

### City Manager's Note

### Introduction of New Elected Officials

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce two new members of the 2015 City of Central Point City Council. Both were elected in November to 4 year terms.



**Mike Quilty** moved his family to Central Point in 1997. He and his wife Anita raised their two sons here and “love living in the best small town in Oregon”. His sons love coming home to spend time in the Rogue Valley even though life has taken them elsewhere. Mike is a medically retired federal law enforcement officer. He worked for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Mike previously served on the Central Point City Council from 2002 through 2010. He has remained very active in Oregon transportation policy issues during his four year break from City Council, including serving on the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee from 2005 to present, where he currently serves as the Chair. Mike also represents Central Point and the rest of Southern Oregon on the Oregon Rail Leadership Group, Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium (Past President), Oregon Freight Advisory Group, Oregon State Transportation Improvement Program Stakeholders Group, West Coast Corridor Coalition, and he served two years on the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations’ Technical Advisory Committee.

Mike, who was elected to represent Ward II, says Central Point is what it is due to our ability to work together to build a better community. He wants to know what is working and what needs work.

**Brandon Thueson** was elected to represent Ward III. Brandon was born and raised in Northern California. There, he met and married his wife, Melody. Persuaded by new opportunities, Brandon and Melody relocated to Rexburg, Idaho to attend college at Brigham Young University. After graduating from BYU with a degree in Psychology, the Thuesons had twin daughters, Adia and Layla. They then moved to Oregon to attend law school at Willamette University College of Law in Salem. During law school, they had a third daughter, Cali.

After graduating from Willamette, Mr. Thueson accepted a position as a prosecutor in the Jackson County District Attorney’s Office. His work with the DA’s Office has primarily been in the area of Juvenile Law, where he has served on several committees advocating for children.



Brandon’s wife, Melody, is currently enrolled in the SOU teaching program, and will graduate with her Master’s degree in June. She is currently student teaching at Jewett Elementary and Scenic Middle School. The Thueson girls all attend Central Point Schools.

Mr. Thueson has been heavily involved in coaching his daughters through Table Rock Soccer and also volunteers his time as an Attorney-Coach for the Crater High School Mock Trial Team. He is excited to be serving his community and looks forward to working with Central Point residents to make Central Point a great place to live.

## Why Topping Hurts Trees

By The International Society of Arboriculture

[www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com)

### What is Topping?

Topping is the indiscriminate cutting of tree branches to stubs or to lateral branches that are not large enough to assume the terminal role. Other names for topping include “heading,” “tipping,” “hat-racking,” and “rounding over.” Topping is often used to reduce the size of a tree. A homeowner may feel that a tree has become too large for his or her property, or that tall trees may pose an unacceptable risk. Topping, however, is not a viable method of height reduction and certainly does not reduce future risk. In fact, topping will increase risk in the long term.

### Topping Stresses Trees

Topping can remove 50 to 100 percent of a tree’s leaf-bearing crown. Leaves are the food factories of a tree. Removing them can temporarily starve a tree and trigger various survival mechanisms. Dormant buds are activated, forcing the rapid growth of multiple shoots below each cut. The tree needs to put out a new crop of leaves as soon as possible. If a tree does not have the stored energy reserves to do so, it will be seriously weakened and may die. A stressed tree with large, open pruning wounds is more vulnerable to insect and disease infestations. The tree may lack sufficient energy to chemically defend the wounds against invasion, and some insects are actually attracted to the chemical signals trees release.

### Topping Leads to Decay

Correct pruning cuts are made just beyond the branch collar at the point of attachment. The tree is biologically equipped to close such a wound, provided the tree is healthy enough and the wound is not too large. Cuts made along a limb between lateral branches create stubs with wounds that the tree may not be able to close. The exposed wood tissues begin to decay. Normally, a tree will “wall off,” or compartmentalize, the decaying tissues, but few trees can defend the multiple severe wounds caused by topping. The decay organisms are given a free path to move down through the branches.

### Topping Can Lead to Sunburn

Branches within a tree’s crown produce thousands of leaves to absorb sunlight. When the leaves are removed, the remaining branches and trunk are suddenly exposed to high levels of light and heat. The result may be sunburn of the tissues beneath the bark, which can lead to cankers, bark splitting, and death of some branches.

