

July 2014

**MEETINGS**

**July**

2nd  
Municipal Court 5:30 pm

4th  
Closed ~ Enjoy 4th Activities

7th  
Eco. Dev. Meeting 6:00 pm

8th  
City Council Meeting 7:00 pm

15th  
Planning Meeting 7:00 pm

17th  
Municipal Court 9:00 am

22nd  
City Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**August**

4th  
Economic Dev Meeting 6:00 pm

6th  
Municipal Court 5:30 pm

12th  
City Council Meeting 7:00 pm

14th  
Parks & Rec Meeting 7:00 pm

All meeting agendas and materials are posted on the City's website at:  
[www.cityofeaglepoint.org](http://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 please contact the City Recorder, Cindy Hughes at  
541-826-4212 ext 106  
or  
[CindyHughes@cityofeaglepoint.org](mailto:CindyHughes@cityofeaglepoint.org)

**2014 Eagle Point Street Dance**



The 4<sup>th</sup> annual City-sponsored Street Dance will be held on Saturday evening, August 9<sup>th</sup> from about 6:30 – 9:30 pm on Main Street in Eagle Point's downtown. A

portion of Main Street will be blocked off to cars to make this a pedestrian-only event. Hay bales, tables and chairs will be set out, and a local band will play your favorite tunes for dancing or just sitting and singing along.

Last year, The Butcher Shop brought their mobile food cart and served mouth-watering barbeque and beverages. Even the local corvette club made a showing with a handful of shiny beauties lined up along the road. Over 100 people attended, spending a warm summer evening visiting with friends and family, eating great barbeque, enjoying the music, and of course dancing in the street. Come out this year and help make it another memorable event.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Public Office ~ Elections Information:**

The City of Eagle Point is accepting filings for candidacy for the elected offices of Mayor and three Council Member positions. All interested individuals should contact Cindy Hughes, City Recorder, at **541-826-4212 ext. 106** regarding deadlines, elections filing requirements, and to receive a Candidate Packet.

**Vacancies on Commissions:** The City of Eagle Point is accepting applications for persons interested in serving on the Planning Commission or the Economic Development Commission. Please visit the City's website for additional details at: [www.cityofeaglepoint.org](http://www.cityofeaglepoint.org) or the Bulletin Board in City Hall.

**Eagle Point's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration!**

Known as one of the best 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations in Southern Oregon, Eagle Point is gearing up once again to provide another fantastic community event. Come Downtown on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for a whole day and evening's worth of fun activities for the whole family. Starting at 8:00 am with a fun run, then a parade on Main Street at 11:00 am, vendor booths throughout the day, and a fireworks show when the sun goes down.



Check out the City's web site for more information and updates as the event draws closer or call Bunny Lincoln at 541-944-2446.

**FIREWORKS SAFETY**

Independence Day is just around the corner with warm weather, barbecues, and family get-togethers. This is the time when families bring their own fireworks to your house for celebration and good fun. So as you gather outside to light off some fireworks, let's do so safely with some reminders about the City Ordinance regarding fireworks, and what are legal or illegal fireworks. We would like everyone to have a good time on July 4<sup>th</sup>, but if you possess illegal fireworks you could be cited. We are predicting a very dry summer and the possibility of fire is very high this year, so the police department is taking a "zero tolerance" approach in enforcing the illegal fireworks Ordinance. If you light off illegal fireworks at your relative's house, you could subject them to a fine as the "Person in Charge" of the residence. Illegal fireworks can be very dangerous; in fact, over 8,000 people are injured each year by fireworks, so we want to encourage everyone to use fireworks legally and safely. Please check out our website for what are legal fireworks and some tips on fireworks safety.



**Weed Abatement Reminder..**

With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July approaching quickly, it is also a not so gentle reminder of weeds. If you had the opportunity to get a jump start, you are now into your second or even third mowing to keep them under control. City Public Works crews have been working all over town. We appreciate the work everyone is doing as we all need to do our part to keep growth down, reduce the fire danger and keep our City beautiful.

