

# City of Central Point NEWS FROM CITY HALL

## State of the City Address

By Mayor Hank Williams

This is my annual Mayor's report to the citizens of Central Point and I am pleased to report that Central Point remains in excellent condition. The following activities and issues are currently taking place in our city:

**Building Activity:** Both residential and commercial building activity continues to trend upwards. As reported by staff in a previous city newsletter, during the first six months of 2015 the City's Building Department issued more than twice as many new home permits as compared with the first six months of 2014,

and we are currently considering a new subdivision known as White Hawk Estates proposed in the northeast portion of the city. On the commercial side, we have approved a new Jackson County Justice Court Facility located on Hamrick Road, and I attended a ground breaking ceremony for the addition of 15 cottages and a swimming pool at Twin Creeks Retirement Center. Furthermore, the city has met with representatives of Costco regarding their potential relocation to Central Point. This is certainly not a foregone conclusion; however, it looks promising and could be accomplished in the calendar year 2016. The rail crossing project from Highway 99 into the Twin Creeks Development is on schedule and should be completed in 2017. Overall, we continue to realize positive economic growth and look forward to welcoming new business and industry to our city.

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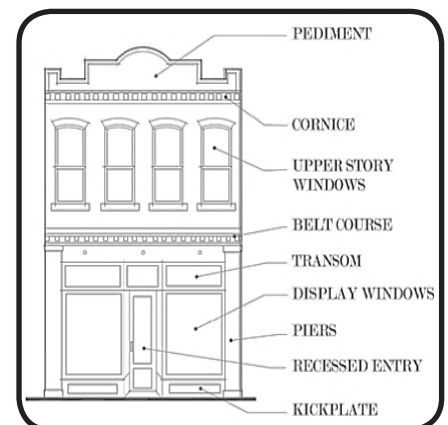
## City Manager's Corner

### Downtown Improvement Programs

As part of The Downtown & East Pine Street Corridor Revitalization Plan, an urban renewal plan for the City of Central Point, the City recently approved two storefront improvement programs designed to encourage the rehabilitation/restoration of commercial building facades within the Downtown Area (see map on page 4).

**Building Façade Loan Program:** The Building Façade Loan Program (Loan Program) is a downtown revitalization incentive program designed to encourage the rehabilitation/restoration of building facades through the loan program. Loans between \$1,000 and \$10,000 are available to owners of commercial buildings within the Loan Program boundaries. The loan is a zero percent loan with a five year amortization period. Loans may be used for qualifying work, such as:

- Awnings (except plastic or metal),
- Exterior lighting,
- Replacement of historic features,
- Improvements to commercial street level storefronts, including painting and repair/replacement of store front windows, and doors.



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# Recreation Classes to watch for...

## Scottish Highland Dance, Fridays, October 2 - 23

In this beginners' class in Scottish Highland dance, dancers will learn basic positions and movements. Highland dancing is a style of competitive solo dancing, which combines steps and arm movements requiring technique, strength, and stamina.

**Location:** City Hall Room 1    **Ages:** 5 to 15

**Cost:** \$10    **Time:** 6:00 – 7:00 pm



## Introduction to Oil Painting, Mondays and Wednesdays, October 5 - 28

This class will introduce color theory and various methods and techniques specific to Oil Painting. Students will create a painting from a photo of choice.

**Location:** Recreation A    **Ages:** 9 and up

**Cost:** \$77 (Includes all supplies)    **Time:** 6:00 – 7:30 pm

## Basic Internet for Seniors, Wednesday, October 7

Learn how to surf the web safely, and look for websites, photos, and articles. Emphasis will be learning how to enter the URL for websites, including search engines like Google; also, how to print articles while monitoring the amount of pages, and how to avoid unsafe sites.

