

Central Point City News

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A message from your
CENTRAL POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility by both drivers and pedestrians. It's very important to always be aware of your surroundings, no matter if you are behind the wheel or walking. Here are some tips for both drivers and pedestrians to keep in mind while sharing the road.

Safety Tips for Drivers

- Look for pedestrians everywhere. Pedestrians may be walking in unexpected areas, or may be hard to see - especially at night, in poorly lit areas, or in bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or entering a crosswalk.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop before the crosswalk to allow other vehicles to see the crossing pedestrians, so they can stop also.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. They might be stopped to allow pedestrians to cross the street that aren't visible to you.
- Follow pedestrian safety laws in your state or local area - always stop or yield for pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- Follow the speed limit and stay alert, especially around people on the street, in school zones and in neighborhoods where children are present. Lower speeds are one of the most important factors in pedestrian crash survivability.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- Be extra cautious when backing up and always check for pedestrians.

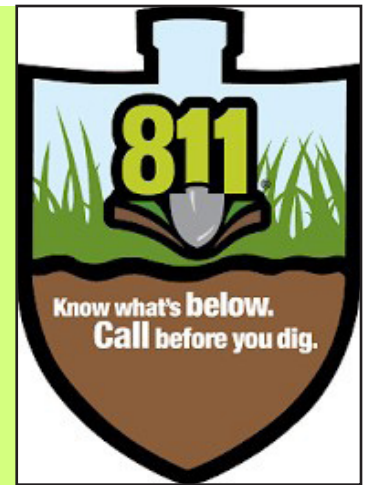
Safety Tips for Pedestrians

- Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and your judgement. An estimated 47% of fatal pedestrian crashes in 2020 involved a pedestrian who was drunk, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).
- Never assume drivers see you; they could be distracted or impaired. It is best to make eye contact with drivers to make sure you are seen. Make yourself visible by wearing brightly colored clothing during the day. At night, wear reflective materials, or use a flashlight.
- Be alert. Walkers wearing headphones or using a cell phone might not hear a car horn, or could miss a traffic signal at a crosswalk.
- Embrace walking as a healthy form of transportation - get up, get out and get moving.



Avista reminds you safe digging is no accident;
call 811 before you dig

Before beginning any outdoor digging project, call 811 or visit www.CallBeforeYouDig.org at least two business days prior to digging. Underground utility lines can be just about anywhere. Knowing where underground utility lines are buried before you dig will help protect you from injury, potential fines and repair costs, as well as preventing damage to utilities, which could result in service disruptions. Even small, shallow jobs are a risk if you do not know where utilities are buried. Here are just a few examples of projects that may require a call:



- * Landscaping changes
- * Irrigation line repairs
- * Installing a water fountain
- * Building a patio or deck
- * Planting shrubs or trees
- * Fencing installation
- * Installing a mailbox
- * Adding a yard sign
- * Excavating a new garden
- * Adding a basketball hoop
- * Driveway work
- * Retaining Walls

New grants are now available to help child care providers in Oregon build skills, grow businesses, and change lives.



For more information, please visit:
oregonchildcarefunds.org

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New Forest Glen Park Play Structure on Its Way!

The Central Point Parks and Recreation Department has ordered new playground equipment for Forest Glen Park. The old equipment is over twenty years old and has reached the end of its life cycle. The department will remove the old structure in the fall of this year and installation of the new system will begin shortly after. The new playground equipment will be in place by early 2024 and will include a central play structure, swings, a carousel, and other elements. The gravel fall material will be replaced with engineered wood fiber, as well. The playground design was selected by the neighborhood through a public process.



If you have any questions about this project, please contact Dave Jacob, Park Planner at dave.jacob@centralpointoregon.gov or 541-423-1012

Full plans for the playground can be seen at the following website:

<https://www.centralpointoregon.gov/parksrec/page/new-forest-glen-park-playground-its-way>

Reduce Flood Risk

a library of flood mitigation strategies and resources

When it comes to flood risk, flood insurance, flood mitigation, and who to talk to when you have questions – it can be a bit overwhelming. Now, there is a new website to answer your questions: [ReduceFloodRisk.org](https://www.reducefloodrisk.org)

To get started, simply go to [ReduceFloodRisk.org](https://www.reducefloodrisk.org), answer a series of five simple questions, and receive a detailed list of mitigation options for your specific property. The results can be filtered and sorted for cost, complexity, and level of required maintenance.

In addition, [ReduceFloodRisk.org](https://www.reducefloodrisk.org) features a variety of resources to help better understand flood risk and flood insurance. The site is completely free and users do not need to create an account to gain access to the resources.

Dates to Remember

April

- 4 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 8 - Eggstravaganza!! (10 am -12 pm)
- 11 - Citizens Advisory Commission (6 pm)
- 13 - Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 17 - Study Session (6 pm)

May

- 2 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 11 - Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 13 - Made in Southern Oregon (9 am)
- 15 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 18 - Parks Commission Meeting (6 pm)
- 25 - Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 29 - Memorial Day*

* = City Hall Closed

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

City Directory

City Manager
541-423-1026

Building Permits
541-423-1973

Code Enforcement
541-664-5578

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
541-423-1021

Public Works After Hours
541-326-3682

Utility Billing
541-664-3321 ext. 204

CALL 911
for Fire, Medical and
Police Emergencies

City Hall is open 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday.
Feel free to drop in with questions,
pay a bill, or just say “hello”.

Contact Your **Council**

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At-Large

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