

# City of Central Point

## NEWS FROM CITY HALL

### City Manager's Note

#### Our Heritage

At a special city council meeting in July, the Central Point City Council approved a resolution allowing the citizens of Central Point to vote on the proposed Rogue Valley Heritage Special District. Without council

authorization by resolution, Central Point citizens would not have had the chance to vote in the November election for this special district.

**Background:** A citizens' group has asked the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to initiate the formation of the Rogue Valley Heritage District, setting a permanent property tax rate limit of up to \$.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If approved, the district will assure our museums, historical societies and heritage organizations in Jackson County have stable funding to continue providing various services, programs and activities that are important to our community. Below are some of the reasons our valley need a Heritage District:

- A stable revenue stream will allow museums, historical societies and heritage organizations in Jackson County to continue providing services, programs and activities that are important to our communities;
- Heritage societies and museums in Jackson County preserve and are responsible for over 3,000,000 unique and priceless artifacts, documents and photos reflecting the history of the region;
- Heritage societies and museums in Jackson County operate two research libraries used by students,

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### Tips for a safe day at the park with our furry friends

Here are seven tips to help everyone have a fun day at the park including Fido.

1. **Choose your park wisely.** Whether you're planning to lay out a blanket and stay awhile or just to take a stroll, select a park with plenty of shade and bring fresh drinking water. Your dog may not signal you when they're overheated or tired, so build in frequent breaks in the shade for rest and re-hydration.
2. **Leave the retractable leash at home.** Leashes are required in ALL Central Point Parks. The "locking" mechanism on a retractable leash can be tricky and an unreliable way to keep your dog close by. Use a standard 4-6' leash and you'll be able to prevent or gain control of a potentially risky situation more quickly. A short leash will help prevent them from making uninvited contact with other dogs or children.
3. **Keep an eye on your dog at ALL times.** Observe the other dogs and people in the park and your pup's body language when they interact with them. Remember that even a dog that your pooch knows well can have an unexpected reaction, as the group dynamic can change any time a new dog enters or leaves the park. Also remember that dogs are not allowed in the spray park, playground areas or the memorials.

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## New Police Cars

It's a perfect time to introduce the newest addition to CPPD's fleet. Please welcome the first of three new Ford Interceptors that will be joining the team from all the way over in Chicago, IL where they were built! With such sleek, shiny, and pristine bodies, these vehicles sure are easy to look at. But don't mistake their eye-drawing looks for a lack of capability—these new additions are also built tough and they are prepared for all the nitty-gritty duties of an officer's job.



Many times we get asked, "Where did you get the money for three new cars?" In 2012 we leased three of our current patrol vehicles through a program that allows us to purchase them at the end of the term for a nominal fee. This program permits us to acquire the three new vehicles within our budget AND keep the three previous vehicles. It's a win-win that has allowed us to add three vehicles with virtually no cost difference. We pride ourselves in keeping our vehicles in good working order and hope our citizens are as excited to see these new additions on the streets as we are to have them.

## Hot Car Basics

With the weather heating up and the warmer temperatures you may ask: "What do I do if I see an unattended child or dog in a hot car?" There is no simple answer as to when it's necessary to get involved but here are some guidelines if you're unsure what to do. Assess the situation by asking yourself:

1. How old is the child?
2. Does the child/animal appear to be in distress?
3. Is the car running with the air conditioner visibly running?
4. Are the windows down to enable air flow?
5. Is it clear that the parent or owner is not nearby?

If you feel the child or animal is in an unsafe situation, please call law enforcement right away! As a parent of a young child or a furry child, please be responsible and do everything you can to avoid leaving them unattended in a vehicle. **For children:** The same rule applies to children being left unattended at home as it does in a car, they must be at least 10 years of age. However, the safest thing to do is to take your children of any age inside with you—even if your trip is only for a minute or two. **For animals:** Avoid having your unattended dog in a hot car by leaving them at home when you make trips to stores where they aren't allowed. However, there may be a time when it might become inevitable to leave your animal unattended in the car for a couple minutes. Please ensure your pet's safety by cracking the window a fair amount to enable air flow, providing them with the proper amounts of food and water, and by making your trip away from the car as short as possible.

