

City of Central Point NEWS FROM CITY HALL

City Manager's Corner:

Medical Marijuana Dispensary Update

As you likely know from recent local news articles, a new state law allows for the legal operation of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries as of Monday, March 3rd. If you have been following Central Point City Council action, you also likely know that the Council recently adopted City Ordinance No. 1982 that places "reasonable time, place and manner restrictions" on such facilities, beyond those provided for in the current state law (HB 3460). More Specifically, the City's newly adopted ordinance creates additional buffering standards.

The State law provides buffers around school/youth facilities, and

does not permit dispensaries in residential areas. The City's ordinance places additional buffers around residentially zoned properties and neighborhoods (see map on page 2). For more information go to <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2013R1/Measures/Overview/HB3460>.

When the City Council adopted the ordinance regulating medical marijuana dispensaries, they included a strong public statement regarding their future intentions. The statement memorialized the council's desire to permanently ban these businesses from Central Point, should the Oregon state legislature grant cities authority to do so. Although no such provision exists presently, there has been some activity at the legislative level to clarify or amend the law, possibly allowing individual cities the legal right to ban these types of dispensaries.

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Tree City Designation for Central Point

Central Point has the honor of calling itself a Tree City USA (TCUSA) for the first time. This past year the City was actively involved in trying to meet the TCUSA required standards. What is the Tree City USA program and how did we meet the standards?

The Tree City USA program is a national program that provides the framework for community forestry management for cities and towns across America. The communities achieve Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

In Central Point the Planning Commission oversees matters related to our urban forestry program. After an extensive review by staff and the Planning Commission, an updated tree ordinance, and a detailed street guide were adopted by City Council in October of 2013. To meet the financial requirements, Central Point is required

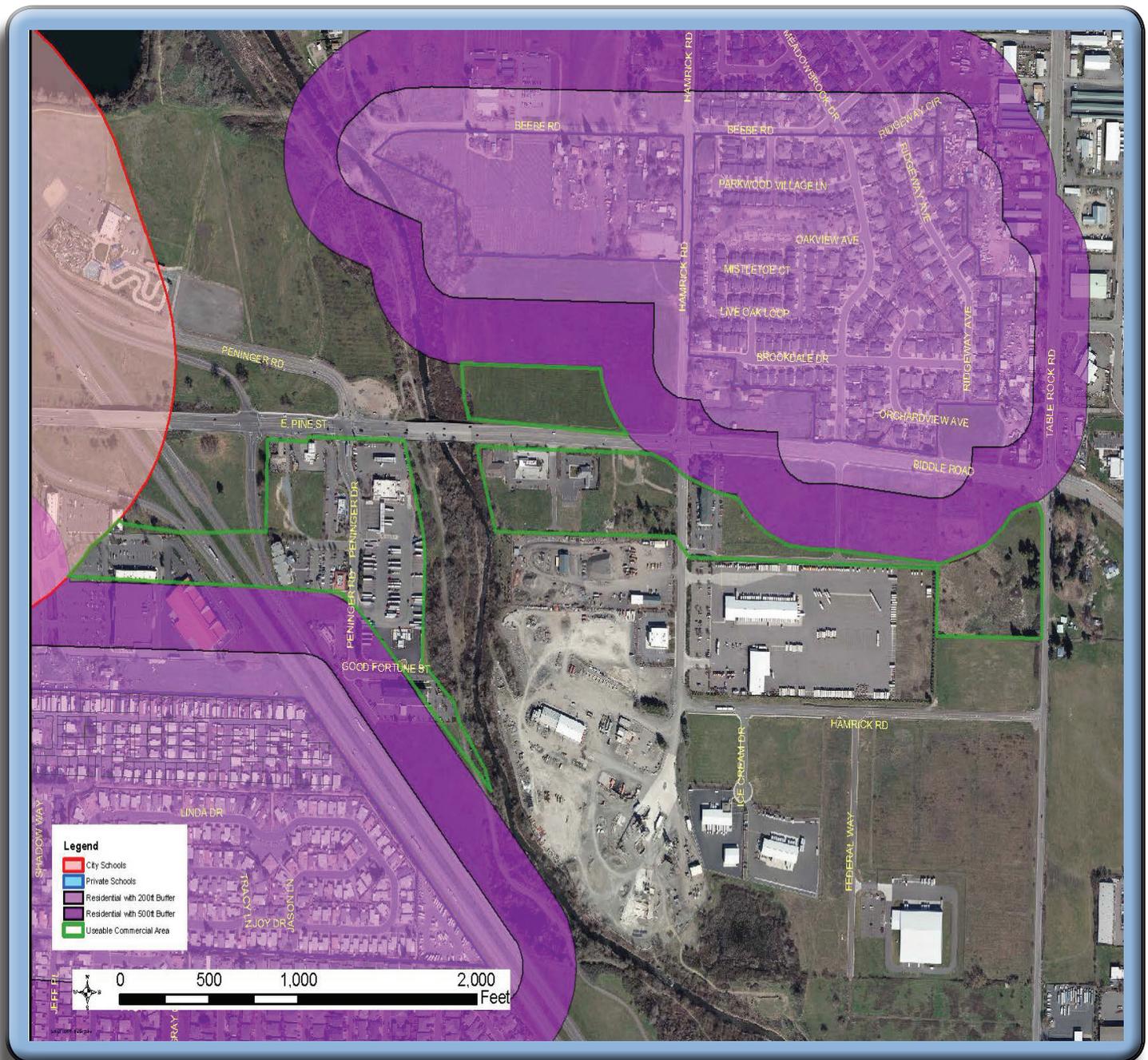
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While the council's opinion has consistently included the position that excluding medical marijuana dispensaries from Central Point is in the best interest of the community, the council is not interested in the liability and legal costs associated with prematurely banning dispensaries.

