



City of Central Point

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

City Manager's Corner:

Council to Consider a No Smoking Ordinance for City Parks

With the outdoor recreation season approaching quickly, city staff & council are considering the benefits of a "No smoking in city parks" ordinance. There are currently 902 communities nationwide and 16 communities in the state of Oregon, including Medford that have adopted similar ordinances.

The City receives numerous complaints each year about cigarette butts, smoking, and secondhand smoke in the City's park system. The majority of complaints happen when youth sports programs are utilizing City parks as practice facilities and the secondhand smoke becomes a



health hazard and nuisance for coaches and players. Additionally, allowing adults to smoke where youth are gathered to recreate and participate in sports/activities is a poor example for future generations.



Beyond the health concerns, eliminating smoking in city parks would also equate to reduced grounds and building maintenance requirements. The City's parks maintenance staff spends a considerable amount of time each year cleaning and abating the impact of smoking in the parks. Although violation of the proposed ordinance could result in a citation being issued for banned activities, the goal of the proposed smoking ban would be compliance versus enforcement. As with all of

our code enforcement issues, proactive education is our preferred option.

If you would like to express your opinion on this issue, the City's website has contact information for the city manager and elected officials.



Learn How to Build a Rain Garden

Learn how to create a beautiful landscape feature that can add value to your property while providing huge community benefits such as flood and water pollution reduction. If this isn't enough, installing a rain garden can help you earn a 10% discount on your storm drain utility fee per Section 11.16.070(B) (3) and (C). Attend the workshop on May 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to learn all about rain gardens, including how to apply for a discount and resources to make your rain garden project a success!

Space is limited, so be sure to register for this workshop by contacting the Parks Division at 541.664.3321 or you can register online at www.centralpointoregon.gov.



Rules for Speaking at Public Meetings

Public meetings are your opportunity to be aware of the deliberations and decisions of the governing body on matters pertaining to city business. Specific portions of public meetings are set aside for public comments. Here are some tips to help you.

How do I get to speak?

During the Public Appearances section of the agenda the Mayor will ask if anyone would like to address to the Council. Public Appearances is at the beginning of the meeting. This is for items that are not on the current agenda.

When can I speak?

Public Appearances is the section of the agenda providing an opportunity for citizens to speak from the floor addressing the Council or Planning Commission on matters that are not a pending agenda item or issues relevant to the City. Your comments must be limited to three (3) minutes.

Public Hearings are your opportunity to tell the decision makers what you would like done. In land-use and zoning hearings, the officials must base their decision on criteria set by the City Development Code. After taking testimony and discussing the issues, the hearings officials base their decision on whether the proposal meets the criteria. A copy of the criteria is available before and at the hearing. If you have questions, call the Central Point Community Development Department at 541-664-3321 ext. 257. Do not contact City Council or Planning Commission members about land-use and zoning matters – they cannot talk to the builder or neighbors outside the hearing.

Mayor Williams likes to hear from the audience on most agenda items and will allow for comment. If you have an item that you would like the Council to be aware of please make your interest known to the Mayor or City Recorder prior to the start of the meeting.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The City of Central Point is accepting applications for appointment to the following:

Multicultural Committee

For more information and an application go to www.centralpointoregon.gov. Send completed applications to:



Deanna Casey, MMC, City Recorder
Central Point City Hall,
140 S. 3rd Street
Central Point, Oregon 97502

Vacation House Check

Are you going on vacation? If so, please feel free to stop by the Central Point Police Department and pick up a Vacation House Check Form or you can fill out the form on the City website. The form is located under the, "I want to..." tab, just click "Request Vacation House Check".

During the time period you are gone, a Volunteer from the Central Point Police Department will go by your residence and make sure that everything appears secure and nothing looks out of place. This is a free service provided by the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) to help keep the City's neighborhoods safe!





Are you passionate about parks?
Do you want to improve the quality of life for people in
Central Point and surrounding areas?

Apply to become a Central Point Parks & Recreation Foundation Board Member!

The Central Point Parks and Recreation Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of life for all the people of Central Point and surrounding communities by promoting the value and benefits of our parks and recreation opportunities, and raising funds to support park programs, facilities, and services.

The Foundation has helped with many projects around town, including the Water Spray Park and Fallen Heros War Memorial at Don Jones Park.

For more information on how you can help, please call (541) 423-1978 or visit www.CentralPointParks.org.



Together we can make a difference!