**Location:** Computer Classroom    **Ages:** 50 and up

**Cost:** \$13    **Time:** 1:00 – 3:30 pm



## Talking to Teens about Money, Wednesday, October 7

Did you know 75% of what teens know about money management comes from their parents? This class covers setting financial priorities, the realities of a paycheck, the basics of budgeting and banking, and how to talk to your teen about wise money management. Bring your teen(s) and enjoy learning as a family! Each person attending will receive a workbook. Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Southern Oregon Class.

**Location:** Computer Classroom    **Ages:** 13 and up

**Cost:** \$10    **Time:** 6:00 – 7:30 pm



## How to Make Great Videos, Saturday, October 17

All the basics of filming indoors and outside (in the uncontrolled environment known as the real world) will be taught hands on. You will learn how a video camera works, the best inexpensive HD cameras, use of accessories, composition, lighting, color, sound, scripting, editing, tricks of the trade, legal rights and distribution. Plus, how to get started in your own video production business.

**Location:** Computer Classroom    **Ages:** 13 and up

**Cost:** \$20    **Time:** 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

## State of the City Continued....

**Urban Growth Expansion:** We have expanded the Urban Growth Boundary into the Tolo area and are working with a local trucking company in Medford to relocate their business operations/headquarters in this newly expanded region of Central Point. Additionally, we are also working on an Urban Growth Boundary expansion east of interstate 5.

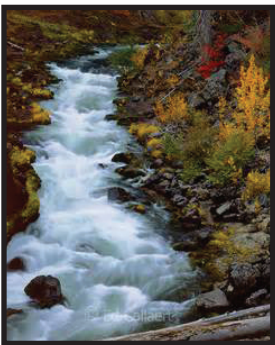
**Fairgrounds (EXPO):** The city's relationship with the fairgrounds/Expo continues to improve. Our sponsorship of the Central Point Wild Rogue Pro Rodeo has been quite successful, as is "Red White and Boom," which we co-sponsor with the Medford/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

**School District 6:** The city's relationship with School District 6 continues to be positive. The city collects a school excise tax (State imposed tax on new construction) on behalf of District #6 and forwards the revenue to the district quarterly. The city forwarded more than \$83,000 in the fourth quarter of FY2015, bringing the total for the 2014/15 fiscal year to \$178,438.86.



**City Government/Chamber of Commerce:** When City Councilor David Douglas moved outside the city limits and subsequently resigned from the Council, I appointed Tanea Browning to replace him. Tanea is the only female currently on the City Council and runs a non-profit organization known as Direct Involvement Teaching Recreation (DIRT). Tanea is also the newly hired Executive Director of the Central Point Chamber of Commerce. Tanea brings an energetic and positive perspective to the Central Point city council. I frequently hear about the contentious nature of many city councils and I am very proud that Central Point's elected officials represent themselves and their constituents in a civil and professional manner. It's also great to have a direct and positive connection with the Chamber and local businesses.

**Medford Water Commission:** The Medford Water Commission recently engaged a consultant to perform a cost of service/rate analysis. The initial report indicated that the rate paid by the "other cities" that purchase water from Medford Water Commission (Central Point, Eagle Point, Jacksonville, Phoenix and Talent) should increase by more than 40%. Finding this proposed increase unacceptable, our city led the charge and hired an experienced rate consultant to review the report. He found a number of inconsistencies and the Medford Water Commission's consultant is now going back and reviewing their initial findings. We anticipate the revised rate analysis will offer a substantial reduction in the proposed rate increase. I attend the Medford Water Commission meetings and am beginning to understand how they operate. The situation with the cost of service analysis, and other issues over the years, causes me considerable concern. I will continue to look out for the citizens of Central Point, and will keep you informed regarding the rate study and any impact on Central Point water customers.

