



Central Point City News

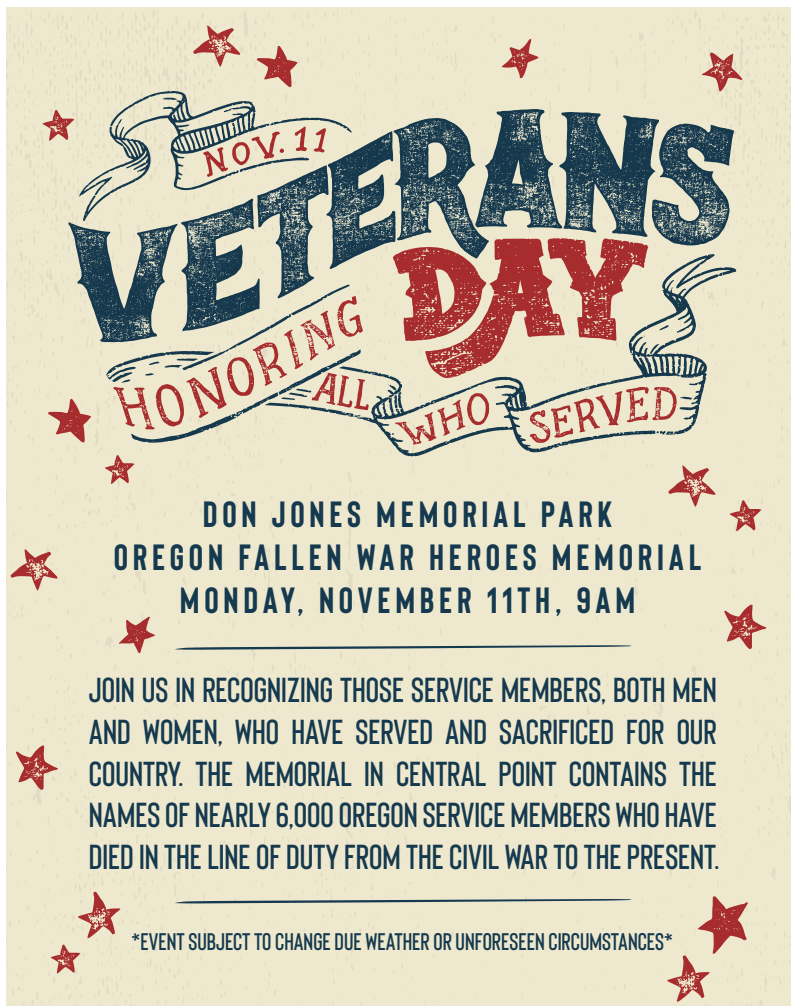
November 2024

Keep Leaves Away from Storm Drains

Now is the time of year to be conscience of yard and garden clean up, making sure you keep leaves and grass out of storm drains. Fallen leaves and grass clippings can plug storm drains and cause flooding in our roadways. If yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings and twigs are disposed of in a storm drain, they will eventually make their way to a natural body of water where they threaten aquatic life and degrade water quality. As the leave and grass decay, they release nutrients that contribute to excess algae growth, which uses the dissolved oxygen that fish need to survive.

Be sure to avoid blowing lawn clippings into the street. Direct them onto your property so they can be added to your compost bin, or bag them for pickup by Rogue Disposal on Leaf Pickup Day. The City has an agreement with Rogue Disposal to pick up bagged leaves within the City in November and December.

You shouldn't feel obligated to rake up every last leaf in your yard. Let some leaves stay on the ground to help benefit both wildlife and your garden. From a gardening perspective, fallen leaves offer a double benefit. Leaves form natural mulch that helps suppress weeds. At the same time, they also fertilize the soil as they break down. Why spend money on mulch and fertilizer, when you can make your own?



NOV. 11
VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

**DON JONES MEMORIAL PARK
OREGON FALLEN WAR HEROES MEMORIAL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 9AM**

JOIN US IN RECOGNIZING THOSE SERVICE MEMBERS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, WHO HAVE SERVED AND SACRIFICED FOR OUR COUNTRY. THE MEMORIAL IN CENTRAL POINT CONTAINS THE NAMES OF NEARLY 6,000 OREGON SERVICE MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO THE PRESENT.

EVENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE WEATHER OR UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES



LEAF PICK-UP

Rogue Disposal will be picking up bagged leaves on two occasions this winter. The first round will begin on Monday, Nov. 18th-20th. The second round will be Friday, Dec 13th. Each collection event may take more than one day. Leaves must be in sealed bags that weigh no more than 40 pounds and placed at the curb no later than 6:30am on pick-up day.

Please note blowing/raking leaves into the street is against Municipal Codes 8.05.020 & 9.64.030, resulting in fines up to \$225.00 Questions can be answered by Rogue Disposal at 541-779-4161.

