

City of Central Point NEWS FROM CITY HALL

City Manager's Note:

2014/15 City of Central Point Citizen Survey & Long-Term Financial Plan

The city has recently completed two important projects that will help guide policy direction in the coming months and years. The first project is the City of Central Point Citizen Survey. The City's current strategic plan instructs staff to conduct statistically valid surveys at regular intervals. Surveys have been conducted in 2008, 2010, 2012 and now 2014/2015. This survey is conducted by a third party consultant and surveys approximately 500 Central Point residents via telephone. The results

of the statistically valid citizen telephone survey were presented to the city council at the February 26th meeting and will provide city staff and city council valuable input for developing future policy initiatives and the budgetary goals.

In addition to the 2014/2015 telephone survey, city staff initiated a direct mail survey that was sent to every utility account in the city. Completed surveys have been coming in over the past several weeks and will ultimately be collected and compared to the telephone survey results. ***If you have not completed and returned your survey, I encourage you to do so.*** You can mail it in or drop it off at city hall. Surveys need to be returned by March 31, 2015.

The second project is a long-term financial plan. The long-term financial plan analyzes current financial stability and future financial prospects

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Arbor Day - A Great Time to Help the Urban Forest Grow

Arbor Day was the idea of J. Sterling Morton and started in 1872. Morton helped start a new holiday in Nebraska dedicated to tree planting. It is estimated that more than one million trees were planted on the first Arbor Day.

Morton's idea quickly spread and today Arbor Day is celebrated in all 50 states and in many other countries.

Actual dates of the event differ for each area depending on planting times. National Arbor Day is typically celebrated the last Friday of April.

Did you know trees are the Earth's oldest living organisms? They improve air and water quality; reduce heating and cooling costs; and provide a cool and beautiful place to live, work and play. Trees are a re-newable source of fuel, shelter, food and provides benefits that directly affect the economic, environmental and social health of people and communities.



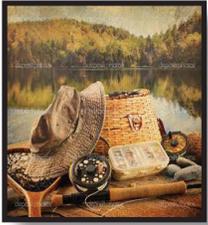
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Upcoming Parks and Rec Classes

Sign up today 541-664-3321 ext. 130

Flyfishing for Beginners, Wednesdays, April 1 - 29, 2015

Come learn the basics of fly fishing. We will be covering all you need to know to get you started. We will cover the basic gear, fly casting, insectology, knot tying and fly tying. The last week we will meet on the river to test your new skills (must provide own transportation).



Location: Rec B

Age: 10+

Cost: \$50

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Teaching Kids to Sew, Thursdays, April 2 - 16, 2015

Girls and boys ages 10-13 will learn basic sewing skills using their sewing machine in a series of three classes. Students will learn to cut and pin fabric for sewing on a machine, thread and wind a bobbin, sew a straight seam and learn several design stitches. Individualized instruction in a group setting. Class limited to eight students. Students will need to bring their own WORKING sewing machine to class if possible. We will have several loaner machines available on a first come first serve basis. Students will also need scissors, pins and needles, fabric, and measuring tape.



Location: Rec B

Time: 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Cost: \$20

Owls and Owl Pellet Study, April 25, 2015

Participants get "hands-on" with real owl pellets (OWL PUKE)... we get to play DETECTIVE with latex gloves, tweezers and magnifying glasses to find out what the owls have eaten. YOU GET TO TAKE HOME WHATEVER YOU FIND! We discuss owls in the environment and the part they play in the food-web cycle. Includes owl calls and HANDS-ON time with a taxidermied barn-owl.



Location: Rec A

Ages: 3 and up (children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult)

Time: 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$6

Chalked Paint Class, Thursdays, April 16, 2015

The craze of chalked painting...outdated to updated! No sanding, no priming, no toxins. At this class, you will learn: distressing; antiquing; washed look; dry brush; and fracture or crackle. All the techniques to get you the look that you want. Paint wood (furniture), glass, plastic, metal or whatever you can get your hands on! Instructor will demonstrate all techniques in class. No supplies needed.



Location: Rec A

Ages: 8 +

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Cost: \$25

BRITISH SOCCER

CAMP 2015!

Summer 2015 schedule will be held on June 15 to 19 and July 27 to 31.

For more information or to register call (916) 596-1694 or visit www.challengersports.com.



Neighborhood Park Meetings Planned

The Central Point Parks Department will be conducting a series of neighborhood meetings at various parks during the months of April, May and June. The Neighborhood Park meetings are an informal meeting between the parks staff and any interested citizens. These meetings offer an opportunity for informal communication between residents who live near, or use the parks, and city staff. Although all issues may not be resolved, the Neighborhood Park meetings will allow for citizen input and discussion regarding what you would like to see in your neighborhood park, your concerns, and what you like about the park. The meetings also offer an opportunity for staff to explain maintenance “best practices” used by the city. The meetings can best be described as a chance to learn more about your neighborhood park. Please call Jennifer Boardman at 541-664-3321 ext. 263 if you have any questions.

Neighborhood Park Meetings will be held as follows:

Date	Time	Location
April 6, 2015	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Twin Creeks Park, Main Gazebo
April 13, 2015	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Don Jones Park, North Gazebo
April 27, 2015	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Willie Mott Gazebo
May 11, 2015	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Van Horn Park
May 18, 2015	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Forest Glen Park
June 1, 2015	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Flanagan Park
June 8, 2015	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Robert Pfaff Park

Arbor Day Continued.....

