

City of Central Point

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

City Manager's Corner:

Budget Message

On April 21st and April 28th, the Budget Committee convened to consider the City's 2014/15 proposed budget. The following is a summary of the City Manager's budget message presented with the 2014/15 proposed budget. You can obtain a copy of the complete budget message or a copy of the proposed budget by contacting the City Finance Department. The approved Budget Document will be available on our website beginning July 1, 2014.

2014/2015 Budget Message Summary

This year's budget is a reflection of the community's priorities, goals and values that represent the annual investment of tax and rate payer dollars to maintain Central Point's quality of life. We

are pleased to report to you that Central Point's fiscal condition remains strong. Furthermore, this budget has been prepared as a "current service level budget," in which departments were instructed to prepare their budget requests with an eye toward maintaining, or modestly increasing, services levels existing for the current fiscal cycle. Departments were further instructed to prepare and propose "add packages," or requests for funding of new initiatives, staff positions or capital needs that were not included in the current fiscal cycle or baseline budget proposals. While not all of these add packages will be approved, the final budget document will include an appendix listing the proposed additions. Proposals that ultimately remain unfunded represent difficult choices made by staff, budget committee members, and the city council, and listing them is important so that the public can appreciate what is not being done for the sake of fiscal conservatism.

Compared to the 2013/2014 budget, the 2014/2015 proposed budget could be described as minimally reduced. And while the City of Central Point

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Weed Abatement



Many residents are not aware that the City of Central Point has a weed abatement ordinance which prohibits the keeping of tall grass or weeds within the City. In order to maintain a neat appearance in the city, as well as reduce the potential for devastating brush fires, city employees will be systematically checking all properties located inside of city limits for weed abatement violations throughout the year. Any property maintaining grass or weeds over ten inches in height will be considered in violation of the City Municipal Code, and a citation will be issued to the owner of the property. If the property owner corrects the violation within 15 days, the citation will be dismissed; however, if the grass or weeds are not cut after 15 days, the fine will be imposed and the City Public Works Department will cut the vegetation at cost to the owner. In order to avoid the headache that comes with this process, we ask that all residents have their yards cut as soon as possible, so as to avoid these violations. Any questions regarding the weed abatement process can be directed to Community Service Officer Derreck Moore at (541)-664-3321 x251.

Multicultural Committee Mission

Over the last few months we have advertised for two vacant positions on the Multicultural Committee. I have received several emails asking what the Multicultural Committee does.

The City of Central Point Multicultural Committee's mission 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. Through these works the Committee hopes to raise awareness, promote tolerance, create cohesion within the community, and improve livability for all our citizens.

The Central Point Multicultural Committee provides a Multicultural Awareness Youth Award Scholarship. This \$500.00 scholarship is offered to Crater High School students and will be awarded to the student who best promotes the dreams and/or goals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. To receive more information on the scholarship you can go to www.centralpointoregon.gov/diversity. The application process will begin again in January 2015.

This committee is in need of two to three members in the very near future. If you would like more information on this committee and all the events and activities they are currently participating in please email diversity@centralpointoregon.gov. The current members are Fran Cordeiro-Settell; Christina Garrett; Amy Sweet; and Cheri Reeves-Rutledge. The time requirement for this committee is minimal but can be very important to the Community.

If you are interested in being part of a committee that embraces diversity in your community please email deanna.casey@centralpointoregon.gov. Members must live in the city limites of Central Point.



Central Point Freedom Festival

Celebrate an old fashioned 4th of July with a parade, live music, crafts, kid activities, and fireworks!

Date: Friday, July 4th, 2014

Locations: Downtown Central Point, Robert Pfaff Park, and the Jackson County Expo

9:00 a.m.: Pre-parade activities include balloons, chalk and bubble contest.

9:30 a.m.: Parade begins on North 2nd Street, goes west on Pine Street, turning North on 8th Street

Activites: Flag Ceremony, Grand Marshal and Float Entries

Festival in the Park:

11:30 a.m. Activities in Pfaff Park include live music, fun for the kids, and lots of craft and food booths.

Red, White, and BOOM!

5:00 p.m.: Bring your friends and family to the Expo. It's going to be the biggest fireworks show in OREGON according to the organizers. This event is brought to you by the City of Central Point, the City of Medford, the Medford/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, the Expo, and many local business sponsors. Specific times will be announced as we get closer to the date. Keith Anderson and Brian McComas will treat you to a Standup/Acoustic show in the Amphitheater. There will be facepainting, food and beverage booths. The fireworks will start sometime around 10:00 p.m. (when it gets dark enough).

For more information contact the Central Point Chamber of Commerce at 541-664-5301 for Parade and Pfaff Park activities. Contact the Medford/Jackson County Chamber for Red, White and Boom information at 541-779-4847.

Budget Message Cont.....

experienced some painful reductions to programs and personnel during the prolonged economic downturn, the cost savings from those reductions allows us to propose a budget that maintains, or slightly increases, essential service levels during the 2014/2015 fiscal cycle, without raising the City's permanent tax rate.

