

Bear in the Village

A black bear has been sighted in Pioneer Village in the past two weeks. A flyer with information about how to make your house more bear proof has been provided by the US Fish and Wildlife Service -- it is in the box on the whiteboard by the mailboxes. Please take one and pay attention to their instructions. Hopefully, if the bear is denied access to food (e.g., garbage cans, mulch piles, bird feeders, apple trees) it will go to sleep for the winter. If it continues to be a threat to people in Pioneer Village or elsewhere, it may have to be exterminated. Let's all do our part to help the bear go back to being a wild animal that lives in the forest!

(posted 12/5/2016)

Firewise™ Contest

Congratulations to Peter and Dori Betjemann (Lot 52), winners in the Senior category of the Firewise Contest. They will enjoy a nice meal at Eats and Treats in Philomath as a reward for the attention and work they did this year for making their home fire safe.

Thank you to all who participated! We look forward to holding a similar contest next year and to having even greater participation. Your efforts to help keep Pioneer Village a beautiful and fire-free community are greatly appreciated.

-- Fire and Safety Committee

(posted 10/4/2016)

Greasy Creek Restoration

The Marys River Watershed Council has finished removing blackberries along Greasy Creek. They will plant grass in the bare areas to reduce the amount of mud. Trees will be planted in these areas in February or March to eventually shade the creek and cool the water temperature for the fish. This work was sponsored by the Watershed Council and Siuslaw National Forest.



(posted 10/4/2016)

Knotweed Control in Greasy Creek

Hello Greasy Creek Neighbors,

This email is to notify you of our plan to treat the knotweed on your reach of Greasy Creek on Tuesday, September 20th or Wednesday, September 21st. We will be starting at the mouth early Tuesday morning and I hope we'll be coming through your reach on Tuesday, but if we encounter more plants that need treating, it will take longer and push us to Wednesday.

Please let me know if you want me to call you with an update as we go along, or if you have any questions!

Thank you,
Kathleen Westly
Education and Restoration Project Manager
Marys River Watershed Council
[541.609.0442](tel:541.609.0442) (mobile)

Firewise™ Contest

Lots 52 and 27 reminded us of the ODF grant (\$600) to take action and reduce fire danger around your home. ODF will do an inspection free of charge and provide recommendations for actions. Once those are completed, they will give out the grant. Three more lots have acted Firewise:

Actions taken by Lot 52 include:

- removal of brush from around the house
- planting fire tolerant plants (e.g., rhododendrons)

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- putting flagstones, path, etc. around the house
- cleaning roof and gutters
- replacing a rotten old deck

Lot 56 also cleaned out dead brush, and cleaned roof and gutters

Lot 57 cleaned roof and gutters

Firewise™ Contest - Reminder

YOU COULD WIN!!! Remember to send in a description of what you have done to prepare for a wildfire and to reduce the risk to your home or the community. Click [here](#) for ideas on how to reduce your fire risk. Send information to pvhawebmaster@gmail.com. Include your lot number and how to contact you if you win!

DEADLINE: September 22, 2016

PRIZES:	Juniors (0 – 17 yrs old):	\$25 gift certificate at Philomath Dairy Queen
	Adult (18 – 54 yrs old):	\$25 gift certificate at Philomath True Value
	Seniors (55+):	\$25 gift certificate at Eats and Treats

Greasy Creek Restoration

In collaboration with Marys River Watershed Council, PVHA is undertaking a restoration project along Greasy Creek in the communal property area. This project will benefit the creek through increased shade to provide cooler water temperatures for fish and other animals, and to increase the presence and diversity of native trees and shrubs.

The project will begin in September with some machine removal of Himalayan blackberry patches between the walking path and the creek (this will take place for one, possibly two, days and will not impact the walking path or the field, other than to move the equipment in and out of the patches to be cleared).

These “scalped” areas will then be seeded with native grasses to provide cover for the soil and decrease the opportunity for weeds to establish. In February-March of 2017, native trees and shrubs will be planted along the creek and protected from deer, beaver and vole browse.

This project is being funded entirely by the Marys Peak Stewardship Group of the Siuslaw National Forest and Meyer Memorial Trust. Marys River Watershed Council is coordinating the site preparation, planting/protecting and ongoing plant establishment (weed whacking) for at least three growing seasons after planting.

