

Central Point City News

May 2023

MY VETERAN / MY HERO TRIBUTE TREE PROGRAM[®] TO BENEFIT CENTRAL POINT PARKS



The Central Point Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce the My Veteran / My Hero Tribute Tree program. This program offers families the opportunity to honor or memorialize their US Veteran/Hero by donating \$450 to purchase and plant a Tribute Tree. Eligible veterans are those who have actively served in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and Army Air Corps and have received an Honorable Discharge or General Discharge. Central Point residency is not required to participate in this program.

The net proceeds of this program will benefit the Central Point Park & Recreation Foundation. Donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Each tree donation will include a 3" by 3.5" metal plaque which will be attached to a post near the tree. The plaque will provide the name of the veteran and a QR code that will link to the city webpage. This webpage will provide biographical information and a photo of the veteran provided by the family.

Initially, the program will focus on Don Jones Memorial Park since it is home to both the Oregon Fallen War Heroes Memorial and the new Dennis Richardson Memorial. As the program grows, the city may expand it to other appropriate park locations. The available tree choices are Oregon White Oak, Black Tupelo/Sour Gum, Little Leaf Linden and the Kousa Dogwood.

The My Veteran / My Hero Tribute Tree program was created by the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority in State College, PA. Central Point will be the second community in the nation to implement the program.

For more information about the program and an application, visit the My Veteran/My Hero website:
<https://www.centralpointoregon.gov/parksrec/page/my-veteran-my-hero-tribute-tree-program>
or contact Dave Jacob, Park Planner at 541-423-1012 or dave.jacob@centralpointoregon.gov

Open House

Flanagan Park Tennis Court Replacement Project
Central Point Park and Recreation Commission Meeting
May 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Central Point City Hall, 140 S. Third Street, Central Point, OR

The Central Point Parks Department is seeking public comments on replacing the existing tennis court at Flanagan Park located at 200 Tiffany Avenue, Central Point. This open house will be a part of the regular Central Point Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. The existing tennis court has been rendered unusable due to safety issues related to surface cracking. Because of this, the court will need to be completely removed and replaced.

The purpose of this open house is to offer those who live nearby the park and other interested citizens with the opportunity to provide input into a replacement for the court. Options to consider include a new tennis court, a basketball court, or a combination of these elements. The court could also be replaced with a gazebo or other options we haven't considered. Our priority is to hear from the folks who use the park. This will also be an opportunity to bring up any other issues you have related to Flanagan Park.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can contact Dave Jacob, Park Planner, directly to provide comments and/or concerns at (541) 423-1012 or by e-mail: dave.jacob@centralpointoregon.gov. Written comments may be sent to Central Point City Hall, Attn. Dave Jacob, 140 S. 3rd Street, Central Point, OR 97502.

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Documentation of Valuables

Chances are there are items you own that you consider valuable. These items might include things like jewelry, televisions, tools, vehicles, laptops, tablets, cellular devices, gaming systems, and much more. If you were asked to provide the make, model, brand, serial number and costs on every valuable item you own, could you? A majority of people can oftentimes produce the brand and approximate cost of their items, but most would struggle to remember exact models of everything and would have even less ability to recall serial numbers. Creating a list of your valuable items can be extremely useful in the event you have items that are lost, stolen, or damaged due to a fire or vandalism. We encourage a couple different methods to document these items:

1. Create a written list to include the make/brand, model, any special characteristics of the items, including how much you paid for them. If you have the ability to save your receipts or large purchases (such as televisions, expensive bicycles, table saws, etc.) it can be helpful keep these with this list in case proof of purchase is necessary to recover your stolen or missing property.
2. Take photos of the items to keep for reference. Specifically, you should have at least one photo showing the whole object, along with a close-up photo of the serial number. If neither of those photos captures the make, brand and model of the object, take supplemental photos until all specifics are documented. Make sure to confirm each of the characters in the serial number are legible in your photos before moving on - sometimes numbers or letters aren't legible.

Once you have compiled your list and/or taken your photos, keep your documentation in a secure place such as a safe and/or somewhere digital like an external hard drive or in an e-mail to yourself. (Note: We do not recommend saving this information directly on your computer as computers tend to crash without warning and your documents may not be recoverable.) We suggest a secure digital format that can be easily accessed through your computer. Documenting these valuables as you buy them is an important way to keep track of your property which comes in handy if you are ever required to notify insurance of missing/damaged items. Having this information also ensures better chances for recovery of stolen or lost property through police agencies.

What if your item doesn't have serial number but you still want a way to identify it in case it is lost or stolen? You can add an "owner-applied number" to your items without serial numbers by engraving, stamping, or other permanent and/or hard to remove options. This owner-applied number should be a unique identifier, such as your driver's license number, that you can apply to your items. This unique number gives the item a special characteristic not all items like it would have—making your item stand out from other pieces of the same property and helping it to be more easily recovered.



