

Central Point City News

Notice of City Candidate Positions Election 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a 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. The offices open for the 2020 City Council are for Two At-Large, Ward IV, and Mayor. Ward maps can be found on our website or in the City Recorders office.

At the time of election to City office, a candidate must be:

- A qualified elector as defined in Section 2, Article II of the Oregon Constitution, and;
- Shall have been a resident within the city limits of the City of Central Point for the twelve-month period immediately preceding the November, 2020, election.
- A candidate seeking office for a Ward position must be a resident of the ward for which they file.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The terms of office for the City's open positions shall commence on January 1, 2021.
- The Central Point City Council conducts its regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- The City Council conducts Study Sessions on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (Subject to change)
- The City Council also meets as part of the Budget Committee in March or April.
- The City Council performs duties as the Development Commission (Urban Renewal Agency). Currently those meetings start at 6:00 pm prior to a City Council meeting. Dates will vary.
- City Council members are also encouraged to be representatives on a variety of regional committees and commissions. These will be assigned after the first of the year following the election.



Candidate packets will be available in the City Recorders Office at 140 S. 3rd Street. Nominating petitions can be filed no sooner than Monday July 6, 2020 and completed 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.

Drainage Maintenance & Summer Stream Walk

Starting: July 27, 2020



Every summer, the City inspects the streams, channels and other drainage ways throughout the City to ensure they are free of obstructions. When our drainage ways become blocked by garbage, construction materials, overgrown blackberries, fences and other debris, the channels can no longer contain flood waters and the hazards to other parts of the City are increased.

Requirements for Drainage Maintenance

Property owners and renters that live along the streams are required to maintain the banks and channels to protect the natural use of our waterways. Starting on **July 27, 2020**, City staff will be inspecting drainage ways to identify obstructions and areas with accumulated debris. If staff observes obstructions in a stream channel, the property owner or occupant will be notified of the actions needed to comply with the drainage maintenance requirements.

Stream and Drainage Maintenance – Tips for Property Owners

- **Place any debris at least 10-feet from the stream.** Remove all garbage, wood products, lawn clippings and other debris at least 10 feet from the stream bank. These materials could end up in the waterway during storm events and pose a hazard to life and property.
- **Protect the stream banks.** Soils along the stream can easily erode. By planting native plants along the stream bank, the soils can be held in place and minimize erosion and decrease blackberry maintenance needs over time.
- **Do not use herbicides to maintain stream banks.** CAUTION: Removal of the vegetation by excavation or the use of herbicides causes erosion and pollutes the water.
- **Remove all trimmings from invasive plants.** Fragments from invasive plants, such as Himalaya Blackberry, must be removed to prevent them from spreading to other properties and clogging the creeks. You may be held liable for trimmings that float downstream or left on the banks.
- **Remove obstructions that cross the stream channel.** Fences and other obstructions that cross the stream channel can block flood waters and worsen flood conditions.

More Information:

City of Central Point - Drainage Channel Maintenance

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

Information is also available on our website:

<http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/publicworks/pages/drainage-channel-maintenance>



City Municipal Code Questions?

What's the City's ordinance for excessive noise? What are the rules regarding dogs being out in public? What's the Central Point curfew for juveniles?

If you have ever wondered the answer to the above questions or anything else related to the Municipal Code for the City of Central Point, we wanted to take this opportunity to share the website which contains our City's codes: <http://www.codepublishing.com/or/centralpoint/> or you can go to centralpointoregon.gov and click on the link that says Municipal Code in the top right corner.

This website is a great resource for anyone who would like information quickly about ordinances via use of a computer or cellular device. On the website you can search by name, municipal code number, or key words to find any City of Central Point code you may be interested in. This is a great resource to familiarize our residents with parking enforcement, animal ordinances, park rules and much more.

If you have questions regarding navigating the Municipal Code website or would just like your questions answered through our Community Service Officer or other department staff, please contact us by phone at 541-664-5578.



Your Pet, your Mess

Once again we find it necessary to remind our pet owners out there to pick up your pet mess. The city has received several complaints about dog feces in the parks, and our maintenance staff are none too happy about it either.

Did you know this is a source of pollution? The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) deems pet waste a "nonpoint source of pollution," which puts 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 provides bags and trash receptacles in our parks.



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 (no we don't have any yet). Any excrement created by an animal shall be immediately removed by the owner. Some areas in parks are 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.

Contact Your **Council**

email: info@centralpointoregon.gov



Mayor

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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

Taneeaa 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

Dates to Remember July



(Parks and Recreation Month)

- 3 - City Hall closed *
- 4 - Fourth of July
- 6 - Filing Window Opens for Candidates
- 7 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 9 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 14 - Citizens Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 20 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 23 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

August

- 4 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 13 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 17 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 20 - Parks and Rec Commission meeting (6 pm)
- 25 - Filing Window Closes for Candidates
- 27 - City 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
541-423-1034

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”.

**PLEASE WATCH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA
PAGES FOR INFORMATION REGARDING
4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS**

Deferral of Business Licensing Fees due June 30, 2020

On May 18, 2020, the City Council announced a measure to support small businesses in light of the COVID-19 outbreak; the deferral of business licensing fees. Payment on annual business license and permit fees due to the City of Central Point is extended from June 30, 2020 to September 30, 2020. Businesses may have already received a letter for business license and permit fees with the June 30, 2020 deadline, however, a second letter will be issued confirming the extended due date.

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