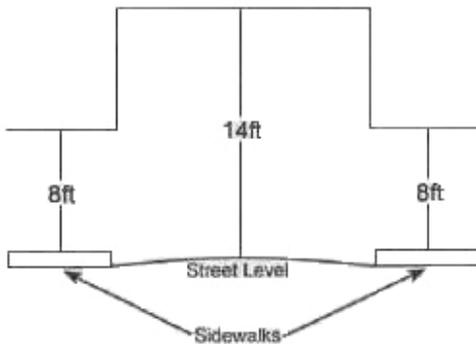


City of Central Point NEWS FROM CITY HALL

Upcoming Tree Trimming

Did you realize that overhanging trees and overgrown bushes cause damage to vehicles like the street sweeper and garbage trucks. They can also be a

nuisance to pedestrians walking on the sidewalk and a traffic hazard if they obstruct street signs. Property owners are responsible for maintaining trees and vegetation on their property, to City Standards (below), so that it does not encroach into streets and sidewalks.



City standards mean that trees must be kept trimmed to a height of at least 8 feet over sidewalks and 14 feet above local streets. Bushes and shrubs must be kept clear of streets, sidewalks, and traffic signs.

Keep all trees and vegetation from obstructing the visibility at intersections and shrubs that are planted close to a street corner should be trimmed so they are no higher than 3 1/2 feet.

During the upcoming winter months, the street maintenance crews will be out trimming areas seen as overgrown or hazardous. They will make every effort to leave the tree,

bush or shrub looking nice and trim only what is needed to bring it into compliance. Notices will be given in the form of door hangers in advance of work being done.



Please report any road signs that are blocked by vegetation through <https://yourgov.cartograph.com>.

The Season of Giving

The Season of Giving is upon us, and giving is always better than receiving. We are asking for our community to come together and help those in need this season, and we have something special planned this year. Throughout the months of November and December we will be hosting a Giving Drive. The Drive began November 1st and will go through December 20th. We are excited that our Community Christmas Lights Parade on December 3rd falls at the midpoint of the drive! With support from the City of Central Point, our local media, businesses, and generous members of our community, we hope to have a large outpouring of support for our Giving Drive this season.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/CentralPointGivingDrive2016

Please nominate a family in need via the anonymous link above. We will keep the nominations and donations anonymous if preferred. On December 22nd, we will surprise our selected families with the donations from their community, and it's sure to be the best gift ever! Donations can be brought to the Parks & Recreation Department at Central Point City Hall. Please contact Cory Shaw at 541-423-1978 for more information or for other ways you can help!



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Living in a Flood Prone Community

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Central Point's Flood Hazards

There are seven streams that flow through Central Point that pose a threat to life, safety and property when they flood. While most of these streams are relatively small, they have extensive floodplains that impact many properties and existing structures. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps hazards on Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). According to the FIRM, there are close to 203 acres of land located in the high risk floodplain including about 488 structures and 673 parcels with full and partial impacts.

Flooding occurs when excessive rainfall and/or snowmelt cause waters to rise and overflow onto usually dry land. Flooding is most common from October through April, when storms from the Pacific Ocean, 100 miles away, bring intense rainfall to the area. The Rogue Valley receives about 18 inches of rain on average each year. Larger floods result from prolonged heavy rains, augmented by snowmelt, at a time when the soil is near saturation from previous rains.

The most recent significant riverine flood in Central Point occurred on New Year's Day in 1997. More than 1500 people were evacuated and 1000 properties were damaged including many in Central Point. Although the 1997 flood was a small-scale disaster, it is not unprecedented in the recent past. The flood of 1964 caused significant damage throughout Southern Oregon and 20 Oregonians lost their lives.

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Flood Safety Tips to Live By

<p>DO NOT WALK through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood-related deaths. Currents can be deceptive. Six inches of moving water can knock an adult off their feet.</p>	<p>DO NOT DRIVE through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around the road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.</p>
<p>LOOK before you step. After a flood, the ground and floor are covered with debris including broken bottles, nails and mud. Be cautious because these surfaces can be very slippery.</p>	<p>STAY AWAY from power lines and electrical wires. Electrocutation is the 2nd greatest cause of death during floods. Remember that electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines by calling 911.</p>



WHAT'S MY FLOOD RISK?

Contact the city or visit FEMA's Flood Map Service Center to locate your flood map to help determine your flood risk. [msc.fema.gov/portal]

Understanding Your Risk

It is important to know and understand your property's flood risk. The City offers free flood information. Upon request we will tell you:

1. Whether the property is located within the SFHA;
2. The flood zone of the property and structure(s);
3. The base flood elevation or base depth, if applicable;
4. If the property is impacted by the floodway;
5. If there is an Elevation Certificate on line at www.centralpointoregon.gov/floodplain.

