

# City of Central Point

## NEWS FROM CITY HALL

### Managers' Corner ... Drinking Water in Central Point

I am sure that most of you have seen the extensive media coverage on the Medford Water Commission's lead related issues. Naturally, many Central Point residents have

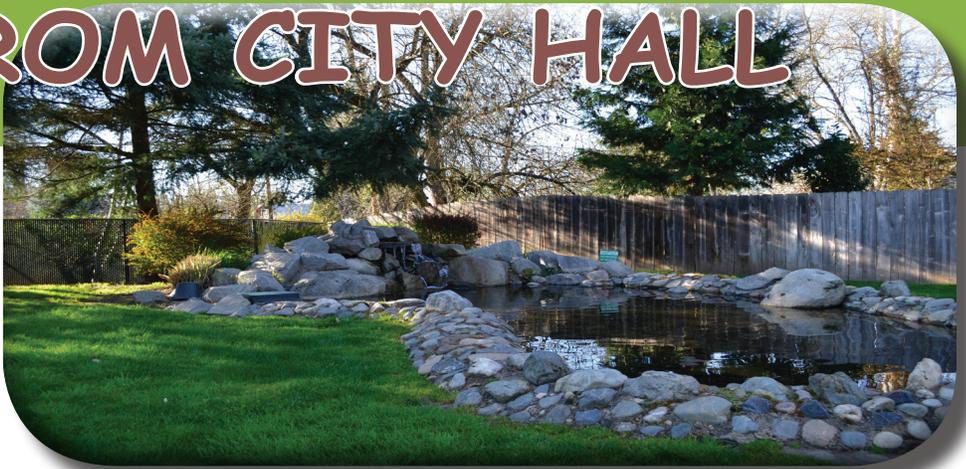
started to inquire about whether cities supplied by the Medford Water Commission, including Central Point, are experiencing similar issues. Central Point is not experiencing similar issues and here is why:

1. The lead causing the issue in Medford's system is largely caused by "pigtailed" which were commonly used infrastructure in the 1940's. Pigtailed were a popular method for servicing several residential connections via a single mainline connection. In the 1940's the City of Medford was growing "leaps and bounds" while the City of Central Point was not experiencing significant growth. Based on our knowledge of Central Point's water system, including the upgrade of 1940's vintage water infrastructure, there are no existing pigtail connections in our water supply.
2. Although Central Point is supplied with bulk water from the Medford Water Commission, the majority of our water is transported directly from the Water Commission's treatment facility via newer 36-inch transmission mains (no lead in these mains). Additionally, the suspected areas of contamination in Medford's system are not associated with water that is transported to, and distributed in, the City of Central Point.
3. The city council has been very proactive in upgrading many of our older water lines and the only lead in our water system involves cast iron (lead jointed) pipe. The lead in these joints remains out of direct contact with our water supply and also represents a very small amount of pipe when compared with our entire system. That said, we cannot guarantee what resides behind the water meter on private property. Private residence's may have lead pipes that are outside of our control, but any concerned citizen is welcome to call our water department for assistance in determining if a problem exists.
4. Central Point has a robust water quality testing program that meets requirements mandated by the State of Oregon. Test results have not indicated that we have lead related issues and our water supply remains stable and healthy.

If you have any concerns or questions we have flyers from the EPA we can get to you and there is information on our website at [www.centralpointoregon.gov/publicworks/page/lead-and-drinking-water](http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/publicworks/page/lead-and-drinking-water). You can also call the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**D.A.R.E Show &  
Shine and Cruise is  
August 6th in  
Twin Creeks Park**

**Police  
Department Annual  
Open House is  
September 10th**





## Be a good Scooper; pick up after your dog.

It's a problem that has plagued people for hundreds of years: dookie on the shoe. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, the current U.S. dog population is about 80 million. When you come right down to it, that is a lot of dog poop. Here are some reasons why we need to scoop that poop:

**Ugly, disgusting, Unsafe, and offensive.** You're strolling through the park, holding hands with your sweetie, totally absorbed in a romantic conversation 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! Not cleaning up after your dog isn't just unhealthy, it's just plain rude. Rainwater and irrigation run off can carry bacteria from dog waste to the creeks and beaches. The EPA explains that the decay of your pet's waste actually creates nutrients for weeds and algae that grow in the waterways. As these organisms thrive on the run off from your dog's droppings, they overtake the water in a "Little Shop of Horrors-esque" manner, limiting the amount of light that can penetrate the water's surface. As a result, oxygen levels in the water decrease, and the fish and seafood we eat can be asphyxiated.