Come help the City of Central Point and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife celebrate Arbor Day, April 8, 2015 at 9 a.m. at the Albertsons parking lot (entrance of Mountain View Plaza). We will plant several trees and shrubs to help shade and cover Mingus Creek.

By planting these trees it will help lower the water temperature and provide the fish and aquatic life with much needed shade and cover and increase the dissolved oxygen content.

Be part of the future, come plant a tree and watch it grow!

Jennifer Boardman, Parks and Rec Manager



Saturday, May 2

from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm



Don't miss the opportunity to sell your items or find great bargains at this huge yard sale day in Central Point!

The deadline for listing your address is Monday, April 27 at 4:00 pm.

Call (541) 664-3321, ext. 232 or 265 or visit our website to sign up!

Reporting Street Light Outages, and more

Have you ever noticed a street light not working in your neighborhood and wondered why hasn't the city fixed this light yet, or seen a sprinkler going all crazy in the park and shook your head thinking we are just wasting your tax dollars on water? Unfortunately city employees can't be everywhere, and we are not usually out at night to check that all the street lights are working, or in the parks at 5:00 a.m. when the parks are being watered. So we need the help of the citizens with some of these issues.

The Central Point Parks and Public Works Department gets several calls and emails each month reporting issues regarding lights, streets, trees and issues at our parks. Citizen participation to ensure safe streets and parks is appreciated, and our crews depend on accurate reports to resolve these problems in the most timely manner possible. The City provides several different methods to allow citizens the opportunity to report problems. You can call directly during regular business hours or use the online resources on our website, and now you can use a new mobile app called YourGOV to report non-emergency issues.

There is some important information our crews will need in order to resolve the problem. For emergencies, call 911.



City of Central Point

Contact Information:

Website - www.centralpointoregon.gov (Report a Problem button)

App Store - YourGOV application

When reporting any non-emergency problem please, be sure to include the following information:

Public Works 541-664-3321 opt. 4

1. When calling in for a pot hole repair or a street sign that is down the location is very important. An address is best if available and the closest cross street is helpful.
2. There are unique identifiers posted on light poles.
 - Pacific Power maintains most street lights in Central Point. Their poles have a yellow plaque at eye level. Be sure to include the numbers and street location when reporting. You can report these directly to PP&L on their website or by calling 1-888-221-7070
 - The City of Central Point maintains the decorative lights around town. These lights have numbered stickers found at the base of the light pole.
3. Be sure to report why you are calling (light out, light flashing, light cycling on/off, Street sign down, pot hole, etc.)



Parks 541-664-3321 opt. 7

1. When reporting an empty dog bag station be sure to include:
 - Number/letter found on the bottom right corner of the station
 - The Park and location of the box (example-on the Beall end of Flanagan Park)
 - Address or closest cross street if not in a park location
2. When reporting irrigation or other park issues please be specific:
 - Location of irrigation problem SW corner of Don Jones Park
 - Full trash can in ladies bathroom at Twin Creeks Park

PLAYGROUND RENOVATION: VAN HORN PARK



- Playground Renovation Components:**
- Complete the concrete pathways in the park
 - Remove the pea gravel and replace it with ADA compliant fall material.
 - Remove the old play structures and install a new playground!



GET INVOLVED

Make a Donation!
Volunteer to help with the fall material!
 (541) 423-1978 • cprrf@yahoo.com
www.centralpointparks.org

Survey Continued.....

of significant city funds. Additionally, the long-term financial plan makes recommendations regarding financial policies that will keep the city on solid financial footing in the coming decades.

Both the long-term financial plan and the results of the citizen survey are now available on the city's website at www.centralpointoregon.gov. I encourage anyone

wanting to comment on either the citizen survey or long-term financial plan to use the 'connect' feature on the city's website.



Chris Clayton, City Manager

Dates to Remember

April

- 4 - Easter Eggstravaganza at Twin Creeks Park (10 am)
- 7 - Planning Commission Meeting (6 pm)
- 8 - Arbor Day Tree Planting Mt. View Plaza (9 am)
- 9 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 13 - Budget Committee Meeting (6 pm)
- 13 - Multicultural Committee Meeting (6 pm)
- 14 - Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting (6 pm)
- 20 - Budget Committee Meeting (6 pm)
- 21 - Parks & Rec Commission Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 27 - Budget Committee Meeting (6 pm)

May

- 2 - City Wide Yardsale
- 5 - Planning Commission Meeting (6 pm)
- 14 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 18 - Council Study Session (6 pm)
- 25 - Memorial Day ★
- 25 - Memorial Day Commemoration at Don Jones Park (9 am)
- 28 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

★ = City Hall Closed

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

Public Notice

**City of Central Point
 Budget Meetings
 April 13 & 20, 2015 at 6:00 pm**

**Development Commission
 Budget Meeting
 April 27, 2015 at 6:00 pm**

**All budget meetings are open
 to the public and will be held in the
 City Council Chambers
 140 S. 3rd Street
 Central Point, Oregon 97502**

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

Contact Your **Council**

email: info@centralpointoregon.gov



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503-930-7057



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541-951-7253



At-Large
Vacant



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