Our staff is also available to provide workshops and presentations to homeowner's associations or any other group of concerned citizens. Contact one of the City's Certified Floodplain Managers listed in the Important Resources & Contact Information section to utilize any of these services.

BUILD SMART

Elevate the lowest floor 1-foot above the base flood elevation; construct foundations to withstand the weight and pull of flood waters; anchor properly to prevent floatation. Building smart will improve safety, damage resistance and insurance premiums.

RETROFIT TO REDUCE RISK

The City provides property protection consultations to help you determine if there are risk reduction retrofit options available. In addition to lowering insurance premiums, you lessen the likelihood of flood damages that disrupt lives, cause stress and affect health.

BE A STREAM STEWARD

Report illegal dumping of debris, litter and other materials into streams or storm drains. Learn about natural floodplains and benefits they provide. Consider installing a rain garden to capture and infiltrate storm water runoff.

Flood Hazards from page 1

Another type of flooding, called urban flooding, results when naturally vegetated areas are converted to parking lots, roads and housing developments. This activity hinders the land's ability to absorb rainfall. Urban flooding also occurs when the storm drain system becomes overwhelmed or blocked by debris including leaves, bark, trash, etc.

The spring storms in 2009 caused severe urban flooding in many areas outside of the mapped floodplain. Most of those properties damaged did not have flood insurance and coverage was not available since most homeowner's policies do not cover flood damages.

Central Point is flat and located at the downstream end of the watershed. The FEMA maps illustrate anticipated hazards and relative risk but they are not definitive. Many damages occur outside of mapped hazard areas, so it's important that you consider some the property protection measures provided in the section above.

"About 25% of flood insurance claims come from people outside of mapped high-risk flood areas."



Buy Flood Insurance

Central Point participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This means that anyone in the City limits can purchase federally backed flood insurance regardless of whether a property is in a low, moderate or high risk flood zone. This is important since about 25% of flood insurance claims come from people outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), a high risk flood hazard area commonly referred to as the 100-year or 1% annual chance floodplain.

There are some important things to point out about the NFIP's flood insurance:

- There are two types of coverage: structural and contents. Structural coverage includes walls, floors, insulations, furnace and other items permanently attached to the structure. Contents coverage for items inside the structure. Discuss the coverage limitations with your agent.
- Since July 1, 1997 all NFIP policies include Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) coverage. ICC provides up to \$30K in financial assistance to bring structures into compliance with current building standards, such as elevating the lowest floor of a building 1-foot above the base flood elevation.
- There is a 30-day waiting period from date of purchase before your policy goes into effect. Remember to buy your policy before the onset of the rainy season to ensure coverage in the event there is a flood.
- Flood insurance—specifically structural coverage equal to the amount of the loan or maximum coverage amount (\$250K for single family residences)—is required for insurable structures located in the SFHA when there is a loan from a commercial lending institution with any federal affiliation. Items that are not eligible for flood insurance coverage include: vehicles, business expenses, landscaping and vacant lots.
- Recent changes to the NFIP pursuant to the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 impose more stringent penalties on banks that do not enforce the mandatory flood insurance purchase requirement. This means that SFHA property owners who have slipped through the cracks may be notified of the requirement to obtain coverage. If this happens to you, act fast and obtain an NFIP policy. Failure to act within the specified 45-day period can result in a policy being “force-placed” by your lender at a significantly higher rate.

The City works diligently to keep affordable insurance available for those who are required to obtain it. By promoting flood awareness and conducting wise floodplain management, the City has earned SFHA residents an automatic 20% discount on flood insurance premiums through a voluntary program called the Community Rating System (CRS).



