

# City of Central Point NEWS FROM CITY HALL

## City Manager's Corner:

### Budget Message

On April 13, 20 and 27, the City of Central Point's Budget Committee convened to consider the 2015/17 proposed budget. The following is a summary of the City Manager's budget message presented with the proposed budget. You can find the complete budget message, as well as a copy of the proposed budget, on the City's website at [www.centralpointoregon.gov](http://www.centralpointoregon.gov).

#### **2015/17 Budget Message Summary**

This year's proposed budget is the first biennial budget in Central Point's one hundred and twenty-six year history, and reflects the goals, values, and priorities of the community.

Last year, in an effort to provide comprehensive guidance for future financial decisions, the city

completed a long-term financial plan. The plan's analysis revealed several important issues related to Central Point's future financial stability. First, the cautionary fiscal measures taken by council and staff over the last several years have left the City in an above-average financial position. However, those measures have left staffing and general fund carryover levels at a threshold where further reductions would require proportional decreases to services and service levels. Second, although our enterprise funds remain stable, periodic inflationary increases to infrastructure-related utility rates must be implemented to consistently cover increasing costs. Lastly, although personnel reductions and use of carryover balances allowed the city to "stem the tide" in the general fund during the worst years of the recession, the long term financial plan indicates subtle changes in course are required to avoid overburdening the general fund during the next 10 years. The long-term financial plan proposes three options for maintaining future stability in the general fund: a property tax rate increase, public safety and parks maintenance fee implementation,

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## Weed Abatement



Many residents are not aware that the City of Central Point has a weed abatement ordinance which prohibits the keeping of tall grass or weeds within the City. In order to maintain a neat appearance in the city, as well as reduce the potential for devastating brush fires, city employees will be systematically checking all properties located inside of city limits for weed abatement violations throughout the year. Any property maintaining grass or weeds over ten inches in height will be considered in violation of the City Municipal Code, and a citation will be issued to the owner of the property. If the property owner corrects the violation within 15 days, the citation will be dismissed; however, if the grass or weeds are not cut after 15 days, the fine will be imposed and the City Public Works Department will cut the vegetation at cost to the owner. In order to avoid the headache that comes with this process, we ask that all residents have their yards cut as soon as possible, so as to avoid these violations. Any questions regarding the weed abatement process can be directed to Community Service Officer Derreck Moore at 541-664-3321 x251.

# Flood Insurance Essentials

As a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), federally backed flood insurance is available to anyone living in the city limits regardless of whether property is in a low, moderate or high risk flood zone. This is good news since 25% of all flood insurance claims are filed by properties located outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), a high risk flood hazard area commonly referred to as the 100-year of 1% annual chance floodplain.



Provided below are some important highlights about the NFIP's flood insurance:

- There are two types of coverage: structural and contents. Structural coverage includes walls, floors, insulations, furnace and other items permanently attached to the structure. Contents coverage for items inside the structure. Discuss the coverage limitations with your agent.
- Since July 1, 1997 all NFIP policies include Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) coverage. ICC provides up to \$30K in financial assistance to bring structures into compliance with current building standards, such as elevating the lowest floor of a building 1-foot above the base flood elevation.
- There is a 30-day waiting period for your coverage to take effect after the date of purchase. Remember to buy your policy before you think you are going to need it.
- Flood insurance—specifically structural coverage equal to the amount of the loan or maximum coverage amount (\$250K for single family residences)—is required for insurable structures located in the SFHA when there is a loan from a commercial lending institution with any federal affiliation. Items that are not eligible for flood insurance coverage include: vehicles, business expenses, landscaping and vacant lots.
- The NFIP imposes penalties on banks that do not enforce the mandatory flood insurance purchase requirement. This means that SFHA property owners who have slipped through the cracks may be notified of the requirement to obtain coverage. If this happens to you, act fast and obtain an NFIP policy. Failure to act within the specified 45-day period can result in a policy being “force-placed” by your lender at a significantly higher rate.

The City works diligently to keep affordable insurance available for those who are required to obtain it. By promoting flood awareness and conducting wise floodplain management, the City has earned SFHA residents an automatic 20% discount on flood insurance premiums through a voluntary program called the Community Rating System (CRS). If interested in your flood insurance options, contact the City Planning Department.



