

MAYOR'S CORNER

The 4th of July celebration was a huge success! The beer garden and karaoke efforts raised \$330.00 towards the up-keep of the Community Hall which operated \$700.00 in the red last year. Joyce Brown says she has an idea for another fund-raiser for the community hall fund. Details will be announced soon. Sincere thanks to all of those who helped in the beer garden. Joyce asked me to say *Thanks* to Jason Wilson for doing a fine job singing and for giving her breaks at the karaoke machine.

I would like to thank Michelle Barnett for a job well done as this years parade coordinator. Thanks also to Don Ellis and

Curt Vorbeck for driving the cars in the parade for the Council and the Mayor.

The kids in town seem to be doing a better job with wearing helmets when riding their bikes. Keep up the good work!

New reserve officers Ken Owens and Herb Hines were sworn in at the last council meeting. They will be filling in while Police Chief Mel Ray is at school in the fall.

Sincerely,

Jack Brown, Mayor



Mayor Jack Brown invites you to attend a Special Council meeting regarding the Falls Park Feasibility Study. 7Pm August 2nd at Community Hall.

COPS CORNER

Last month I discussed bicycle laws and how they pertain to our children. This month I will again discuss bicycle laws as well as other items that I have been observing.

Every person riding a bicycle upon a public way has the same rights and duties as the driver of any other vehicle. Except for those provisions which by their very nature can not apply. A bicycle is a vehicle for purposes of the vehicle code.

Vehicle Code Section 814.410 UNSAFE OPERATION OF A BICYCLE ON A SIDEWALK lists the following as violations:

- ★ Operating a bicycle so as to suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and move into the path of a vehicle.
- ★ Operating a bicycle and does not give an audible warning before overtaking and passing a pedestrian on sidewalks and failure to yield right of way to all pedestrians on sidewalks.
- ★ Operating a bicycle on a sidewalk in a careless manner.
- ★ Operating a bicycle at a speed greater than a walk when approaching or crossing a driveway and a motor vehicle is approaching.

For the most part the children have been obeying the helmet law as long as I am in town. I have had several reports saying that as soon as I leave work the helmets come off. Please parents, for your children's safety, insist on them wearing their helmets.

Another concern I have is the use, or shall I say the non-use, of seat belts. I'm trying to warn people to buckle up, it's the law. The warnings are to remind you to put the belts on now instead of after you have been stopped, or are about to be stopped, by a police officer in Eagle Point or Medford. The wearing of the seat belt may save not only your life, but could save you \$87.00 in fines.

It's the fire season and a reminder that no open camp fires or burning is allowed. Please report any violations to either myself or to the fire Department. Have a safe and sane summer.

Mel Ray
Chief of Police