### Topping Can Lead to Unacceptable Risk

The survival mechanism that causes a tree to produce multiple shoots below each topping cut comes at great expense to the tree. These shoots develop from buds near the surface of the old branches. Unlike normal branches that develop in a socket of overlapping wood tissues, these new shoots are anchored only in the outermost layers of the parent branches and are weakly attached. The new shoots grow quickly, as much as 20 feet (6 m) in one year in some species. Unfortunately, the shoots are prone to breaking, especially during windy or icy conditions. While the original goal was to reduce risk by reducing height, risk of limb failure has now increased.

### Topping Makes Trees Ugly

The natural branching structure of a tree is a biological wonder. Trees form a variety of shapes and growth habits, all with the same goal of presenting their leaves to the sun. Topping removes the ends of the branches, often leaving ugly stubs. Topping destroys the natural form of a tree. Without leaves (for up to six months of the year in temperate climates), a topped tree appears disfigured and mutilated. With leaves, it is a dense ball of foliage, lacking its simple grace. A tree that has been topped can never fully regain its natural form.



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## British Soccer Camp 2015!

Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp is the most popular soccer camp in the country. Hundreds of Challenger coaches each year have helped the company develop one of the most innovative approaches to coaching youth soccer in the US. Their experienced staff study the game at all levels and have identified the key techniques and skills that players need to work on and master to reach their true potential.

Summer 2015 will include two camps held on June 15 to 19 and July 27 to 31. Each day includes individual foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, small-sided games, coached scrimmages, and a daily World Cup tournament. The schedule for both weeks will be as follows:

Morning Sessions	First Kicks	9:00 - 10:00 am	Ages 3 to 5	\$80
	Mini Soccer	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Ages 5 to 8	\$105
Afternoon Sessions	Half Day	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Ages 9 to 14	\$135
	First Kicks	5:00 - 6:00 pm	Ages 3 to 5	\$80
	Mini Soccer	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Ages 5 to 8	\$105
	Half Day	5:00 - 8:00 pm	Ages 8 to 14	\$135

For more information or to register, call 866-528-688 or visit [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com).



## Trimming continued....

### Topping Is Expensive

The cost of topping a tree is not limited to only the job cost. Some hidden costs of topping include:

- Increased maintenance costs. If the tree survives, it will likely require corrective pruning within a few years (e.g., crown reduction or storm damage repair). If the tree dies, it will have to be removed.
- Reduced property value. Healthy, well-maintained trees can add 10 to 20 percent to the value of a property. Disfigured, topped trees are considered an impending expense.
- Increased liability potential. Topped trees may pose an unacceptable level of risk. Because topping is considered an unacceptable pruning practice, any damage caused by branch failure of a topped tree may lead to a finding of negligence in a court of law.

### Alternatives to Topping

Sometimes a tree must be reduced in height or spread, such as for providing utility line clearance. There are recommended techniques for doing so. Small branches should be removed back to their point of origin. If a larger limb must be shortened, it should be pruned back to a lateral branch that is large enough (at least one-third the diameter of the limb being removed) to assume the terminal role. This method of branch reduction helps to preserve the natural form of the tree. However, if large cuts are involved, the tree may not be able to close over and compartmentalize the wounds. Sometimes the best solution is to remove the tree and replace it with a species that is more appropriate for the situation.

## What are VIPS?

Looking for a way to learn about the law enforcement in your community and giving back by volunteering?

The Central Point Police Department currently has openings in the VIPS program. Interested candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must be a US Citizen.
- Must possess a valid Oregon Driver's License.
- Must be willing to volunteer a minimum of 8 hours per month for at least a 1 year.
- Must be willing to submit to fingerprints for processing.
- Must be able to pass a Criminal History Check.
- Must pass a background investigation.

Volunteers provide the Police Department and the citizens with a number of different services, such as business and neighborhood patrols, handicap parking enforcement, vacation house checks, guardian angels program and much more.

For more information please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Nikki Petersen at (541)664-5578 or [Nikki.petersen@centralpointoregon.gov](mailto:Nikki.petersen@centralpointoregon.gov).

## National Bike Registry

The Central Point Police Department property and evidence takes in numerous found bicycles every year. When the owners cannot be located after 90 days the bikes are sent to auction. In order to claim a found bicycle you need to be able to prove ownership either by serial number, sales receipt, photos, or an (OAN) owner applied number, something you have inscribed on the bike yourself.

