



Central Point City News

Shape
your future
START HERE >

United States®
**Census
2020**

We have reached an important milestone in the 2020 Census: More than half of the households in our nation have responded – **that's nearly 80 million responses!**

We aim to count everyone accurately while we support efforts to protect the health and safety of the American public and the Census Bureau team. Current times are unprecedented, but they also present an opportunity to reach families digitally across the nation and work towards keeping the 2020 Census in the conversation across channels and platforms. It has never been easier to respond to the census and to help promote the census from your own home.

It's not too late to respond to the 2020 Census while being safe and practicing social distancing at home. Once you have responded, please encourage your family, friends, and loved ones to complete the census, too.

www.2020census.gov

Message from Public Works

Smart Meters

The City of Central Point began a project to convert water meters to a new reading system in July 2019. This system will use strategically placed antennas to gather daily readings rather than monthly manual readings. To date, around 2,550 meters have been converted, with another 4,200 to be completed by 2021.

What is a smart meter?

Smart water meters were developed to improve water conservation, increase operational efficiencies of utilities, and give consumers more control of their water usage. Electronic reads happen once a day instead of once a month, allowing for pinpointing leaks much faster.

How will a smart meter benefit me?

Once the customer portal becomes available later this year, you will have access to daily online data showing your water usage. If you notice that one certain day uses more water, you can cut back on sprinkler usage or look for a leak. You can even set alerts if your water usage reaches a set limit. Customer portal access will begin in August for select customers.

How will a smart meter benefit the City?

Meter readers will be able to focus on maintaining and repairing the City's water system instead of spending days each month reading the meters manually. No jobs will be lost as a result of smart meters.



Mueller Systems Solid State Meter
5/8" X 3/4" - 1"

Continued on page 2.

CITY OF CENTRAL POINT NOTICE OF CITY CANDIDATE POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Election will be held on the 3rd day of November 2020, at which time the legal voters of Central Point will be entitled to vote for candidates to certain city offices.

OFFICES OPEN FOR ELECTION ARE:

CENTRAL POINT MAYOR **FOUR YEAR TERM**

CENTRAL POINT COUNCIL MEMBER
AT-LARGE **FOUR YEAR TERM**
AT-LARGE **FOUR YEAR TERM**
WARD IV **FOUR YEAR TERM**

Election packets will be available in the City Records Office 140 So. Third Street, after July 6th. Nominating petitions can be filed **no sooner than Monday, July 6, 2020, and no later than Tuesday, August 25, 2020, by 4:00 p.m.** in the City Recorder's office. For more information call Deanna Casey, City Recorder at 541-423-1026 or email Deanna.casey@centralpointoregon.gov.

(Post through August 24, 2020)

Smart Meters Continued...

Is there an additional cost to me?

The meters themselves will not cost the residents any extra money. In fact, with the ability to detect leaks faster and monitor water usage, you may even save money.

Will this affect my health?

Smart meters use small collector antennas (similar to very small cell phone towers) for the reads once a day. Many organizations including the Federal Communications Commission have studied long-term health effects associated with radio frequency transmissions generated by smart meters. Their findings indicate that smart meters are as safe as any other household appliances and devices, including microwaves, cell phones and laptop computers. In fact, a cell phone's RF transmissions are 125 times more powerful than a smart meter. For more information on this, visit our website at <https://www.centralpointoregon.gov/publicworks/page/smart-meter-faq>.

Spring is coming, it's time to get that lawn in shape

Fertilizer Impacts

When we apply fertilizer to our yards, we are adding nutrients, which all plants need to survive and grow. What we don't always consider, though, is that our soils may already have sufficient levels of these nutrients. Brand-new lawns or areas with very poor soils 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

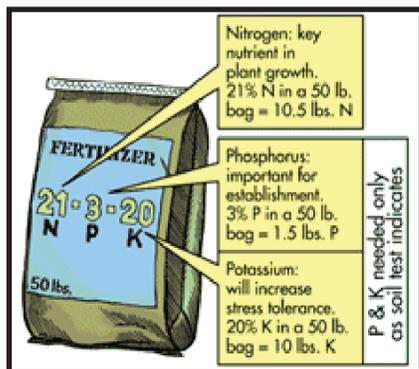
There are many different types of fertilizer available today and it can be confusing trying to understand which type, if any, you need. Read on to learn a few key facts that will equip you to make the right choice for your yard and the environment.



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 and potassium, you will want to buy a 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 and 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 you yard.