Save the Date

Made in Southern Oregon

05.13.2023

Vendor Space Available

www.centralpointoregon.gov/madeinsouthernoregon

Online Bill Pay Notices

The City of Central Point uses a third party vendor to process online payments and reoccurring payments. When payments are processed, the customer will receive an e-mail from noreply@merchanttransact.com. That e-mail will notify the customer if the payment was successful or declined, however, with ACH (E-check) payments the system will not know if the payment was successful until it reaches the customers bank. If the payment was not able to be processed, an e-mail goes out to the customer from noreply@merchanttransact.com to notify the customer. The City will also notify the customer by hanging a door tag on their door and a return payment fee will be added to the customers account. See the sample e-mail below. Please note customers who pay by Visa/MasterCard will not be charged the returned payment fee for a declined transaction.

From: noreply@merchanttransact.com <noreply@merchanttransact.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 8:27 AM
To: IHeartPugs@gmail.com
Subject: IMPORTANT : Your payment made to Springbrook Township has been returned

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

This is a notification from Springbrook Township that **your account has not been paid**. Your payment in the amount of \$1.00 requested on 4/20/2022 has been returned using your payment method of 'Auto Payment Account'.

Your payment was returned by your bank on 4/20/2022 for Insufficient Funds

Payment Date:	4/20/2022
Account No.:	005001-000

Your recurring payments for this account have been disabled. To re-activate your recurring payment please visit <https://springbrooktownship.merchanttransact.com>.

This is from a notification only e-mail address. If you have any questions, please contact us using the information below.

This Springbrook Township
Hours : 8 AM - 5:30 PM Pacific
Phone : 123-456-7890
E-Mail : drea.terraccina@sprbrk.com
Website : <https://springbrooktownship.merchanttransact.com>

Spring Lawn Care: Impact of Fertilizer

When we apply fertilizer to our yards, we are adding nutrients, which all plants need to survive and grow. What we don't consider, though, is that our soils may already have sufficient levels of these nutrients. Brand new lawns or areas with poor soil might be lacking in nutrients, but most established lawns are not. When we fertilize these areas anyway, those nutrients run off with the next rain and end up in our streams and reservoirs where they feed algae. In addition to giving the water a greenish hue, algae also robs the water of oxygen, which can be harmful to fish and other aquatic life. The algae can also produce potential algal toxins and taste and odor compounds in the water.

Types of Fertilizers

There are many different types of fertilizer available today and it can be confusing trying to understand which type, if any, you need. Read on to learn a few key facts that will equip you to make the right choice for your yard and the environment.

Soil Testing

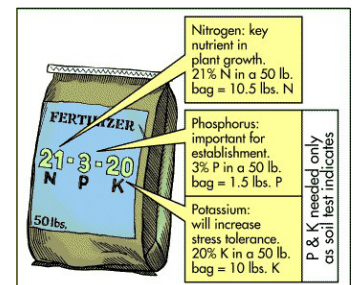
First, you'll need to find out if your lawn needs fertilizer or not. A soil test is the best way to determine this. Soil testing means taking a sample of your lawn's soil to a place that will test your soil to learn what levels of nutrients currently exist. The test results also provide recommendations on what your lawn needs (in terms of pH, phosphorus and potassium) to be healthy. Home test kits can be purchased at your local Grange or home improvement store for around \$10-\$20.

Reading Fertilizer Labels

If your soil test results indicate that fertilizer is still needed for your yard, you'll need to know how to read and interpret the fertilizer labels. All bags of fertilizer should have three numbers displayed prominently on their labels. These numbers represent the percentage by weight of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K), respectively. If your soil test results say that your yard is sufficient in phosphorus but does need some added nitrogen or potassium, you will want to buy fertilizer with a zero (0) in the middle, meaning that there is no phosphorus in the product.

What can I do as a homeowner that will help reduce phosphorus levels in our waters?

Keep leaves, grass clippings, and dirt/sediment off of driveways, sidewalks and the street. Rains wash these nutrient rich materials into our storm sewers that lead directly to our streams, rivers and lakes. Maintain healthy greenspaces (trees, landscape and lawn) to capture rainfall to prevent run-off and sedimentation. Use a zero-phosphorus fertilizer unless a soil test shows a need for more and do not over fertilize your yard. Read the manufactures recommended application for your yard.



Dates To Remember

May

- 2 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 11 - Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 13 - Made in Southern Oregon (9am)
- 15 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 18 - Parks and Rec Commission Meeting (6 pm)
- 18 - 20 - Wild Rogue Pro Rodeo (7pm)
- 20 - City Wide Yard Sale
- 25 - Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 29 - Memorial Day *

June

- 6 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 8 - Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 19 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 22 - Council Meeting (7 pm)

* = 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 hours are
 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday – Friday.
 Feel free to drop in with questions,
 pay a bill, or just say “hello”.

CITY WIDE YARD SALE

MAY 20TH
 ALL DAY | ALL OF CENTRAL POINT

sign up on
centralpointchamber.org

Mayor Hank Williams 541-944-0066	Ward I Neil Olsen 541-664-7935	Ward II Kelley Johnson 541-499-8977	Ward III Melody Thueson 503-856-6822	Ward IV Taneea Browning 541-890-8377	At-Large Mike Parsons 541-554-3892	At-Large Rob Hernandez 541-840-1841

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

Contact Your **Council**
 email: info@centralpointoregon.gov