

Central Point City News

July 2024

On Thursday, July 4th, 2024, the City of Central Point will hold the annual 4th of July Parade downtown and the Freedom Festival in Robert Pfaff Park. We understand that many community members like to prepare for the parade by leaving chairs along the parade route the day before. This year, we ask that no chairs be placed along the parade route prior to Wednesday, July 3rd, at 5 pm. This is to allow our local businesses and residents to utilize the walkways without any obstructions. This is important for the City to remain ADA compliant in these areas. Chairs, blankets, or other obstructions found to be impeding the walkways will be removed or placed in the City-owned parking lot on the corner of N. 2nd Street and Manzanita Street. We appreciate the community's help during this event and look forward to celebrating our nation's holiday!

We would also like to remind residents that in order to accommodate these events, several streets will have full closures throughout the morning and afternoon of July 4th. Please see the attached map for closure details. All vehicles along the parade route must be moved from the roadway prior to 6 am on the day of the event to provide parade access and to avoid potential damage to parked vehicles. Residents will be able to use S. 5th Street and Cherry Street for access until the parade starts and is completed. We are aware that this may inconvenience you and/or your neighbors. The Parade and Festival are important annual events for our community, and we appreciate your support and understanding. If you have questions or concerns, please call the Central Point Parks & Recreation Department at 541-664-3321 ext 130.



 *A message from your*
CENTRAL POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Firework Safety Tips

Fireworks are a common activity during 4th of July celebrations all around the country. However, the fun and excitement of using fireworks doesn't always keep safety in mind. In 2023, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reported there were 11 firework-related deaths, as well as 10,200 injuries treated in U.S. emergency rooms in 2022. Of those injuries, nearly 73% occurred in the month surrounding 4th of July.

Injuries are not the only concern when handling fireworks. The CPSC reported in 2023, approximately 43% of selected and tested firework products were found to contain non-compliant components, including fuse violations, the presence of prohibited chemicals and pyrotechnic materials overload.

Knowing how to safely light your fireworks in order to prevent injuries and fires is extremely important in order to have a safe Independence Day celebration. Here are some tips from the Institute of Technology to help you do so:

- Always have a bucket of water, hose and/or fire extinguisher nearby
- Read directions completely before lighting fireworks
- Avoid wearing loose clothing that can easily catch flame
- Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs
- Never let children play with fireworks unattended
- Never use fireworks or sparklers indoors
- Light only one firework at a time
- Step back several feet after lighting a fuse



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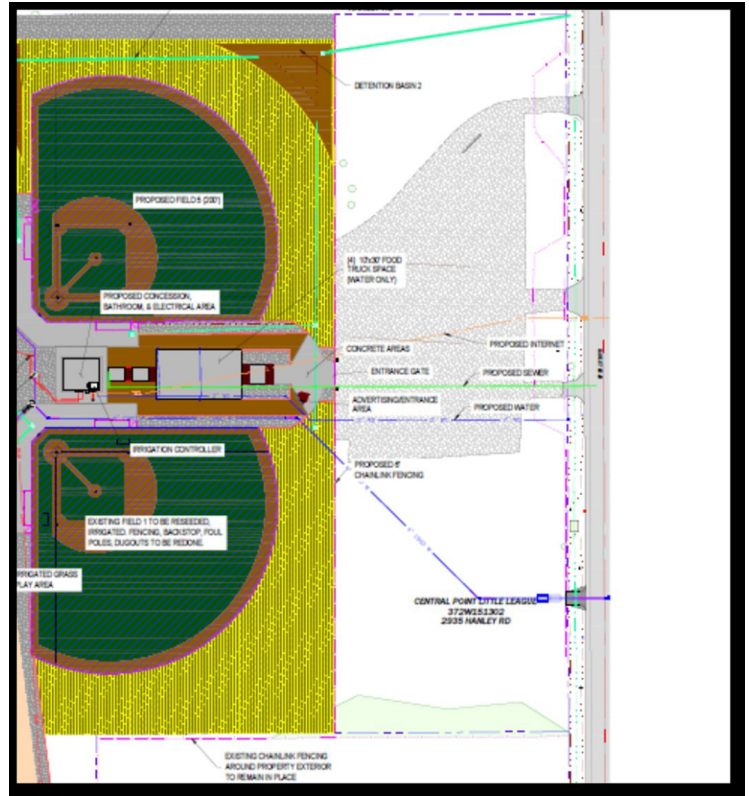
Exciting Developments in the Central Point Little League Project

The City of Central Point is thrilled to announce the commencement of Phase I of the Central Point Little League Project in the coming weeks. While the project has faced several challenges, particularly with rising construction costs, we are moving forward with the initial phase, focusing on the construction of the first two fields as shown in the graphic below.

To manage costs effectively, the City will oversee the project directly, collaborating with various contractors to complete different aspects of the work. We also invite the local business community to support this initiative by contributing to the City's Parks Foundation.

Although the City has made significant investments in the infrastructure needed for this facility, the project has been made possible thanks to a generous donation from the Moore Family.

The City received positive feedback following the initial maintenance of the fields earlier in 2024, shortly after taking ownership of the Little League fields. As we advance with Phase I, we look forward to receiving further public input, which will be invaluable as we plan for Phases II and III of the project.