**FUN
TIME**



Friday, July 4, 2014

Challenge yourself with a 5k course, bring your kids along to participate in the Kid's Fun Run. The event has something for the whole family.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6:30 AM-PACKET PICK UP

(CHECK IN DEADLINE 7:00 AM)

7:30 AM -5k Run, Jog & Walk

8:45 AM -Kids Run (12 years and under)

****REGISTER NOW ONLINE AT****

<http://raceroster.com/events/2014/1709/central-points-4th-annual-run-for-freedom>

WALK-IN/MAIL-IN REGISTRATION AT:

Central Point Parks and Recreation
140 S. Third Street, Central Point, OR 97502
541-664-3321 ext. 263 or ext. 232
www.centralpointoregon.gov

Yes, Sign me up For the Run 4 Freedom or Kids Fun Run! (Please Print Clearly)

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ Female Male

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Birth Date ____/____/____ Age (on race day) _____ E-Mail _____

T-Shirt Size Adult S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ T-Shirt Size Children S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___

Home Phone _____ Emergency Contact Name/Phone _____

ADULT 5K ENTRY FEES

(Please Check One)

T-Shirt guaranteed to early bird registration only.

Early Bird (before: 6/7/14) After June 7

\$15.00 Adult 5K \$20.00 Adult 5K

FREE KIDS FUN RUN ENTRY

(please check box for the age of Child on day of race)

T-Shirts guaranteed for pre-registration only

5-6 YR OLDS (Run 2 Blocks)

7-8 YR OLDS (Run 3 Blocks)

9-10 YR OLDS (Run 4 Blocks)

11-12 YR OLDS (Run 5 Blocks)

***Race Proceeds benefit the Crater Foundation**

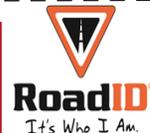
Mandatory Release Form:

I know that running, walking and volunteering in the Central Point Run 4 Freedom is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running or walking in Central Point activities including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, including high heat and/or humidity, traffic and the conditions of the road; all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my application, I, for myself and on behalf of participants under 19 years of age of whom I am a legal parent or guardian for and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release any and all sponsors including, but not limited to City of Central Point, Central Point Chamber of Commerce, Road ID, Anytime Fitness, People's Bank, Grange Co-Op, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may rise out of carelessness or negligence on part of the persons named in this waiver. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use my photograph of this event for any legitimate purpose. I also understand that no part of the entry fee is refundable.

Signature of Participant (or parent if under 18 years) _____

Date _____

Adult race route starts on 3rd and Pine Street, turn around at 10th, down Pine to Hwy 99, turn around at Orth, and return on HWY 99 to Pine and finish at 3rd Street. This is a non-sanctioned 5K.



Why Does Central Point Crack Seal Streets?

It is impossible to construct a pavement that does not develop cracks after a certain amount of service time. Cracks need to be treated promptly because they create openings for water to penetrate the pavement layers; moisture or water can cause severe damage when trapped in the crack. Crack sealing is a very important part of the City's pavement maintenance plan as it is the least expensive form of asphalt maintenance and we can get the most "bang for your buck". More importantly, neglecting pavement cracking usually leads to accelerated deterioration of the pavement, resulting in significant problems such as potholes or base failures. Sealing asphalt pavement cracks is a common road maintenance activity. Specialized materials are placed into cracks to prevent the intrusion of water and moisture and to reinforce the adjacent pavement.

