

PVHA Website posts 2019

After Christmas Yule Log/Cookie Share

You are invited to an impromptu Yule Log Hunt/cookie swap down at the field tomorrow (12/28)!! The hunt will start at the bus shelter at 1:30pm and anyone young at heart is welcome to participate and celebrate the 4th day of Christmas!

We will have hot cocoa but please bring cookies/snacks (and their recipes) to share, any other desired beverages, and chairs. Similar to the summer picnic please let Anna Vespar know if you have a table, pop up tent, or something else you would be willing to provide for the festivities. Hope to see many of you tomorrow!

Newsletter #2

The Fall 2019 Newsletter is now available!. There is more to read in the newsletter than is found on this webpage!! :-) Please click on the Documents page for a link to the newsletter (available in pdf).

(posted 11/12/19)

Dog Lovers - please read!

Many of us in Pioneer Village have dogs. Sometimes one, sometimes several. The common field is a great place to exercise our furry friends and many people take advantage of this. Especially walking the perimeter path while your dog sniffs out all the good smells and eats apples and blackberries. And what goes in, always comes out! Sometimes, right on the path where other kids, adults, and dog lovers are also walking. **Please be a good neighbor and pick up after your dog!** If you don't want to carry it home in a bag, you can use a stick or small shovel to get it off the path and into the bushes or tall grass. Please help keep the field friendly and usable by everyone.

(posted 11/12/19)

Fall Road Maintenance Projects

The HOA will be having road maintenance work done this upcoming week, starting Monday 10/14 around 8 am and going until Wednesday or Thursday. [Click here for a map](#) of some of the more significant project, but in general the roads will be graded, have potholes removed, and additional gravel placed around the neighborhood.

Dennis Gibson, a local contractor, will be conducting the work and will have several pieces of equipment out for the various stages. He will try to minimize the impact to community traffic and activity but the nature of the projects will influence the access around the neighborhood at varying times. Specifically, *McLoughlin Drive will be closed part of the day Monday (10/14)* for the culvert replacement project located between lots 36 and 51 but should be open by the afternoon. Most other projects shouldn't result in full road closures but may involved delays for equipment to move out of the way.

Please add extra time for your drives around the neighborhood to allow for some interruptions due to this road work and drive cautiously as there will be dump trucks and equipment out on the roads. Thank you for your patience on this and let Anna Vespar (PVHA President) know if you have any other questions on these projects! (admin@pvha.us)

(posted 10/11/19)

We are Firewise!

Thank you to everyone for your fire reduction efforts this year. We have met (and far exceeded!) the Firewise goals and will be recertified for another year. This year was cooler and wetter than normal but still posed significant fire risk. Removing brush and debris next to your home, limbing trees, cleaning gutters and flues, and general maintenance continues to be our best insurance

against a catastrophic wildfire. Enjoy the fall, winter, and spring here in beautiful Pioneer Village and the relief from fire danger!

(posted 10/10/19)

Pioneer Village Map - updated

An updated map of Pioneer Village is now available! Go to the Documents link on the left side of the webpage and click on PVHA map. All the lots are now represented as the appropriate legal entities.

(posted 10/10/19)

Newsletter

PVHA now has a newsletter. It will be published on an occasional basis, as news becomes available. There is more to read in the newsletter than is found on this webpage!! :-) Please click on the Documents page for a link to the newsletter (available in pdf).

(posted 7/29/19)

End-of-summer "Picnic on the Commons"

On Saturday, **August 24th at 5pm**, PVHA will host everyone residing in Pioneer Village to join us for a pot luck picnic at the PVHA's playground and common grounds just below Whitman Way. There will be good food, with a dish contributed by each family attending, some activities for children and adults, and a few brief announcements by the PVHA Board. To participate, go to our **sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848AFA928A7F85-pioneer>** to tell us what you'd like to bring (click on the link or copy-and-paste it into your web browser). In addition to your family's food or beverage contribution, we need offers of pop up tents and folding tables. This will be a "Zero Waste" event! Bring your own beverages and cup or mug for your beverage. Compostable plates and napkins, as well as reusable serving ware will be provided and collected on site. A portable toilet will be rented to have nearby. **Please sign up soon!**

(posted 7/29/19)

Schoolbus Shelter Repair

On **Saturday, August 17th** Pioneer Village Volunteers will be giving our Community's Bus Shelter some much needed maintenance in preparation for the start of the school year. This shelter was built some years ago by members of the PVHA to provide a place for our neighborhood's children to wait for their school bus out of the elements. Mark Woosley is leading the work which will include pressure washing, staining/painting, roof moss removal and adding a new bench. A few volunteers are needed to help.

