

EAGLE POINT

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May meeting location changed

PLEASE NOTE- The Monday, May 5 Chamber meeting has been moved to South Valley Bank, Ave. H and Hwy. 62, in White City. Due to the construction at the Ashpole Center, the noise level could make it hard to be heard. The conference room at the bank has a capacity of about 25. Call Pat immediately to confirm you will attend. When capacity is reached, she will have to stop accepting attendees for this one meeting. Call Pat at 826-2541

EP May events

Are you looking for something to do in Eagle Point this month? Check out this list. You will soon understand why some of us are very busy and others should be and can be.

May 3-4 got off to a busy start, with the official opening of Saturday Market. They are located between the Butte Creek Mill and the Eagle Point Museum. Hours are 8:30- 2:30 p.m. It runs every Saturday through mid-September.

May 8- 2-4 p.m. Thursday at Eagle Point Library with author, George Wright.

May 8-9-10- FFA annual Plant Sale in the greenhouses behind high school. This is a huge event and runs from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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First State Bank building, constructed in 1911.

Change coming to downtown

The old building at the corner of Main and Platt that housed Sweet Café will be torn down. Owner Gary Whittle confirmed, with regret, the necessity on April 29. The structure has three layers of brick, which are disintegrating.

Whittle also owns the lot between the two story building and Barbed Wire Grill. He has been working on plans for both lots for a new two story structure. One of the things he hopes to do is to use some of the original bricks in the new structure.

“This will be the first new building in the revitalization of the downtown area,” noted Whittle.

Whittle hopes to be on the planning commission agenda in July. He said he would like to start construction on the

new building in the fall.

The bank building was built in 1911 and was called The First State Bank. J.W. Bayliss of Ashland built it for \$3,400 and it opened with \$15,000 capitol. (Information provided by Gaynell Krambeal’s A History of Eagle Point and Surrounding Communities, vol I) It was one of three banks in the entire state that remained open in 1933 when a national moratorium was declared. And, it was the 14th bank in the nation to become a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The bank closed in Eagle Point in 1954 and moved to Medford where it became the Rogue Valley State Bank. That bank was purchased in 1964 by the Oregon Bank.

Start looking up. The City of Eagle Point should soon be blooming with 40-plus hanging petunia baskets. If you haven’t contributed to the cause, be sure to contact Bob Russell either at a Chamber meeting or at the Butte Creek Mill.

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May 10- Annual FFA Breakfast, Ray's Shopping Center Parking Lot, 6:30 a.m.- 11 a.m.

May 10- 2 p.m. 2nd Saturday at Eagle Point Library with Polly Russell Clark, rug hooking artist and Chamber member, Kent Heyward, with his Living on Dreams group.

May 10- 9-3 Eagle Point Grange Bazaar.

May 10- 9-5 p.m. Vintage Fair, sponsored by Butte Creek Mill and Eagle Point Museum. Many activities and displays. Starting at 2:30 p.m., there will be a Dutch Oven cook-off. The Old Time Fiddlers will entertain from 11-2. There will be wine tasting.

May 10- 6 p.m. Night in New Orleans, dinner and music to benefit EPHS band. Choice of catfish or chicken, Ken Heyward, will perform that evening. Tickets \$20, \$50 for family up to five members. 291-8334 or 890-3889 for tickets.

May 11- Mother's Day. Don't forget this date!

May 15- 4-6 p.m. Thursday at the Library, several will talk about the aging brain.

May 17- 10-3 p.m. Pooches on Parade, Wal-Mart Super Center.

May 17- 9-5 & May 18 9-4 p.m., 4th annual Military Vehicle Show, Wood House, and wine tasting.

May 17, 9- 1 p.m. Little Butte

Watershed will join in annual Down by the Riverside and seeks volunteers to clean up around Agate Lake. Check Apr. 29, Independent, page 22 for details and for a major photo contest by the Watershed.

May 22- 4-6 p.m. Lawson Inada, Oregon's Poet Laureat at Thursday at Library.

May 23- 7 p.m. Help is needed to put up Avenue of Flags. Please call Helen, 830-4049. This could be a good high school project.

May 24- 10 a.m. Harnish Wayside Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting. Chamber members are encouraged to attend. Refreshments.

May 26- Picnic in Park, 1-6 p.m. Harnish Wayside to benefit Eagle Point children's programs, including skateboard park. Adult tickets \$20, kids free. 890-6016 or purchase tickets at city hall. Gourmet luncheon, wine tasting, silent auction, art walk, jazz music.

