

# Eagle Police Department Newsletter

Summer 2015



Wear a Helmet, pad & eye protection

Ride on the Right Side of Road

Ride in a Straight Line

Pedestrians have the Right of Way

Ride Single File

Never Ride Against Traffic

Don't Pass on the Right

Obey Traffic Signs and Signals

Use Hand Signals

Walk Bikes Across Crosswalks

Follow Lane Markings

Scan the Road Behind You

Never "Catch a Ride"

Use Lights and Reflectors

Keep Hands on Handlebars

Make Sure Your Breaks Work

Be Aware of Road Hazards

Know How to Ride in a Roundabout

Please see the separate attachment

for more on Bike Safety.

## National Night Out

- ◆ August 4, 2015
- ◆ Brush Creek Park
- ◆ 5-8pm

## A Note from the Police Department

Please slow down in town. Kids are out of school for the summer and the weather has finally cleared up enough for people to enjoy all that the Town of Eagle has to offer. Please remain cognizant of the speed limits throughout the Town and be aware of children playing, bike riders, pedestrians and other recreationists.

During the summer months and into the fall please be aware of the construction zones. Fines are doubled in construction zones. In many construction zones, lanes are restricted or augmented. Stay alert and pay attention to signage for direction.

The Town of Eagle is a great place to live, work and play. As we receive more visitors to the area for events and travel along I-70 please remember to lock your cars and homes for safety. Please keep garage doors closed and don't forget to lock the back door as well. If you see any suspicious activities do not hesitate to call 911 in an emergency or non-emergency dispatch at 970-479-2200.

An infographic from ASPCA titled "It's Hot Out! Don't Leave Your Pet in the Car!". It features a vertical temperature scale on the left with three key points: 120° (Within 30 minutes, the car's interior can climb from 85° to 120°), 102° (On an 85° day, it only takes ten minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102°), and 90° (Even if the temperature outside is only 70°, the inside of your car may be as much as 20 degrees hotter!). The right side includes an illustration of a blue car with a dog inside, a green tree, and a smartphone icon. Text explains that pets most at risk for overheating are young, elderly or overweight animals, those with short muzzles and those with thick or dark-colored coats. It also notes that a car may overheat even when windows are open an inch or two, and that shade offers little protection on a hot day and moves with the sun. A warning states that many states and local governments have laws that prohibit leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle under dangerous conditions, which includes hot days. Your car could be damaged or you could be charged with a crime. A final instruction says: "If you see an animal in a car on a hot day, try to locate the owner, or call 911! Stay by the car until help arrives."

## Whitewater and River Safety

The rivers are rising and we remind everyone to take caution near the river during high run-off season.

Also, a reminder that erosion on the banks of the river may create circumstances of a false shelf, whereby the grass has no support and will cave in with any weight. Please keep children and pets away from the rivers during peak run-off!!

In 2014, 17 people died in Colorado boating accidents. This is above average for Colorado but a stark reminder of how powerful whitewater can be.

Tips for River Safety:

- Never Boat Alone
- Wear a properly fitted Personal Flotation Device
- Do not use drugs or alcohol while recreating.
- Watch children closely. Stay close enough to reach them immediately.
- Know your limits. Be Smart.

## Off Highway Vehicle - Getting to the Trail

In late 2014 the Eagle Board of Trustees passed ordinance 16-2014 which addresses the operation of off-highway vehicles with the Town of Eagle limits.

In accordance with Section 33-14.5-108, C.R.S., all Town streets, roads, and alleys except any street or road which is part of the State highway system, within the Town of Eagle are hereby designated as limited off-highway vehicle routes. Off-highway vehicles shall be permitted on such routes for the limited purpose of traveling to or from the owner's or operator's residence or place of storage directly to or from a recreational site that allows the use of such vehicles.

It should be noted that HWY6, Brush Creek Road and Eby Creek Road are not Town of Eagle Streets.

Please see the full list of regulations concerning the operation of OHV with in the Town at <http://www.townofeagle.org/DocumentCenter/View/6069>



## Fireworks in the Town of Eagle

The Town of Eagle would like to remind our visitors and guests to celebrate Independence Day this 4<sup>th</sup> of July in a safe manner without the use of personal fireworks.

The Town of Eagle has contributed funding to enhance the enjoyment of our Independence Day through a licensed and professional fireworks show, scheduled at dusk on July 4, 2015.

The Eagle Police Department and Greater Eagle Fire Protection District will have an enhanced focus on preventing fire by monitoring neighborhoods and taking necessary action with select individuals who place life and property at risk by igniting fireworks in or around the Town of Eagle.

Our community experienced a moist spring, resulting in tall grass and brush growth. Followed by hot and dry periods in June, this growth has become prone to ignition. With these conditions, concerned members of our community have placed trust with their respective authorities to prevent those who recklessly place others at harm by igniting fireworks.

Select individuals who ignite fireworks not only violate the Town's Firework Ordinance, but also threaten the safety and welfare of those in our community. The Eagle Police Department and Greater Eagle Fire Protection District will investigate calls of personal fireworks and enforce laws applicable to the ignition of fireworks.

Illegal fireworks are fireworks that explode, emit a loud bang, leave the ground due to an explosive charge or fly through the air when self-propelled. These devices include bottle rockets, cherry bombs, explosive devices, firecrackers, helicopters, M-100 and M-80 devices, missile boxes, mortars, rockets and shells, Roman Candles and any device that projects or disburses metal, glass or brittle plastic fragments.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Independence Day weekend!

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Show  
July 4, 2015 at dusk (9:30pm)  
Eagle County Fairgrounds  
Dynamic Fireworks Display by  
Western Enterprises**

**Bring a picnic or  
watch from home!**

