

# City of Central Point NEWS FROM CITY HALL

## City Council to Consider Beekeeping in the City Limits

The City has received several requests to allow beekeeping within the city limits. City staff prepared a draft code amendment based on rules adopted in Medford and Ashland for discussion at the August 13, 2015 City Council Meeting.

Issues to be discussed will include limitations and requirements relative to the placement, maintenance and care of beehives, including the following:

- The number of hives permitted would be limited to a maximum of three (3) hives on properties less than one acre and six (6) hives on a property between one (1) and two (2) acres.
- Bee hives would not be allowed within a required front, side, or rear yard setback.
- When hives are located within 25-feet of a property line, a flyway barrier at least six (6) feet in height would be required parallel to the property line for a minimum of ten (10) feet in either direction from the hive to direct bees over rather through material to reach the colony.
- A constant water supply would be required within 15-feet of each hive.
- Each beekeeper would be required to ensure that no wax comb or other materials are left on the property grounds, to prevent robbing from other bees.

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## Central Point Mayor wins Leadership Award

*Press Release from League of Oregon Cities*

SALEM – Central Point Mayor Hank Williams received a Mayors Leadership Award during the closing banquet of the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) Summer Conference, held July 30 – August 1 in Cottage Grove. Mayor Williams received the award in the “large city” category; the “small city” award went to Prineville Mayor Betty Roppe.



When Mayor Williams began service as mayor 12 years ago, relationships between Central Point and neighboring community entities were poor to non-existent. Believing that the mayor sets the tone in relationships within the community, Mayor Williams started walking out his conviction that “we are all members of the community and can accomplish much more if we work together.”

Under the mayor’s direction, a capable city manager was hired, and later a Human Resources Director was added. One nominator stated that since Mayor Williams has been mayor, the city has run smoothly and he works well with the city council to keep the city moving forward.

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## Parks Department Busy Summer

This has been a busy summer for the Parks Department. On top of their regular mowing and all activities associated with taking care of over 140 acres of parks and open space there have been multiple repairs due to vandalism. We have experienced damage to our irrigation systems, bathrooms, and play structures. Over 50 sprinkler heads have been broken in three of our parks since June. The brand new play structure at Van Horn was burned and damaged. The costs associated with vandalism includes purchase of replacement parts, staff time for repairs and the need for increased police presence to prevent further damage.



Most often the cause of vandalism stems from boredom, anger, revenge or defiance. The people that participate in this type of activity do not realize or care that the cost of this damage takes money away from other projects and fun equipment that might have been purchased. They also don't realize that, as tax payers, each of us help pay to make the parks fun, clean and safe. Damage to equipment and play structures can take these structures out of commission and make the park less enjoyable. Things to remember about vandalism:

- Destroying someone else's property isn't funny. It's vandalism and it is a crime.
- When someone damages public property they are taking money away from property and programs each of us want to have and share.
- Fixing the plastic bubble on a brand new play structure costs more than \$500. Fixing a basketball standard costs more than \$800.
- Cleaning up graffiti by having to repaint walls can cost hundreds of dollars. All of this is money that could have been used to buy new equipment, institute new programs or even hire more employees.
- The damage caused by vandalism costs property owners time and money to repair. The monetary costs are only a small part of the price—people feel less secure after their property is damaged and feelings of anger toward the community can also be caused from property damage.

If you notice anyone damaging or destroying property of the City of Central Point make sure to call the police or city hall right away (phone numbers on page 4). With your help we will hopefully catch those who are destroying public property.



## Bees Continued .....

- Products generated on site by bees, such as honey, would be allowed to be sold on the property per applicable business license and/or home occupation regulations. However, no outdoor sales would be permitted.
- Only docile common honeybees would be permitted. African honey bees or any hybrid thereof would be prohibited.
- Beekeepers would be required to replace the queen in a hive that exhibits aggressive characteristics, including stinging or attempting to sting without provocation.
- Registration with the city would be required to keep bee hives within the city limits.
- A violation of the adopted beekeeping requirements would be declared a public nuisance, and would be abated as provided in Chapter 8.04.

At the conclusion of the meeting on August 13th the Council directed staff to initiate code amendments. Information about the City Council's discussion will be posted as a news item on the City's website. If you have any questions or would like to submit written comments regarding this matter, please direct your correspondence to [Stephanie.Holtey@centralpointoregon.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Holtey@centralpointoregon.gov) in the Community Development Department.