**Worms.** According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), pet droppings can contribute to diseases animals pass to humans, called zoonoses. When infected dog poop is left on the ground, the eggs of certain roundworms and other parasites can linger in the soil for years. Anyone who comes into contact with

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## Be a good Scooper...continued

that soil, through gardening, playing sports, walking barefoot or any other means runs the risk of coming into contact with those eggs. Some hard-to-pronounce parasites your lawn can harbor include Cryptosporidium, Giardia, Salmonella, as well as hookworms, ringworms and tapeworms. Infections from these bugs often cause fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting, and diarrhea in humans. Children are most susceptible, since they often play in the dirt and put things in their mouths or eyes.

**Be Community-minded about Dog Poop.** Have you heard local governments wanting to ban pets on public areas because of discourteous dog owners? Please be courteous and a community minded person, pick up after your dog. The City of Central Point has an ordinance specifically addressing dog related issues in our parks. The ordinance can be found in the City Municipal Code Section 9.68.170. Dogs shall be allowed in parks on leash only (not to exceed six feet in length) and any excrement created by the animal shall be removed immediately by the owner. If caught violating this ordinance you could be fined up to \$250. The City Council continues to get requests to ban all dogs from the parks. The City Council has designated the Water Spray Park, War Memorial and all play structure areas to be DOG FREE. Dogs are not allowed in these areas because of irresponsible dog owners. We want to protect our children without banning dogs. Please be responsible so your neighbors don't call the City Council asking for dogs to be banned from our parks. Several local veterinarians around Central Point donate handy little poop bag stations for our use. Feel free to use them when needed. We also provide trash cans in several locations. Scoop the Poop! We thank all the citizens that do scoop the poop.

# Grow A Pear! The newest 5k to come to the valley!

## Come run with us!

This run will coincide with the celebration of the end of a successful harvest season.

October 8th, 2016 at 8:30am in Central Point, Or  
There will be best dressed contests for teams and individuals, plus other prizes and activities!

The run will end at Robert Pfaff Park, at the Saturday Market!  
It will be sure to be a fantastic event, with awards, food, vendors, and more!

Kids 12 and under race free!

For More Info, Follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/GrowAPearHarvest5k/?fref=ts>

Or Check out our Website at:

<http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/parksrec/page/grow-pear-harvest-5k>



## Dates to Remember

### August

- 4 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 6 - D.A.R.E. Show and Shine
- 11 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 15 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 25 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

### September

- 5 - Labor Day Holiday (City Hall Closed)
- 6 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 8 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 15 - Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 19 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 22 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

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

Join us  
For Munch and  
Movies on  
Friday Nights  
July 15th  
Through  
August 19th  
For more info  
check our Facebook  
page  
or website.



# B.O.B. IS COMING TO HARVEST FEST

We are excited to announce that Battle of the Bones has partnered with the Expo for Harvest Fest!  
**September 16th-18th, 2016**

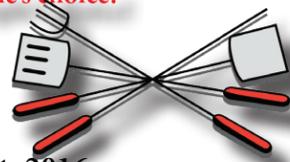
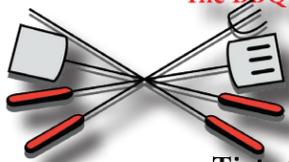
The BBQ Competition will be backyard style BBQ; winners chosen by people's choice!

Friday 5pm-9pm: Chicken Wings  
 Saturday Noon-4pm: Brisket  
 Sunday Noon - 3pm: Chili

Tickets are limited to 1500 per day!

Tickets will be pre-sold on the BOB website starting August 1st, 2016

[www.battleofthebones.com](http://www.battleofthebones.com)



## Skyrman Arboretum to Open this Fall

Work has begun on the Skyrman Arboretum located near the Oregon State Police offices on Highway 99. This 3.1 acre park has been in the planning stages for more than a decade, and with an initial \$36,000 grant provided by the Oregon Community Foundation through Wallace Skyrman Memorial Fund, plans have been completed and ground has been broken on the project. Additional funds from the Memorial Fund will be provided as the project progresses.

Mr. Skyrman, who died in September 2010, donated the property to the City of Central Point with the stipulation that it be used as an arboretum to provide for educational programs for youth from around the region and for public enjoyment. The site is unique in that Mr. Skyrman's father planted a variety of shrubs and every tree species native to Oregon, including the largest gray pine tree in the state. The property also includes two structures, a log cabin the family built to celebrate the bicentennial in 1976 and the Skyrman home. These buildings will be used to house classroom space for various educational programs.

