

City of Central Point

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

Jackson County Citizen Alert Notification System

Jackson County has launched a new Mass Notification service allowing them to alert you. You opt-in to enter your contact information and subscribe to notification you care about based on your location. The information you provide is protected and will not be used for any other purpose.

How It Works

When they issue a notification about a potential safety hazard or concern, you will receive a message on the voice or text communication methods that you have registered. If requested for the notification, you can confirm that you have received the message and you will not be contacted by any subsequent methods regarding that particular notification. If you do not confirm, the system will continue to attempt to reach you at all of the contact paths that you have registered.

Would you like to receive notices on your cell phone concerning your neighborhood or child's school while you are work? That is possible!

Sign up for notifications and create an account, add your contact and location information. You can even

add more than one address. You can stop receiving at any time by removing your contact information from your profile.

All information is kept confidential and will not be sold or used for any purpose other than alert notifications. Residents can opt out or change notification preferences at any time. Just follow these easy steps!



GET STARTED

www.jacksoncounty.org/alert

or call 541-608-1210

1. When signing up, you will be asked to select a username and password, and enter a valid email address.

2. Next, you will be taken to the 'manage profile' page where you can select the types of alerts you wish to receive. Enter your personal information, and the addresses about which you wish to be alerted - residence, child's school, or place of employment.

3. Lets us know how you wish to be contacted (email, phone, etc.). You can choose to be contacted differently based on the type of emergency or other important notices.

Jackson County
Citizen Alert
Notification System



If we can't reach you, we can't alert you



July Parks and Recreation Classes

Beginning and Intermediate Crochet

Tuesdays, July 8 – 29 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. \$18 registration fee. Crochet class for beginners & more advanced students. Projects will include a baby blanket, scarf, or the project of your choice.



First Swing Sticks for Kids

Wednesdays and Thursday, July 9 & 10 from 9:00 to 10:00 am. \$8 registration fee. The Sticks for Kids Program provides clubs, bags, and teaches kids fundamentals of the game of golf.

Mammals of Southern Oregon

Saturday, July 12 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. \$6 registration fee. Take a walk on the FURRY side as we get HANDS-ON with local mammals. This program features REAL animal skulls and furs for the audience to handle and interact with as we explore the wide variety of our four-legged friends.



Basic Outdoor Photography

Tuesdays, July 15 to August 5 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. \$45 registration fee. This course is an introduction for beginning photographers and nature lovers. You will be introduced to composition guidelines with scenery, people, and pets in a natural setting. We will explore natural lighting, depth of field, apertures, and shutter speeds.

Handmade Papers and Card Making

Wednesday, July 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. \$15 registration fee. Want to make use of your junk mail and dryer lint? It's fun and easy to re-purpose them to make beautiful handmade papers. Then it's easy to include some dried flowers, leaves, or mylar pieces to add sparkle and color to your papers.



Sew What! Sewing Summer Camp.

Monday-Thursday, July 28 to 31 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. \$46 registration fee. Learn basic sewing machine skills, craft sewing including embroidery, applique, and patchwork. Individual instruction in a group setting. Beginning and intermediate levels welcome.

Seeking Instructors.... We're beginning to put together the Fall 2014 RECreate catalogue and are on the lookout for instructors. If you have a hobby or skill that you'd like to share, give us a call and we'll work with you to develop a class. To register for a class or for more information about teaching, call (541) 423-1012.



Fireworks Safety -- YES AGAIN



With warm weather and family events, the Fourth of July can be a fun time creating great memories. But before your family celebrates, make sure everyone knows about fireworks safety. Yes you see these articles every year. Believe it or not, some people say, “I didn’t know that!” after the accident. We would not be a responsible city newsletter if we didn’t have an article about fireworks every year. So enjoy, I tried to find some new information for you.



If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burn and eye injuries in kids and adults. The best way to protect your family is not to use any fireworks at home — period. Attend public fireworks displays, and leave the lighting to the professionals.