The Importance of Scooping Your Dog's Poop



Pet waste is smelly, unsightly, messy and attracts bugs and rodents. Not only is it a health risk to both people and other pets, pet waste also adversely affects water quality. In many locales, it is required by law to pick up your pet's poop and dispose of it properly - but it's also the neighborly thing to do. Nobody likes stepping in poop or having to clean up other people's pet waste in their yard.

There are many diseases that can be spread through pet fecal matter. These can include dangerous bacterias such as coliform, Campylobacter, Salmonella and more. Giardia and Cryptosporidia are a couple of other nasty intestinal parasites that can be potentially spread to other pets or humans via your pet's feces. Some pets may also be harboring intestinal parasites such as roundworms or hookworms. The eggs of these parasites are shed in an infected pet's stool and then can be easily picked up by our children when they play in the yard or by you when you do yard work.

Water is a precious resource. Water quality is of the utmost concern for all of us. Pet waste left in yards or by the curb gets washed down the storm drains and into the waterways such as local streams, rivers, or lakes. As the fecal matter decays, it uses up the oxygen in the water and may release ammonia. When this chemical process takes place in high quantities, the resulting decrease in oxygen levels and increase in ammonia, especially during the warmer months of the year, which can lead to algae blooms and fish dying off. The bacteria released during the decay of the stool may also make the water unsafe for swimmers, divers, fisherman and boaters. Lets keep our water safe for everyone, by properly disposing of pet poop.

Creating an Emergency Kit for Your Home

Emergencies are often unexpected and can come at the worst of times. It is important to consider creating an Emergency Kit for you and your family to keep in a familiar place in our home for any time of emergency event. This month, we are provided a list of items suggested by the CDC to consider keeping on hand in your home. Please also keep in mind items that you or your family would need based on your individual medical histories or dietary needs when building your own Emergency Kit.

FOOD AND WATER

- A 3-day supply of water (1 gallon per person per day; more if living in a warm climate)
- A 3-day supply of ready-to-eat foods, such as canned meat, canned fruits and veggies, and ultra-high temp milk (also called UHT milk).
- High-energy foods such as peanut butter, nuts, dry cereal, granola and crackers
- "Stress foods" such as hard candy or cookies
- Eating utensils and supplies (plates/forks/spoons/knives/cups)
- Formula and/or foods needed for infants and toddlers, if applicable.
- Consider investing in an emergency water filter

CLOTHING

Have on hand at all times (whether sheltering in place or evacuating) one complete change of warm clothing and shoes per person, including:

- Jacket or coat
- Long pants
- Long-sleeved shirt
- Sturdy shoes
- A hat and gloves

GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Sleeping bag or warm blanket
- Battery-powered radios with extra batteries
- Dust masks and work gloves
- Plastic garbage bags
- A whistle
- Towelettes, baby wipes, toilet paper, paper towel
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape for sheltering in place
- Universal or wind-up cell phone charger
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Rain gear
- Tent
- Compass
- Signal flares
- Paper & pencils / pens
- Household chlorine bleach, which you can use as a disinfectant to clean surfaces (mix nine parts water to one part bleach). In an emergency you can also use it to purify water. Use 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. (Do not use scented or color-safe bleach or beach with added cleaners).



CITY OF
CENTRAL POINT

Community Christmas

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

Parade starts at 5pm
Tree Lighting to follow

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Join us for our annual Lights Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony! Visit with Santa while you enjoy free hot cocoa & cookies as well as free holiday crafts at City Hall.

City Hall & Pine Street

140 South 3rd Street, Central Point OR

Be a part of our Lights Parade! Email us at parks@centralpointoregon.gov

Community CUPIDS

Holiday Edition!

Spread some holiday cheer to our Senior Citizens!

www.centralpointoregon.gov/communitycupids

Bring your
completed
cards to
Community
Christmas!

Dates to Remember

November

- 5 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 7 - Parks & Rec Commission (6 pm)
- 11 - Veterans Day Commemoration (9am)*
- 14 - City Council Meeting (6 pm)
- 18 - Council Study Session (6 pm)
- 28-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday*

December

- 3 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 7 - Community Christmas (5 pm)
- 12 - City Council Meeting (6 pm)
- 16 - Council Study Session (6 pm)
- 24-25 - Christmas Holiday*

* = 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".

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN

ONLINE SURVEY

About Climate Friendly & Equitable Communities (CFEC) rules and the Climate Friendly Area (CFA) Designation Project

The City is establishing a CFA on eastside of town in response to rules enacted by the State to reduce climate pollution from land use and transportation. The new CFA will have land use and development regulations that are similar to areas like Twin Creeks.

We need your input to ensure that the new CFA regulations reflect the community's vision of maintaining Central Point's small town feel while meeting State rules.

Please take a moment to participate in the online survey to help us better understand the community's preferences regarding the future of this area.

Use the QR Code below to take the survey now:

