

## NEWS FROM CITY HALL

### Are You Prepared?

Wow, what a start to our winter weather! Here is a short list of emergency supplies that you should have available in case of an emergency situation.

- **Water:** At least a one week supply, minimum one gallon per person per day.
- **Food:** One week supply of food, non-perishable and a manual can opener.
- **First Aid Kit**
- **Flashlights** and batteries
- Battery operated or hand crank **radio** and cell phone

There are many more items that you should have handy in your home or vehicle. For a comprehensive list of items you can visit these helpful websites: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), and [www.fema.org](http://www.fema.org).



### Remember these tips during a power outage:

- Use flashlights for emergency lighting, candles can cause fires.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Most food requiring refrigeration can be kept safely in a closed refrigerator for several hours. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about 4 hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours.
- Put on layers of warm clothing if it is cold outside. Never burn charcoal for heating or cooking indoors. Never use your oven as a source of heat. If the power may be out for a prolonged period, plan to go to another location (the home of a relative or friend, or a public facility) that has heat to keep warm.
- Remember your pets! Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is

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## City Manager's Corner - Council Considers Ordinance Referring Marijuana Prohibition to Central Point Voters

In January 2016, The Central Point City Council considered an ordinance, accompanied with referring resolutions, to place the question of whether to ban medical marijuana (pertaining to processors and dispensaries) and recreational marijuana (pertaining to wholesalers, processors, producers and retailers) on the November 2016 general election ballot. If referred to the ballot by City Council, a temporary moratorium will become effective until the voters make their decision next Fall. Although respectful of city resident's legal right to consume recreational/medical marijuana within the parameters of state law, the Central Point City Council has remained vigilant in its efforts to protect Central Point citizens and property owners from the negative impacts associated with medical or recreational marijuana businesses. Furthermore, the council has previously adopted "time, place

and manner" restrictions on potential marijuana dispensaries and personal grow sites. These policy decisions have been made in response to public input/debate that indicates that the majority of Central Point residents would prefer prohibition of marijuana sales and production within the city limits.

Complicating the process for determining local control, regulation and prohibition has been the volume of legislation approved at the state level over the past several years.

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## Referring Continued ...

Measure 91, House Bill 3400, House Bill 2041, Senate Bill 460 and Senate Bill 844 have all made unique alterations to local governments' ability to control, regulate and restrict marijuana related activities. However, the most recent and comprehensive legislation, House Bill 3400 (section 133 & 134), contains clear direction on how the above-mentioned marijuana activities can be outright prohibited by cities. Specifically, House Bill 3400 offers two options for a local government to enact outright prohibition. The first option is based on Measure 91 election results (November of 2014), where the associated county electorate voted 55% against the legalization of recreational marijuana. The second option is for cities and local governments where the 55% requirement was not achieved. In the less than 55% circumstance, individual city councils can refer the matter of prohibition to voters in their specific jurisdiction at the next state-wide general election (November 8, 2016). As Jackson County failed to meet the 55% requirement, the Central Point City Council will be considering option number two. As a matter of reference, voters inside the City of Central Point equated to approximately 60% against legalization of recreational marijuana when considering Measure 91 in November of 2014.



A final note on what a voter approved prohibition would not include. A prohibition would not impact an individual's ability to possess or grow medical marijuana, or to possess or grow for personal recreational use legally, assuming the individual is complying with current local and state restrictions. Within the City of Central Point, local restrictions include the requirement to grow personal medical and recreational marijuana inside an approved structure.

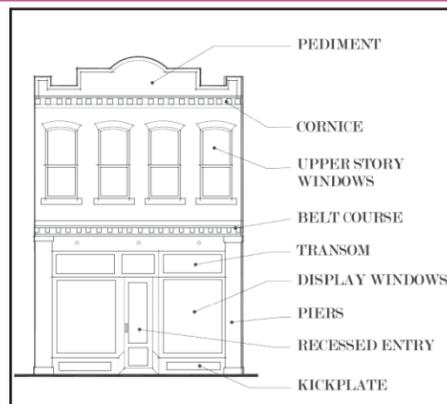
## Downtown Façade Improvement Loan/Grant Programs Available

Owners of buildings within the Downtown Core Area may be eligible to participate in the City's two storefront improvement programs designed to encourage the rehabilitation/restoration of commercial building facades. These programs are part of the City's urban renewal plan, The Downtown & East Pine Street Corridor Revitalization Plan.

Funding for the programs are limited and will be awarded to qualifying applications on a first-come first-served basis until funds are no longer available.

For more information contact Don Burt at [don.burt@centralpointoregon.gov](mailto:don.burt@centralpointoregon.gov) or visit the City website.

