

City of Central Point News from City Hall



Freeman Road Construction Update

The Freeman Road Improvement project is under way and completion is scheduled for September, hopefully before the start of school. The completed project will have sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides of the street with a turn lane the full length of Freeman Road.

The relocation of utilities, along with the removal of necessary shrubs, trees and vegetation has been completed. The contractor is currently working on waterline improvements on side streets, including Chestnut, Ash, Cedar, Bush and Grand. This work will continue for approximately two weeks and traffic will occasionally be limited to only local residents during this time.

Once the waterline phase is complete, they will be installing a new storm drain system under Freeman Road. The storm drain work will take approximately 4-6 weeks. While this work is being done traffic will be detoured to Bigham, 5th Street and 4th Street depending on where the work is being done on Freeman. Full detours on Freeman Road will begin once school is out for summer break and will remain in place most of the summer.

Thank you for rearranging your travel routes and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this long awaited project. Weekly status updates can be found on the City of Central Point's Facebook page or our website: www.centralpointoregon.gov/projects.

Crack Sealing Crews Will Be Out Soon

The City of Central Point wants to remind you that we will be starting our annual crack sealing season very soon. This is a very much needed part of our street maintenance program to keep water from seeping through the cracks and into the asphalt and street sub-grade. This leads to deterioration of the road bed and potholes eventually develop. The first thing you will be noticing is the crew out spraying the cracks to kill the weeds in preparation to have the dead weeds removed prior to the crack sealing.

If you live in an area that is scheduled for crack sealing, you will be receiving a notification on your door prior to it happening. If you have any questions, please contact us at 541-423-1021 or 541-423-1028. The targeted areas this year are: Jackson Creek Estates area, some areas of downtown, Scenic Village subdivision (Rock Way area) and the Forest Glen area. You will receive a notification on your door prior to the crack seal happening, if your neighborhood will be affected.

Here are just a few helpful hints:

- Please use off street parking during the dates that are scheduled, inoperable vehicles are considered abandoned vehicles and are not allowed on the road, per City Code - Chapter 12.10
- Slow down and watch for workers in the road (help keep the construction workers safe)
- The material being placed is VERY HOT!!! (approx. 350°-400°) Serious injury may result from contact with the hot material. Please avoid contact and keep children and pets away from tar while it is hot or tacky.



Free Streamside Gardening Workshop



Where: Scenic Middle School Library
 When: Wednesday, May 13, 2015
 Fee: \$0 - It's FREE!

If Griffin Creek, Bear Creek, or another creek, or even the Rogue River, is in your backyard this workshop might be for you! Do you want to know how to use native trees and plants in landscaping or gardening? Or do you want to learn how to manage invasive species while protecting local streams and rivers? If you do, then we invite you to attend a Streamside Gardening workshop to learn more.

At the workshop, representatives from the Rogue Valley Council of Governments, Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District, and the City of Central Point will present information on local streams, using native plants in your yard and garden, how to control local invasive species, and how to design gardens! Plus you will find out where you can find local native plants.

To register for the workshop, contact Kim Adams at the Rogue Valley Council of Governments at kadams@rvcog.org or call 541-423-1371. A native plant will be given to participants while supplies last.



Adopt A Street program.

The City of Central Point is looking for groups, clubs, churches, businesses and families to keep their favorite street clean and litter free by joining our

In exchange for a two-year commitment of organized litter pick up every 3 months, a sign will be installed along your chosen street to proudly display the name of your group and to honor your community service. Volunteers are provided with safety vests, signs, trash bags and grabbers. The City will pick up the trash when you are done.

Call Cyndi Weeks in Public Works at 541-664-3321 ext. 276 for more information and to join a great group of community members dedicated to keeping our city clean.

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Dates to Remember

May

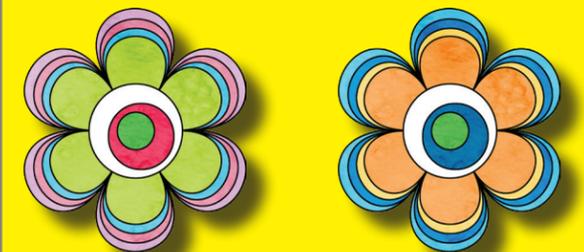
- 2 - Citywide Yard Sale
- 5 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 14 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 18 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 25 - Memorial Day Commemoration at Don Jones Park (9 am) ★
- 28 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

June

- 2 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 11 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 15 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 26 - 27 - Battle of the Bones at Twin Creeks Park
- 25 - City Council meeting (7 pm)

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

★ City Hall is closed.



Central Point Library

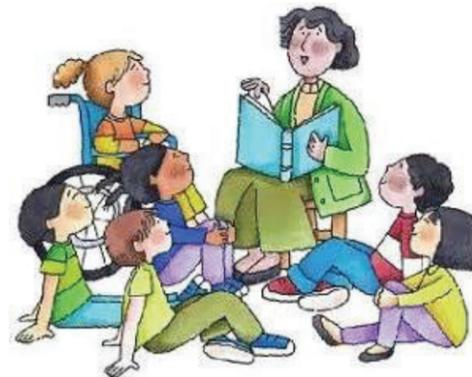
Reading Is a Family Affair! It helps children maintain and improve reading skills. One great way to keep your children reading is to have them join the Every Hero Has a Story Summer Reading Program at the Central Point Branch Library. Participation in Jackson County Library Services' Summer Reading Program is a fun way to include reading and related activities in summer family time. Registration for all ages begins June 8, 2015. For more information stop by the library or call the library staff at 541-664-3228.