Code Enforcement will be notifying property owners with high weeds or excessive vegetation starting in June. The goal is to have all properties ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Should you receive a notice that your property needs to be mowed or cleaned, you must complete the work within 5 days or you can be fined up to \$500, plus the cost to clean up the property. All weeds and vegetation will need to be removed before the official beginning of fire season. The property will need to be maintained until October 1, or until the official end of fire season. Contact Ben Franco at 541-826-9171 ext. 109 or [BenFranco@cityofeaglepoint.org](mailto:BenFranco@cityofeaglepoint.org).



## IMPORTANT DATES

### July

4th of July parade and fireworks

### August

5th National Night Out  
16th Street Dance

### Tour De Eagle Point a Hit!



On Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 o'clock on a beautiful, sunny morning, over 100 spirited individuals took off on their bikes from Little Butte Elementary School to pedal in the City's annual bike ride known as "Tour De Eagle Point." They headed across town and out into the valley in groups following the 10K, 30K, 50K, or 100K routes.

The 100K (62 miles) looped out to Lake Creek, back through White City, Touvelle, Sam's Valley and Gold Hill. The 50K (31 miles) also looped out to Lake Creek and White City, but circled back to Eagle Point from there. The 30K (18 miles) contained easy riding to Brownsboro, White City and back. And the 10K (6 miles) stayed within Eagle Point and away from most hills. All of the courses were generally flat and had interesting terrain, rest stops and refreshments along the way.

But you don't need an organized bicycle event to enjoy a day like that. Eagle Point is fortunate to be located in a scenic, semi-rural setting, with close proximity to farmland, rolling hills, oak forests, creeks, and nice neighborhoods. And our town is small enough that downtown, the creek, the mill, parks, city hall, library, and post office are within walking or bicycling distance of our homes and businesses. If we want to get out of town on a bicycle, miles of rural back roads go in every direction and are suitable for an out-and-back or looped ride.

### Building Community in Eagle Point

We hear a lot of talk these days about supporting and strengthening our communities. There are many ways that individuals can help build a better community. Along with your own creativity, here are some ideas to start with:

- **Get to know your neighbors.** One of the best ways that individuals can help build a better community is to get to know your neighbors. Just interacting with the people you live near can significantly strengthen your community and spur organization. Engaging with your neighbors and community groups doesn't have to be about meetings and goings-on at city hall, though we're fortunate to have many here who volunteer their time for the greater good. Simply getting outside and getting to know your neighbors can lead to great things. And with a little effort there are many activities that can strengthen a neighborhood and encourage people to become acquainted with one another.



- **Turn your front yard into your back yard.** How often do you run into your neighbors in your backyard? Probably never. Moving your backyard activity to the front instantly makes you more visible and approachable. Establishing front-yard gardens, building community benches and even just barbecuing in your front yard are all great ways to connect with your community.
- **Organize a garden tour.** Got a thriving garden? Why not share it with others? Organize a neighborhood garden tour and invite neighbors to check out one another's gardens to learn growing tips, sample fresh produce and mingle.
- **Plant a tree.** Maybe it's an intersection or a street corner that lacks greenery, or maybe it's a neighbor in need of some landscaping, but planting trees is a good way to overhaul your neighborhood and build ties with neighbors. And you'd be contributing to your city's proud status as a "Tree City USA."
- **Throw a block party.** There's no better way to get to know your neighbors than over food and drinks. Check with City Hall about any permits needed.
- **Set up an emergency preparedness network.** If disaster strikes it's important to have people who know what to do. Establishing a common meeting space for your neighbors, appointing community members to take on various roles and having supplies ready can help strengthen your neighborhood and make things less chaotic during an emergency.
- **Set up a tool library.** How often do you need a leaf blower? Or a chain saw? And how often do you use that electric cake mixer? Tool libraries answer this dilemma by creating a space where neighbors can donate rarely used appliances to share. Check with a local business, community center or church group about space that can house a tool library.
- **Go for more walks and bike rides.** One of the easiest things you can do to get to know your neighbors is hit the pavement more often.
- **Carpool.** Often times people living in the same neighborhood work in the same area. Set up a ride share in your neighborhood to save gas and money and to get to know your neighbors.
- **Buy and shop locally.** You're more likely to run into members of your community if you shop at local boutiques and grocery stores.