

City of Central Point News from City Hall

Water Quality Report Now 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. As of 1998, 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. In an effort to go green, we will no longer be distributing the annual water quality report through bulk mailing. Rather, customers can now easily access this report online at www.medfordwater.org/WaterQualityReport.pdf. 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.

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Central Point Freedom Festival

The Central Point Chamber of Commerce Freedom Festival is a family tradition and destination of choice for families throughout the Rogue Valley. The Fourth of July is more than a parade or festival. It's a gathering of people celebrating our independence through a variety of activities. Spend the day with us – wear your most patriotic attire and enjoy the day!

Festivities begin at 6:45 a.m. with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Boy Scouts Crater Lake Council, followed by the 5K run and the Fun

Run sponsored by the City of Central Point Parks and Recreation, Grange Co Op, and Anytime Fitness. Bi-Mart brings you this years parade starting with a fly-over at 9:30 a.m. There will be over 82 entries from floats, bands, car clubs, equestrian entrants and other visual treats. The city and chamber encourages you to save your parade viewing spot, but please be respectful of downtown businesses and do not block their entrances.

Following the parade at 10:30 a.m., head over to Pfaff Park. This years festival includes free kids activities, music by Frankie Hernandez, food vendors, and artisan booths sponsored by Carlson Sound and Light, and Rogue Credit Union. The evening will end with RED, WHITE & BOOM fireworks display at the Jackson County Expo sponsored by the City of Central Point!

Join our very own Kelly Ranger in celebrating!



July Events and Activities:

Monday July 4th	Run 4 Freedom	7:30am	5k, 1mi, kids fun run	Pine St.
Thursday July 7th	Play at the Park	3pm-5pm	Free kids play area	T.C. Park
Saturday July 9th	Saturday Market	10am		Pfaff Park
Friday July 15th	Munch-N-Movies	6pm	Inside Out	Music/Food/Fun
Friday July 22nd	Munch-N-Movies	6pm	Back to the Future	Music/Food/Fun
Friday July 29th	Munch-N-Movies	6pm	The Incredibles	Music/Food/Fun
				Pfaff Park

Water Quality ..

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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. Por favor llame a (541) 423-1016 si desea una copia en papel por correo.

D.A.R.E Show & Shine and Cruise August 6, 2016



Join us again this year at Twin Creek Crossing Park in Central Point, August 6th 2016. The Show and Shine is from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with the Cruise from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on East Pine Street.

Come One, Come All!

All Vehicles Are Welcome to this EVENT!

All Proceeds from this event help support the

**Central Point Police Department
D.A.R.E. Program**



You can stop by the Police Department to register or you can register at the event!

Dates to Remember

July

- 4 - Fourth of July/Freedom Celebration *
- 5 - Candidate Filing Period Starts
- 5 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 11 - Multicultural Committee (6:30 pm)
- 12 - Citizens Advisory Commission (6 pm)
- 14 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 18 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 28 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

August

- 2 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 6 - D.A.R.E Show and Shine and Cruise
- 11 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 15 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 25 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

* = City Hall Closed

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



From the Desk of the City Manager:

Where Do Your Tax Dollars Go?

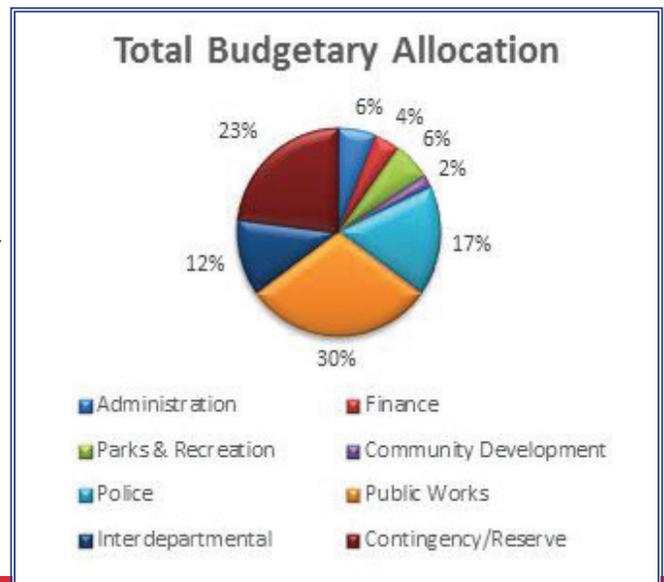
One of the most frequently asked questions of city staff is where do my tax dollars go? Property taxes are one of the largest streams of revenue for most Oregon cities and are typically directed to the general fund, a pot of money available for general purposes used to provide the majority of services for city residents. Each city’s general fund is different, and not all cities provide the same services. Property tax dollars cover the cost of everything from police and fire to parks and recreation to street, water, storm drain, and sanitary sewer infrastructure maintenance.

