

City of Central Point NEWS FROM CITY HALL

Be Kind to Your Trees!

As many of you may have noticed, several of our park's trees were in need of some pruning and thinning. This past month, two of our parks got a "big" trim. Menteer Park, off of Brandon Street, was the first. Limbs were removed that had the potential to cause damage or injury, and thinning opened up the canopy to improve the grass.

Pfaff Park was the second to have hazardous branches, co-dominant leaders (two equal stems) and damaged branches removed.

Proper pruning involves the selective removal of plant parts in order to train young plants, rejuvenate older plants, improve plant appearance, structure and health, and prevent personal injury or property damage. Our park trees are a large investment and providing proper care is important to keeping our older trees healthy and happy and our parks safe.



Types of pruning that took place in our parks involved the following techniques:

- **Removed co-dominant leaders and weakly-attached branches.** Damage, improper pruning, or opposite bud arrangement may cause trees to produce co-dominant stems and weakly-attached branches. Pruning co-dominant leaders and weakly-attached branches helps to prevent wounds from breakage. In addition, it is important to remove rubbing and crossing branches.
- **Removed damaged branches.** Storms, equipment, people, animals and pests may damage plant branches. Damaged branches diminish appearance, create hazards, and are sites for insect and disease development. It is important after storms that pruning occurs when the damage happens.
- **Open and rejuvenate older plants.** Excessive internal growth restricts air circulation through older plants, often increasing pest problems and reducing light penetration. Selectively pruning to reduce wind resistance, increases air circulation, reduces pest problems and

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Please Remember: Only Rain down the Drain

The City's storm drains are designed to carry only rainwater. They flow directly to our local waterways, including Bear Creek, without receiving any type of treatment. Storm drains are separate from the sanitary sewer system, which treats wastewater from your sink, toilet, and other indoor drains.



Storm Drains

Drain into local creeks

Regardless of where you live, polluted runoff from your home will eventually reach Bear Creek and the Rogue River where it flows to the Pacific Ocean. Even if polluted runoff doesn't immediately reach the storm drain, or the water evaporates, the problem isn't gone. Pollutants still remain on the pavement and will be washed into the storm drain the next time it rains.

Storm water pollution is toxic to fish and other wildlife and it degrades our rivers, beaches and ocean. During the winter it is especially important to keep pollution from washing down the storm drains.

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Seasonal Park Restrooms to Close

As we start to experience colder nights, shorter days and transition into fall/winter, Parks & Recreation will be closing seasonal park restrooms beginning October 30. The seasonal park restrooms include: Van Horn, Flanagan, Willie Mott and Forest Glen Parks. Restroom closures are done in parks that have modular restroom facilities which have had issues with freezing in years past. Winterizing the restrooms is one way to combat freezing and pipe breakage. Last year was our first year closing and winterizing restrooms. We did not experience the vandalism problems inside the restrooms that have been an issue in the past.

As a reminder, all parks continue to be open for play. The restrooms that are closed are chosen due to their vulnerability to freezing. They are also chosen because they are in neighborhoods where most users live nearby. Our larger park restroom facilities with heaters will remain open for use to the public year round - these restrooms can be found at:

- Don Jones Park
- Pfaff Park
- Twin Creeks Park

Thank you from your Central Point Parks and Recreation Department.

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increases light penetration which is vital to tree health.

- **Removed potential hazards.** Pruning branches that interfere or threaten people and property reduces the chances for potential hazard during a storm.

Our parks workers will begin helping with leaf removal in the coming weeks. Be on the look-out for their vehicles and equipment.



Multicultural Awareness Youth Award



The City of Central Point Multicultural Committee is currently accepting applications for our annual Multicultural Awareness Youth Award. This \$500.00 scholarship is being 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. Some examples of this could include, but are not limited to:

- Promoting peace within the community
- Bridging barriers between groups
- Promoting acceptance among peers
- Developing a peer mediation program
- Developing an awareness project highlighting diversity

To apply, complete and submit an application available online at: www.centralpointoregon.gov/MC.

