

# Central Point City News

July 2023

## City of Central Point 4th of July Statement

Legal fireworks for individual use are approved for sale in Oregon each year from June 23rd - July 6th. You can also enjoy the professional fireworks show located at the Jackson County Expo.

Each year, the Central Point Police Department and Fire District 3 (FD3) respond to calls from concerned residents about illegal fireworks or firework-related concerns. Inasmuch, we want to educate our citizens on the need for safety and responsibility over the 4th of July holiday.

The Central Point City Council has not enacted a ban on individual fireworks use in the City limits because implementing a fireworks ban is unlikely to eliminate the use of fireworks, and regulating such a ban is impractical for the City, Fire District, and Central Point Police Department. Rather, the Central Point City Council believes public education and personal responsibility are the most effective methods to reduce fire danger in our community. To that end, we encourage you to take personal responsibility, exercise caution, and go the “extra mile” to protect your family, property, neighbors, and community from fires and injuries by practicing common sense. Remember, citizens using legal fireworks in the street safely and responsibly is not the issue; however, using illegal fireworks is both illegal and risky and creates danger for the entire community. Therefore, illegal fireworks will not be tolerated, and anyone doing so will be held responsible by the proper authorities.

The City of Central Point and FD3 will have open lines of communication over the holiday weekend. If unpredictable weather creates extreme conditions (unanticipated high winds, low humidity, etc), the City and FD3 may coordinate a request that folks voluntarily avoid the use of fireworks.

After the 2020 Southern Oregon fires, the City of Central Point and FD3 have been working diligently to reduce fire danger in our community and increase emergency preparedness. The City wants you and your family to enjoy Independence Day, by ensuring safe practices and legal use of consumer fireworks. If you are concerned about accepting the responsibility of individual fireworks use, we recommend skipping personal use and viewing the professional fireworks show at the Jackson County Expo.

If you would like additional information on firework safety, we highly recommend the following Fire District 3 and City of Central Point links:

<https://www.facebook.com/JCoFD3/photos/pcb.4077781078964459/4078015665607667/?type=3&theater>

<https://www.centralpointoregon.gov/police/page/central-point-fireworks-information>

***Please use your fireworks safely and responsibly and remember to “Keep it Legal and Keep it Safe”.***



On Tuesday, July 4th, 2023, the City of Central Point will hold the annual 4th of July Parade and Freedom Festival in Pfaff Park. Several streets will have full closures throughout the morning and afternoon of July 4th. Please refer to the attached map for closure details. All vehicles along the parade route must be moved from the roadway before 6 am on the day of the event to provide parade access and avoid potential damage to parked vehicles. Residents can access S. 5th St. and Cherry St. until the parade starts and is completed. We are aware that this may inconvenience you and your neighbors. The Parade and Festival are important annual events for our community, and we appreciate your support and understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the Central Point Parks and Recreation Department at 541-664-3321 ext. 130.

CENTRAL POINT



# 4TH OF JULY

Visit our website at [centralpointchamber.org](http://centralpointchamber.org) to be part of the parade or a vendor at the Freedom Festival.

**PARADE  
& FREEDOM FEST  
2023**

**7:30AM**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

*@ Grange Hall, hosted by Crater Lake Council Boy Scouts*

**7:30AM**

**RUN 4 FREEDOM 5K**

*Sponsored by CP Parks & Rec*

**17 & Under Race Free / On Pine & 2nd St**

**[www.centralpointoregon.gov/schedule](http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/schedule)**

**8:45AM**

**KIDS FUN RUN**

*Sponsored by Anytime Fitness & CP Parks Foundation*

**9:30AM**

**PINE ST. PARADE**

*Route: 2nd St. to Pine St. to 8th St. to Cherry St. to Crater*

**[www.centralpointchamber.com](http://www.centralpointchamber.com)**

**10:30AM - 2:30PM**

**FREEDOM FESTIVAL**

*Free kid activities, food vendors, artisan booths, contests, and live music by*

***The Brothers Reed & Rogue Rage Duo*** all at Pfaff Park!





Firework use is a common activity during 4th of July celebrations all around the country. However, the fun and excitement of using fireworks does not always keep safety in mind. In 2022, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reported that there were an estimated 11,500 firework-related injuries treated in U.S. emergency rooms in 2021. Of those injuries, roughly 8,500 occurred between June 18 and July 28.

Injuries are not the only concern when handling fireworks. The CPSC reported in 2021, approximately 31% of selected and tested firework products were found to contain non-compliant components, including fuse violations, presence of prohibited chemicals and pyrotechnic materials overload.

