

Central Point City News

November 2023



A message from your
CENTRAL POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Preventing Carbon Monoxide Exposure

Cold winter days are soon upon us, urging us to crank up the heat, reaching for space heaters, indoor stoves, and fireplaces to heat our homes. However, there is a danger we should all be aware of when heating our homes. Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible killer because it is a colorless, odorless gas. Carbon monoxide can be fatal within minutes. Someone exposed to CO may become unconscious before recognizing the symptoms of nausea, dizziness or weakness. There are hundreds of deaths caused by carbon monoxide poisoning each year. Please consider these tips recommended by the CDC, to prevent carbon monoxide exposure:



- Have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- Install a battery-operated or battery back-up CO detector in your home. Check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. If the detector sounds, leave your home immediately and call 911.
- Seek prompt medical help if you suspect CO poisoning and are dizzy, light-headed, or nauseated.
- Do not use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning devices inside your home, basement, garage, or near a window.
- Avoid running a vehicle inside a garage attached to your home, even if the garage door is open.
- Avoid burning anything in a stove or fireplace that does not have proper ventilation.
- Never use your gas oven to heat your home.
- Avoid using a generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine less than 20 feet from any window, door, or vent. Use an extension cord that is more than 20 feet long to keep the generator at a safe distance.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Meeting Announcement

Citizen Advisory Committee

When: Tuesday, November 14th, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: 140 South 3rd Street, Central Point, OR 97502



The purpose of a hazard mitigation plan is to create a community that is resilient in the face of a natural disaster by developing an understanding of the hazards and their potential impacts. The City is updating the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan to identify new hazards, changes to the extent of previously identified hazards, and ways to respond to disasters when they do happen.

On Tuesday, November 14th, Staff will present the Citizen Advisory Committee on the progress and implementation of the existing mitigation plan, a discussion of the plan's Mission and Goals and answer questions about the mitigation plan. The City would like your input on the mitigation plan, as well as any concerns or ideas that you have regarding the update to the existing plan. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the City's Floodplain Manager at (541) 664-3321, Ext. 245 or justin.gindlesperger@centralpointoregon.gov.

Understanding Island Annexation and its Importance to Our Community

Introduction

As we continue to plan for a more vibrant and prosperous community, we want to inform you about a significant matter under discussion: Island Annexation. This process involves incorporating lands that are completely surrounded by the City's corporate boundaries into the City jurisdiction (see map for proposed island annexations). This article will outline the various aspects of this process, its potential benefits, and how it aligns with our strategic goals.

Why Annexation?

Annexation offers a multitude of advantages, some of which are:

1. **Economic Development:** It can attract businesses and promote economic growth, thereby expanding the City's tax base.
2. **Controlled Development:** Annexation allows the City to manage the land better, planning sustainable development that aligns with our long-term goals.
3. **Increased Services:** The newly annexed territories will benefit from improved City services such as emergency services, road maintenance, and utilities.
4. **Policy Uniformity:** It helps in harmonizing regulations and zoning policies, fostering more effective governance.
5. **Efficiency:** Annexation can simplify administrative tasks and reduce confusion regarding which jurisdiction is responsible for various services.

Types of Annexation

While there are multiple types of annexation processes like Contract Annexation and Annexation without Consent, our focus here is on Island Annexation. In accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes, Island Annexation does not require the consent of property owners or residents in the area to be annexed, but it does mandate at least one public hearing to discuss the matter.

Financial Benefits

Island Annexation promises a positive impact on property tax revenue and utility fees. In one respect, it is reasonable to conclude that by annexing island properties, properties served by the city are paying their fair share, which reduces the overall burden on rate/tax payers. Also, property owners will not incur any Planning Department fees or land surveying costs associated with the annexation if it is city-initiated.

Legal Considerations

The Island Annexation process will strictly adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 222.750, 222.005, 222.010, and 308.225.

Aligning with City Goals

In the 2040 City of Central Point Strategic Plan, one of our Strategic Priorities focuses on creating a Vibrant Economy. One of our primary goals is to manage growth effectively, providing timely and efficient facilities and services for both existing and new development. Island Annexation aligns perfectly with this objective.