Reading expert Stephen Krashen says:

- Children read more when they listen to and discuss books.
- Reading skills grow by reading.
- Reading helps improve children's writing.

During the summer months:

- Read to young children daily.
- Read a chapter book to your school-age children by reading aloud one or two chapters every day.
- Encourage your children to spend time reading and looking at books.
- Talk with your children about what they are reading.
- Ask your library about programs for children.



Floodplain Development Permit Requirements

As warm weather approaches, you may be planning your next home and/or landscape improvement projects. Remember that development projects in a high risk flood hazard area require special consideration to avoid costly damages and unnecessary safety risks.

The City requires a Floodplain Development Permit for all development in these high risk areas. Development includes just about everything, even those projects that don't require a building permit. To learn more about building in the high risk floodplain and the City's Flood Damage Prevention regulations, visit www.centralpointoregon.gov/floodplain/page/build-smart. If you are unsure of your flood risk or whether or not your project needs a floodplain development permit, contact the Planning Department at 664-3321, ext. 244.

Think About Preparedness Often

Brought to you by the Central Point CERT

Often, we find ourselves caught up in daily routines which can go on for months without a single thought about being prepared for a personal emergency such as the sudden illness or injury of a loved one, or a vehicle crash involving a family member.

These events, while traumatic, are generally somewhat contained and involve relying on emergency services. But do you have a plan for a personal emergency? Are you equipped with a well-stocked First Aid Kit? Check out the links at the end of this article for helpful lists and guides to help you be prepared.

What about a large scale emergency? Have you considered the consequences of a large scale emergency such as a chemical spill from a train derailment, a multi-structure fire in your neighborhood, or a major flood? No city or town is immune to all types of disaster. Depending on the emergency, there may be conditions in which you decide to, or are ordered to, evacuate.

Below are some guidelines for various evacuation tips.

- Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood. Your family should decide these locations before a disaster.
- Keep a half tank of gas in your vehicle at all times in case of an unexpected need to evacuate. If an evacuation seems likely, keep a full tank of gas in your vehicle. Gas stations may be closed during emergencies and unable to pump gas during power outages. Plan to take one car per family to reduce congestion and delay.
- Become familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area. Choose several destinations in different directions so you have options in an emergency. Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather.
- Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts; they may be blocked.
- Be alert for road hazards such as washed-out roads or bridges, downed power lines and flooded areas.
- If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if you have to. Make arrangements with family, friends or alternate sources.
- Take your emergency supply kit with you (unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated).
- Carry a battery-powered radio so you can listen to/for and follow local evacuation instructions.
- Take your pets with you, but understand that only service animals may be permitted in public shelters. Plan how you will care for your pets in an emergency.

If time allows before you leave:

- Notify an out-of-state contact in your family communications plan and tell them where you are going.
- Secure your home by locking doors and windows.
- Unplug electrical equipment such as televisions, small appliances, radios, etc. Leave freezers and refrigerators plugged in unless there is a risk of flooding.
- If you are instructed to do so, shut off water, gas and electricity before leaving.
- Leave a note telling others when you left and where you were going.
- Wear sturdy shoes and clothing that can provide some protection such as long pants, long-sleeved shirts and a cap.
- Check with neighbors who may need a ride.

Links to emergency preparedness information:

- www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/get-kit/anatomy
- www.ready.gov/make-a-plan
- www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family

Be safe out there!



Memorial Day Commemoration May 25, 2015 9:00 a.m. Don Jones Park

Did you know that Memorial Day began as Decoration Day, and was first observed on May 30, 1868. It was a day in which the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers would be decorated with flowers. The holiday's name was later changed to Memorial Day in 1971, and Memorial Day is now a federal holiday observed the last Monday in May.

Today, each year on Memorial Day, Americans honor those who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. In recognition of the holiday's history, the City of Central Point will be holding a Memorial Day Commemoration at the Oregon Fallen War Heroes Memorial at Don Jones Park in Central Point. The event will include special speakers, an Honor Guard, and special music.

Please join the City of Central Point in honoring all those who have died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

A big Thank You to BioMass for donating the bark to spruce up the landscaping around the Memorial.



BattleoftheBones.com

June 26 & 27, 2015
Twin Creeks Park
Central Point, OR

BBQ
Craft Beer
Fine Wine
Live Music
Kids Zone

Free entry, visit website for
tasting ticket prices and
details.

Would you like to
volunteer to help make this a fun and
memorable event? Sign up for volunteer
opportunities at
www.shiftboard.com/centralpointoregon.



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. 130

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”.

Saturday, May 2
from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

CITY WIDE YARD SALE

Don't miss the opportunity to sell your items or find great bargains at this huge yard sale day in Central Point!

The deadline for listing your address is Monday, April 27 at 4:00 pm.

Call (541) 664-3321, ext. 232 or 265 or visit our website to sign up!



Spring is in the air

Fallen War Heros Memorial Day Commemoration at Don Jones Park
May 25th at 9 am

Don Jones Water Spray Park Opens
May 22nd at 10 am!

KidVenture Preschool Open House
May 21, 2015 6:00 - 7:00 pm
405 S. 4th Street



Contact Your **Council**

email: info@centralpointoregon.gov

Mayor	Council President	Ward II	Ward III	Ward IV	At-Large	At-Large
Hank Williams	Bruce Dingler	Michael Quilty	Brandon Thueson	Allen Broderick	Tanea Browning	Rick Samuelson
541-994-0066	541-324-1842	541-621-4853	503-930-7057	541-951-7253	541-890-8377	541-664-1878

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