Please **contact Mark at 541-760-0321** if you would like to help.

Volunteers are needed to help prep and paint the shelter, which has been providing our neighborhood's children and parents with a dry place out of the elements to wait for the school bus. Some paint and materials will be provided by the PVHA; Step ladders, paint/stain brushes and roller equipment, scrapers and wire brushes are needed from neighbors to loan for this one-day project.

(posted 7/29/19)

Drainfield Easement - Please review!

Following the PVHA Annual meeting in May, the board has been working with the HOA's lawyer to develop a revised septic drainfield easement for Jonald Gradwohl's (Lot 54) request on the community property located on the norther side of Whitman Way. During the annual meeting the board was approved to move forward with the easement, contingent upon revising the easement's wording to ensure that pre-existing community systems, like the water and septic lines, are included as having senior rights in the area, and indemnifying both the PVHA and Pioneer Village Water Company from any potential damages that may occur due to one of our systems failing.

The board is now posting the revised easement written by the HOA's lawyer for community review and comments. [Click here to open the document as a pdf.](#) It will be **posted for a period of 14 days**, during which time comments and questions can be emailed to Anna via admin@pvha.us. At the end of those 14 days - **July 10, 2019** - the board will meet and determine if further revisions are necessary to address the comments otherwise will proceed with granting the easement as voted on during the annual meeting. An update will be posted to inform everyone once things have been finalized to ensure that everyone is aware of the process.

Thank you in advance for your time and productive comments on this matter!

(posted 6/24/19)

It's summer! It's Fire Season!

The warm, dry weather has resulted in ODF and ODEQ posting "no burn" notices a week earlier than usual. No outdoor burning except in BBQs and designated fire pits. Spark-arresters are required on any equipment used in the forest (including Pioneer Village!) such as chainsaws. Please do not drive any type of vehicle off the roads as a spark of any kind can start the grass and brush on fire.

Please fill out a form in the plastic box on the whiteboard (behind the bear notices) to tell us what you have done to create defensible space around your home this year. Filled out forms can be returned to the PVHA mailbox by October 1.

****** BE FIREWISE!******

(posted 6/17/19)

Pioneer Village 57 Weather Station Updated Link

In the last month or so, the Weather Underground website has undergone some updates and re-hosting. As a result of those updates, the old url for weather station ID KORPHILO16 (aka Pioneer Village 57) does not work.

The new url is:

<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KORPHILO16>

Please update your bookmarks accordingly.

Alternatively, you can access the weather station by entering the following search string in your web browser:

Weather Underground KORPHILO16 PWS Dashboard

(posted 4/21/19)

Chipping - first week in May

Please bring all brush to the chipping pile at the school bus turnaround by the end of April. Chipping is provided by the county and Oregon Department of Forestry. they will be here sometime during the first week of May. Keep in mind that only brush should be on the pile.

NO:

- straw, grass, or other compost
- poison oak or blackberries
- lumber or painted wood
- nails, wire, or metal of any kind

- **branches larger than 6 inches in diameter**

(posted 4/21/19)

It is fire season already! (March 20, 2019)

You may have heard about the Santiam Park Fire on the news last night. It is a 90+ acre fire burning near the North Santiam in Linn County. Evacuation alerts have been issued. And it is only the first day of spring!

There was a brush fire even closer to home yesterday. At approximately 12:30 in the afternoon a brush fire was called in on Crystal Creek Loop (old Hwy 20) in Lincoln County. Gusty winds pushed a fire, most probably started by powerlines coming in contact with tree limbs, upslope threatening 1 home and 3 outbuildings. The fire burned a total of 9 ½ acres before being contained by firefighters from Toledo and Philomath ODF and Toledo, Philomath, Seal Rock, Siletz and Depoe Bay rural fire departments (nearly 40 firefighters in all). There was some damage to outbuildings from embers and water but none were lost. Firefighters commented on how dry the understory is. And it is only the first day of spring!

Do not be fooled by the late snow and cold of the winter weather. These local fires emphasize the importance of pre-fire season cleanup and fuel reduction projects around your property. Use caution when burning debris (only on authorized "backyard burn" days!). The brush pile by the school bus turnaround is growing by the day! This is great! The County and ODF will pay for chipping in late April or early May, so get your brush cleared out soon!!

Thank you for your help! Stay Firewise!

(posted 3/20/19)