Deadline: Friday, January 29, 2016

For questions or comments please contact diversity@centralpointoregon.gov or call Deanna at (541) 664-3321, ext. 231. The student chosen will be notified in February, 2016. Additionally, the student chosen will be presented with the award in front of the Central Point City Council during a Council meeting .

“Good, Better, Best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and your better is best.”

-- Tim Duncan

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All residents should take extra precautions to limit the following potential pollutants in water runoff:

Pet Waste: Dog waste left on the street or lawn does not just go away or fertilize the grass. The bacteria in dog waste are often washed down the storm drains and into ditches and creeks and can travel for miles in the water. Kitty litter dumped outside can also be washed into creeks. Bring plastic bags with you when you walk your dog. Pick up after your pet to keep our creek and river banks open, create a clean, sanitary play area for family activities, and ensure a healthier environment for us all.

Herbicides & Pesticides: The application of both herbicides and pesticides to your lawn and garden during the winter months can be very detrimental to the environment. Fertilizer can wash off the lawn and into the ground water, the nearest storm drain, or stream, adding unwanted nitrates to our local water bodies. Limited use and minimal application helps protect water quality.

Car Maintenance: Keep your car maintained to

prevent leaks of oil, antifreeze, and other fluids. Check your car regularly for leaks. Fluids from cars, such as oils, antifreeze, hydraulic fluid, and gas that leak on the roads, driveways, and parking lots only end up in our waterways, along with the soapy water you wash your car with. We recommend using environmentally friendly car wash.

Illegal dumping: Illegal dumping generally refers to any substance (other than rain water) that is dumped down or in a storm drainage system, or directly into a body of water. Paint, motor oil, and erosion material are examples of substances that are often dumped illegally.

If you see someone dumping anything into a storm drain, please report the incident immediately by calling the Central Point Public Works Department at 541-664-7602.



Community Christmas Lights Parade

Friday, December 5th

- Parade starts at 5:15 pm • Downtown Central Point
- Join us at City Hall after the parade!

Enter a float into the Lights Parade to show your holiday spirit.



Questions call (541) 423-1978



Volunteer and help make the event a success!

Volunteers sign up at www.Shiftboard.com/CentralPointOregon

Get involved with your business.



Central Point Recreation Classes

All classes require pre-enrollment.

Call: (541) 664-3331, ext. 130

For more upcoming classes, visit our webpage!

Mighty Mites Basketball, Saturdays, January 23 – February 27



Sign-ups are open for our winter basketball program! Mighty Mites Basketball provides children ages 5 to 8 with an introduction to basketball. Emphasis is on learning basic skills, teamwork, good sportsmanship and, most of all, having fun. We will have six teams with ten players each so sign up soon. COACHES NEEDED! If you know the rules of basketball, are over the age of 16, and enjoy working with children, we encourage you to volunteer as a Mighty Mites coach. Call 541-423-1012 for more information.

Location: Central Point Elementary School **Ages:** 5 to 8 **Time:** 1:30 – 5:00 PM **Cost:** \$40

Basic Introductions and Table Manners, Tuesdays, November 10 - 24

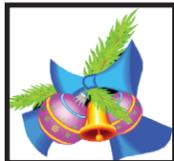
Just in time for Thanksgiving, Nonie Couvrette will offer weekly sessions covering basic introductions and table manners.

Location: Fairy Godmother's Teeny Tiny Tea Cottage

Ages: 5 to 7 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM **Ages:** 8 to 10 from 4:30 – 5:30 pm **Cost:** \$35



Surviving the Holidays, Wednesday, December 2



It can be tempting to go above and beyond your budget during the holidays! Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Southern Oregon (CCCS) is offering an hour and a half class with a survival packet that includes tips on how to make a budget, lists, and to be an efficient shopper during what can be an overwhelming time of year.