A summary of each program is provided below:



Building Façade Loan Program	Historic Building Façade Grant Program
Loans between \$1,000 and \$10,000 are available to assist with eligible improvements such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awning (except plastic or metal).</li> <li>• Exterior lighting.</li> <li>• Improvements to commercial street level storefronts, including painting and repair/replacement of storefront windows and doors.</li> <li>• Repainting.</li> </ul>	Grants are available to assist with historic facade renovation/restoration projects. The Grant Program provides \$1,000 to \$10,000 in grants for qualifying historic rehabilitation/restoration work on historically significant commercial buildings. Qualifying work is similar to the Building Façade Loan Program, but limited to activities that focus on the historic rehabilitation/renovation of the storefront.
Loans must be repaid within five (5) years at 0% interest.	Funds are provided as reimbursements upon completion and approval by the Development Commission.

## Join the 2016 Polar Plunge

Thank you to the 2015 Plungers who worked hard to raise over \$412,000 for Special Olympics Oregon!

As a "plunger" you register to participate in one of the five plunges around the state. You may join a team or sign up on your own. Then you raise a minimum of \$50 in pledges from friends and family (but the more you raise, the bigger your incentive prizes). Then on plunge day you run or jump into the water and get out as fast as you can. You decide how far you want to go in. It's all done for fun and to raise money for a great cause.

You are invited to participate in the 2016 Medford Plunge along side the Central Point Police Department. Go to [PlungeOregon.gov](http://PlungeOregon.gov) and register, collect your pledges and help support a great cause.

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# POLAR PLUNGE

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Special Olympics Oregon

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fresh and unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.

- If you are using alternate heat or cooking sources, remember to allow plenty of ventilation.
- Turn off or disconnect appliances and other equipment in case of a momentary power "surge" that can damage computers and other devices. Consider adding surge protectors.
- Only use generators away from your home and NEVER run a generator inside a home or garage, or connect it to your home's electrical system.
- Remember to check on elderly or fragile neighbors or family members.

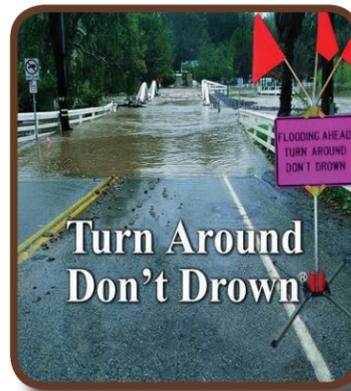
Below is a list of helpful Emergency Contact Information for Jackson County.

- Central Point Police Department: 541-664-5578
- Jackson County Sheriff's Department: 541-776-7208
- City of Central Point Public Works: 541-664-7602, after hours 1-800-726-6476
- Jackson County Road Department: 541-774-8184, after hours call the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.
- ODOT Trip Check: dial 511
- National Weather Service: 541-773-1067
- Pacific Power: 1-877-548-3768
- Avista: 1-800-227-9187
- Red Cross: 1-541-779-3773



## Essential Flood Preparedness Tips

On New Year's Day 1997 snow melt combined with prolonged rains caused flooding throughout streams and ditches in the city. Thankfully this 2015/2016 rainy season has included heavy rains and snow on the valley floor without the catastrophic flooding experienced in 1997. The similarities serve as a reminder that floods can and do occur in our community. To minimize losses, consider the following tips:



- **Know Your Risk.** When preparing for floods, or any disaster, it's important to know your risk to make the best possible decisions for your situation. If you don't know your property's flood risk, contact one of your Floodplain Managers at 541-664-3321 ext. 243 or 244. They can tell you the flood zone/risk, anticipated flood depth (if applicable), and provide copies of maps and elevation certificates if available for your property.
- **Buy Flood Insurance.** Flood insurance is highly recommended to protect against financial and property damages that can occur in flood-prone communities like Central Point. Regardless of your property's flood risk, flood insurance is available through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Policies are available to insure structure(s) and/or contents, and the premiums will vary depending on factors such as, risk level, type of coverage, amount of coverage, deductible, etc. More information is available at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) and [www.centralpointoregon.gov/floodplain](http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/floodplain). To purchase a policy, contact your insurance agent.
- **Protect Your Property.** There are several actions you can take to protect your property from flood damage:
  - Purchase flood insurance.
  - Maintain the drainage around your home by trimming overgrown vegetation, such as blackberries along streams and keeping storm drains clear of leaf litter and other debris.
  - Purchase sandbags before a flood becomes imminent if you think you may need them.
  - Consult with the City regarding structural mitigation options that may be available to protect your residence or business from damage. Contact 541-664-3321, Ext. 244 for more information.
- **Be Flood Safe.** Flood waters can be dangerous. Whether on foot or in a car, avoid flood waters. Not only do flood waters have the potential to sweep you and/or your car away, they are generally polluted, and conduct electricity.