## MAYA Scholarship Award Winner

The Central Point Multicultural Committee provides a Multicultural Awareness Youth Award Scholarship. This \$500.00 scholarship is offered to Crater High School students and was awarded to the student who best promotes the dreams and/or goals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This year the Committee awarded the scholarship to **Caitlin Wright** during the May City Council Meeting. Caitlin is recognized for her drive to breakdown social barriers that are based on appearance and title rather than personality. We hope that all the young adults could be as open to diversity as Caitlin has been during her time at Crater High School. Congratulations Caitlin for a very successful High School experience.

The Multicultural Committee is in need of two members. If you would like more information on this committee and all the events and activities they are currently participating in please email [Deanna.casey@centralpointoregon.gov](mailto:Deanna.casey@centralpointoregon.gov). The time requirement for this committee is minimal but can be very important to the Community. Members must live in the city limits of Central Point.

## Budget Message Cont.....

and an economic growth requirement scenario. (The Long Term Financial Plan can be found on the city's website.)

The 2015-2017 budget includes the proposal of new fees for public safety and parks maintenance. Both of these areas have been identified in recent community surveys as priorities; and both departments are in position to positively impact service levels if new revenue is approved. In public safety, this service upgrade would be the addition of a new patrol position with primary focus on school safety and education. The park maintenance fee would allow for the replacement and/or upgrade of old and failing playground equipment and fund a parks system master plan that would identify future park needs.

Also included in this proposed budget is the reinstatement of a planning position that was eliminated several years ago and reinstatement of a building permit technician position, contingent upon revenue targets being achieved. With the uptick in economic conditions, planning and building permit activity has continued to rise, and increased workloads in community development are beginning to impact service delivery.

In terms of capital project expenditures, the 2015-2017 proposed budget provides funds directed at reducing the backlog of maintenance projects that were deferred during the recession and include an asphalt overlay to the entire portion of Highway 99 controlled by the City of Central Point, completion of the reconstruction of Freeman Road, and finally, in year two of the budget, the commencement of the long-awaited Twin Creeks Rail Crossing.

It is with careful consideration that the 2015-17 proposed budget has been developed by city staff using guidance from the long-term financial plan and recent citizen survey/polling efforts, which represent the public's perspective on government services. It is our belief that this budget proposal strikes a reasonable balance between fiscal restraint and community investment.

The budget committee voted to approve the 2015/17 budget as proposed. The city council will be asked to formally adopt the budget at the June 11, 2015 council meeting.



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## Recreation Classes for June

Sign up at 541-664-3321 ext. 130



**Pickleball for All!** (Beginning Level), Wednesdays – June 3 – 24

This is an introductory class that will teach you Pickleball skills, rules, and strategies to allow you to join in the many games in the Rogue Valley or wherever it's played.

Location: Don Jones Park Tennis Courts

Ages: 16 and up

Cost: \$34

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 am

**Improve Your Pickleball Game** (Intermediate Level), Wednesdays, June 3 – 24

This is a class for people who have played some Pickleball and want to improve their game. You will learn

greater mastery of the key shots and when to use them, as well as strategies and techniques to take your game to a higher level. We will also introduce the strategies to play singles for those interested.

Location: Don Jones Park

Ages: 16 and up

Cost: \$23

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 am



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— Chamber —

# FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Red, White & Blue

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7:00 am

Pancake Breakfast

At Grange Hall, hosted by Crater Lake Council Boy Scouts

7:30 am

Run 4 Freedom 5K & 1 Mile Run

Hosted by Central Point Parks and Recreation & Grange Co-op

8:45 am

Kids Fun Run

Thanks to Central Point Parks and Recreation & Anytime Fitness

9:30 am

Parade

Emcee Kingsley Kelley, VP & General Manager at KTVL. Route: 2nd St. to Pine to 8th St.

11:00 am

Pfaff Park Festivities

Live music, FREE kids activities, food vendors, artisan booths, beer garden

12:00 pm

“Husk” performs

Country, Blues and Rock + Beer Garden, provided by Los Arcos

2:30 pm

Additional live performances

5:00 pm

Red, White and Boom

Opens at the Expo, brought to you by the Medford Chamber

SUNDOWN

Fireworks



Registration available online at [www.centralpointchamber.org](http://www.centralpointchamber.org) and at the Chamber Office.  
Located at 650 E Pine Street, Central Point, OR 97502, Tel 541.664.5301 or [info@centralpointchamber.org](mailto:info@centralpointchamber.org)

# More June Recreation Classes

## Tai Chi in the Park, Mondays & Wednesdays, June 1 – 24

An entry level class set in Pfaff Park provides both an introduction to Tai Chi. The class is progressive with each class building upon the previous class to some degree. Experience the health and fitness benefits of this ancient Chinese form of exercise as well as the fun of the group experience.

