<sup>st</sup> of 2013.

For more information on the project, please contact ODOT Project Information Specialist Gary Leaming at 541-774-6388. Additional information will be provided on the ODOT and City of Eagle Point websites as updates are available.

# Wrecked Car is a reminder.....



According to Dr. Gala at the Complete Care Clinic, there is a purpose for that wrecked car in front of the clinic. The vehicle is there for several reasons. The main reason is to promote safety; safety for friends, family and loved ones as well as the wildlife that inhabit the area. Following in the EPHS footsteps on the growing dangers of texting and driving, we wanted to give people a reminder of how fast life can change as well as give parents a talking piece and a “picture is worth a thousand words” opportunity to instill the dangers associated with newly licensed teenagers tied to technology.



On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Land Conservation and Development Commission approved Jackson County’s Regional Plan. This Plan was developed using the State’s Regional Problem Solving (RPS) process, and marks the very first time the RPS process has been successful. The Regional Plan provides a framework for where and how growth will occur over the next 50 years in Jackson County and within six participating cities, including Eagle Point.

One of the things the Plan does is set aside Urban Reserve Areas. These are candidate lands currently in County jurisdiction that are eligible for annexation and urbanization if/when growth becomes necessary.

The State’s approval comes after more than 10 years of debates, arguments, and agreements amongst six cities, the county, the state, 1000 Friends of Oregon and others to balance an expected doubling of the population by 2060 while preserving valuable farmland. The Plan is intended to provide better coordination between the County and cities regarding growth and the protection of buffers between cities, as well as between urbanized and rural areas.

In addition to giving Eagle Point decision-makers, property owners, and businesses clearer direction on how our city might grow over the next 50 years, one expected benefit of all this work is that the County and cities will be eligible for more state and federal funding for planning and infrastructure projects. This also provides a set of rules that can be used for growth with less intrusion from the state.



The State Historic Preservation Office submitted its recommendation that the covered bridge be listed on the National Register of Historic Places at the beginning of November. The “Keeper” has 45 days to make a decision, and we anticipate that the listing will be completed soon.

The “Keeper” is the Keeper of the Register, more formally known as the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places. This is a National Park Service official, responsible for deciding on the eligibility of historic properties for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.