The 2014/2015 budget highlights largely involve personnel cost reductions resulting from organizational structure consolidations implemented during the previous fiscal cycle. As mentioned previously, these organizational changes have allowed us to maintain service levels and efficiency at a reduced cost. In an effort to maximize organizational efficiency at reduced costs, this past year the City of Central Point transferred control of our municipal court to the Jackson County Justice Court. While there has been a period of adjustment, the 2014/2015 budget proposal's general fund reflects significantly reduced personnel expenses and increased court revenue as a result of this consolidation. Moving forward, having seen the fiscal advantage of such collaborative ventures, staff is committed to seeking other opportunities and partnerships that reduce overall redundancy, and provide improved results for the public whom we serve.



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](http://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.



What's up in Central Point Parks this year?

Winter Damaged Shrubs

As many of you may have experienced, or even noticed around the valley, a number of trees and shrubs fell victim to the very cold temperatures in December. In one park alone we had over 120 shrubs impacted by the cold winter weather. People have been asking if we are removing these trees to spruce up the parks. At first glance we did think we would have to remove and replace the many hundreds of shrubs impacted. After discussion with our maintenance crews we have decided to take a wait and see approach to try and save some of these plants. The plants that have been cut back this past month are starting to show new growth at the base. This is good news and will save the Parks Department and citizens thousands of dollars in replacement costs.



Taylor Road Round About

We have had several calls regarding the current state or lack of plants in the Taylor Road roundabout. This past year crews removed overgrown plants, and worked at eradicating the blood grass that took over the space. The removal of the blood grass took longer than anticipated due to regrowth of this invasive plant. In an effort to ensure that this plant would not re-infest the planting space, crews waited for spring to ensure that regrowth did not occur. In the coming weeks crews will begin to replant and work on this area. You should expect to see new plants very soon. Keep a watchful eye out for our crews as they work on this planting area.

Pfaff Park Restroom Renovation

The reconstruction and renovation of the Pfaff Park restroom is coming along and should be completed the first week of June. The circa 1950's restroom was in dire need of a facelift, and was less than accommodating for large events and activities in the park. The structure was often the target of vandalism. The renovation will add one stall to each of the restrooms and will be sporting tougher fixtures and a welcome improvement to the old outdated facility. The City of Central Point received a grant from the State of Oregon to help in funding the project. Stop by Movies in the Park in July and visit our upgraded facility and enjoy the park.



Van Horn Park Playground

The Central Point Budget Committee approved the partial funding of the rehabilitation for Van Horn Playground. We are applying for grant funding to help complete this project during the 2014/20105 budget cycle.

The rehabilitation is needed due to changes in the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) in 2013. Many playgrounds across American have fallen into non-compliance due to changes in the law. Due to these new laws jurisdictions are required to have a plan of action to fix any non-compliant playground facilities. Our non-compliance falls

in the fact that we have pea gravel for fall material. This fall material was compliant until the new regulations went into place in 2013.

Last year a similar park project was completed at Pfaff Park. Our workers along with county work crews removed 200 yards of non-compliant pea gravel at the Pfaff Park Playground and replaced it with manufactured wood fiber that meets the new ADA regulations. Our ADA compliance plan involves removal of this gravel from three

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On Street Parking Changes

On May 11th 2014, a revised version of the City of Central Point Parking Ordinance will go into effect. In order to maintain the cleanliness and positive appearance of the City, some changes have been made to Central Point Municipal Code Chapter 10.04 as it relates to the 72 hour parking rule. In addition to prohibiting the parking of a vehicle in a single place for more than 72 hours, the Ordinance now also reads "It is no defense to [this ordinance] that the [vehicle] has been moved from one place to another, so long as it is left on a street, alley, or other municipal property for more than a cumulative seventy two consecutive hours." The revised ordinance goes on to define this as "intentionally moving a [vehicle] a limited distance and re-parking the subject vehicle or trailer to appear as though it is being used..." This means that pulling your vehicle forward or driving it around the block after receiving a warning notice from the Police Department will no longer bring you into compliance with the City Ordinance, and City streets may not be used as a storage area for unused vehicles or trailers. It is our hope that this amendment to the



City Municipal Code will help improve the look of our streets, and keep Central Point a beautiful place to live. Any questions regarding the Ordinance can be directed to Community Service Officer Derreck Moore at 541-664-3321, ext. 251.

Parks continued...

additional parks, one will be done in 2014, one in 2015 and the last in 2016 which will bring all parks to current standards.

Central Point Parks and Recreation Foundation will be raising funds to assist in the rehabilitation of Van Horn Park playground. If you are interested in donating to this project, please contact the Central Point Parks and Recreation Department for more information.

If you have questions about parks, or projects please contact us at 541-664-3321 x232.



Dates to Remember

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)

July

- 1 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 1 - Election Candidate Packets Available
- 4 - Freedom Festival/4th of July *
- 8 - Citizens Advisory Comm (6 pm)
- 10 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 21 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 24 - Council Meeting (7 pm)

* = City Hall Closed

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

NOTICE:

CANDIDATE PACKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE JULY 1ST IN THE CITY RECORDER'S OFFICE.

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”.

BattleoftheBones.com

June 20 & 21, 2014
Twin Creeks Park
Central Point, OR

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

BBQ
Craft Beer
Fine Wine
Live Music
Kids Zone



Contact Your Council

email: info@centralpointoregon.gov



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541-994-0066



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541-324-1842



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