

# Central Point City News

June 2024

## MY VETERAN/MY HERO TRIBUTE TREE PROGRAM© -- SPRING 2024 HONOREES

Central Point Parks and Recreation department is proud to announce the My Veteran/My Hero Tribute Tree Program honorees for Spring 2024:



MYVETERAN/MYHERO  
TRIBUTE TREES

- Marion Ray Hull, U.S. Navy
- William David Dotterer, Jr., U.S. Navy
- Leonard Oliver Stolen, U.S. Navy
- Steven Travis Maxwell, U.S. Army
- John William Vaughn, U.S. Navy
- Roy S. Hernandez, U.S. Navy
- James P. Duman, U.S. Navy

The My Veteran/My Hero Tribute Tree Program invites families to honor a veteran or active service member through donation of a tree, which also contributes to the beauty of Central Point's park system. For a donation of \$450, this program provides the purchase and planting of the tree. Each donation includes a plaque attached to a post near the tree with the name of the veteran and a QR code that links to a city web page providing biographical information and a photo of each veteran.

The program is currently limited to the Don Jones Memorial Park's Hero Grove, which is located on the south side of the park. Suggested tree choices are Oregon White Oak, Black Tupelo/Sour Gum, Little Leaf Linden and the Kousa Dogwood. Donors may be able to select trees other than those listed, but the alternative tree will need to be approved by the city arborist and donation may increase depending on the cost. We plant these trees twice each year - prior to Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Applications for Fall 2024 planting will be accepted until September 1st of this year.

The My Veteran/My Hero Tribute Tree program was created by the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority in State College, PA. Central Point will be the second city in the nation to implement the program. For more information about the program or for an application, visit the My Veteran/My Hero Tribute Tree Program website: <https://shorturl.at/yPY47> or contact Dave Jacob, Park Planner, at (541) 423-1012 or by email at: [Dave.Jacob@centralpointoregon.gov](mailto:Dave.Jacob@centralpointoregon.gov).

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

**Summer  
BINGO  
Night**

July 30th, 6:30 PM  
436 E Pine S, Central Point

Join the Chamber for a Bingo Night at the Grange Hall!

Doors open at 6:00 PM, Bingo begins at 6:30 PM

Tickets must be purchased in advance at [centralpointchamber.org](http://centralpointchamber.org) for \$5 per person. Ticket includes 1 Bingo card and light refreshments. Additional Bingo cards will be sold at the event.

[brianna@centralpointchamber.org](mailto:brianna@centralpointchamber.org) 541.664.5301

CENTRAL POINT  
CHAMBER

# Running for an Elected Position

Are you thinking of running for an elected position this November? Below is the Notice of Positions open.

Candidates must live in the Ward for which they file. A map of the wards is available at:

[www.centralpointoregon.gov/administration/page/elections](http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/administration/page/elections).

The City of Central Point operates under a "Council/Manager" form of government. The Council consists of a Mayor and six Councilors. Two Council Members are elected from the City at large, while the other four are elected from Wards which divide the City into four sections. The Mayor serves as presiding officer and is a voting member of the Council. The Mayor has the authority to preserve order, enforce the rules and determine the order of business at the Council meetings.

The City Council is the legislative branch of the Central Point's Municipal government, the people's elected representatives. Council meetings are open public meetings where the Council makes local laws, policies and basic decisions for the municipality. The Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 140 S. Third Street, Central Point, OR 97502. Council Study Sessions are scheduled for the 3rd Monday of each month (call for correct date and time). For all election information pertaining to Central Point City Government, contact the City Recorders Office at 541-423-1015.

## CITY OF CENTRAL POINT

### NOTICE OF CITY CANDIDATE POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Election will be held on the 5th day of November 2024, at which time the legal voters of Central Point will be entitled to vote for candidates to certain city offices.

#### OFFICES OPEN FOR ELECTION ARE:

#### CENTRAL POINT COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor	Four-Year Term
Ward IV	Four-Year Term
At-Large	Four-Year Term
At-Large	Four-Year Term

Election packets will be available in the City Recorder's office, 140 S. Third Street, on June 5th. Nominating petitions can be filed **no sooner than Wednesday, June 5, 2024**, and no later than **Monday, August 27, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.** in the City Recorder's office.

For more information contact Rachel Neuenschwander, City Recorder, at 541-423-1015 or by email [Rachel.Neuenschwander@centralpointoregon.gov](mailto:Rachel.Neuenschwander@centralpointoregon.gov)



*A message from your*  
**CENTRAL POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### Avoid Leaving Children and Pets in Vehicles

Parents with young children may be tempted to leave their child in the car while they quickly run into the store, or maybe when arriving home, they notice their child has fallen asleep in the backseat and do not want to disturb them. However, the Central Point Police department would like to remind you to NEVER leave children unattended in any vehicle, no matter the weather or how "quickly" you will return. Parents should not intentionally leave a child alone – even with a cracked window – because the "greenhouse effect" in cars can cause the temperature inside the car rise drastically in just 10 minutes! Cracking a window does not mitigate these factors enough, and children have died after being left in vehicles with temperatures as low as 60 degrees. Younger children are at a higher risk, as their bodies heat up three to five times faster than adults, according to SafeKids. Every year, vehicular heatstroke kills an average of 37 children in the United States. Not only is it dangerous to leave children unattended in hot cars, it is also illegal in Oregon. Oregon Revised Statute 163.545 – Child Neglect in the Second Degree, a Class "A" Misdemeanor, states: ***A person having custody or control of a child under 10 years of age commits the crime of child neglect in the second degree if, with criminal negligence, the person leaves the child unattended in or at any place for such period of time as may be likely to endanger the health or welfare of such child.***