## Leadership Award.....

As a retired banker, Mayor Williams helped Central Point see the recession coming, and the city scaled back its spending. With the mayor's leadership, Central Point has weathered the storm and retained most of the services enjoyed by the citizens.

Mayor Williams' collaborative nature has led to improved relations and cooperation locally with the County Expo, the school district, and the chamber of commerce. His nominators say he is well-respected by members of the community.

Although he prefers being the "nice guy," Mayor Williams is equally capable of taking a tough stance on issues when necessary for the betterment of the city. For example, the area water commission asked the six cities it serves to sign a new agreement that was unfavorable to the cities. The mayor made a point to attend every meeting of the water commission with the City Manager and brought together the other five cities to discuss how they could best influence the commission to pay attention to their concerns. In the end, the result of their efforts was a modified agreement that was much more acceptable to the cities. Mayor Williams insisted that his city take the lead to study how the cities and the water commission could work together to improve water conservation in the region.

Mayor Williams has served on the board of directors for Jackson County's community action agency ("ACCESS") since 2003, and has chaired its finance committee for many years. He helped organize "Mayors United," a fund-raiser to feed the area's low-income citizens, which garnered participation of all mayors in the county. He also helps organize mayors' luncheons to bring together the mayors in the region for mutual support.

Established by the OMA in 1993, the Mayors Leadership Award recognizes the valuable contributions that mayors throughout Oregon make to their communities each year. In judging the nominees, the Selection Committee considers whether the nominee has:

1. Demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities which have contributed to lasting benefits in their city and the community as a whole;
2. Shown considerable involvement in community affairs and intergovernmental relations;
3. Shown exceptional skill in helping to facilitate productive relationships between the governing body and city employees; and
4. Helped other Oregon mayors reach their full potential as community leaders.

# ***Congratulations!***

## ***Dates to Remember***

### September

- 1 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 7 - Labor Day \*
- 8 - School Starts
- 10 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 12 - City Wide Yard Sale
- 14 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 22 - Parks and Rec Commission Meeting (6:30 pm)

### October

- 6 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 8 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 19 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 22 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

\* = City Hall Closed

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

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for Fire, Medical and  
Police Emergencies**

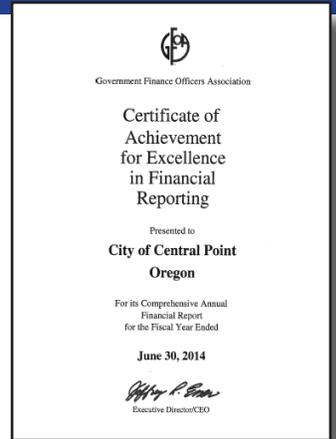
City Hall hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Monday – Friday. Feel free to drop in  
with questions, pay a bill, or just say  
“hello”.

## City Wins Financial Award

Good news! A Certificate of Achievement for financial reporting has been awarded to the City of Central Point by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the period ending June 30, 2014.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and this attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

A copy of this report can be viewed on the city website at [www.centralpointoregon.gov](http://www.centralpointoregon.gov).



## Drainage Maintenance Stream Walk

Every year the City implements a drainage maintenance program on public and private lands within the city limits. The program's objective is to reduce property damage while promoting healthy stream conditions. This year's compliance verification stream walk occurred on August 4th and 5th.



Public and private landowners are required to remove litter and other obstructions, includes overgrown blackberry brambles that can aggravate flooding. Tree and non-invasive shrub removal within the riparian area is not advised because of the important role they play in reducing stream bank erosion, keeping water cool and clean and promoting other natural and beneficial functions.

If you observe any obstructions in the waterways during the year, please contact Mike Ono in the Public Works Department at 541-664-7602, Ext. 243. For more information about the program, visit the City's website at <http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/publicworks/page/creek-cleaning>.

## Contact Your Council

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Mayor Hank Williams 541-994-0066	Council President Bruce Dingler 541-324-1842	Ward II Michael Quilty 541-621-4853	Ward III Brandon Thueson 503-930-7057	Ward IV Allen Broderick 541-951-7253	At-Large Tanea Browning 541-890-8377	At-Large Rick Samuelson 541-664-1878

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