

CITY OF CENTRAL POINT NEWS FROM CITY HALL

2016 Elections in Central Point

The 2016 City elections will be here before we know it. If you are considering running for an elected office, it is recommended that you come to City Hall and speak with the City Recorder about the details of a four year term.

Central Point Elections are regulated by Oregon State election laws and the City of Central Point Charter and Ordinances. Election forms and petitions must be completed and submitted within a designated filing period.

OPEN POSITIONS (3):

The position for Mayor; Council Member from Ward IV; and both At-Large Council positions are up for election. These are all four year terms.



REQUIREMENTS

A qualified candidate must be a registered voter as defined in Section 2, Article II of the Oregon Constitution and shall have been a resident within the city limits of Central Point for the twelve-month period immediately preceding the November 2016 election. A candidate seeking office for a Ward position must be a resident of the Ward for which they file. (Ward Maps are available online or at the City Recorders office.)

FILING PERIOD

Tuesday, July 5, 2016, through Wednesday, August 24, 2016, during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information on the candidate process, please contact City Recorder Deanna Casey at 541-423-1026 or email deanna.casey@centralpointoregon.gov.

Police Department - Building Community

The Central Point Police Department will host a monthly community meeting on the second Thursday of the month at the Police Department at 6:00 p.m.

You will be able to share information about your neighborhoods and speak with police officers if you have questions. We will also have information on how to organize Community Watch Programs and Officers will give informational updates about crime trends in your communities.



Please come and join us, have a cup of coffee and refreshments and meet the officers in your community.

Our next meeting will be January 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room at 155 S. 2nd Street in Central Point.

Upcoming meeting dates are:

February 11th, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

March 10th, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

April 14th, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

Gimmicks & Gadgets

SECOND PLACE WINNER

Mike Blake is a customer service technician with the Central Point Public Works Department (www.centralpointoregon.gov), Central Point, Ore., and a member of AWWA's Pacific Northwest Section, Southern Oregon Subsection (Southern Oregon Mafia).

The Claw Simplifies Utility Locates BY MIKE BLAKE

The Central Point, Ore., water utility is like any other water utility managing limited staff and resources. Every effort is made to improve operational efficiency, performance, and sustainability.

To that end, utility operations frequently require staff to enter valve vaults, a task that presents hazards and draws on limited resources. What if the necessary data could be obtained simply without entering a vault or requiring another person?

The Claw allows this to occur. By using this device, an operator can reach down and, if he or she is able to grab something—anything—metal, the operator can perform a locate on his or her own without entering the vault.



The Claw is a recycled trash picker. The mechanism is reversed so it's clamped shut all the time.

CONSTRUCTION AND USE

The Claw is a recycled trash picker with the mechanism reversed so it's clamped shut all the time. I installed an oversized spring for greater tension.

I also attached 20 ft of tracer wire to the side of the tool, as sometimes it may be necessary to get farther away from the device. I also attached a steel washer next to the handle to connect locator leads.

BENEFITS

For safety reasons, entering a vault requires several precautions and extra

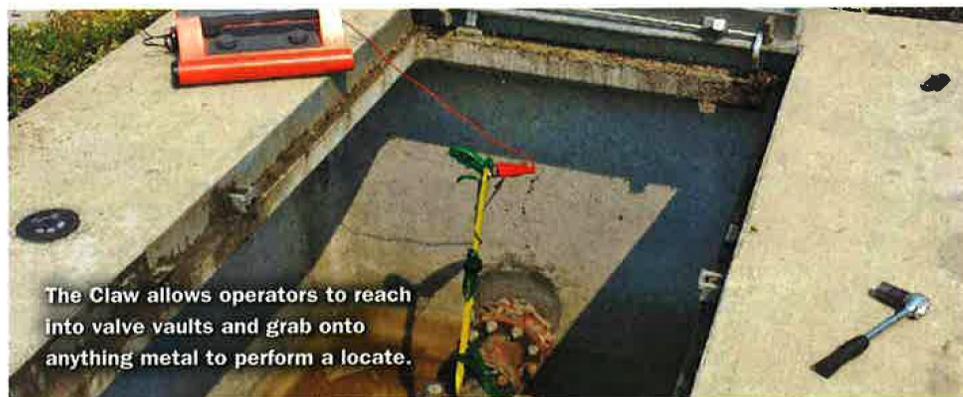
staff. For example, an air-monitoring device and another person would be needed before entry would be permitted. After entering, an operator can hook up to any water pipe to perform a locate.

It didn't take Central Point utility staff long to realize The Claw had many different uses. With The Claw, an operator can just grab a cap on a fire hydrant, hook up the locator device, and go. The Claw can be used to connect to anything metal.

What's really handy is the 20 ft of tracer wire I added to the side of The Claw. If I go into the street to locate a

valve, I can reach down inside the valve box and grab the valve. I can then use the attached tracer wire and unwind it to get out of a traffic zone and hook up my locator.