The following chart details taxes paid by City of Central Point Residents:

Taxing District	Amount paid per \$1,000 in assessed property value
Jackson County	\$2.009
Jackson County Bond	\$0.1889
Jackson County Library District	\$0.52
City of Central Point	\$4.47
Rogue Community College	\$0.5128
Rogue Community College Bond	\$0.1124
Rogue Community College Bond 2016 (20-years)	\$.05
ESD	\$0.3524
School District 6	\$4.4134
School District 6 Bond	\$1.1787
Jackson County Vector Control	\$0.429
Rogue Valley Transportation District	\$0.1772
Rogue Valley Transportation District Levy 2016 (5-years)	\$0.13
Jackson County Soil & Water Conservation District	\$0.05
Fire District #3	\$3.1194
TOTAL	\$17.71 (General, Education and Bond Taxes)

Property taxes support some of the most important services offered to citizens, and yet in many cities these services are being cut or scaled down. Even though property tax bills have been increasing for most Oregon residents, city expenses are often growing at a far greater rate. Local governments unfortunately have little control over the rising costs of materials (driven by market forces) and personnel (such as PERS, which is governed by policy decisions at the state level), leaving cities to find ways of providing services with less revenue.

The City of Central Point currently collects \$4.47 per \$1000 in assessed property value, although current taxing authority would actually allow a maximum local property tax rate of \$5.83/\$1000. The Central Point City Council has been committed to maintaining current service levels while not increasing the City’s tax rate. When considered against total taxes paid by Central Point residents, the City receives approximately 25 cents for every property tax dollar paid to local taxing districts. This graph indicates how all revenue (not just property taxes) received by the City is allocated by department/service.



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Building Smart in the Floodplain Reduces Risk & Insurance Cost

As summer approaches, you may be planning your next home and/or landscape improvement projects. If you live in a high risk floodplain, it is important to build your next project in a manner that minimizes risk of flood damages and unnecessarily high flood insurance premiums.

The City's Flood Damage Prevention ordinance requires minimum measures that serve as a guide for building smart in flood hazard areas. Examples include elevating the lowest floor, utilities and mechanical equipment one-foot above the base flood elevation; and, protecting foundations with openings designed to equalize water pressure.

The City also encourages the use of low impact stormwater and drainage management (i.e. bioswales, rain gardens, pervious pavement, etc.) to keep water clean and enhance important habitat in floodplains. These features can be installed at any time.

You can learn more on the City's website:

Floodplain Development: www.centralpointoregon.gov/floodplain/page/build-smart.

Stream Stewardship: www.centralpointoregon.gov/floodplain/page/be-stream-steward

If you have any questions, contact the Community Planner at 541-664-3321, Ext. 244 or the Environmental Services Coordinator at Ext. 243.



Where do your tax dollars go? Continued...

The City Council & staff remain committed to the wise and most efficient use of your tax dollars. Although recent economic conditions have been difficult for both the public and private sectors, Central Point continues to seek common sense solutions that produce beneficial outcomes for local residents and business.

The City of Central Point's next public budgeting process will be conducted in April of 2017. The budget process includes open public meetings and we welcome the participation of any interested person or party. For additional reading on Oregon property tax issues, I recommend the following:

<http://www.orcities.org/Portals/17/Library/City%20Property%20Tax%20Report%202016.pdf>

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FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Red, White & Blue

GRAND MARSHAL **DAVE DUSTE**
of Dusty's Transmissions

7:00 am	Pancake Breakfast <small>@ Grange Hall, hosted by Crater Lake Council Boy Scouts</small>	
7:30 am	Run 4 Freedom 5K & 1 Mile Run <small>Central Point Parks and Recreation & Grange Co-op</small>	
8:45 am	Kids Fun Run <small>Thanks to Central Point Parks and Recreation & Anytime Fitness</small>	
9:30 am	Parade <small>Route 2nd St. to Pine to 8th St.</small>	
10:30 am	Pfaff ParkFestivities <small>Live Music, FREE kids activities, food vendors and artisan booths</small>	
11:00 am	Musical Performances Begin	
5:00 pm	Red, White Boom <small>Opens at the Expo, brought to you by the Medford Chamber</small>	
SUNDOWN	Fireworks	

Registration available online at www.centralpointchamber.org and at the Chamber Office. Located at 650 #104C Pine Street, Central Point, OR 97502, Tel 541.661.5301 or info@centralpointchamber.org



Central Point Parks has implemented Sun Safety Awareness as part of an initiative to get our community out enjoying our parks safely!