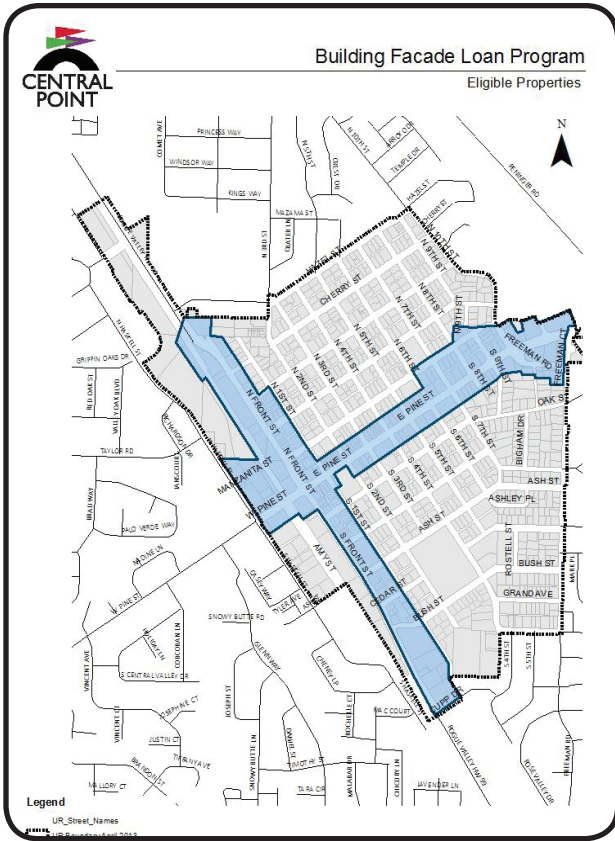


## 9th Annual Senior Center Holiday Bazaar

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2015**  
**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Can you believe it's already time to think Holiday Bazaar? Mark the date and time on your calendar and come support the Central Point Senior Center. There will be raffle items; and soup and sandwiches available for lunch (11:00 am - 1:00 pm); bake sale items (until sold out), Thrift Shop open all day and a room full of vendors for your shopping delight!





## Loan Program Continued...

**Historic Building Facade Grant Program:** The Historic Building Facade Grant Program is a downtown revitalization incentive program designed to encourage the rehabilitation/restoration of commercial historic building facades within the Downtown Area (see map). The objective of the Historic Building Facade Grant Program is to encourage the preservation of commercial historic buildings, particularly along East Pine Street, that represent the history of the City of Central Point. The Grant Program provides \$1,000 to \$10,000 in grants for qualifying historic rehabilitation/restoration work. Qualifying work is similar to the Building Façade Loan Program, but limited to activities that focus on the historic rehabilitation/renovation of the storefront.

Funds for the loan and grant programs are limited and will be awarded to qualifying applications on a first-come-first-served basis until funds are no longer available. If you are interested in additional information on either program, contact Don Burt at [don.burt@centralpointoregon.gov](mailto:don.burt@centralpointoregon.gov) or visit the city's website at [centralpointoregon.gov/cd/page/urban-renewal-0](http://centralpointoregon.gov/cd/page/urban-renewal-0).

## Dog Poop Disposal is Good for Your Health

You probably know at least one dog owner who is less than diligent about cleaning up after their pet. They may have a bunch of excuses like: it's not a big deal; it's a fertilizer; or everybody does it. Some even say other people just need to watch where they're going.

**FACT 1: Dog waste is not a fertilizer.** Dog poop is toxic to grass. It is acidic and discolors most types of grass. It contains bacteria that can cause intestinal distress, vomiting, diarrhea, and more. Stepping on it falls somewhere between a gross inconvenience and a major slip and fall hazard.

**FACT 2: Dog waste is a leading carrier of a host of parasites** including roundworms, hookworms, corona and parvo, tapeworms, salmonella, heartworms, and whipworms. When left on the ground, eggs and larvae are deposited on grass. The eggs can hibernate and stay around for months. These bugs wait patiently to be stepped on or otherwise dragged into our homes, cars, or anywhere we track them. When children are present this problem is multiplied tenfold. This is especially true since children will touch or taste just about anything.