Lighting fireworks at home isn’t even legal in many areas, so if you still want to use them, be sure to check with your local police department first. If they’re legal where you live, keep these safety tips in mind:

- Kids should never play with fireworks. Things like firecrackers, rockets, and sparklers are just too dangerous. If you give kids sparklers, make sure they keep them outside and away from the face, clothing, and hair. Sparklers can reach 1,800°F (982°C) — hot enough to melt gold.
- Buy only legal fireworks (legal fireworks have a label with the manufacturer’s name and directions; illegal ones are unlabeled), and store them in a cool, dry place. Illegal fireworks usually go by the names M-80, M100, blockbuster, or quarterpounder. These explosives were banned in 1966, but still account for many fireworks injuries.
- Never try to make your own fireworks.
- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose nearby in case of accidents.
- Steer clear of others — fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.
- Don’t hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting. Wear some sort of eye protection, and avoid carrying fireworks in your pocket — the friction could set them off.
- Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush and leaves and flammable substances. The National Fire Protection Association estimates that local fire departments respond to more 50,000 fires caused by fireworks each year.
- Light one firework at a time (not in glass or metal containers), and never relight a dud.
- Don’t allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.
- Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.
- Think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed on the Fourth of July. Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they’ll run loose or get injured.
- Remember: Legal fireworks in Oregon do not shoot into the air and explode. They shoot hot sparks from a location on the ground.



If a child is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital. If an eye injury occurs, don’t allow your child to touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage. Also, don’t flush the eye out with water or attempt to put any ointment on it. Instead, cut out the bottom of a paper cup, place it around the eye, and immediately seek medical attention — your child’s eyesight may depend on it. If it’s a burn, remove clothing from the burned area and run cool, not cold, water over the burn (do not use ice). Call your doctor immediately.

Fireworks are meant to be enjoyed, but you’ll enjoy them much more knowing your family is safe. Take extra precautions this Fourth of July and your holiday will be a blast!



---KidsHealth.com

City Manager's Note: Summertime Home Improvement Projects

As building season gets underway, some projects may require a City building permit. Building permits and inspections help insure that new building construction and other improvements are done correctly and safely. Some examples of projects that require a building permit are:

- Demolition of an existing structure
- Building, enlarging or structurally altering a house
- Installing water heaters, or other mechanical/electrical heating/cooling equipment
- Building a deck that is attached to the dwelling unit (greater than 30-inches above grade).
- Installing a retaining wall more than 4 feet high
- Building a one-story detached structure (such as a shed) that is larger than 200 sq. ft.
- Electrical or plumbing work that is more extensive than minor repairs
- Enlarging a window or door opening
- Constructing a completely new window or door (where no door or window had been previously)



Construction that is exempt from a building permit can be found at centralpointoregon.gov (community development department/building division).

The Building Official is available for inspections Monday through Friday. A minimum of 24 hour's notice is needed to schedule an inspection. For questions, or to schedule an inspection/appointment with the Building Official, call (541) 664-6325 ext. 292 or drop by City Hall at 140 South Third Street.

Pick up after your dog: Be a good scooper

It's a problem that has plagued people for hundreds of years: dookie on the shoe. Apart from the obvious smell issues, here are some more reasons why -- and how to -- Scoop that poop!

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, the current US dog population is about 80 million. When you come right down to it... that's a lot of dog poop.

Worms, Anyone? Removing the dog feces minimizes the chances of exposure to eggs and larvae from roundworms, hookworms, tapeworms and other parasitic worms that wreak havoc with the human intestinal system. Some parasitic worms found in dog feces can cause serious eye damage to young children. Scooping the dog poop is essential to keep these critters from worming their way into our bodies.

