

THE CENTRAL POINT

COMMUNITY IN FOCUS

City of Central Point Takes On Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program in July, 2012

Effective July 1st, the monthly stormwater quality fee that is currently collected on the Rogue Valley Sewer Services monthly bill will be moved to the City of Central Point water bill. This fee transfer is occurring because the City is taking over stormwater pollution prevention activities from Rogue Valley Sewer Services in order to satisfy the state and federal water quality requirements as administered by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). According to the City of Central Point's "News from City Hall," this change is occurring because the City has existing staff members with the expertise needed to manage the program in a manner that is more cost effective and addresses the community's expressed values and vision for growth.

Also according to the "News from City Hall," stormwater pollution is the number one cause of water quality impairment throughout our state and nation. The DEQ requires that small communities like Central Point reduce and prevent water pollution to the maximum extent practicable. This can be achieved by implementing activities which increase public education and involvement. The City will be responsible for preventing municipal pollution as well as pollution from

construction and post construction activities while also addressing illegal dumping and accidental spills.

What this means to the residents of Hidden Grove/Green Valley.

The Hidden Grove/Green Valley Homeowner's Association receives the water bill from the City of Central Point. This bill includes various City fees, including all the water used by each household in the subdivision. Due to this change the City's water bill to the Homeowner's Association will go up \$204.00, or \$1.00 for each residence. In order to compensate for this change, we will begin collecting the additional \$1.00 from our residents; however every resident's sewer bill will be going down by \$1.00.

The City plans to keep its citizens up to date on the program's development and seeks input from residents on future projects. Information about the stormwater program is available online at www.centralpointoregon.gov. If you have questions about the stormwater pollution program, please contact the Floodplain/Stormwater Coordinator at 541-664-3321 ext. 244. If you have questions about the change in the billing from HG/GV HOA, please contact the office at 541-664-3996.

Central Point Police Department Offers Free Vacation House Checks

While residents are away on vacation, they can request that Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) perform an inspection of their property. This service provides additional security while your house is unoccupied. Their inspection includes a perimeter check, physical and/or visual check of all doors and windows and verification of vehicles left on the property. A log is kept of all the activity conducted while you are away. If by chance a burglary occurs, VIPS will contact an individual you have specified as your emergency contact.

VIPS does not provide this service for houses that are permanently unoccupied or for sale/show by realtors, however they can drive by your home and visually check it during your absence.

To take advantage of this free service, you can visit the City of Central Point website www.centralpointoregon.gov, and select "Police" under the "Departments and Services" tab and complete their on-line application. Also, you can pick up an application form at the Central Point Police Department at 155 S. 2nd Street. Completed applications must be submitted at least 48 hours prior to departure. For further information, please call the Central Point Police Department at 541-664-5578.

POINT ON ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

The Board of Directors Meets on May 21st.

Board Members present were Regina Nelson, Suzanne Deaville, Wendy French and Carol Rosenberg. Carrie Andries was the staff member present, and residents present were Mandy McCully, Lola McAtee, Sergio & Marna Mendoza.

It was a quick meeting of the Board of Directors this May. Following the city wide yard sale, and a couple of trips to the dump, the Association went from three storage units to one. This will enable the office to rent out the remaining storage units rather than have them sitting full of unused and outdated materials.

The Association has heard from the City of Central Point that they plan on painting the fire lanes sometime this summer. The office will keep in communication with the residents

to let them know when once the dates are confirmed.

The board approved paying for a new security system for the computer update. The software upgrade will cost approximately \$750. The initial cost of the system was \$8,700, and the board agreed that it is important to have the security system properly functioning on the new office computer.

The Association manager learned and passed on to the Board of Directors that the water bill from the City was going up \$1.00/household.

One resident's request to raise backyard fence was approved while another resident's request to move side yard fence was not approved.

April financial report was approved as presented. New financial Reports were attached. The board has approved writing bad debt off the books. The Board has approved creating a budget item for repairing cracks in

street next year. It was also agreed upon that the cost for replacement fobs be reduced from \$50.00 to \$25.00.