Sun Safety Tips for a Cool Summer

1. **Limit outdoor playtime between 10a.m. and 4p.m.** Avoid unnecessary exposure when the sun's rays are at their strongest. Even on cloudy or cooler days, ultraviolet (UV) rays remain strong. Shady spots can be just as tricky because of reflected light. If your child is playing outdoors during these hours, make sure to apply sufficient sunscreen.
2. **Apply sunscreen properly.** Generously apply sunscreen 30 minutes before your child goes out in the sun. Choose a sunscreen with SPF (Sun Protection Factor) 15 or higher. Scented and colorful sunscreens appeal to some kids and make it easier to see which areas have been covered well. Don't forget nose, ears, hands, feet, shoulders, and behind the neck; lips can also burn, so apply a lip balm with SPF protection. Reapply sunscreen every 2 to 3 hours, or after sweating or swimming.
3. **Cover up.** Wearing protective clothing and hats is one of the most important ways of warding off UV damage. When wet, light-colored clothing transmits just as much sunlight as bare skin. Keep your kids covered with dark colors, long sleeves, and pants whenever possible. And don't forget the accessories: sunglasses with UV protection to guard against burned corneas, and hats to prevent sunburned scalps and faces. Protective clothing, hats with brims, and sunglasses are just as important for babies. At the beach, bring along a large umbrella.
4. **Set a good example for your kids.** If your child sees you following sun-safety rules, they'll follow suit. Skin protection is important for every member of the family, so team up with your children to stay protected when venturing out in the sun.
5. **Have fun!** Enjoy our parks, amenities, and facilities this summer!

Follow us on Facebook: [Central Point Parks and Recreation](#), for more information and activities.



Firewise Communities

On Friday morning, May 20th the Meadows became the second community in all of Jackson County to become Firewise. This achievement was celebrated with the community, along with the Fire Marshal, Central Point Police, the Central Point Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Jackson County Fire District 3.

According to Fire District 3, "Firewise is one element of the Fire Adapted Communities initiative – a national effort that engages homeowners, firefighters, civic leaders and land managers to reduce wildfire risk in communities throughout the United States."

What is Firewise?

Firewise is a National program that emphasizes homeowner responsibility and community participation in wildfire home safety. It encourages local solutions for wildfire safety by involving homeowners, community leaders, planners, developers, firefighters, and others in the effort to protect people and property from the risk of wildfire. To save lives and property from wildfire, the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Firewise Communities program teaches people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and take action now to prevent losses.

When adequately prepared, a house can withstand a wildland fire without the intervention of the fire service. In fact, a house and its surrounding community can be both Firewise and compatible with the area's ecosystem. The Firewise Communities/USA recognition program enables communities in all parts of the United States to achieve a high level of protection against wildland/urban interface fire as well as sustainable ecosystem balance. Firewise Communities/USA program provides residents of the wildland/urban interface with the knowledge and skill necessary to make it happen.

By addressing home construction, landscaping and preparedness, Firewise can make the difference. Find out how today by visiting firewise.org, or by calling Jackson County Fire District 3 and asking for more information about how to become Firewise.



REMINDERS

1. CANDIDATE FILING WINDOW OPENS ON JULY 5, 2016 AT 8:30 A.M. CONTACT THE CITY RECORDER IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL OR MAYOR.

2. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN KEEPING A BEE HIVE IN THE CITY LIMITS, THEY MUST BE REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

3. MARIJUANA MUST BE GROWN IN A SECURED STRUCTURE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AT 541-423-1973.

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
1-844-620-9905

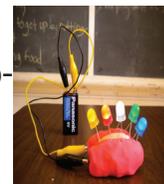
Utility Billing
541-664-3321 ext. 204

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”.

Central Point Parks and Rec Classes

Wacky Art & Squishy Science, Saturdays, June 2 - 30
Kids, bring an adult and come enjoy a unique 5 week experience suitable for the whole family. Parents and children will join together for a wacky, fun learning opportunity. Come explore odd painting, slippery slime, homemade instruments, wacky weather experiments, and lastly, fun and safe explosions.



Location: Rec A **Ages:** 3 to 7
Cost: \$50 **Time:** 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Crochet Camp for Kids, July 11, 13, 15



This is a crochet camp for beginning students. You will learn the basics of crochet including: chain, single crochet, and slip stitch. Students will learn the skills necessary to complete a pot holder or dish rag.

Location: Rec B **Ages:** 10 to 14
Cost: \$18 **Time:** 1:00 – 2:00 pm

First Swing Sticks for Kids, July 26 & 27

The Sticks for Kids Program provides clubs, bags, and instructors for participating cities. The program teaches kids the fundamentals of the game of golf. We also stress integrity, safety, and environmental awareness. Class will be cancelled if we have rainy/stormy weather.



Location: Rec A **Ages:** 6 to 13
Cost: \$8 **Time:** 9:30 – 10:30 am

Felted Summer Silk Scarf, July 30



This beginning class will teach you how to make a nuno felted scarf. This is a process of adding fiber to silk to create a beautiful scarf. Scarf will be completed during the four hour class.

Location: Rec A **Ages:** 15 and up
Cost: \$50 **Time:** 9:00 – 12:00 pm

Contact Your Council

email: info@centralpointoregon.gov



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