Location: Robert Pfaff Park Bandshell



Ages: 16 and up  
 Cost: \$75  
 Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am

## Kids Beginning & Intermediate Sewing, Thursdays, June 4 – 25

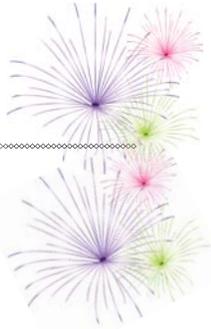
Learn the functions of your sewing machine and practice stitch speed and control. We will be making a pair of drawstring pants and, if time allows, a tote bag.

Location: Rec B

Ages: 9 to 16

Cost: \$24

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 pm



Saturday, July 4, 2015

Challenge yourself with a 5k or 1 mile course, bring your kids along to participate in the Kid's Fun Run. The event has something for the whole family.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 3

Packet Pick Up – 2:00-5:00 at City Hall

6:30 AM-PACKET PICK UP

(CHECK IN DEADLINE 7:00 AM)

7:30 AM –5k Run, Jog & Walk

8:45 AM –Kids Run (12 years and under)

### WALK-IN/MAIL-IN REGISTRATION AT:

Central Point Parks and Recreation  
 140 S. Third Street, Central Point, OR 97502  
 541-664-3321 ext. 263 or ext. 232  
[www.centralpointoregon.gov](http://www.centralpointoregon.gov)

**\*\*REGISTER NOW ONLINE AT\*\***

[GetMeRegistered.com/CPRUN4FREEDOM](http://GetMeRegistered.com/CPRUN4FREEDOM)

**Yes, Sign me up For the Run 4 Freedom or Kids Fun Run! (Please Print Clearly)**

Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ Female  Male

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age (on race day) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size 5K/Mile S \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size Children S \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Name/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### ADULT 5K ENTRY FEES

(Please Check One)

T-Shirt guaranteed to early bird registration only.

Early Bird (before: 6/7/14) After June 7

\$20.00 5K  \$25.00 5K

\$10.00 1 mile  \$15.00 1 mile

### FREE KIDS FUN RUN ENTRY

(please check box for the age of Child on day of race)

T-Shirts guaranteed for pre-registration only

5-6 YR OLDS (Run 2 Blocks)

7-8 YR OLDS (Run 3 Blocks)

9-10 YR OLDS (Run 4 Blocks)

11-12 YR OLDS (Run 5 Blocks)

\*Race Proceeds benefit the Crater Foundation

### Mandatory Release Form:

I know that running, walking and volunteering in the Central Point Run 4 Freedom is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running or walking in Central Point activities including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, including high heat and/or humidity, traffic and the conditions of the road; all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my application, I, for myself and on behalf of participants under 19 years of age of whom I am a legal parent or guardian for and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release any and all sponsors including, but not limited to City of Central Point, Central Point Chamber of Commerce, Road ID, Anytime Fitness, People's Bank, Grange Co-Op, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may rise out of carelessness or negligence on part of the persons named in this waiver. I grant permission to all of the forgoing to use my photograph of this event for any legitimate purpose. I also understand that no part of the entry fee is refundable.

Signature of Participant (or parent if under 18 years) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Water Quality Report Available

The Medford Water Commission and the City of Central Point have provided water quality information to its customers on a regular basis for decades. About fifteen years ago annual water quality reporting became mandatory and more formalized under changes in federal regulations, after which we began distributing these reports each year through a separate mass mailing.



While we and other water providers support the rights of our customers to receive this information, the printing and mailing of these reports has been a substantial expense, and for those customers who didn't desire to read the report, a waste of paper as well. Meanwhile, over the last several years, use and access to the internet has become widespread. As a result, beginning this year we will not be distributing the annual water quality report through bulk mailing. Rather, customers can now easily access this report online at [www.medfordwater.org/Page.asp?NavID=344](http://www.medfordwater.org/Page.asp?NavID=344). Of course, we recognize that some customers do not have internet access and/or would prefer a paper copy. We are therefore printing some hard copies, which are available upon request by calling 541-423-1021.