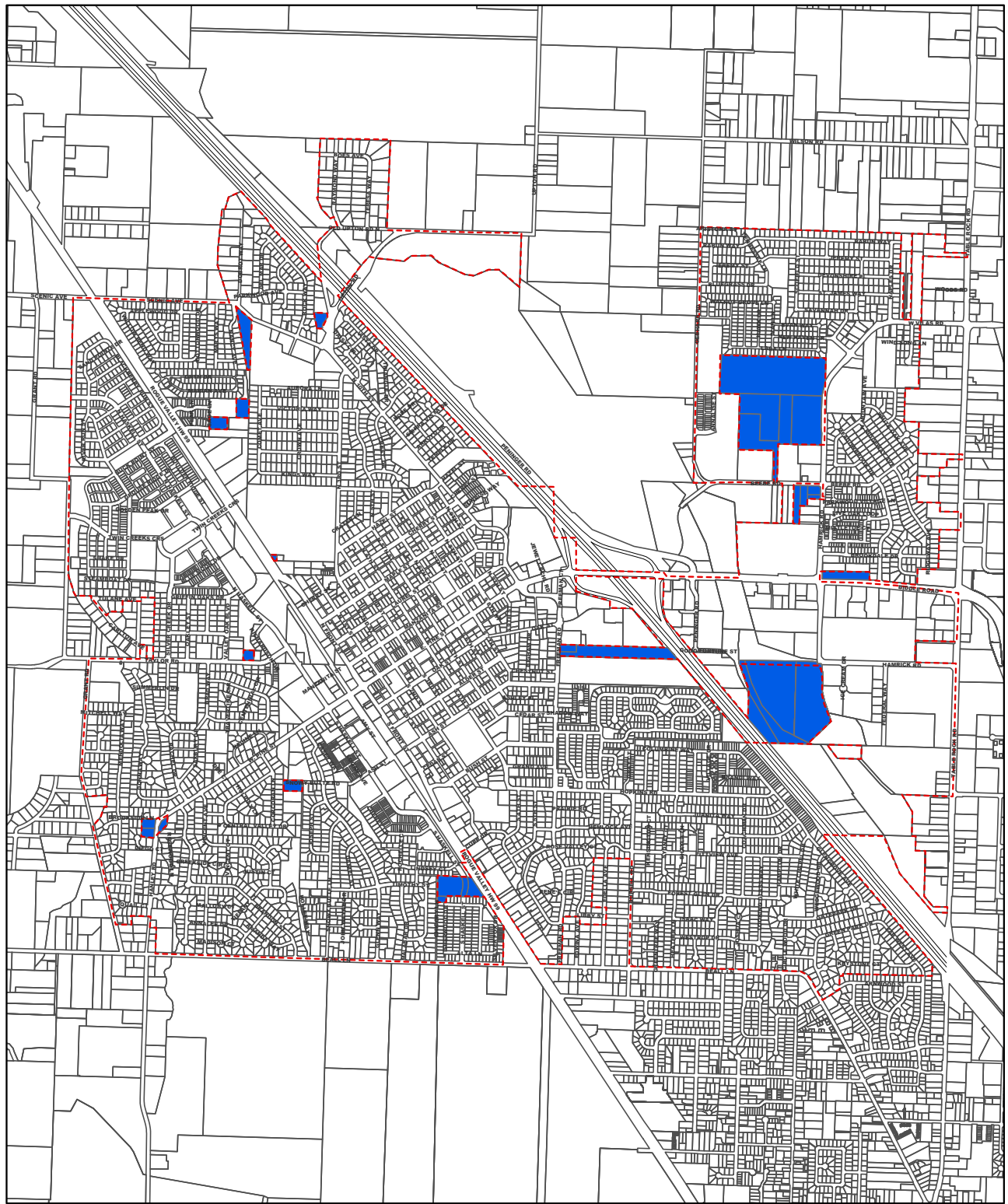
Staff Recommendation

Our staff is recommending the following next steps:

1. Obtain a cost estimate for surveying the areas for the Island Annexation project.
2. Council to discuss the timing for annexation.
3. Present annexation legislation (ordinance and resolution are both allowed) to City Council for legislation. During City Council consideration, a public hearing will be conducted to allow for public input.

Conclusion

We value your input and encourage you to attend the upcoming public hearing on Island Annexation to share your thoughts and ask questions. Your participation plays an essential role in shaping the future of our community.



For more information and to review the financial and legal documents related to Island Annexation, please visit our website at: <https://www.centralpointoregon.gov/administration/page/island-annexations> .

Dates to Remember

November

- 2 - Parks & Recreation Commission (6 pm)
- 7 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 10 - Veteran's Day Observed*
- 14 - Citizen's Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 16 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 23 - 24 Thanksgiving weekend*

December

- 2 - Community Christmas
- 5 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 14 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 22 - 25 - Closed for Christmas Holiday*

* = City Hall Closed

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

Contact your **Council**
info@centralpointoregon.gov

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".



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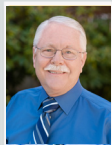
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At-Large

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

Fall Leaf Collection

In an effort to keep the storm drains and streets clear of leaves, Rogue Disposal has partnered with the City of Central Point to pick up bagged leaves on Monday, November 20th, Tuesday, November 21st, and Friday, December 15th. Please allow a few days for leaves to be picked up before calling, to allow Rogue Disposal time to reach everyone. Residents within the City limits can place their tied, heavy duty yard bags on the curb or just off the roadway prior to 6:30 a.m. on the day of pick up. Bags over 40 pounds or bags that contain other lawn debris or trash will not be picked up.

Please note that it is against Central Point Municipal Codes 8.05.020 & 9.64.030 to blow, rake, or sweep any debris - including leaves, into the street. Doing so may result in a fine of up to \$225.00, as it clogs up the storm drains and the street sweepers.

For more information, please visit www.roguedisposal.com or call (541) 779-4161.