Marys River Watershed Council will also be conducting our annual treatment of knotweed, an invasive plant that is present in the Greasy Creek system, in September. Our crew will be walking the creek, surveying for and treating knotweed during one day, yet to be determined. Notification will be put out on the community listserv once the date is known.

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Please direct any questions you have to Steve DeGhetto, PVHA President at steveandlois@peak.org. Click [here](#) to download a pdf with this information.

Fire prevention - information from Benton County and OPB

Here's an excellent OPB Radio story about the danger of embers v. the attention-getting flames.

<http://www.opb.org/news/article/npr-in-wildfires-big-flames-attract-attention-but-watch-out-for-the-embers/>

Act Firewise™ and Win a Prize!

Living in Pioneer Village means living in a high-risk fire zone within an Oregon forest. Working together, we can reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires and save our homes. As a certified Firewise™ community, you may be eligible for reduced fire insurance rates.

This year PVHA is offering a raffle and prize for participating in our community Firewise™ preparedness month. **YOU COULD WIN!!!** by sending in a photo and description of what you have done to prepare for a wildfire and to reduce the risk to your home or the community. Click [here](#) for ideas on how to reduce your fire risk.

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SUBMIT: Send information to pvhawebmaster@gmail.com. Include your lot number, what you did, a photo or selfie if desired (and let us know if we can post it on our website), number of hours or dollars spent, and a way to contact you. Visit this page for photos and highlights of the contest.

ANY project in 2016 is eligible, no matter how big or small!!
Multiple entries are encouraged!!

Winners will be chosen from each age division in a random drawing on September 24th

EXTRA: *Submitters from the age group with the most entries will win an additional prize.*
(WATCH THE WHITEBOARD BY THE MAILBOXES TO SEE WHICH AGE GROUP IS AHEAD!)

Fire Season

You probably have noticed that it is hot. And dry. That means it is Fire Season! Please pay attention to the State Forestry requirements posted on the board by the mailboxes. NO fires! NO chainsaw use! NO off road vehicles. We are all responsible for the safety of ourselves and the Village. Be Fire Safe!

PVHA Trail

If you play with your kids or walk your dog in the field, you probably have noticed the piles of chips on the trail. Over the next few weeks, these will be spread out on the trail to cover and repair the bare spots. Thanks to Robert and Anne (Lot 57) for the hard work of moving the chips one wheelbarrow at a time, and raking them into place. YOU CAN HELP!! Just bring a wheelbarrow, shovel, and rake to the field and have at it. Even if you only do it for 30 min, it will help. The trail is nearly one half mile long which is a lot of wheelbarrows of chips. Thanks to Steve and Lois (Lot 23) for providing the chips during their tree removal!

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****** Reminder: we all get in a hurry sometimes - Pioneer Village is Home- For safety and everybody's enjoyment keep speeds to 15 mph or less ******

PVHA Annual Member Meeting -- Minutes

The annual PVHA member meeting was held on May 25th at the Westwood Community Church. A total of 16 lots had representatives at the meeting, and 6 proxies had been filed, for a total of 22 voting members. This constituted a quorum, so the meeting was able to continue and vote on Board members and Motions.

Philomath Fire Chief Thomas Miller addressed the meeting and answered questions about evacuation routes and potential fire danger for this year. He reminded everyone to see www.philomathfire.com for all burn information, and that May 31 is the last day of spring burn season.

Jodi Moad, Treasurer, reported that dues are staying flat again, for the 3rd year in a row. There are only two lots which are delinquent on dues payments.

Riley Wilkenson (Lot) agreed to be the contact for questions related to tree removal (or tree health) and for Architectural Control Committee questions.

Cindy Beach volunteered to work with Jodi on completing a new Directory of Pioneer Village. With luck, this should be completed and distributed this summer.

The website will continue at its current level; no expansion of pages or password protection needed.

New officers elected for all Board positions. The current President (Tony Thompson) and Treasurer (Jodie Moad) are moving out of the Village, and the Secretary (Mandy Evelend) has reached the end of her term. The new Officers are::

- President: Steve DeGhetto (Lot 23)
- Treasurer: Lois DeGhetto (Lot 23)
- Secretary: Linnea Anderson

Thank you for volunteering your time!

