

# City of Central Point

## NEWS FROM CITY HALL

From the Chief's Desk

### Body Worn Video Cameras

There has been a lot of discussion in recent weeks about police departments looking at utilizing body worn cameras for their police officers. This has been an interesting topic of conversation for the Central Point Police Department due to the fact that we have had body worn cameras since 2008.

The use of body worn cameras was identified in 2008 by the City of Central Point Police Department as a major benefit for our officers and the public by providing an unbiased visual/audio account of events that take place in the course of an officer's day and/or call for service. Each of our officers, community service officer and front support staff have body worn cameras that they can use in the course of their work shift.



The body worn camera that the Central Point Police Department uses is the Body Cam by Pro Vision. The Police Department chose this product due to its inexpensive cost and the quality of the video taken. The cameras are worn on the front of the officer's uniform and are to be activated when contacting the public. The Police Department stores the videos on the City of Central Point's computer network. If the video is considered evidence of a crime that occurred, then the video is retained until the case reaches its final disposition. All other recordings will be retained for six months to ensure the recording is available in the event of a compliment, complaint or litigation.

As we watch other departments struggle with the choice to use or not to use body worn cameras, we at the Central Point Police Department believe that the body worn camera brings another level of transparency to the citizens that we serve. If you have any comments or questions regarding the Police Department's Body Worn Cameras, or our policy regarding its implementation, don't hesitate to contact us at 541-664-5578.

### Dangerous Dog Ordinance

This summer the Central Point City Council started to research if it would be pertinent to implement a dangerous dog ordinance for the City of Central Point. After looking at calls for service involving dogs and other animals, the



Police Department identified a need to make sure that dog owners are responsible for their pets. The Central Point Police Department has approximately two calls a month regarding a dog biting an animal or an individual. This prompted city staff to move forward and present an ordinance to the City Council from a safety standpoint. The Central Point City Council wanted to make sure we stayed focused on allowing people to have their beloved pets, while also holding people responsible if their pets cause injury or damage. The new Dangerous Dog Ordinance will go into effect in February of 2015. For more information or a copy of the Dangerous Dog Ordinance, contact the City Recorder or go to our municipal code located on the city's website.



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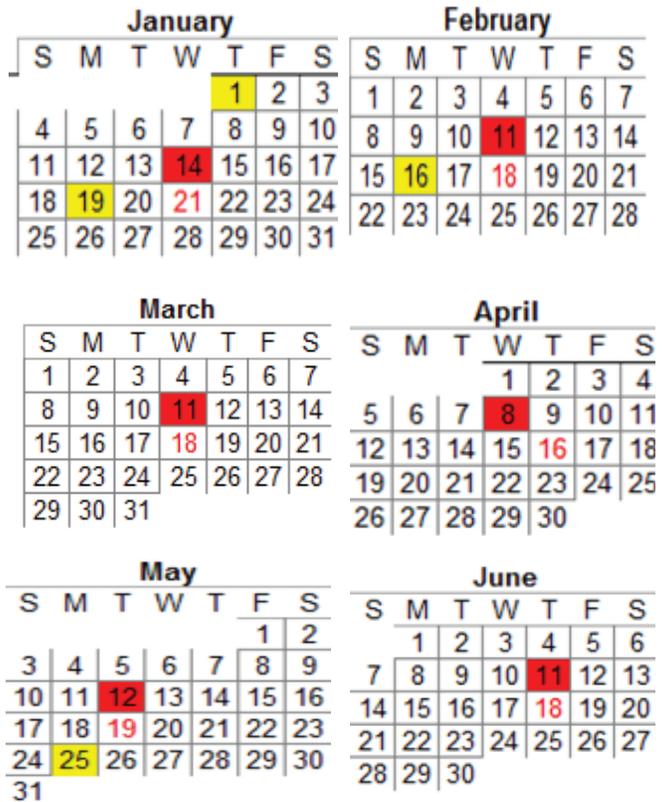
# Prevent Water Shut-off

As we begin 2015 the Finance Department would like to remind our customers of procedures regarding termination of water service.

We make every effort to work with customers who ask for occasional help but arrangements must be made prior to the morning that shut offs are scheduled, not the day of. If you do not contact us prior to having water service interrupted, you are denying yourself the opportunity to make payment arrangements and save yourself the additional \$35.00 late fee.

- Any balance that is 60 days past due is in danger of having service interrupted.
- Termination letters are mailed 7 days before service is scheduled to be turned off.
- Once water service has been turned off and the meter is locked, payment of the past due amount, including an additional \$35.00 late fee, is required to restore service.

To avoid the additional fee and interruption of service, please contact the Finance Department *before* the due date on the termination letter. To help with payment planning and to keep your water account in good-standing, please refer to the calendars to the right to avoid unnecessary termination of services.



