

THE CENTRAL POINT

COMMUNITY IN FOCUS

City of Central Point's Street Sweeping Schedule

**EVERY OTHER THURSDAY
BEGINNING THURSDAY,
JANUARY 2ND, 2014.**

As of now the city has scheduled street sweeping for, HG/GV every other Thursday.

The City's street cleaning program removes dirt and debris from city streets to provide a healthy, safe, and attractive environment for residents. Regular removal of leaves and debris is necessary to prevent stormwater drains from clogging, which can result in street flooding. Street cleaning protects water quality and minimizes the burden on the sewer system from surface debris.

Why wasn't street sweeping completed in front of my house?

There are many reasons why the sweeper may not have been able to sweep in front of your house. Most often, it's because items such as cars, bicycles, toys and refuse containers are blocking the roadway. *We will be putting notices on the mailboxes to remind residents to keep their cars off the streets.* Low-hanging trees and shrubs can

also prevent sweepers from cleaning in front of your house.

How you can help street sweepers

Keeping the roadway in front of your house free of large objects and obstructions is the best way to assist street sweeping crews' clean-up efforts. Remove large sticks and branches from the roadway in front of your house. They will clog and jam the sweeper's operating system. Remove grass or weeds that grow in the gutter. This will reduce debris in front of your house and will improve water runoff during rainstorms. Properly trim your street trees so the sweeper can clean next to the curb.

CC&R Corner – Sidewalks and Street Clearance

Property owner responsibilities according to the City of Central Point Municipal Code and the governing documents of Hidden Grove/Green Valley

Did you know that the Central Point Municipal Code outlines the responsibility of property owners? Often these codes coincide with our CC&R's, specifically regarding sidewalks and right of ways. Please review

these brief statements regarding the laws of City sidewalks and right-of-ways. Each of these items is actionable by the HOA as well.

Repair and Maintenance

CPMC 12.04 clarifies the duties of owners of land adjoining any street to maintain in good repair and to remove obstructions from the sidewalk. When a sidewalk is in need of repair, it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain a permit, and complete the repair. Section 5 (a) of our Rules and Regulations states: Each homeowner will be responsible for maintaining and keeping clean and in good repair the exterior of his home as well as all appurtenant structures such as [...] sidewalks [...] at all times.

Sidewalk and Street Clearance

CPMC 8.08 states that owners and tenants are responsible for keeping trees and bushes trimmed to allow for clearance of vehicles and pedestrians. Vegetation must be trimmed to a height of at least 10 feet over streets and 8 feet over sidewalks. Utility meters must be accessible. City staff may trim bushes and trees that violate these clearance restrictions. Section 5 (b) of the Rules and Regulations states: Street, sidewalks, [...] will be kept clean and free from [...] debris at all times.

POINT ON ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

All Residents Welcome at Annual Meeting

The association's annual meeting is quickly approaching, and it is the best opportunity for you to learn about this year's events and get caught up on everything happening in our community. The annual meeting will be held on January 20th at 7:00pm in the clubhouse.

Here are a few agenda items and meeting activities you won't want to miss:

- Meet board members and the manager.
- Learn about our past year's accomplishments and challenges
- Get an update on all current and future scheduled projects.
- Review the proposed budget, and hear how your assessments are being used.

How the Budget is Prepared

A lot of work goes into preparing the annual budget. It's a complex activity that has to start early so the budget can be finalized and approved at our annual meeting. Here's how we do it: The manager and bookkeeper work together to gather all financial information so that we can project expenses for the coming year. This could include bids for contracts, projections for utility or service increases, comparisons of past years' budget trends and many other details.

They also examine all sources of income including assessments and fees collected for clubhouse rental, RV spaces and storage units. They then create a working draft by adjusting the expenses and income until they balance.

The 2014 budget will be presented at the annual meeting for approval by the board of directors.