Safety is one of The Claw's primary benefits, as the tracer wire keeps the operator and the locator device out of the road. The tool is also easy on an operator's back, as it's unnecessary to bend over as much when performing a locate because of the length the tool provides, which prevents strain and possible injury. I use The Claw almost daily.



The Claw allows operators to reach into valve vaults and grab onto anything metal to perform a locate.

MATERIALS AND COST

- Trash picker
- Oversized spring
- 3 8-mm nuts and bolts
- 1 small self-tapper screw
- 1 flat washer
- 1 small alligator clip
- Paint
- 18-in. piece of wire

Total cost	\$22
Construction time	1 hr



Driving Tips for this Winter

Autumn is here and winter is not far behind. With the change of the seasons comes the need for increased driving alertness. Fall and winter weather make the roads unsafe when they are wet and it gets darker earlier in the day; there are typically more people driving and biking as they are traveling to visit friends and family; and sometimes there is an increase in unsafe driving from motorists who are tired or, unfortunately, driving under the influence of intoxicants. We always like you to use proper driving techniques and be attentive to others on the road, but we are reminding you to keep up those habits in order to best prevent accidents from occurring. Keeping yourself safe keeps others safe and we all appreciate that! Here is a compilation photo we found of 10 road safety tips everyone should know for our citizens to review.

10 ROAD SAFETY TIPS EVERY DRIVER SHOULD KNOW

- No mobile phone while driving**
Every activity using your mobile phone while driving can distract your attention that could lead to an accident.
- Belt up in the back**
In a collision, an unbelted rear passenger can kill or seriously injure the driver or a front seat passenger.
- Don't Drink and Drive**
Drinking alcohol and driving simply do not go together. When drinking alcohol, driving becomes dangerous and is potentially lethal!
- Slow down**
At 30mph you are twice as near to hit and kill a pedestrian than at 20mph.
- Children**
Children are most of the times reckless and often act impulsively, take extra care when driving in schools zones and playgrounds.
- Take a break**
Tiredness is considered one of the major factors of road accidents. When driving long hours, have a break and rest for at least a 15 minute every 3 hours.
- Share if you can**
For long trips, share the driving responsibilities with someone else. This will allow you to keep an eye on each other while driving and also enable you to nap without losing time.
- Anticipate**
Do not think that you are the only one who uses the road, use your side and rear mirrors regularly.
- Use car seats**
Child and baby seats should be fitted properly and checked every trip.
- Keep your distance**
Always keep a two second or imaginary two cars as gap between you and any vehicle in front.

Dates to Remember

January

- 1 - New Years Day ★
- 5 - Planning Commission (6:00 pm)
- 12 - Citizens Advisory Committee (6:00 pm)
- 14 - City Council Meeting (7:00 pm)
- 18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day ★
- 21 - Parks and Rec Commission (6:00 pm)
- 25 - Council Study Session (6:00 pm)
- 28 - City Council Meeting (7:00 pm)

February

- 1 - Multicultural Committee (6:30 pm)
- 2 - Planning Commission (6:00 pm)
- 11 - City Council Meeting (7:00 pm)
- 15 - Presidents Day ★
- 20 - Parks Commission Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 27 - City Council Meeting (7:00 pm)

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

★ = City Offices Closed



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”.



Parks and Recreation Master Plan - A blue print to the future

In 2016 Central Point Parks and Recreation will be under taking the Master Plan process. The master plan provides guidance and policy direction for Central Point Parks and Recreation Department’s role in the community. The master plan shapes the delivery of department-provided parks and recreation services in a manner that is consistent with city other planning goals and meets the community’s level of service standards.

The master plan is a key implementation strategy within the city’s primary planning document, and is intended to be strategic in focus to help the department respond to three important questions.

- What do we do?
- For whom do we do it?
- How do we excel?

The primary focus is on the short-term strategies that will build success over the long-term. The master plan also focuses on high-level initiatives rather than more specific and detailed actions. The specific actions will be identified and assigned during the Parks Commission meetings.

The master plan includes the department’s mission and vision; an analysis of the parks and recreation system’s current condition and challenges; and key themes that emerged from research and community engagement. It also includes policies, long-range goals, initiatives and a system plan that will allow the department to serve the community’s highest priorities and be responsible stewards of public assets and dollars. The master plan is designed to be flexible, providing a high-level framework that will help the department build the systems and processes that will lead to success over time.

Contact Your **Council**

email: info@centralpointoregon.gov

						
Mayor Hank Williams 541-994-0066	Council President Bruce Dingler 541-324-1842	Ward II Michael Quilty 541-621-4853	Ward III Brandon Thueson 503-930-7057	Ward IV Allen Broderick 541-951-7253	At-Large Tanea Brown 541-890-8377	At-Large Rick Samuelson 541-664-1878

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