**FACT 3: When dog waste ends up in the water supply,** it provides food for algae and bacteria that can strangle out natural wildlife like helpful plants and fish. We already know that things we put on our lawns eventually wind up in our ground water; this is well demonstrated with chemical fertilizers, pest killers and herbicides, and even the motor oil and detergents we wash off of our driveways. All of it finds its way into our water supply, which affects everyone. Leaving dog waste uncollected isn't just inconsiderate it is a main factor in groundwater contamination.

Dog poop disposal isn't just a good idea; it's a service for the community. Proper disposal keeps bacteria and disease off the ground and out of our drinking water. It also prevents dog waste from drying out, crumbling, and becoming airborne as dust.

Picking up after our dog is not "too much work." Businesses have donated pet waste disposal stations and trash cans are strategically placed in all the city parks. Please do your part, pick up that poop!

**Thank you to all responsible pet owners who utilize our stations**



**School Resource Officer**  
**Officer Jeff Britton is a**  
**Resource Officer (SRO) for**  
**Central Point Schools**

Officer Britton has been a police officer with the Central Point Police Department for 26 years and worked as an SRO from 2002 to 2004 prior to being reassigned to the position in 2014.

An SRO provides many services to our schools. For example our SRO:

- Provides law enforcement and police services to the school, school grounds and areas.
- Works to prevent juvenile delinquency through close contact and positive relationships with students.
- Establishes and maintains a close partnership with school administrators in order to provide for a safe school environment.
- Is visible within the school community. Attends and participates in school functions.
- Develops and implements classes in law-related education to support the educational efforts of the faculty.
- Works with guidance counselors and other student support staff to assist students and to provide services to students involved in situations where referrals to service agencies are necessary.
- Assists in conflict resolution efforts.

Officer Britton's main office is at Crater High School, but he rotates daily between Scenic Middle School, Jewett Elementary, Central Point Elementary, and Mae Richardson Elementary.



## Dates to Remember

### October

- 6 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 8 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 13 - Citizen Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 19 - Study Session (6 pm)
- 22 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 31 - Halloween

### November

- 3 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 11 - Veterans Day \*
- 12 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 16 - Leaf Pick up
- 17 - Parks and Rec Commission (6:30 pm)
- 26 - City Council Meeting (Cancelled)
- 26, 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday \*

\* 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

**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.”

## Storm Drains Provide an Important Community Service

There is an extensive network of drainage pipes located beneath our community called storm drains. The purpose of the City's storm drain system is to move excess surface water, also known as storm water runoff, out of the City and into our local waterways. This helps to reduce localized flooding as land is developed and creates impervious areas that prevent the soil from doing its job of naturally soaking up rainfall. To help the storm drains do their job and keep our local streams and rivers safe, there are a couple of things that we can all do:

1. Keep autumn leaves and all other forms of litter out of the streets to prevent drains from becoming blocked. Blocked drains can cause big problems for surrounding properties in a big storm. When we all do our part, we protect our community from unnecessary flooding.
2. Remember that our storm drains lead to natural streams, not a wastewater treatment plant. Never dump anything down the storm drain. Make sure that all oil, paint, chlorinated water, and other pollutants and waste materials are disposed of properly to keep our families and local wildlife safe. If you see any illegal dumping into our storm drains, contact the Police Department at 664-5578.

The City's storm drain system provides an important service to our community, especially during intense winter storm events. We appreciate your help to keep them clear of debris and free of harmful pollutants to keep our residents, visitors and downstream neighbors safe. If you have any questions about storm water stewardship, contact the Environmental Service Coordinator at 664-3321, Ext. 243.



## Contact Your **Council**

email: [info@centralpointoregon.gov](mailto:info@centralpointoregon.gov)



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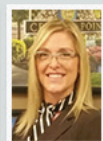
**Ward II**  
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541-621-4853



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Brandon Thueson  
503-930-7057



**Ward IV**  
Allen Broderick  
541-951-7253



**At-Large**  
Taneea Browning  
541-890-8377



**At-Large**  
Rick Samuelson  
541-664-1878

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