Firework Safety Tips (continued from page 1)

- Never throw fireworks or point them at anyone
- Do not try to re-light fireworks
- Do not place or carry fireworks in your pockets
- Never place your hand or any other body parts over fireworks while lighting them
- Let your fireworks completely cool off by hosing them down and letting them sit at least 20 minutes before handling and throwing them away

If someone gets burned, apply cold water to the afflicted area and seek medical treatment. Because we live in an area that is prone to wildfires, consider developing and practicing a family wildfire safety plan. Better yet, leave fireworks to the experts and find a professional fireworks display to watch. If you desire to shoot off your own fireworks, stay smart and do your part to make sure everyone has a safe and fun 4th of July.

Note: This information was compiled for a regular-weather season. If our County enters a drought, this info will change. Please contact us at 541-664-5578 or Jackson County Fire District 3 for updates or questions.

						
Mayor	Ward I	Ward II	Ward III	Ward IV	At-Large	At-Large
Hank Williams 541-944-0066	Neil Olsen 541-664-7935	Kelley Johnson 541-499-8977	Melody Thueson 503-856-6822	Tanea Brown 541-890-8377	Mike Parsons 541-554-3892	Rob Hernandez 541-840-1841
If you are not sure who your representative is call 541-423-1026						

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

STREAM MAINTENANCE 2024

The time has come once again to remind those of you who live next to a stream to maintain the channel banks that run along your property. Central Point has 7 streams that flow through its city limits, and it is important to minimize flood hazards by keeping drainage channels free of obstructions. Stream channels that are blocked by debris such as garbage, construction products, blackberry vines and fences can cause flood waters to back up and increase hazards to local residents.

Central Point residents who own or rent property adjacent to a stream are required, by Chapter 8.28 of the Municipal Code, to maintain the stream or drainage channels along their property. City Staff will be inspecting stream banks starting on Monday, July 22nd, 2024 to ensure stream channels are clear of debris and unlawful obstructions. If City staff observes obstructions in the stream channel during the inspection, the property owner or occupant will be notified that action is needed to fulfill the stream maintenance requirements.

Here are some guidelines to remember regarding proper care and maintenance of land near and within stream channels:

- Locate garbage, wood products, lawn clippings and other debris at least 10 feet from the stream bank. These materials could end up in the waterway during storm events and pose a hazard to life and property.
- Protect the stream banks by not disturbing soils that can easily erode. Planting native plants along the stream bank can help hold soil in place and minimize erosion and decrease blackberry maintenance needs over time.
- CAUTION: Removal of the vegetation by excavation or the use of herbicides causes erosion and pollutes the water. Do not use herbicides to maintain stream banks.
- When removing invasive plants such as Himalaya Blackberry, remember to clean up all the trimmings. Blackberry fragments must be removed to prevent them from spreading to other properties and clogging the creeks. You may be held liable for trimmings that float downstream or left on the banks.
- Remove any fallen trees or tree limbs that are in the stream that could cause flood conditions.

As you perform your annual stream maintenance, keep in mind that fish and other aquatic life are present and require cool, clean water to survive. By planting native trees and shrubs along the stream banks you can help keep the water cool and prevent erosion while allowing the water to flow freely through the channel.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Ono in Public Works at 541-664-3321, ext. 243.

New Playground Planned for Don Jones Memorial Park

We need your help! The Don Jones Memorial Park playground was installed nearly sixteen years ago and is due for replacement. We are seeking public input into the new playground design. The Central Point Park and Recreation Commission will meet on Thursday, August 15th at 6:00 p.m. in Central Point City Hall to review designs, public comments, and staff recommendations and will make a final decision as to the design at this meeting.

A web-page has been created to provide information on the playground and design options. Playground designs have been provided by three different companies: Playcraft Systems, Burke Designs and Landscape Structures. There will be a link to a Survey Monkey online survey where you can respond to questions related to park and playground use and specific questions related to the design options. Please take a look at the designs and let us know what you like or dislike. We would love to hear from families and particularly those who will use the playground equipment most– Kids! Remember this is YOUR playground and we want to hear from you.

You can also provide comments, questions, or concern directly to Dave Jacob, Park Planner, via email at dave.jacob@centralpointoregon.gov or phone at (541) 423-1012. All comments received will be forwarded to the Park and Recreation Commission to assist with the decision-making process. Comments will need to be received no later than August 9th. Playground Website: <https://shorturl.at/LNoJS>

Dates to Remember

July

- 2 - Planning Commission - Cancelled
- 4 - Independence Day *
- 9 - Citizen's Advisory Committee - Cancelled
- 11 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 22 - Council Study Session (6 pm)
- 25 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled

August

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

* = City Hall Closed

Meetings are subject to change. Please check our website 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".



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 are available in the City Recorder's office, 140 S. Third Street. Nominating petitions can be filed no later than **Monday, August 27, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.** at the City Recorder's office.

For more information contact Rachel Neuenschwander,
City Recorder, at 541-423-1015 or by email
Rachel.Neuenschwander@centralpointoregon.gov