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## ***Avoid Leaving Children and Pets in Vehicles.... continued***

**Creating simple habits can help keep your child safe. Consider the following to make sure your child is never left alone in a car:**

- Make a habit of opening the back door every time you park to ensure no one is left behind.
- To enforce this habit, place an item that you can't start your day without in the back seat.
- Clearly announce and confirm who is getting each child out of the vehicle. Miscommunication can lead to everyone thinking someone else removed the child.
- Ask your child care provider to call you right away if your child hasn't arrived as scheduled.

**To make sure children cannot get into a parked car:**

- Keep vehicles locked at all times, especially in the garage or driveway. Consider asking neighbors and visitors to do the same.
- Never leave car keys within reach of children.
- If a child is missing, immediately check the inside, floorboards and trunk of vehicles in the area very carefully.
- Teach children to honk the horn and turn on the hazard lights if they become stuck inside a car.
- Do not allow your child to play inside a car alone.
- Lock all doors and the trunk after everyone is out of the car.

These tips should be considered for pets, as well. Every summer, Central Point Police Department gets many calls for pets being left in hot cars. Interior vehicle temperatures are just as dangerous for pets as they are for children. Keep both your children and pets safe, never leave them in a car unattended!

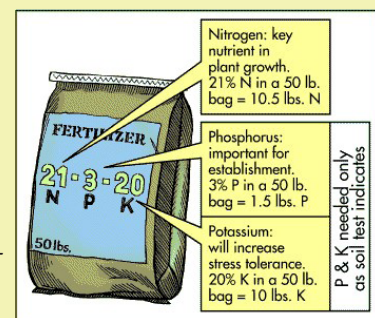
## **Lawn Care: Impact of Fertilizer**

When we apply fertilizer to our yards, we are adding nutrients, which all plants need to survive and grow. What we don't always consider, though, is that our soils may already have sufficient levels of these nutrients. Brand new lawns or areas with poor soil might be lacking in nutrients, but most established lawns are not. When we fertilize these areas anyway, those nutrients run off with the next rain and end up in our streams and reservoirs where they feed algae. In addition to giving the water a greenish hue, algae also robs the water of oxygen, which can be harmful to fish and other aquatic life. The algae can also produce potential algal toxins and taste and odor compounds in the water.

**Types of Fertilizers:** There are many types of fertilizer available today and it can be confusing trying to understand which type, if any, you need. Read on to learn a few key facts that will equip you to make the right choice for your yard and the environment.

**Soil Testing:** First, you'll need to find out if your lawn needs fertilizer or not. A soil test is the best way to determine this. Soil testing means taking a sample of your lawn's soil to a place that will test your soil to learn what levels of nutrients currently exist. These test results also provide recommendations on what your lawn needs (in terms of pH, phosphorus and potassium) to be healthy. Home test kits can be purchased at your local Grange or home improvement store around \$10-\$20.

**Reading Fertilizer Labels:** If your soil test results indicated that fertilizer is still needed for your yard, you'll need to know how to read and interpret the fertilizer labels. All bags of fertilizer should have three numbers displayed prominently on their labels. These numbers represent the percentage by weight of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K), respectively. If your soil test results say that your yard is sufficient in phosphorus but does need some added nitrogen or potassium, you will want to buy a fertilizer with a zero (0) in the middle, meaning that there is no phosphorus in the product.



**What can I do as a homeowner that will help reduce phosphorus levels in our waters?**

Keep leaves, grass clippings, and dirt/sediment off of driveways, sidewalks and the street. Rains wash these nutrient rich materials into our storm sewers that lead directly to our streams, rivers and lakes. Maintain healthy green spaces (trees, landscape and lawn) to capture rainfall to prevent run-off and sedimentation. Use a zero-phosphorus fertilizer unless a soil test shows a need for more and do not over fertilize your yard. Read the manufacturer's recommended application for your yard.



## Dates to Remember

### June

- 4 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 13 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 17 - Council Study Session (6pm)
- 19 - Juneteenth \*
- 27 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)

### July

- 2 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 4 - Independence Day \*
- 11 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 15 - Council Study Session (6pm)
- 25 - 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)



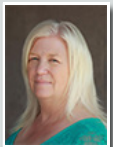
Mayor

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

### 2024 City of Central Point Community Survey



We encourage you to take a moment and provide your feedback in prioritizing future development and implementation of policies through the City of Central Point! This questionnaire aims to understand expectations and satisfaction of citizens within the City of Central Point incorporated area, and should be completed by an adult, preferably the homeowner or head of household. Please scan the QR code to be directed to the survey, or visit our website and click the Community Survey button. Thank you for your time and valuable participation!

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