Brush and Dust Control

Roadside brush control will take place in early June. Lignon will be applied to the roads for dust control in late June. It is not always possible to know exact dates when this will occur, so please be aware that equipment may be on the roads at any time. If known, dates will be posted here and on the white board by the mailboxes.

Tree removal on Barlow Rd

Site preparation continues for building a new home on Lot 59 (on Barlow Rd, just after you make the turn to the right at the big tree in front of the Butler's house). Large trees will be removed **beginning May 4 and continuing through May 12**. Please watch for trucks and trees, and pay attention to anyone controlling traffic. Alternate routes may need to be used occasionally during that time.

***** PVHA Annual Member Meeting -- May 25 *****

Please plan on attending the annual member meeting. The meeting is held at the little white church on Greasy Creek at Hwy 34. It will start at 6:30 pm. We are required to have a quorum to vote on the annual budget, etc., so if you absolutely cannot attend, please fill out and mail in your proxy form (received in the mail this past week). See you there!

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Brush Chipping - May 9

Please bring your brush and small tree/tree limbs to the school bus turn-around before May 9th. Chips will be used on the path around the field, so bring lots of debris for us to use!

Spring Clean-up and Brush Chipping

This is a perfect opportunity to clean up your yard for spring and begin preparations for wildfire season. Remember, tall grass, tall brush and dead/down tree limbs and dead vegetation are some of the driving forces behind wildfire. It's important to remove these hazards from your property to mitigate the negative effects of wildfire, and keep your home and property safe.

To help you dispose of removed woody material, Benton County and The Oregon Dept. of Forestry will be coordinating our annual spring chipping event again this year. Generally speaking, this event will be very similar to previous year's events. We are **tentatively** planning on **chipping the week of May 2nd- May 12th** although these days could change. Please **check this website for updates** as we get into the month of April.

Road Maintenance

Thank you to PVHA President Tony Thompson for getting the ED Hughes crew out to gravel, blade and grade the roads. They did a little bit of ditch work as well. As always, please keep an eye out for their trucks and equipment as they work to keep our roads in shape.

Pioneer Village Weather

Pioneer Village now has its own weather station (located at the north end of the field at Lot 57) and has joined the Weather Underground (to enable everyone with an internet connection access to the data). Our weather station ID is Pioneer Village 57 (KORPHILO16). We are transmitting real time data on a continuous 24/7 basis. You can find current weather and daily/weekly forecasts at:

<http://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KORPHILO16#history>

Firewise Reminders

As spring creeps up on Pioneer Village, remember to be "Firewise" for the summer season. Clean up brush from near your house and clean debris from your gutters. We will provide information about the annual brush chipping as soon as it is available.

Gravel Pile at School Bus Turn-around

Thanks to Tony Thompson for the road gravel. This is available for everyone's use to help fill potholes. Please take what you need for that purpose.

Glass Pick-up Schedule

Republic Services will pick-up glass for recycling on **Thursday** during the **LAST full week** of the month. Click [here](#) for a complete schedule and information.

Emergency Exit Route

Chris Bradley from Benton County coordinates Firewise and emergency response issues for outlying communities. She reminds us that even though there is now an emergency access route [at the top of Greasy Creek Road], it should only be used IN EMERGENCIES, and with the assistance of emergency services personnel, such as the Sheriff's Office or Philomath Fire and Rescue. It is not a road, just a route, and at this time of the year it would be an easy place to get stuck. It is also likely that high winds will result in downed trees along that route. **If an event such as high water or bridge damage limits access to**

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Pioneer Village, the first thing to do is to call 911. Do not attempt to drive through the emergency access gates and through the forest without assistance of appropriate agencies.

Reflective Roadside Posts

The Philomath Fire Department has installed reflective posts alongside the roads in areas where there is a steep edge. This is meant to increase safety when driving at night or in conditions of low visibility, particularly for guests and emergency personnel who are not familiar with our roads.

Board of Directors

Simon Babcock, who was PVHA president, has moved out of the Village. Tony Thompson, vice-President, will take over his duties until the next Annual Meeting (May 2016). We will vote for new Board members at the annual meeting; please consider standing for election to the Board of Directors at that time.