Next Board meeting Monday June 18th at 7:00pm in the Clubhouse

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POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

Battle of the Bones Fires up June 22, 23 & 24

The City of Central Point Parks & Recreation Foundation will host the Battle of the Bones on Friday, June 22nd through Sunday, June 24th in order to raise funds to enhance our city parks. That means that the day is approaching when, while working outside in your yard, the wonderful smell of barbecue will be so distracting that you can no longer get your yard work done. You will have no choice but to head over to Twin Creeks Park to enjoy barbecue, beer and live music for the rest of the day.

The Battle of the Bones is a fierce barbecue competition between the best barbecue chefs on the West Coast. It is a family focused event with kid friendly activities, live musical performances as well as craft beer and wine tasting competitions. Entry to the event is free, but if you want to sample barbecue, beer or wine, you will need to purchase a tasting ticket. Ribs however will be sold for \$2.00 from the Foundation booth throughout the event.

This year will be the first year the event is sanctioned by the Pacific Northwest BBQ Association who will enforce the rules for the barbecue teams and assure that all judging is performed consistently with their standards. That means that the competition is about to heat up!

There will be a limited amount of

tickets available for the barbecue competition, so make sure that you give yourself enough time to get all of your tasting done during the tasting times. It is recommended that you purchase your tickets prior to 2:00pm each day. There will also be a beer and wine competition. With the purchase of a \$10.00 ticket, you will receive a souvenir pint or wine glass that you can use for your samples. Please remember to bring your valid photo ID.

POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

Discovering Jacksonville's Walk Path and Trial System

Back in 1989, several residents of Jacksonville created the Jacksonville Woodlands Association (JWA) in order to preserve the town's stunning scenery and to create and maintain a trail system throughout the hillsides of Jacksonville. Today, there are 15 all-weather interconnected hiking and biking trails for hikers of all abilities. The trails cover 18 miles and surround 70% of Jacksonville's historic district. These trails have attracted national attention and are just a short drive from Hidden Grove/Green Valley.

The JWA created the Sarah Zigler Interpretative Trail (1 mile/flat) which is a National Recreation Trail. The trail begins in the historic Britt Gardens, follows Jackson Creek to where gold was discovered in 1851 and passes near the 1862 Britt Sequoia, an Oregon Heritage Tree. There are interpretive brochures and trail maps at the trailhead

beginning in the Britt Gardens.

The Rich Gulch Trail (1 mile/moderate) is the site of one of the richest gold strikes in the history of the western United States. The trail stretches between the West Fir Street trailhead and south Oregon Street and follows old hydraulically mined gulches dating from the 1860's. There are twelve illustrated interpretive signs narrating the mining history of Jacksonville.

For more information or for a map of the entire trail system, visit their website www.jvwoodlands.org.

POINT ON GOOD HEALTH

Lunches for Kids and Seniors

The City of Central Point, through School District 6 and the Senior Center will be offering free and reduced cost lunches throughout the summer. School District 6 will be serving summer lunch free of charge to kids 1-18 on weekdays June 18th-August 3rd at Robert Pfaff Park and Don Jones Memorial Park. Kids can choose a hot entrée or a sandwich served with fresh fruit, vegetable and milk. A menu is available at the School District 6 webpage.

The Central Point Senior Center will be serving lunches Monday through Friday for only \$3.50. You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy their delicious home cooked meals. Each meal comes with a drink, salad, entrée and dessert. The monthly menus are also available online at the City of Central Point's webpage.

June Calendar of Events

- 06/04 – Full Moon
- 06/11-06/17 – Medford Cruise
- 06/14 – Flag Day
- 06/15 – Rock of Ages in Theaters
- 06/17 – Father's Day
- 06/18 – Board Meeting 7:00pm in the Clubhouse
- 06/20 – First Day of summer
- 06/23-06/24 – Summer Kite Festival, Lincoln City, OR
- 06/30 – Rooster Crow, Rogue River

WE WANT YOU



TO GET INVOLVED!

Join the HG/GV Board of Directors and provide input regarding our Homeowner's Association. We would love to hear your opinions, thoughts and ideas!