You can register your bike for free on the National Bike Registry website. Once registered you will receive a decal for your bike and a certificate. There are four different types of registrations:

- \$10 will cover a bike for 10 years.
- \$25 will cover a bike for 30 years. (When you replace your current bike, contact NBR for a new label and certificate, limited to one bike at a time)
- \$25 Family Registration will cover up to 5 bikes at a single address. Each bike is registered for 10 years.
- \$0.99 Stolen Bike Registry.

Yes, you can register a bike AFTER it has been stolen. If a participating law enforcement agency finds the bike, it can be returned! This registration is for one bike, for six months, and does not include a decal or certificate.

Registering your bike will help not only our department, but others, in the return of lost/found bicycles. It takes just a few minutes to do and is easy.

Go to [www.nationalbikeregistry.com/police.html](http://www.nationalbikeregistry.com/police.html) for more information.



## Central Point Facts

Founded in 1889

2014 Population: 17,315

Elevation: 1,282 feet

Average Annual Rainfall: 20 inches

Average Annual Snowfall: 2 inches

Average Temperature:

Summer = 80 to 90 degrees F

Winter = 30 to 40 degrees F

## Playground Safety Inspection/ Broken Equipment

Playground equipment is constructed using commercial grade materials and requires specialized knowledge and experience when maintenance is necessary. Central Point's playgrounds are constructed with a variety of equipment, including slides, swings, climbing structures, ropes, monkey bars, climbing walls, basketball hoops, and much more. The equipment is often made of steel, stainless steel, PVC, plastics, rubber or a combination of these materials. Some of the most common repairs to playground equipment include tightening or replacing bolts and screws, repainting structures, repairing surfaces, replacing cracked parts like swings or slides, and removing rusted frames and frayed ropes. In Central Point we are fortunate to have two professionally trained safety inspectors and one certified playground inspector. These professionals know the current safety standards required for different types of play areas.

The job of a playground inspector is never done and each playground, including every bolt and screw, is inspected monthly. Over the past months these inspections have discovered several items have been damaged due to wear and defects. Many of you may have noticed that several of our pieces of equipment are currently under construction or out of service due to these needed repairs. The main one we are asked about is our Dynamo Astro (rope spinner) at Don Jones Park, which has been down due to repairs. The equipment had a design flaw and our team is working with the manufacturer to replace parts and get that piece up and running again as soon as possible. Our main goal in parks is to keep the equipment safe for those using it. We appreciate when the public alerts us to any broken or lose piece of equipment and will repair or replace items when needed.

## Dates to Remember

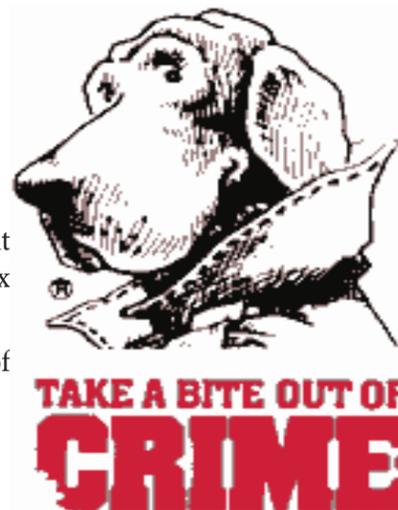
### March

- 5 - Joint 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)

### April

- 4 - Easter Eggstravaganza
- 7 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 10 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 13 - Multicultural Committee (6 pm)
- 13 - Budget Committee Meeting (6 pm)
- 14 - Citizens Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 20 - Budget Committee Meeting (6 pm)
- 21 - Parks and Rec Commission (6:30 pm)
- 23 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 27 - City Budget and Development Commission Budget Meetings (6 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”.

# Easter Eggstravaganza!



## Saturday, April 4, 2015

### Twin Creeks Park, Central Point

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Free Games & Activities, Visit with Bunny,  
Food is Available for Purchase

**11:00 am Sharp**

Egg Hunt • Ages 10 & under



## VOLUNTEER

We need about 40 volunteers to help run the various  
games and activities. Sign up today!

Call: (541) 664-3321, ext. 130

Sign up online: [www.Shiftboard.com/CentralPointOregon](http://www.Shiftboard.com/CentralPointOregon)

## Contact Your **Council**

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



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Council President  
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Allen Broderick  
541-951-7253



At-Large  
Vacant



At-Large  
Rick Samuelson  
541-664-1878

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