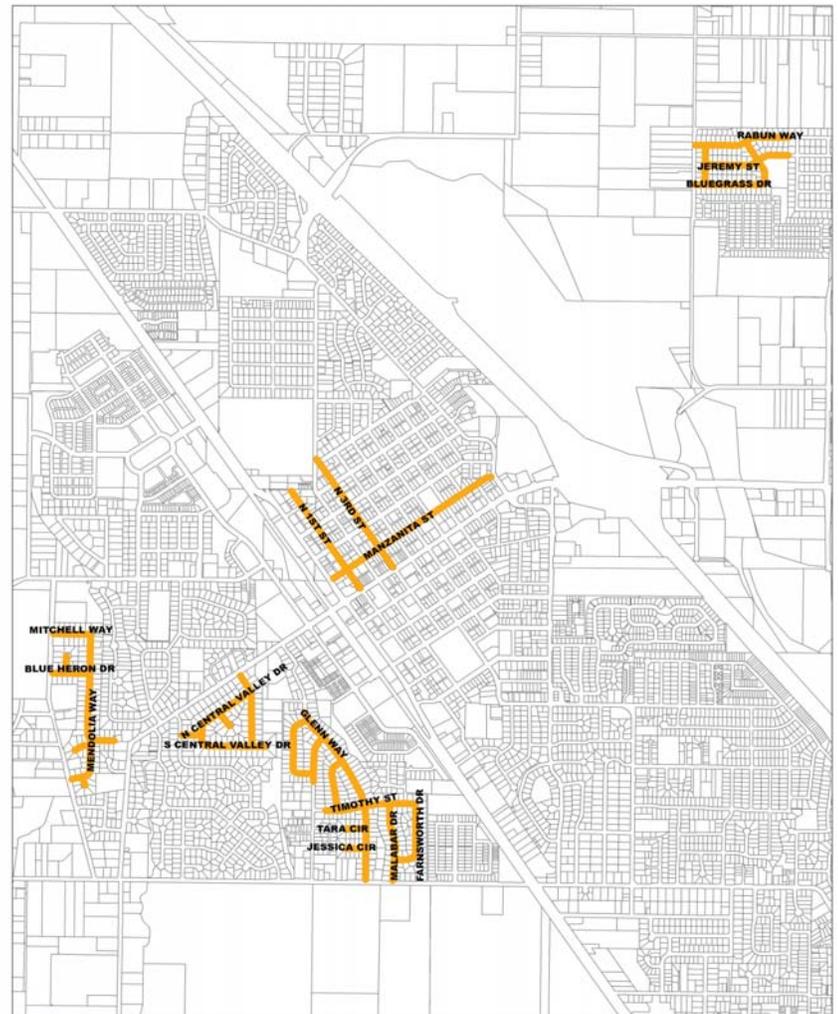


The Public Works Department has identified the streets that will be cracksealed this year (see map). You will see crews in these areas starting late April and May (weather permitting) cleaning the cracks with high pressure air and filling them with a VERY HOT tar material to seal the cracks. If you live in these neighborhoods or pass through them, please be patient and cautious as the work is being completed.

The PWD will be hanging door hangers prior

to moving into a neighborhood. Please use off street parking to allow the crew to move quickly and to cover the entire street as they go and not have to come back later. While they are blowing out the cracks, the crew will use procedures to control debris from damaging vehicles and personal property and they will also be coming back through and blowing the sidewalks off and sweeping the street the clean up the debris.

As stated earlier the crack seal material is VERY HOT (approximately 375* – 400*) and can stick to shoes and burn hands and paws. Please keep children and animals indoors while the crew is in the area working. The crew will sometimes be flagging traffic and in some of the lower volume areas, closing the road a block at a time to allow for them to be as efficient as possible. Please be patient and understand that they will try to get in and out as quickly as they can. In most cases, your block should only be inconvenienced for one possibly two days. Thank you for understanding and if you have questions, please call 541-423-1021.



Permit Required for Development in High Risk Flood Hazard Areas.

If you live in one of Central Point's high risk flood zones you have a 1% percent annual chance of experiencing a flood, which equates to a 26% chance during the life of a 30-year mortgage. To protect structures, the City requires that development activities in high risk areas be built with flood damage protection in mind.

We require that new and substantially improved buildings be elevated at least 1-foot above the anticipated 100-year or 1% annual chance flood height. This measure provides a margin of safety in case Mother Nature's next flood exceeds the modeled flood risk. All areas below this flood protection elevation are to be constructed



of water-resistant materials, which will save time, money, stress and potential health concerns by reducing the need to replace and clean saturated materials. In addition our construction standards specify that utilities, including HVAC systems, be elevated to prevent the accumulation of

water and loss of essential services to the residence or business. There are other standards too, such as anchoring structures to prevent flotation and installing foundation openings to equalize the force of water on foundation walls to prevent collapse.

The list provided above is not exhaustive, but it's a good start. In addition to reducing the risk that your structure will be significantly damaged during the next flood event, these measures will help lower your flood insurance premiums. Remember that as the risk of damages decrease, so will your premiums. The City's higher standards also enable all residents in high risk hazard areas to enjoy an automatic 20% discount on premiums through the NFIP's Community Rating System. All other residents in low to moderate risk zones enjoy the maximum 10% discount available.

As you plan your next home improvement project, make sure you know if your property is located in a high risk flood hazard area. If it is, our staff is available to review your project ideas and guide you to understand how to best protect your property and help the City continue to earn valuable insurance discounts for all.

A Substantial Improvement occurs when an older building that was built before flood hazards were first mapped, are improved with remodels and/or additions, and the value improvements exceed 50% of the market value of the structure. Improvements are counted cumulatively over a 10-year period.

Dates to Remember

May

- 3 - City Wide Yard Sale
- 6 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 8 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 19 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 22 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 23 - Spray Park Opens (10 am)
- 26 - Memorial Day Fallen War Heroes Memorial Day Commemoration at Don Jones Park (9 am) *

June

- 3 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 9 - Multicultural Committee (6 pm)
- 12 - Development Commission Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 12 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 16 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 26 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

* = 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”.

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!

Don Jones Water Spray Park Opens
May 23rd at 10 am!



KidVenture
Preschool Open House

May 15, 2014 6:30 - 7:30 pm
405 S. 4th Street

Spring is in the air

Fallen War Heros
Memorial Day Commemoration
at Don Jones Park

May 26th at 9 a.m.



Contact Your **Council**

email: info@centralpointoregon.gov

						
Mayor Hank Williams 541-994-0066	Council President Bruce Dingler 541-324-1842	Ward II Kelly Geiger 541-944-3102	Ward III Ellie George 541-601-9582	Ward IV Allen Broderick 541-951-7253	At-Large David Douglas 541-601-5593	At-Large Rick Samuelson 541-664-1878

If you are not sure who your representative is call 541-423-1026