As always, this report contains important information on the results of water quality testing during the prior year, as well as explanations of what these results mean. Information on the sources of our drinking water is also included, as well as water conservation tips to help customers save water and money. The online report also includes links to additional information. We encourage our customers to read this report, and hope the new online version is found to be a convenient way of receiving this important information, while also reducing the amount of paper received in each of our mailboxes.

Ahora se puede ver el informe anual sobre la calidad de su agua en línea en la página web [www.medfordwater.org/CalidadDelAgua.pdf](http://www.medfordwater.org/CalidadDelAgua.pdf). Por favor llame a (541) 423-1016 si desea una copia en papel por correo.

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## On Street Parking



In order to maintain the cleanliness and positive appearance of the City, some changes were made to Central Point Municipal Code Chapter 10.04 as it relates to the 72 hour parking rule. In addition to prohibiting the parking of a vehicle in a single place for more than 72 hours, the Ordinance now reads "It is no defense to [this ordinance] that the [vehicle] has been moved from one place to another, so long as it is left on a street, alley, or other municipal property for more than a cumulative seventy two consecutive hours." The ordinance goes on to define

this as "intentionally moving a [vehicle] a limited distance and re-parking the subject vehicle or trailer to appear as though it is being used..." This means that pulling your vehicle forward or driving it around the block after receiving a warning notice from the Police Department will no longer bring you into compliance with the City Ordinance, and City streets may not be used as a storage area for unused vehicles or trailers. It is our hope that this reminder of the City Municipal Code will help improve the look of our streets, and keep Central Point a beautiful place to live. Any questions regarding the Municipal Code can be directed to Community Service Officer Derreck Moore at 541-664-3321, ext. 251.

## Your Pet, Your Mess

Picture this..... the weather is warm, the sun is shining, many children are running and playing in our beautiful Central Point parks. Most kids are barefoot running and rolling in the nice plush green grass. Then someone starts hopping on one foot, yelling "OH YUCK!"

We have all seen it! Did you know there is a source of pollution that most people don't even think about, but this common pollutant is easy to take care of if you are a responsible pet owner? The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) deems pet waste a "nonpoint source of pollution," which put poop in the same category as oil and toxic chemicals! If this fact isn't enough to make you clean up after man's best friend, then perhaps the next fact will. It has been estimated that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, which is known to cause cramps, diarrhea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney disorders in humans.

The bottom line is that as the owner of a pet it is your "doody" to ensure that your pet's waste is picked up and properly disposed of. The City even provides bags and trash receptacles in most of our parks.

A large majority of people don't realize that the City of Central Point has an ordinance that specifically addresses dog related issues in our parks. The ordinance can be found in the City Municipal Code in Section 9.68.170 Dogs in Parks. Dogs shall be allowed in parks on leash only (not to exceed six feet in length) with the exception of designated dog parks. Any excrement created by an animal shall be immediately removed by the owner. Some areas in parks may be designated to prohibit dogs and will be posted accordingly (Ord. 1899, 2007). Having an ordinance stating the dog specific rules puts those who fail to obey the leash law or doggie doo requirement in jeopardy of being cited by the Police Department. These rules were put in place to help protect the public by controlling animals and removing harmful pollutants. Please be a responsible pet owner, keep your dog on a leash and pick up their waste. Our children and the Parks and Recreation Department want to thank you in advance for keeping our parks clean and playable.

*Jennifer Boardman,  
Parks and Recreation Manager*

*Sources: Environmental Protection Agency  
U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*



## Dates to Remember

### June

- 1 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 11 - Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 15 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 25 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 26 - Battle of the Bones (4 - 9 pm)
- 27 - Battle of the Bones (11 - 9 pm)

### July

- 7 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 3 - City Hall Closed
- 4 - Freedom Festival/4th of July
- 9 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 14 - Citizens Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 20 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 23 - 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”.

**JUNE 26 & 27 2015** **FREE ENTRY**

**ROK**  
**BATTLE OF THE BONES**

**ANNUAL BARBEQUE, CRAFT BEER, WINE & MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**BBQ SAMPLES 10 FOR \$10** **LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT**



**Free Kids Zone** includes Jump Houses and Balloon Artists

*Advanced ticket purchase recommended for BBQ samples.*

**FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> 4 - 9:30 PM • SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 11 AM - 9 PM**  
**TWIN CREEKS PARK • CENTRAL POINT, OR**

*For information: [www.BattleoftheBones.com](http://www.BattleoftheBones.com)*

## Contact Your **Council**

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