Keep Our Streams Clean

Summer 2020



With the warmer weather, many of us are considering home and landscape improvement projects. When dreaming about your next project, remember that what you do on your property may impact stream habitats, water quality and flood risks downstream. Residents of Central Point have an opportunity to help improve water quality of the stream corridors, whether they live along streams

Stream Setback Requirements

The City requires setbacks from all creeks and streams. Stream setbacks, also called riparian setbacks, establish a buffer between development and the local waterways. It is important to keep these areas clear of obstructions, debris, and other pollutants because of the benefits they provide, including flood storage, channel stability, natural stormwater treatment, and increased habitat for fish and wildlife.

Stream setbacks apply to the following streams: Bear Creek, Griffith Creek, Jackson Creek, Horn Creek, Daisy Creek, Mingus Creek, and Elk Creek.

Home Improvement BMP's – What to Know

Construction Projects & Obstructions

When dirt and debris from construction sites winds up in the channel, it can reduce the capacity in the channel leading to additional flood risks, erosion, reduce water quality and impact aquatic habitat.

- Don't dump sediment or debris in streams.
- Prevent dirt from leaving the site.
- It is your responsibility to ensure water and materials do not leave the site.

Yard Maintenance & Water Quality

Yard waste, fertilizer and other chemicals in our streams and creeks can lead to excess algae growth. As algae decays, it uses up oxygen in the water that fish and other aquatic species need.

- Don't dump yard waste in streams.
- Don't mow up to the edge of a stream.
- Don't overwater and fertilize sparingly.
- Plant native grasses, plants, and trees.

Streams are among the most important natural features in Central Point. Residents of Central Point have an opportunity to help improve water quality whether they live along the streams or not.

Adopt-A-Stream

- Pick up litter and trash in streams and stream corridors.
- Start or join an Adopt-A-Stream team that is a steward of a designated stretch of a stream.

More Information:

City of Central Point - Floodplain Information

If you have questions or would like more information, contact the Community Planner at 541.664.3321, Ext. 245 or the Environmental Services Coordinator: 541.664.3321, Ext. 243

Information is also available on our website: <http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/floodplain>



Documentation of Valuables

Chances are there are items you own in your home, car, sheds, or elsewhere that you consider valuable. These items may include jewelry, televisions, tools, vehicles, laptops, tablets, cellular devices, gaming systems, and much more. If you were to be asked to name everything you consider valuable that you own, could you give the specifics on makes, brands, models, costs, and serial numbers of all of these items? A majority of people can oftentimes produce the brands and approximate cost of the items but most would struggle to remember exact models of everything and would have even less ability to recall exact serial numbers.

Creating a list of these items can be extremely useful in the event you have items 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, and how much you paid for them. If you have the ability to save your receipts of large purchases (such as televisions, expensive bicycles, table saws, etc.) it can be helpful to keep these with this list in case proof or 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 which shows the whole object as well as another photo which will be a close-up 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 cameras shake and numbers or letters aren't clear.

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 email 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 you don't have a serial number on your item but want to apply your own version of a serial number? This is called an "owner-applied number" and is a great way to track items. It also 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.

<u>Make/Brand</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Color(s)</u>	<u>Serial #/OAN</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Date Purchased</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
Craftsman Honda	Pressure Washer	3100 psi 2.7 gpm	Red/Black	CRFPW1237653RD31	\$439.99	11/18/2019	Has dent on front left resting bar
Samsung	55" TV	4K UHD NU6900	Black	TVSN101012121414	\$379.99	2/12/2020	
Sony	Playstation	4	Black	1234SONY4321SN1234	\$379.00	9/1/2018	with four controllers - one clear, 3 black
Tiffany	Wedding band set		White Gold, diamonds		\$3,500.00	4/12/2017	
Yeti	Mountain Bike	SB130 TURQ T3 XX1 EAGLE AXS	Matte dark gray, gold	BKSN12345YETI12345	\$8,799.00	7/3/2014	with gold colored Maxxis tires

Dates to Remember

June

- 2 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 11 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 15 - Council Study Session (6 pm)
- 25 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

July

(Parks and Recreation Month)

- 4 - Fourth of July
- 6 - Filing Window Opens for Candidates
- 7 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 9 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 20 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 21 - Citizens Advisory Commission (6 pm)
- 23 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

* = City Hall Closed

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



Contact Your **Council**

email: info@centralpointoregon.gov



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

Tanea 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

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
541-423-1021

Public Works After Hours
541-326-3628

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”.