Location: Computer Classroom **Ages:** 18 and up **Time:** 3:00 – 4:30 PM **Cost:** \$10

Residential Home Security, Tuesday, November 10

This class will increase your awareness of potential avenues of residential vulnerability. From this presentation you will gain an understanding of the following: How to protect your home; present trends in today's burglaries; how does the lock on my door really work? Where should I put my lights? And how can I secure my sliding glass door, garage.

Location: Recreation A **Ages:** 18 and up **Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 PM **Cost:** \$10



Hula Hooping for Beginners, Saturday, November 7 – December 12



Come learn to hula hoop! This is a series of 6 classes designed for beginners. You will learn the momentum and motion of the hoop, proper foot position and motion of your hips. By the end of this series you will be able to do at least three tricks, including the lasso, front isolation and the escalator, along with hooping on the hips!

Location: City Hall Room 1 **Ages:** 18 and up **Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm **Cost:** \$35

Trick-or-Treating Tips

from your Police Department

If you plan to take your children out on October 31st for a fun night of Trick or Treating, the Central Point Police Department would like you to be aware of the things listed below. Please be respectful of neighbors, and don't go up to houses that are dark.

- Plan your route ahead of time.
- Trick-or-Treat in familiar neighborhoods.
- Always trick-or-treat in groups accompanied by an adult.
- Follow a curfew and take a watch with a back light.
- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries after dark.
- Walk with your head up and be aware of your surroundings.
- Only visit well lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses.
- Don't enter any house unless you know the people who live there.
- Stay away from unfamiliar pets and animals.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Always watch for cars, especially those that are backing up or turning.
- Stay on sidewalks and out of the streets. Cross only at intersections and designated crosswalks. Follow traffic signals and don't jaywalk.
- Don't cut across yards and stay out of backyards.
- Watch out for open flames in Jack-o-Lanterns.
- Remember to "stop, drop, and roll" if your costume catches on fire. Review this procedure if you need a refresher.
- Don't eat any candy until it's been inspected for tampering under bright lights.
- Avoid candy that has loose wrappings, is unwrapped, has puncture holes or is homemade.
- Keep hard candy away from small children to avoid choking.
- Carry a spare Halloween bag, in case yours breaks or you fill your original one.
- Respect other people and their property.
- Don't trample through flower beds and gardens.
- Be polite and say, "thank you."
- Walk and avoid running.
- Consider having a party instead of Trick-or-Treating.

Report any suspicious or criminal activity to an adult or the police. Dial 911 for emergencies or 541-664-5578 for non emergencies.

Dates to Remember

November

- 5 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 9 - Multicultural Committee (6:30 pm)
- 11 - Veterans Day ★
- 11 - Veterans Day Commemoration (9 am)
- 12 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 16 - Leaf Pick Up
- 17 - Park Commission Meeting (6 pm)
- 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday ★

December

- 1 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 5 - Community Christmas Lights Parade (5:15 pm)
- 10 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 11 - Leaf Pick up
- 24 & 25 - Christmas Holiday ★
- 31 - New Years Eve

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

★ = City Offices Closed



Save the Dates!
Leaf Pick Up is November 16, 2015
and December 11, 2015

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”.

Instructors Wanted

Have a hobby or a skill you'd like to share? Instructors are an important part of Parks and Recreation's efforts to meet the learning and recreational needs of Central Point's citizens.

You propose the class you wish to teach, and we provide the necessary support. Classes can be a one-time workshop or a series. We are looking for instructors in all areas. These are paid positions but volunteers are always welcome!

Contact Dave Jacob at (541) 423-1012 to discuss the possibilities and to get class proposal forms for the 2016 Winter/Spring Recreation Guide.

Veterans Day Commemoration



November 11, 2015
9:00 am

Fallen Heroes War Memorial
at Don Jones Park

Contact Your **Council**

email: info@centralpointoregon.gov



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541-994-0066



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