Where does that leave us? The City's recently adopted ordinance does not preclude the establishment of a dispensary, but I believe it puts sufficiently stringent regulations on the location of such establishments to assuage the community's concerns. In fact, there is only a small amount of commercial land that falls within the parameters set forth in the ordinance that is viable for a potential dispensary (See map below). The property owner must consent to the submission of the conditional use permit application process in order to open a dispensary. If you would like more information contact City Recorder Deanna Casey at deanna.casey@centralpointoregon.gov or call 541-423-1026.





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Email: djames@challengersports.com

British Soccer Camp in Central Point June 16-20 at Twin Creeks Park

Camp includes FREE ball & t shirt. FREE online jersey offer deadline May 2nd.

Central Point is excited to announce that Challenger Sports British Soccer will be running a week-long camp for boys and girls ages 3 - 14. This camp will be the week of June 16-20. Professional British coaches will work with our players to help develop foot skills, core skills and techniques in the game to improve ball control, 1v1's, passing and shooting and defending. Over 125,000 children experienced this camp last year in the USA. All kids get a free ball and t-shirt, player evaluation and soccer poster. If you sign up on-line before May 2nd every player will get a FREE British Soccer Jersey! Register online at www.challengersports.com. Do you want to host a British coach for the week of camp? Call Dan James 916-596-1694.



Committee Vacancies

Central Point is currently accepting applications from residents for two vacant positions on the Multicultural Committee. These appointments require a minimal amount of time and commitment, but the work done is extremely important to the citizens of Central Point.

The mission of the Multicultural Committee is to create a focused assembly to organize, coordinate, research make recommendations and manage actions regarding diverse cultural, economic and social issues within our community. This committee strives to raise awareness, promote tolerance, create cohesion within the community and improve livability for all its citizens.

For an application please contact City Recorder Deanna Casey at 541-423-1026 or email deanna.casey@centralpointoregon.gov.

2014 Community Service Award



Volunteers at the Central Point Senior Center will be awarded the 2014 Community Service Award by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. They will be presented the Award by the Commissioners on April 30th at the Jackson County Courthouse Auditorium at 9:30 am. The Senior Center volunteers give outstanding service to their patrons. We are very proud of each and every one of them. The volunteers are a very special and dedicated group of individuals. We invite you to attend the ceremony and give your support to a deserving group. The Senior Center opens at 9:00 am, please stop by to thank our volunteers, stay to have a cup of coffee or have lunch. Lunch is served daily at 11:15-12:00.

Rain Gardens: Landscaping with a Purpose

Rain gardens are “gardens with a purpose.” These lowered, flat bottomed gardens help reduce the amount of excess water and pollutants from reaching local streams. They absorb runoff from rooftops, driveways and other hard surfaces. As water soaks into the ground, the soil and microbial life naturally filters and breaks down pollutants that would otherwise flow directly into our local streams and rivers. This helps keep waters cool and clean and can also help reduce local flooding. Keeping our waters cool and clean is good for recreation, fisheries, wildlife, and public health. There may be financial benefits through the City’s Stormwater Utility Discount program available to organizations.

Rain gardens were designed to mimic the natural landscape functions that existed before urban environments replaced forests, meadows and natural floodplains. While rain gardens won’t solve all of our community’s flood and pollution problems, they can certainly help. Not to mention, these features are beautiful amenities that also provide habitat that attracts birds, butterflies and other beneficial insects. If you are looking for a summer gardening project that provides multiple benefits, this is one idea worth considering.

To get started, you can sign up for a Rain Garden Demonstration Workshop hosted by the City on Saturday May 10th. Details about the class will be provided in the spring edition of RECreate, the City’s Parks & Recreation guide. You can also check out the Oregon Rain Garden Guide online at <http://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/sgpubs/onlinepubs/h10001.pdf>. This publication provides all of the information you will need to plan, construct, and maintain your new rain garden.



Image Source: Eagle Creek Watershed Alliance

KidVenture Preschool Open House

May 15, 2014

6:30 - 7:30 pm

405 S. 4th Street

Meet the teachers, visit our class and pick up registration forms for the 2014/2015 school year.