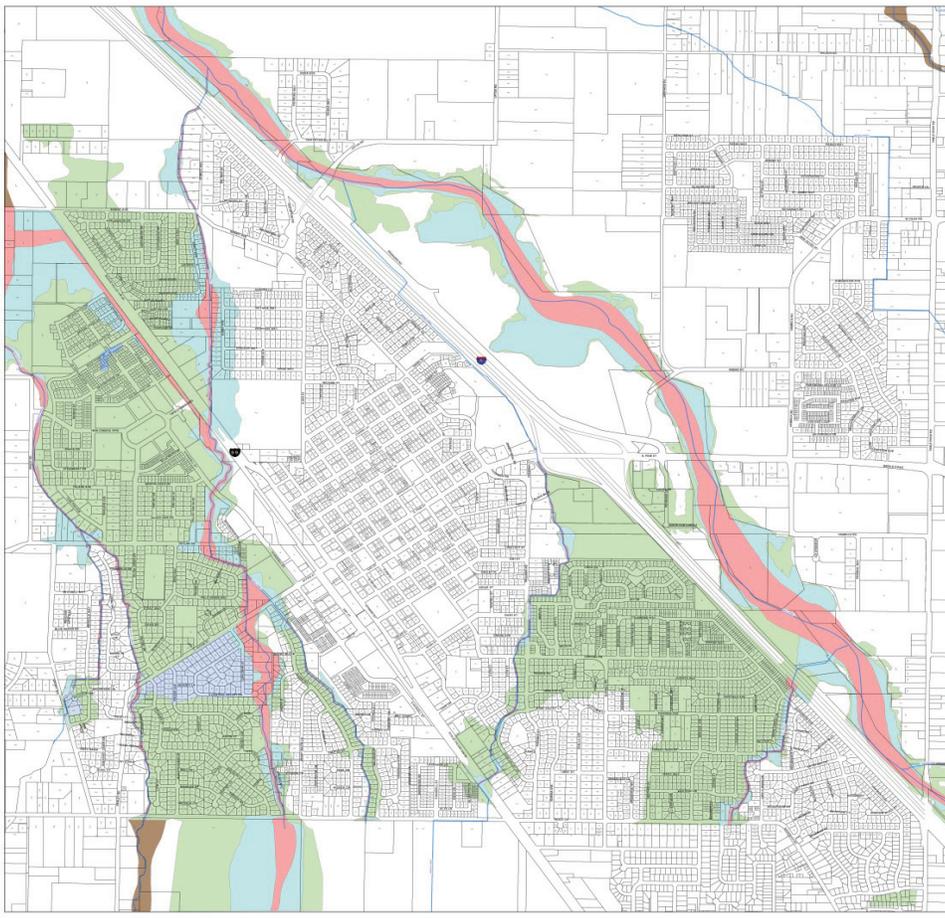
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The logo for FloodSmart.gov features the text "FloodSmart.gov" in a blue, sans-serif font, with "Flood" in a lighter blue and "Smart.gov" in a darker blue. Below it, the text "The official site of the NFIP" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

FloodSmart.gov
The official site of the NFIP



2011 Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) with Twin Creeks LOMR



Legend
FLD_ZONE
FLOODWAY
A 100yr
AE 100yr
AO 100yr
AH
X-SHADED 500yr
streams

Important Resources & Contact Information

City of Central Point
Floodplain Information
Flood Zone Determinations &
Elevation Certificate Requests:
541.664.7602, Ext. 243
Floodplain Development,
Insurance and Property
Protection Assistance:
541.664.7602, Ext. 244
Police Department/Code
Enforcement: 541.664.5578
Website:
http://www.centralpointorego
n.gov/floodplain

Jackson County Emergency
Management
Emergency preparedness
resource & flood warning
system for Jackson County
communities.
Website:
www.co.jackson.or.us/SectionI
ndex.asp?SectionID=28

Oregon Department of
State Lands
Fill/Removal permitting for
activities, such as watercourse
alterations, erosion control
projects, etc.
Phone: 503.872.5268
Website:
www.oregon.gov/DSL/index.sht
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Federal Emergency Management
Agency
Federal administrator of the NFIP,
including: mapping, insurance and
minimum federal regulations.
Website: www.fema.gov

“The Oregon Rain Garden Guide:
A Step by Step Guide to
Landscaping for Clean and
Healthy Streams”
Website:
http://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/
sgpubs/onlinepubs/h10001.pdf

“A Homeowner’s Guide to
Retrofitting: Six Ways to
Protect Your Home from
Flooding”
Website:
http://www.fema.gov/library/
viewRecord.do?id=1420



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”.

Dates to Remember

December

- 3 - Community Christmas Lights Parade (5:30 pm)
- 6 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 8 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 16 - Leaf Pick-up Day
- 23 & 26 - Christmas Holiday ★ ★
- 31 - New Years Eve

January

- 1 - New Years Day
- 2 - City Hall Closed for New Years Holiday ★
- 3 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 12 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day ★
- 17 - Citizens Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 26 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

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

★ = City Offices Closed

Contact Your Council

email: info@centralpointoregon.gov



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541-994-0066



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Bruce Dingler
541-324-1842



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Ward III
Brandon Thueson
503-930-7057



Ward IV
Allen Broderick
541-951-7253



At-Large
Tanea Browning
541-890-8377



At-Large
Rick Samuelson
541-664-1878

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