Knowing how to safely light up your fireworks in order to prevent injuries and fires around you is extremely important to have a safe Independence Day celebration. Below are some firework safety tips from the Institute of Technology, to help you do so.

- *Always have a bucket of water, hose and/or fire extinguisher nearby.*
- *Read directions completely before lighting any fireworks.*
- *Keep fireworks away from dry grass, grills, propane tanks and other flammables. Pavement is the best place to ignite fireworks.*
- *Never leave children with fireworks unattended.*
- *Never use fireworks or sparklers indoors.*
- *Light only one firework at a time.*
- *Step back several feet after lighting a fuse.*
- *Never throw fireworks or point them at anyone.*
- *Do not try to re-light fireworks.*
- *Avoid wearing loose clothing that can easily catch fire.*
- *Do not place or carry fireworks in your pockets.*
- *Never place your hand or any other body parts over fireworks while lighting them.*
- *Let your fireworks completely cool off by hosing them down at letting them sit at least 20 minutes before handling and throwing them away.*

If someone gets burned, apply cold water to the area and seek medical treatment. Because we live in an area that is prone to wildfires, consider developing and practicing a family wildfire safety plan. Better yet, leave fireworks to the experts and find a professional fireworks display to watch. If you desire to shoot off your own fireworks, stay smart and do your part to make sure everyone has a safe and fun 4th of July.

*NOTE: This information was compiled for a regular-weather season. If our county enters a drought, this information will change. Please contact us at 541-664-5578 or Jackson County Fire District 3 for updates or questions.*

## **Stream Maintenance 2023**

The time has come once again to remind those of you who live next to a stream, to maintain the channel banks that run along your property. Central Point has seven streams that flow through its city limits and it is important to minimize flood hazards by keeping drainage channels free of obstructions. Stream channels that are blocked by debris, such as garbage, construction products, blackberry vines, and fences can cause flood waters to back up and increase hazards to local residents. Central Point residents who own or rent property adjacent to a stream are required, by Chapter 8.28 of the Municipal Code, to maintain the stream or drainage channels along their property. City staff will be inspecting stream banks starting on Monday, July 24th, 2023 to ensure stream channels are clear of debris and unlawful obstructions. If City staff observes obstructions in the stream channel during the inspection, the property owner or occupant will be notified that action is needed to fulfill the stream maintenance requirements.

Here are some guidelines to remember regarding proper care and maintenance of land near and within stream channels:

- Locate 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 by not disturbing soils that can easily erode. Planting native plants along the stream bank can help hold soil in place and minimize erosion and decrease blackberry maintenance needs over time.
- **CAUTION:** Removal of the vegetation by excavation or the use of herbicides causes erosion and pollutes the water. Do not use herbicides to maintain stream banks.
- When removing invasive plants such as Himalaya Blackberry, remember to clean up all the trimmings. Blackberry fragments 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 any fallen trees or tree limbs that are in the stream that could cause flood conditions.

As you perform your annual stream maintenance, keep in mind that fish and other aquatic life are present and require cool, clean water to survive. By planting native trees and shrubs along the stream banks, you can help keep the water cool and prevent erosion while allowing the water to flow freely through the channel. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Ono in Public Works at 541-664-7602, ext. 243.

# Dates to Remember

## July

- 4 - Fourth of July \*
- 11 - Citizens Advisory Commission (6 pm)
- 13 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 17 - Council Study Session (6 pm)
- 27 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

## August

- 1 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 10 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 17 - Parks & Recreation Commission (6 pm)
- 21 - Council Study Session (6 pm)
- 24 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

\* = City Hall Closed

Meetings are subject to change. Please check our website [www.centralpointoregon.gov](http://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 & 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 is open 8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Monday - Friday.  
Feel free to drop in with questions,  
to pay a bill, or just to say "hello".

Contact your **Council**  
[info@centralpointoregon.gov](mailto: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

07.03  
6PM

4th of July Announcement

**DO NOT BLOCK**

**SIDEWALKS WITH YOUR LAWN CHAIRS**

CHAIRS MAY BE PLACED STARTING MONDAY, JULY 3RD AT 6PM

The City of Central Point is pleased to be a part of the 4th of July parade tradition that has taken place for years in our wonderful town. We know this parade has become a family tradition for many of our citizens, and we take great pride in our community members' and businesses' safety and well-being. This 4th of July, we are asking our community to come together and follow a few parade etiquette guidelines to make the parade experience seamless this year. We are asking for all seating and blankets to be put out on the street by Monday, July 3rd, at 6 pm. It is also imperative that nothing is blocking sidewalks or walkways that would prevent ADA access. If City Staff does find any of the mentioned items out of compliance, the items will be removed and placed at the nearest intersection or area on the street of removal.