Be an active community resident and attend the annual meeting. Come introduce yourself to the board, the manager and your neighbors and find a wealth of information about your community!

According to our By-Laws, the term for the office of board president is expiring, and an election will be held to fill the position. If you are interested in this position, please submit a letter to the HOA manager.

Next Board Meeting (Annual Meeting) January 20th, 7:00pm in the clubhouse

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD

POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

HAPPY NEW YEAR – Auld Lang Syne

The song, “Auld Lang Syne,” is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the New Year. At least partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700’s, it was first published in 1796 after his death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scotch tune, “Auld Lang Syne” literally means “old long ago,” or simply, “the good old days.”

POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

Fourth Graders Describe Town for Portlanders Back in 1955

In trying to learn more about our city, we found the following letter which was first published on page 3 of Central Point’s old newspaper, the *Central Point American*, back on February 17, 1955. We thought everyone would like hearing what school children thought of our little town nearly 59 years ago. Below is the article.

The letter published below was written by a member of the fourth grade class at Central Point Elementary School in answer to a letter from a fourth grade student at Portland seeking information about Central Point.

The material was collected, organized and written by the class

to help the Portland group learn something about the city of Central Point. The letter published below was written by Clifford Pinkham.

Dear Douglas Butler:

The mayor of Central Point gave your letter to the principal of our school, Mr. Meyer. Our principal asked our class to write a reply giving you information about our town.

First, we will tell you about the history of Central Point.

Central Point was so named because it was the center of the inhabited part of Jackson County at that time. The town got started because a shipping and trading center was needed. This small town was founded about 1862. Its post office was established in April 1872. The town was incorporated by an act of Oregon state legislature February 18, 1889.

Central Point has grown from a population of 500 in 1889 to a present population of 1909.

This town is 1292 feet above sea level.

There are five churches and an elementary school with an enrollment of 934 students. This includes the junior high school. There is a new consolidated high school. There are several fine food stores, variety and department stores and a new bank within the city center.

Central Point has one newspaper published every Thursday. It is called the *Central Point American*.

Two doctors have established practices and they are Dr. Alvin Roberts and Dr. Wayne Roberts.

The town has grown [as an] industrial

center since 1889. There is a cheese factory and a fruit loading equipment factory. State game department manufactures fish screen and wheels. There is a chicken hatchery. This is the home of the Grange Co-op Supply. It is a shipping center for fruits and grains.

As special points of interest, we like to point out that a visitor to our community would enjoy seeing the fruit orchards when in full bloom or when loaded with fruit.

One could easily drive to Crater Lake, to the Pacific Ocean or enjoy the Lake of the Woods from this part of the Rogue Valley.

Roxy Ann is a high mountain peak that many residents appreciate. Mt. McLoughlin is snow-capped part of the year.

The Oregon Shakespearean Festival is held at Ashland, which is only a short distance from Central Point.

POINT ON GOOD HEALTH

Are Your Hummingbird feeders freezing?

If you have a hummingbird feeder in your yard during the warmer months, hummingbirds depend on your feeder during the winter months. When the weather cools off, keep your feeder filled and make sure it does not freeze.

Regular (non-freezing) weather mix is: 1 part sugar to 4 parts water. Winter nectar mix: 1 part sugar to 3 parts water - don’t mix it any stronger. Still freezing? Hang a shop light (or any protected light bulb) next to the feeder to keep it warm.

January Calendar of Events

- 01/01 – New Year’s Day (clubhouse office closed)
- 01/10 – The Legend of Hercules in theaters
- 01/13 – Cirque Ziva with the Golden Dragon Acrobats at the Craterian Theater
- 01/16 – Full Moon
- 01/20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (clubhouse office closed)
- 01/20 – Annual Meeting 7:00 pm Clubhouse
- 01/24 & 01/25 – Ultimate Bridal Show at the Expo
- 01/27 – No school at Central point Schools
- 01/31 – Chinese New Year

Happy New Year