##	Termination letters sent
##	Date which bill must be paid prior to shut off
##	Holiday, City Hall Closed

## Free Community Flood Damage Prevention Services

The City offers free information and assistance services to promote flood risk awareness and reduction. The following is a summary of the services that are available to all Central Point residents.

**Flood Risk Information** - Understanding a property's flood risk is essential to making informed decisions about real estate, flood insurance and development. The City can provide information about the known flood risk for your property based on the effective FEMA Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Map.

**FEMA Documents** - The City maintains copies of FEMA Elevation Certificates and Letters of Map Change for properties in the City. These important documents are used for flood insurance purposes by lenders and insurance agents. They also provide useful information about a structure's flood risk and are used by developers, contractors, and real estate agents.

**Flood Mitigation Assistance** - The City offers flood protection assistance to residents to identify problems and potential solutions for building-related concerns, stream bank erosion, riparian management and other flood-related concerns.

The City's Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs) are available to answer your questions Monday through Friday during business hours. You can visit us at City Hall, call 541-664-3321, ext. 243 or ext. 244, or visit the newly designed website; we have an entire web section dedicated to Floodplain Management.

## Remember These Safety Tips During a Flood

Safety is always the top priority during a flood. Please review the following list of important flood safety actions that everyone needs to take when the water rises to prevent injury and death. To learn more about flood preparedness, safety and recovery, visit: [www.ready.gov/floods](http://www.ready.gov/floods) or [www.centralpointoregon.gov](http://www.centralpointoregon.gov).

- **Prepare an evacuation plan.** Develop a plan that includes a meeting place outside of the house, as well as an escape route to an area that is safe from floodwaters. Black-up plans are always a good idea, just in case.
- **Avoid walking through flood water.** Drowning is the number one cause of flood-related deaths. Currents can be deceptive. Only six inches of moving water can knock an adult off their feet.
- **Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.** Electrocutation is the 2nd cause of death during floods. Remember that electrical current travels through water. Report downed power lines by calling 911.
- **Turn around, don't drown.** More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers or stream crossings when the road is covered with water. The road or bridge may be washed out.
- **Shut off gas and electricity.** Be prepared with a detailed checklist to shut off utilities. You can help prevent gas leaks and shock related deaths and injuries.
- **Be alert for gas leaks.** Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns or open flames unless you know that the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.
- **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 also be very slippery.
- **Look out for animals, especially snakes.** Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes make seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals.

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## Help Stop Vandalism

Vandalism of public buildings and community property is a complex topic. There are no easy answers as to why individuals decide to damage or destroy property that others use and enjoy. It is important to remember that often the perpetrators are just a few individuals armed only with spray cans or sticks and stones looking for an unsupervised area to apply their trade. Most often, vandalism leaves those impacted with the question of why? The answer to the question is as varied as the individual committing the act of vandalism. The only true fact we have is that the vandalism of buildings and park equipment costs thousands of dollars of public and private funds each year.

In the past month the Central Point Police and Parks departments have taken measures to try and deter the vandalism to community park facilities. Two things specifically are the reconnection of a camera installed at the Skate Park and the Police Department increasing patrols at the most frequently vandalized facilities. These measures will hopefully curb the recent incidents of vandalism.

Even though the forces behind vandalism seem large and overwhelming, it is important to not give up, but rise to the challenge by using our available resources. You may be asking how you can help. As community members and neighbors to our parks you are the eyes and ears that Central Point needs to help protect these facilities from misuse. If you notice any unusual activities or behaviors please call the Parks Department at 541-664-3321 ext. 263. If the activities involve destruction of property, please call the Police non-emergency number at 541-664-5578. Even after normal work hours this line can be transferred to an officer. Working together utilizing all available resources we can help to keep our parks open and available for use in our community. This article is to get the message out that the parks belong to each resident of Central Point and that we all play a vital part in taking care of these facilities.



# Preparing for an Emergency ---Three Short Steps Away



At a minimum, each family should have a three-day supply of non-perishable food and water—one gallon per person, per day for drinking and hygiene purposes. The

New Year is a time when many of us look forward and make resolutions about things we want to accomplish in the coming year. To make a real difference to yourself and your loved ones, resolve to get your household prepared for emergencies in 2015. Once you've completed your lists, review the plan and tell everyone where the supplies are stored.

Families need to plan as to what they should do if a disaster occurs. They need to know what emergencies are most likely to happen where they live, learn, work and play. You can make a difference in your community by knowing what to do when disaster strikes. It's just three short steps away:

**1. Get a kit.** If you've ever fumbled to find a flashlight during a blackout, you know what it feels like to be unprepared. Use a downloadable checklist to make it easy to get your emergency preparedness kit ready. At a minimum you should include:

- Battery-powered or hand crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit, medications and medical items
- Copies of all-important documents (ie, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Extra cash

**2. Make a plan.** Talk with household members about what you would do during various emergencies:

- Plan what to do in case you are separated, and choose two places to meet - one right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency such as a fire, and another outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate.
- Choose a contact person from out of the area and make sure all household members have this

person's phone number and e-mail address. It may be easier to call long distance or text if local phone lines are overloaded or out of service.

