# Central Point City News

January 2025

# DATES TO REMEMBER

### **January**

- 1 New Years Day\*
- 7 Planning Commission (6pm)
- 9 City Council Meeting (6pm)
- 13 Council Study Session (6pm)
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr Day\*
- 23 City Council Meeting (6pm)

#### **February**

- 4 Planning Commission (6pm)
- 13 City Council Meeting (6pm) 17 - President's Day\*
- 20 Parks & Rec Commn. (6pm)
- 24 Council Study Session (6pm)
- 27 City Council Meeting (6pm)
  - \* = City Hall Closed

Meetings are subject to change.

Please check our website

www.centralpointoregon.gov

for more information.

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".



# A message from your CENTRAL POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT

## **Safety Tips for the Holiday Season**

The Central Point Police Department would like to provide some safety tips for our citizens this Holiday Season.

#### When you are out on the road:

- Drive defensively. Traffic is heavier during the holidays and you never know if a driver may have consumed alcohol or other substances prior to getting in their vehicle.
- Avoid shortcuts that take you through unfamiliar or unsafe areas.
- Pick your parking spot wisely. Always park in well-lit areas and remember where you parked. When possible, try not to walk to your car alone, especially after dark.
- Do not exit your car if you see a suspicious situation. If you are in doubt, or approached, drive away.
- Do not leave your vehicle unattended while the engine is running, even if you are only going to be away from it for a few seconds.
- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. You will be ready to unlock the door and will not be delayed by fumbling and looking for your keys.
- Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom or your car. They should also never be left alone in the car.
- Do not drive without first locking your doors and closing your windows.
- Never leave your purse, wallet, cellphone, or other valuable items in your vehicle, especially in plain view.

#### When you are out shopping:

- When storing your purchased or personal items, place them out of sign or in the trunk of your vehicle.
- Shop during daylight hours when possible & shop with a friend safety in numbers!
- Be aware of your surroundings. Pay attention to who and what is around you.

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#### (Safety Tips for the Holiday Season ... continued from page 1)

- If you go to an automatic teller machine for cash, check for people around and make sure it is well lit and in a safe location. Do not let anyone approach you on foot while in the drive-thru ATM machine.
- Check your bank statements regularly during the season to spot suspicious activity.
- Beware of the "good deal" scams; if something sounds too good to be true, it likely is.
- Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping and to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case they get separated from you.
- Teach children their full name, address and phone number to give to police officers or mall security. Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom or your car. They should also never be left alone in the car.
- Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

#### **The Holiday parties:**

- Control your alcohol intake. Never leave your drink unattended and NEVER DRINK AND DRIVE!
- Have at least one designated person who will be the sober driver.

#### For the home:

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave your home, even for a few minutes.
- Install secondary locks on your windows and doors.
- Light the exterior of your home around doors, windows and driveway.
- Place gifts where they cannot be seen from outside your home.
- Avoid opening the door to strangers.
- Be aware of "porch predators" who steal delivered packages. Have them delivered elsewhere if possible maybe your office or a friend who is likely to be home.
- Use an inexpensive light timer when you are away and ask a neighbor to pick up your mail and newspapers.
- If you don't have a security system in place, consider investing in one, especially if you will be away from home for the holidays.
- Prevent fire hazards be mindful of burning candles and too many lights plugged into outlets/ extension cords.





# Flood Insurance Basics

Winter 2024/2025

#### What is Flood Insurance?

Flood insurance is an essential safeguard against potential flood damage. Whether you're in a high-risk flood zone or a lower-risk area, it offers critical protection to help you recover from the financial impact of flooding.

#### **Buy Flood Insurance**

Central Point participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This means that anyone in the City limits can purchase federally backed flood insurance regardless of whether a property is in a low, moderate or high-risk flood zone. This is important since about 25% of flood insurance claims come from people outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), a high-risk flood hazard area commonly referred to as the 100-year or 1% annual chance floodplain.



#### **Flood Policies**

There are some important things to point out about the NFIP's flood insurance:

- There are two types of coverage: structural and contents. Structural
  coverage includes walls, floors, insulations, furnace and other items
  permanently attached to the structure. Contents coverage is for items
  inside the structure. Discuss the coverage limitations with your agent.
- There is a 30-day waiting period from date of purchase before your policy goes into effect. Remember to buy your policy before the onset of the rainy season to ensure coverage in the event there is a flood.
- Your homeowners or renter's policies typically do not cover flood damage.

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#### What's My Flood Risk?

It is important to know and understand your property's flood risk. Not everyone faces the same level of risk of loss from flooding. You can contact the City or visit FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program page for flood maps, to determine your flood risk and help prepare your property for flooding potential.

#### **More Information:**

City of Central Point - Floodplain Information
Flood Zone Determinations & Elevation Certificate

Requests: 541.664.3321, Ext. 243

Floodplain Development, Insurance and Property Protection Assistance: 541.664.3321, Ext. 245

Website:

http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/floodplain

#### National Flood Insurance Program

Answers questions about flood insurance and provides assistance to find local insurance agents. 1-800-427-4661

Website: www.floodsmart.gov



#### CENTRAL POINT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The City of Central Point is looking for volunteers to fill vacancies on four committees:

Citizens Advisory Committee
Parks and Recreation Commission
Budget Committee
Planning Commission

Form more information or for an application contact:

Rachel Neuenschwander CMC, City Recorder Central Point City Hall 140 S. 3rd Street - Central Point, OR 97502 (541) 423 - 1015

## **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

Contact your Council: info@centralpointoregon.gov