Battle of the Bones & Kansas City BBQ Society presents Certified BBQ Judging Class

KCBS teams are known for cooking some of the best barbeque in the world, but it takes a dedicated team of judges to decide which is truly the best-of-the-best. Being a Certified Barbeque Judge (CBJ) means you get to taste award-winning barbeque - and deciding which barbeque wins those awards!

Date: Wednesday, May 21
Time: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Cost: \$75 KCBS Members / \$100 Non-KCBS (1 year membership included.)



Central Point's Spring
CITY WIDE
YARD SALE

Saturday, May 3 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Shake off your winter coat and get rid of your unwanted items by joining the largest organized yard sale day in Central Point. Don't miss the opportunity to list your address on our official list, which will be posted on the City of Central Point's website.

The deadline for listing your address is Monday, April 28 at 4:00 pm.
 Call (541) 664-3321, ext. 232 or 265
 or visit our website to sign up!

Easter Eggstravaganza!

Saturday, April 19, 2014
 Twin Creeks Park
 Central Point

10:00 am
Games & Activities

11:00 am Sharp
Egg Hunt

Don't forget your basket or bag!
 Egg Hunt Groups:
 Ages 3 & under • Ages 4 - 6 • Ages 7 - 10
For kid's safety, parents are not allowed in egg hunt areas!

Lunch is available for purchase!

Volunteers Needed
 If you would like to help call
 (541) 423-1978





Tree City Continued.....

to spend \$2.00 per capita, which is \$35,000 a year on everything trees. The money we spent last year went for tree maintenance labor, tree planting, fertilization, trimming, equipment, and tree education programs. On a positive note, we were already spending these funds to ensure our trees were healthy and safe for residents. The added bonus is that we are able to count volunteer labor to meet our TCUSA requirements. Students from Crater High School, Central Point Albertsons employees, and Kohl's employees assisted on volunteer projects this past year along side Central Point Parks & Public Works employees. We couldn't have achieved the TCUSA designation without dedicated workers and community volunteer contributions. The final standard Central Point met was an Arbor Day proclamation adopted by the City Council on March 13th.

If you are wondering how you can be involved in 2014 to help maintain our TCUSA designation there are many opportunities. Call Central Point Parks and Recreation for more information on volunteer opportunities 541-664-3321 ext 263. Get out and plant a tree during Arbor Week this year which is the week of April 6-12th. Attend educational programs at Scenic Middle School, or tree planting at Don Jones. City workers will continue with our work on annual tree maintenance in the parks and along city streets. Everyone doing a little will keep our urban forest healthy and strong for generations.

Dates to Remember

April

- 1 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 8 - Citizens Advisory (6 pm)
- 10 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 19 - Easter Eggstravaganza (10 am)
- 21 - Budget Committee Meeting (6 pm)
- 24 - City Council Meeting (Cancelled)
- 28 - Budget Committee Meeting (6 pm)

May

- 6 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 8 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 19 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 22 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 26 - Memorial Day *

* = City Hall Closed

Meetings are subject to change, please check our website for more information.

City Directory

City Manager
541-423-1026

Building Permits
541-423-1973

Code Enforcement
541-423-1034

Community Development
541-423-1973

Library (Central Point Branch)
541-664-3228

Police (Non Emergency)
541-664-5578

Parks and Recreation
541-664-3321 ext. 232

Public Works
541-423-1028

Public Works After Hours
1-800-726-6476

Utility Billing
541-664-3321 ext. 204

CALL 911
for Fire, Medical and
Police Emergencies

City Hall hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday – Friday. Feel free to drop in
with questions, pay a bill, or just say
“hello”.



Upcoming Parks and Rec Classes

Pilates Fusion: Join us for a unique fusion of calisthenics, yoga, and Pilates. Mondays and Wednesdays, April 7- 30th; 5:30 to 6:30 pm. \$55 registration fee.

Heartsaver CPR and First Aid: This course and will include skills such as how to treat bleeding, sprains, broken bones, shock and other first aide emergencies. Saturday, April 19th, 9 am to 4 pm. \$55 registration fee.

Birds and Bird Nests: This is a fast-paced program that highlights local birds and how they live, their importance to the world, and how they’re anatomy works. Saturday, April 26th, 3 to 4 pm. \$6 registration fee.



Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers: The BLS for Healthcare Providers classroom course is designed to provide a wide variety of healthcare professionals with the ability to recognize several life threatening emergencies, provide CPR, use an AED, and relieve choking in a safe, timely, and effective manner. Tuesday, April 29th, 3:30 to 8:00 pm. \$65 registration fee.

Savvy Social Security for Baby Boomers: This informative workshop covers the basics of Social Security and reveals strategies for maximizing your benefits. Wednesday, April 23rd, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. \$5 registration fee.



Beginning Tai Chi: Class participants will learn Tai Chi basics including history, form description, and practice. Mondays and Wednesdays, May 5 – 28th from 4:15 to 5:15. \$55 registration fee.

For more information and additional classes check out the RECreate Guide on our website.

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