- Tell everyone in the household where emergency information and supplies are kept.
- Practice evacuating your home twice a year. Drive your planned evacuation route and plot alternate routes on a map in case main roads are impassable.
- Don't forget your pets. If you must evacuate, make arrangements for your animals. Keep a phone list of "pet friendly" motels/hotels and animal shelters that are along your evacuation routes.

**3. Be informed.** Know the risks where you live, work, learn and play.

- If you live or travel often to areas near a fault line, learn how to prepare and what to do during an earthquake. Summer brings to mind not just beaches and picnics but also tropical storms and hurricanes; arm yourself with information about what to do in case one occurs. Remember that emergencies like fires and blackouts can happen anywhere, so everyone should be prepared for them.
- Find out how you would receive information from local officials in the event of an emergency.
- Learn FIRST AID and CPR/AED so that you have the skills to respond in an emergency before help arrives, especially during a disaster when emergency responders may not be as available.

This is not a complete list of all the supplies or skills you should have compiled in the event of an emergency. Seek out Emergency Response classes for comprehensive knowledge of how to put together a disaster "Go-Bag," and learn valuable skills to help yourself, your family and your neighbors. Or, join a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). As part of a CERT, you'll learn and practice the skills needed to survive and help others when a disaster strikes.

For information on your local CERT go to [centralpointoregon.gov/cert](http://centralpointoregon.gov/cert).

# Central Point Parks and Recreation – Winter/Spring 2015 Classes

Central Point Parks and Recreation is offering a wide variety of classes this winter and spring. Please call us at 541-423-1012, or visit our website at [www.centralpointoregon.gov/parksrec/page/city-parks](http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/parksrec/page/city-parks) for more information or to register for a class.

## Tai Chi for Seniors

**Dates:** Mondays and Wednesdays Feb. 2 – 25 from 10:00 to 11:00 am

**Ages:** 50 and up **Cost:** \$75 for eight sessions.

A beginning class in Tai Chi basics designed for the senior students interested in gaining an understanding of the ancient Chinese exercise form. Designed to build better balance and flexibility and aid in stress reduction.



## Raising Urban Chickens

**Dates:** Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 2 & 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Ages:** 10 and up **Cost:** \$33

This course is designed for those interested in buying and raising some spring baby chicks. We will cover caring for chicks, feed, non-toxic veggies, coops, equipment, outdoor elements, and safety for baby and adult chickens.



## Making a Survival Dog Collar

**Dates:** Saturday, Feb. 7 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

**Ages:** 7 and up **Cost:** \$12

This class will teach you how to make a durable dog collar that will stand up to almost anything and add some personality to your best friend!



## Foundations of Investing

**Dates:** Tuesdays, Feb. 17 and 24 from 6:00 to 7:15 pm

**Ages:** 16 and up **Cost:** \$10

This two-week course provides an overview of investing that covers the basic features of bonds, stocks, and mutual funds along with the importance of asset allocation.



## Artist Around the World

**Dates:** Mondays, Feb. 23 to March 30 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm

**Ages:** 9 to 14 **Cost:** \$40

Through this course we will explore five exceptional artist from around the world. We will look at their lives and artwork and then we will recreate our own versions of their masterpieces. Come create geometrical art like that of Piet Mondrian and draw a still life piece like Paul Cezanne!



**First Aid Classes:** Central Point Parks and Recreation will also be offering a variety of First Aid classes throughout the winter and spring, including HeartSaver CPR and AED, HeartSaver CPR and First Aid, Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers and Basic Life Support Renewal. Contact us for more information.

## *Dates to Remember*

### February

- 3 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 9 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 12 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 16 - Presidents Day Offices Closed
- 26 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

### March

- 3 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 12 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 16 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 26 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

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. 232

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”.

## Freeman Road Construction Update



Work to widen Freeman Road from Mt. View Plaza to Hopkins Road is currently underway. The first phase includes relocating many of the utilities that currently share the roadway with the City. These include Avista Gas, Centurylink and Pacific Power. Rogue Valley Sewer Services will also be doing pre-construction road work. The Main project work will be done by Knife River, Inc. and is slated to start after the utility work is complete. Please note that traffic concerns will be an issue while construction is occurring. Alternative routes are advised if possible.

This project has been planned for many years and the City appreciates your cooperation and understanding during the construction phase. We all look forward to the improvements to Freeman road this summer/fall.

### Please welcome:



### Josh DeHaan

Hire Date: **December 16, 2014**

Position: **PPW Utility Worker**

**J**osh DeHaan is the newest addition to the Central Point staff. Josh joined the public works staff on 12/16 and is assigned to the water crew. He has worked in the construction industry for several years and served in the US Marine Corps, including a tour in Iraq, as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic on front end loaders and D7 Caterpillars.

## 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