

# NEWSLETTER

## City of Wasco Update

April 1, 2017

With the much-needed rainfall we have been receiving, lawns, flowers and **WEEDS** have been sprouting up quickly☺ As a reminder of what you need to be doing to keep ahead of these weeds, an excerpt of **WASCO CITY NUISANCE ORDINANCE NO. 325 Section 12 Noxious Vegetation** follows:

**Definition:** The term *noxious vegetation* includes, but is not limited to: **weeds or grass more than 10" high, puncture vine, bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare, vegetation that is a health hazard, a fire hazard because it is near combustibles, or a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare.** The term *noxious vegetation* does **not** include vegetation that constitutes an agricultural crop.

**Directive:** No owner or person in charge of property may allow noxious vegetation to be on the property or in the right-of-way of a public thoroughfare abutting on the property. It shall be the duty of an owner or person in charge of property to cut down or destroy vegetation as often as needed to prevent it from becoming unsightly, from becoming a fire hazard, or in the case of weeds or other noxious vegetation, from maturing or from going to seed.

**Notification:** Between March 1 and May 15 of each year, the City Clerk/Recorder shall publish an excerpt of Section 12 three times to serve as notice to all owners and persons in charge of property that it is their duty to keep their property free from noxious vegetation. This form of notification shall be in lieu of the notice otherwise required.

**Abatement:** The City may abate such nuisance on any particular property at the request of the owner or person in charge of the property for a fee sufficient to cover the City's cost of the abatement. In the absence of such request, the City shall abate such nuisances ten (10) or more days after the final publication of the notice and charge the cost of doing so to the property owner, the person in charge thereof, or the property itself.

*This is the first of three notices to be published as per Wasco City Nuisance Ord. No. 325, Section 12. After publication of the final notice in May, the City will begin the abatement process.*

**CITY AND COUNTY CLEAN-UP EVENTS:** On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, the County will be holding their annual Event from **9am – 3pm** at the **Solid Waste Transfer Site** located on Welk Road. Sherman County residents may take one pickup load of trash to the transfer site – **FREE OF CHARGE** (with some exceptions). The **Wasco Event** has tentatively been scheduled for **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 1pm**. It will be set up near the Wasco Depot Park, and will be available to Wasco residents. **NO CHARGE** – with some exceptions. *Be watching for more about the Wasco Event, and a FIRM date....*

**NOTICE OF WASCO CITY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** A public meeting to discuss the Wasco City Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 will be conducted by the Budget Committee of the City of Wasco on **April 27, 2017** at **Wasco City Hall** located at 1017 Clark Street in Wasco, Oregon beginning at **6:30p.m.** The purpose of this meeting is to receive the budget message, receive comments from the public in reference to the budget, and conduct the State Revenue Sharing Hearing. An additional budget meeting (if needed) will be held on May 23, 2017 at Wasco City Hall beginning at 6:30p.m. Any person may appear at these meetings to discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be obtained after April 27, 2017 at Wasco City Hall between 9:00a.m. and 5:00p.m.