**What's the minimum age a child can be left home alone?** We get asked this question every once in a while. When school is out, kids might be left at home alone more often. The law in Oregon is that a child must be at least 10 years of age to be left at home alone. But it's always important to consider the maturity of the child and whether they would be able to handle the responsibilities of being unattended before deciding they are capable of taking care of themselves. Check out the website listed below for some valuable information about leaving your child unattended and how to prepare them for being at home alone when they reach the appropriate age. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubpdfs/homealone.pdf>

You are Invited to assist with the update of the

## Central Point Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The next Open House meetings will be held on  
Thursday, September 15 & Thursday October 6  
from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Central Point City Council  
Chambers, 140 S. 3rd Street

The Master Plan will provide a road map for managing our parks and developing recreational opportunities in the future. Please come to one or both of these meetings and share your vision for the future management and development of our Parks and our Recreation Programs.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (541) 664-3321 ext. 130.  
Information and updates on the Master Planning process can be found at  
[www.centralpointoregon.gov/parksrec](http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/parksrec)

### Let's Talk Parks & Recreation

Central Point's existing parks, trails and recreation programs are some of the City's most valued amenities, and planning for the growth of the City is vital. In February 2016, the City started a project to update its citywide Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Public involvement is crucial to develop this plan! The City is excited to provide an online platform for residents to offer their ideas and questions to the project team and receive announcements and updates. The site is called mySidewalk, and it works a bit like Facebook and LinkedIn. Login today to join the community conversation! Go to: <https://mysidewalk.com/organizations/293124/central-point-parks-recreation-master-plan>.



### Safe park continued...

- 4. Plan early morning or evening outings.** Between the hours of 10 am - 4 pm, the sun and temperature is at its peak. Aim to limit outdoor exercise to breakfast and dinner time so that Fido (and you) doesn't overheat. Remember, pets don't sweat the way humans do, making them unable to cool their bodies efficiently in the heat.
- 5. Keep up-to-date on all vaccinations and parasite preventatives.** This is especially important if your pup is interacting with other dogs. Respiratory illnesses like canine tracheobronchitis (kennel cough) and harmful parasites like heartworm and Parvo, can easily spread from one dog to another. If you're not certain if your pet's vaccinations are current, contact your veterinarian.
- 6. Pick up after your pup.** Not only is it the "considerate" thing to do, but it's also the sanitary thing to do. Many intestinal parasites, such as Parvo tapeworm and whipworm, can easily spread from one dog to another. Like it or not, dogs sometimes do a little too much up close investigation into the interesting smells they encounter!
- 7. Consider leaving Fido at home.** While many of us consider pets to be family and want to include them in every outing, the reality is that some events can be just too stressful on your pooch. If you plan to visit a crowded area or a lengthy event at the park, especially if you know your dog is shy or snippy when he or she first meets other people and dogs, the best decision for you and your pet is to leave them safely at home.

## Dates to Remember

### September

- 5 - Labor Day Holiday \*
- 6 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 8 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 12 - Multicultural Committee Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 15 - Parks and Rec Commission Meeting (5:45 pm)
- 15 - Parks and Rec Open House (6:30 pm)
- 19 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 22 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

### October

- 4 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 6 - Parks and Rec Open House (6:30 pm)
- 11 - Citizens Advisory Commission (6 pm)
- 13 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 19 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 22 - 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. 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”.

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researchers, writers and the general public. The historic books and records preserved by the heritage societies and museums provide important resources for citizens and scholars, making available to the public materials that are not maintained by the County or university library systems;

- The educational activities and programs of the heritage societies and museums enhance the curriculum of public and private schools and institutions of higher learning;
- A stable revenue stream will allow museums in Jackson County to maintain or increase the hours these facilities are open, giving incentive for visitors to stay longer and visit other local businesses helping our local businesses, such as food, lodging and incidentals.

The name of the proposed special district is the “Rogue Valley Heritage District.” The boundaries of the District shall include all territory within Jackson County, less the territory within any incorporated city that chooses not to be part of the District. The City of Shady Cove is the only city who has decided not to be included in the district.

**Heritage District Powers & Responsibilities.** The District will have the general powers granted to heritage districts by ORS 358.442 to 358.474 (the “Principal Act”). The specific powers include, without limitation: operating and maintaining heritage sites and structures; acquiring and preserving property of historical interest, historical objects, and materials and documents of historical importance; and establishing and maintaining programs for heritage societies within the District. The governing body of the District shall be a board of five members who will be elected by the voters of the District, board members will be elected at large by position number.

**Financial Impact.** If the District is approved at the November 8, 2016, General Election, a property tax with a permanent rate limit of up to \$.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value will be available for assessment and collection.

For more information on the Rogue Valley Heritage District  
email: [ourheritagepac@gmail.com](mailto:ourheritagepac@gmail.com)

## Contact Your **Council**

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