The City's plans for the site include trails and interpretive signage. Local schools will not only be invited to visit the site for educational programs but also to assist with developing the site. The Skyrman Arboretum is expected to be open to the public this fall and will be a welcome addition to the City's park system. If you have any questions about the arboretum give us a call at (541) 664-3321 ext. 130.



## Welcome New City Employees

If you have visited City Hall recently you may have noticed some personnel changes due to retirements and employees leaving City service. Please join us in welcoming our new employees.



*Molly Bradley*

On June 16, 2016 *Molly Bradley* joined our Community Development Department as a Community Planner 1.



*Natalie Coop*

The City hired *Natalie Coop* on March 16, 2016. She is our new Payroll Account Clerk.



*Joey Knighton*



*Mitchell Reagles*

On June 1, 2016 we hired *Joey Knighton* and *Mitchell Reagles* as Public Works Utility Maintenance Workers.



*Steven Weber*

*Steven Weber* became our Finance Director on May 31, 2016. Steve comes to us from another local jurisdiction.



*Joseph Hatten*

*Joseph Hatten* was hired as a Parks Maintenance Worker.



*Andy Gomez*



*Derek Docken*



*JP Kristich*



*Nicole Murray*



*Sean Connolly*

On March 1, 2016 the Police Department welcomed Andy Gomez as its newest Community Service Officer due to the promotion of Cameron Cunningham to Police Officer. We welcome four new Police Officers: Derek Docken, JP Kristich, Nicole Murray and Sean Connolly. Officers Murray, Kristich, and Connolly are currently attending the 16-week police academy.

# 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**

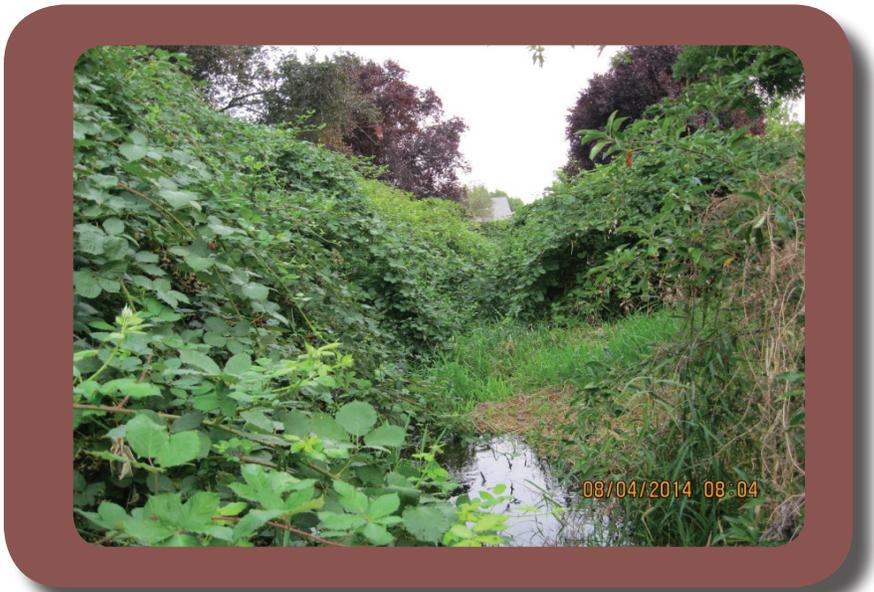
City Hall hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Monday – Friday. Feel free to drop in  
with questions, pay a bill, or just say  
“hello”.

## Drainage Maintenance and Summer Stream Walk

Every year the City implements a drainage maintenance program on public and private lands within the city limits. The program objective is to reduce property damage while promoting healthy stream conditions.

Public and private landowners along the creeks are required to remove litter and other obstructions, namely overgrown blackberry bushes that can aggravate flooding. Tree and shrub removal within the riparian area is not advised because of the important role they play in reducing stream bank erosion, keeping water cool and clean and promoting other natural and beneficial functions.

This year’s compliance verification stream walk will occur on August 1st. For more information, visit the City’s website at [www.centralpointoregon.gov/publicworks/page/drainage-channel-maintenance](http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/publicworks/page/drainage-channel-maintenance) or contact Mike Ono in the Public Works Department at 541-664-7602, Ext. 243.



## Contact Your Council

email: [info@centralpointoregon.gov](mailto:info@centralpointoregon.gov)



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