May 27- 7 p.m. Avenue of Flags come down. Again help is needed. Call Helen at 830-4049.

May 29- 4-6 p.m. Chamber member Bob Russell., Butte Creek Mill, "What's hot, what's not" with antiques at the Eagle Point Library Thursday event.

It's your Chamber

Your Eagle Point Chamber of Commerce is at work for you—a few people are working for you and your business.

They don't mind doing some of the work, but as the Chamber grows and more inquiries are coming, along with the need for more events—there is a need to share more of the load.

With one or two exceptions, the load of the Chamber falls on the board members. Unlike some groups, a Chamber is an on-going information center.

We are pleased to see Kent and Garland involved in the Art Experience. But to make it go, they will need help.

Someone needs to volunteer to sell a few ads for the website, the Newsletter and for quarterly Greeters information. None of these take much time. And, in fact, Kathy and Nancy will offer a "short course" to help. Nancy has asked members to give her news for the newsletter. If you make a significant change in your business, have a special event upcoming, or changes that you believe would be of interest, this is an opportunity to promote it free.

And remember, the newsletter as well as the advertising in the newsletter now goes on the Chamber website.

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Stimulus refund scam

With the advent of the "economic stimulus refund" comes more scams. Your chamber urges you to make employees and acquaintances aware of anything that sounds too good to be true.

This scam claims to be from the IRS and informs you it is faster and easier to get your refund directly deposited into your checking/savings accounts. And then it gives you a hyper link to click on so you can fill in your banking information.

The Internal Revenue Service does not conduct business in this manner.

As always, we remind you that you should be very cautious about giving out any personal information.



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Downtown Arts Experience

Chamber member Kent Heyward offered a suggestion at the April Chamber of Commerce meeting that caught the attention of a couple of other members and is now at a stage of serious consideration.

Kent suggested Eagle Point have an Arts Experience. Garland and Eula Arnaud and Sandi Erskine met last week to brainstorm some ideas that will formally be presented to the Eagle Point City Council for approval.

The event would coordinate with 2nd Saturday happenings at the Eagle Point Library and at the Butte Creek Mill, providing activities throughout the downtown area.

The Arts Experience could include musicians, artists, craftsmen, perhaps crafts

and/or puppetry for children. Non-profit groups might consider a booth. Within the bounds of good taste, the sky is perhaps the limit.

Use of the area at the Judge Stewart House, Bob Moore Park, the large empty space that once housed public works and the volunteer fire department will probably be areas Chamber representatives will request for the once a month event.

There would be small fee, perhaps \$20 for a space. The Chamber committee is suggesting involving a different youth group each week to help with the setup and giving them a portion of the proceeds.

This idea will be one presented to the membership at the Monday, may 5 meeting.

Your Chamber

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Sandy tries to keep on top of the web inquiries. It would be very helpful to her to have someone with local knowledge, good grammar and spelling to assist in answering inquiries and sending packages of information out. Inquiries come by phone as well, but thus far those are being handle at the Independent.

Pat Jacobson has been asking for ambassadors for grand openings and ribbon cuttings.

It is YOUR Eagle Point Chamber of Commerce.

Downtown parking

After many months of discussion, the Eagle Point Economic Committee reached a consensus on a downtown parking plan. The city council approved sending it to the Department of Land Conservation, as required by law, for their 45-day review opportunity.

After that time period, the city will advertise a public hearing . While there has been no apparent interest on the part of businesses during the months the economic committee struggled with a reasonable document, the public hearing will give them a formal opportunity to voice anopinion on what is a major issue.

City & school budget meetings

It is budgeting season. Those wanting to know what School District 9 and the City of Eagle Point are looking at for the upcoming year should make note of these dates. These meetings are open to the public and offer an understanding of what cuts, expansions, new programs or facilities are planned.

Monday, May 12- 7 p.m. Budget Message- City Council chamber
Thursday, May 18- 7 p.m. Budget meeting
Friday, May 22- 7 p.m. (if needed)

School District 9
Wednesday, May 14 - 5 p.m. Staff Development room Budget Message and Elementary and Middle School Budgets.
Wednesday May 21- 5 p.m. High School, district, other foods, etc.

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www.eaglepointchamber.org

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- No photos •No pet food bags •No tissue paper •No yard debris •No plastic •No waxed items



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