More information about flood safety is available on the City's website [www.centralpointoregon.gov/floodplain/page/access-important-resources](http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/floodplain/page/access-important-resources).

## Vandalism: *The intentional and malicious destruction of or damage to the property of another.*

*Vandalism in any form is a crime.* This crime hit Central Point Parks twice in December. Vandalism takes on many forms when it pertains to our parks and can include breaking doors, removing toilet receptacles, spray painting a wall with graffiti, fire, and destroying any object that is part of the park system (trees and shrubs for example). Vandalism is a malicious and reckless act that represents criminal intent and can be expensive to repair.

Destruction of property not only ruins the fun opportunities our parks provide, it is a crime that costs each and every tax payer in Central Point. Each time we are required to clean up and replace intentionally broken equipment in the parks we are diverting money away from possible new equipment in order to pay for the damage.

We are working with the Police Department to help deter vandalism in our City Parks. Criminals like the darkness, they don't like the light where anyone can see what they are doing. If you see a light out in the park please let us know. We are also installing cameras in various places at the parks so we can record their actions to help us catch the perpetrators. The best way you can help is to report any suspicious actions to the Central Point Police Department when you see it happening. We need the help of each citizen in Central Point to help keep our parks safe for all of us to use.

## WE BUILD COMMUNITY

The Central Point Police Department has been hosting monthly community meetings at 6 pm on the second Thursday of the month at the Police Department.

Citizens are 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 a Community Watch Program and our Officers will give informational updates about crime trends in our community.

Please come and join us, have a cup of coffee and refreshments and meet the officers in your community. Next Meeting: February 11th at 6 pm in the Police Training room.

Upcoming meeting dates are:

Thursday, February 11th, 2016 @ 6 pm

Thursday, March 10th, 2016 @ 6 pm

Thursday, April 14th, 2016 @ 6 pm



## Eggstravaganza Volunteers Needed!

In 2015 about 16,000 eggs were picked up in just over 5 minutes with about 2000 people attending the event. This year, Central Point's Eggstravaganza celebration will be held March 26, 2016.

We would love your help in filling the eggs or helping at the event this year! Here are some of the ways you can help. Become an event sponsor, volunteer to fill eggs or work at the event.

This is a great opportunity for your service organization or students to get the volunteer hours needed. If you would like to be a part of this fun community event please contact Parks at (541) 664-3321, ext. 130.

## Dates to Remember

### February

- 1 - Multicultural Committee (6:30 pm)
- 2 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 11 - Community Meeting Police Training Room (6 pm)
- 11 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 15 - Presidents Day Offices Closed
- 22 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 27 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

### March

- 1 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 10 - Community Meeting Police Training Room (6 pm)
- 10 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 13 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 21 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 24 - 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. 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”.

## Central Point Parks and Recreation

Upcoming Recreation Classes  
Sign up at 541-664-3321 ext. 130

**Introduction to Arts & Crafts-** An Afternoon Art Program for Kids, Tuesdays & Thursdays, February 2 to March 10.

This is a fun and exciting Introduction to Arts and Crafts with experienced Art teacher Sarah Hart.

Sarah has experience teaching art to elementary and middle school students in public schools. Each week the class will focus on a different media: drawing, watercolor painting, pastel, collage, mosaic design, and masks making. Supplies provided.



**Location:** Rec B

**Ages:** 7 to 14

**Cost:** \$93

**Time:** 3:30 – 5:30 pm

**Computer Classes for Seniors** (But All Ages Welcome!)

Basic Mouse & Keyboard, January 26

Basic Internet, February 2

Basic E-mail, February 9

Basic File Management, February 16

Basic Facebook, February 23



**Location:** Computer Classroom

**Ages:** 50+

**Cost:** \$13 for each class

**Time:** 1:00 – 3:30 pm

**Essential Oils – Managing Pain Naturally**, February 11

This is a beginner's class that will introduce you to the essential oils that are most beneficial for pain. Class will also cover protocols for several ailments.

**Location:** Computer Classroom

**Ages:** 18 and up **Cost:** \$5

**Time:** 6:00 – 7:00 pm



For more classes go to our website:

[www.centralpointoregon.gov/parksrec](http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/parksrec)

## Contact Your **Council**

email: [info@centralpointoregon.gov](mailto: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



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Tanea Brown  
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Rick Samuelson  
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If you are not sure who your representative is call 541-423-1026