Ugly, Discusting, Unsafe.. Oh, and offensive, too! You're strolling through the park, holding hands with your sweetie, totally absorbed in conversation and his blue eyes when you step on a fresh pile of poop. What a mood killer! Maybe you were lucky enough that your foot missed the doggie surprise, but your nose didn't miss the odor! Kids and families enjoy playing, hiking, and picnicking in parks and public places. Not scooping isn't just unhealthy, it's just plain rude.

Did you know that rainwater and irrigation run off can carry bacteria from unmanaged dog waste to the creeks and beaches? The resulting elevated bacteria levels in the water threaten the health of swimmers, surfers, children building sand castles and tide pool explorers.

Be Community-minded about Dog Poop. Do people in your neighborhood get upset because their favorite route for their morning or evening walk is dotted with dog feces? Do you hear about your local governments wanting to ban pets on public areas because of discourteous dog owners? Please be



What's New in the Backflow Testing Program?

As you may know, when an in-ground sprinkler system is installed, a backflow device is required to be placed at the beginning of the system to protect the resident's drinking water from contaminants coming back into the water. Contaminants such as fertilizer, dirt, fecal matter among other things can be drawn back in by low pressure in the main.

The Oregon Health Authorities OAR 333.61.070 and CPMC 13.20.030 require all pressurized irrigation systems have a backflow device installed. These devices must be tested annually to ensure they are in proper working condition. The average cost for a test is \$25 - \$35 and takes approximately twenty minutes. You do not need to be home when the test is being done since the testing is done outside.

Our objective this year is to become more compliant with the Oregon Health Authorities requirements. With that said, beginning in May 2014 we will be sending out notification letters to those owners that show as past due and out of compliance.

We send out an initial letter to the homeowner letting them know their backflow device shows in our system as being due for their annual test. We then send two additional follow-up letters requesting testing.

After our third letter has been delivered and there is still no record of compliance or response from the owner, the City will hire a tester to perform the backflow test. The cost of the test plus a \$75.00 administrative fee will be charged to the homeowner and added to their water bill.

A final letter will be sent informing the owner of the additional charge they will see on their bill.

You may get a list of qualified backflow testers from the City's website:

<http://www.centralpointoregon.gov> or by visiting City Hall.

For more information, please call James Sollee 541-664-3321 Ext. 248 or Mike Ono Ext. 243.

Scooper Continued.....

courteous and a community minded person, pick up after your dog.

A large majority of people didn't realize that the City of Central Point has an ordinance that specifically addresses dog related issues in our parks. The ordinance can be found in the City Municipal Code Section 9.68.170 Dogs in Parks. Dogs must be on a leash. The City Council continues to get requests to ban all dogs from the parks. Last year the City Council designated the Water Spray Park, War Memorial and all Play Structure areas to be DOG FREE. Dogs are not allowed in these areas because there are irresponsible dog owners out there. This is a way to protect our children without banning our dogs.

Please be responsible so that your neighbors don't call the City Council asking for dogs to be banned in our city parks this year. Scoop the Poop. Several local Veterinarians around Central Point donate those handy little poop bag stations for our use. Feel free to use them when needed.

Dates to Remember

July

- 1 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 4 - Fourth of July/Freedom Celebration *
- 7 - Candidate Filing Period Starts
- 10 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 21 - Study Session (6 pm)

August

- 5 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 12 - Citizens Advisory Commission (6 pm)
- 14 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 18 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 28 - 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”.

Friday Night Festival Kicks Off on July 11!

This year, the Friday Night Festival will be held at Robert Pfaff Park with both music and movies and at Twin Creek Park with movies only. Music will begin at 6 pm with movies starting at dusk. The schedule is as follows:

Robert Pfaff Park (Band & Movie):

July 11: The Chantwells & Frozen



July 18: Husk & Despicable Me 2

July 25: Living on Dreams & Coraline



Twin Creeks Park (Movie Only):



August 1: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2



August 8: The Lego Movie

August 15: The Goonies



This year’s Festival is sponsored in part by Bear Creek Pediatric Dentistry.

For more information call (541) 423-1012.

Contact Your Council

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