

# THE CENTRAL POINT

Hidden Grove & Green Valley  
December 2018

*"Our mission is to provide for the safety of our residents,  
maintain the common property and protect our home values."*

## Point on Association and Business



### Board of Directors Meets for November Meeting

On November 14, the Board met for their November meeting.

Ashley Blakely from Fire District 3 attended the meeting to discuss the Firewise USA© program. Fire District 3 promotes this program and Ashley Blakely is the community advisor that oversees it. The Peninger fire was a rude awakening to our vulnerability to a fire that could consume our entire community. The Board voted to participate in the Firewise USA© program. Ashley and her team will prepare an action plan and do an assessment of our community that will help us minimize our risks and prepare better to survive a fire. Ashley will identify risky vegetation and fuels around our homes and community that would increase fire risks. The next step would be a community effort to mitigate those risks as best we can. She would also identify communication plans we can participate in and provide us with evacuation routes as well as ideas for go bags and just being mentally prepared to act. The HOA Board recognized some of the confusion and panic we all felt with the Peninger fire and want to make our community a safer and more durable place.

All financial reports were approved by the Board. The HOA financials are available for Lot owners to review. Please contact the HOA office if you would like to review the financials of HGGV. The Board also discussed the preliminary budget for 2019. The budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting and voted on at the next Board Meeting.

The Association's ANNUAL meeting of Members will be held on Wednesday, January 16th at 6:00PM in the clubhouse. At the annual meeting the Board will discuss the accomplishments of 2018 and challenges for 2019. Also, the term of Vice President and Member at Large expire at the end of 2018. If you are a Lot owner and interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please submit something in writing to the office by January 9. There will be a Board of Directors meeting immediately following the annual meeting.

**Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be January 16 at 6:00pm in the clubhouse. This meeting will be preceded by the annual meeting of Homeowners Association members**

### Becoming a Firewise USA® Recognized Site

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Firewise USA® program teaches people how to adapt to living in wildfire prone areas and encourages neighbors to work together and take action to prevent losses. The Firewise USA® program provides a collaborative framework for neighbors to reduce wildfire risks at the local level. The national recognition program's annual criteria are designed to empower and engage residents living in wildfire prone areas with plans and actions that can increase a home's chances of surviving a wildfire, while also making it safer for firefighters.

The HGGV Board moved to have our Association apply to join the growing network of more than 1,500 recognized Firewise USA® sites from across the nation acting and taking ownership in preparing and protecting their homes against the threat of wildfire.

In order to achieve national recognition, a representative from Fire

District 3 will provide us with a wildfire risk assessment. This assessment will be the Board's primary tool in determining risk reduction priorities within our neighborhood.

Next, the HOA will develop an action plan, or a prioritized list of risk reduction projects/investments for the HOA, along with suggested homeowner actions and educational activities for residents. We will also have educational outreach events. The NFPA has several ideas and suggestions for planning successful educational outreach activities for our residents.

Once we become a recognized Firewise USA® site, the Board would like to form a committee that will collaborate on developing our fire risk reduction priorities, develop a multi-year action plan based on the risk assessment and oversee the completion of the annual renewal requirements needed to retain an "in good standing" status.

**If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact the office.**

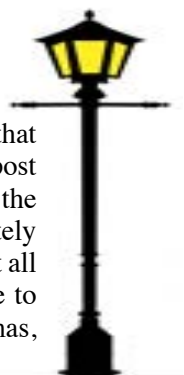
**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

### Notice to Those Renting an RV Space

Sometime during the next several months, the HOA will be moving the gravel currently stored in our storage area to fill a trench in our RV parking area. Some residents who rent an RV space will need to move their RV so we can get use the necessary equipment to move the gravel. We will be providing a 30-day notice by mail. Please keep a lookout for the notice. Contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

### CC&Rs Corner Post Lights

Did you know that the CC&Rs require that residents keep an approved light bulb in their post light and that it must come on at night? Because the Association would like our streets to be adequately lit for the safety of our residents, we require that all post lights have white lights. If you would like to add red or green lights to your home for Christmas, please put those on your porch or house lights.







## POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

### How to Deter Thieves during the Holiday Season

December is here and, with the holidays just around the corner, many of us let our guard down and create an opportunity for thieves to steal our belongings.

Here are some tips to make sure your personal property does not end up in the wrong hands this Christmas.

1. **Resist the urge to “check-in” on social media.** Sure it may be fun to let all your friends know that you are trying out the newest restaurant in town or even that you are out of town on a fabulous vacation, but many experts advise against these types of broadcasts on social media.
1. **Lock your door.** Our parents always told us this as kids, but sometimes we let our defenses down because we feel like we live in a safe neighborhood. Statistics gathered by ADT Security company show that 40% of all burglaries are through unlocked doors and windows. Check that all your doors and windows are locked when you are not home.
2. **Keep your garage door closed and locked and any garage door openers hidden and locked in the car.** Often, we keep our garage door open while we are working in the yard, or while our kids are outside playing. Experts agree that this is never a good idea. Often, criminals will drive through residential neighborhoods and take an inventory of what they see inside garages with a plan to come back later.
3. **Display the Christmas tree – NOT the Christmas gifts.** It is uncomfortable to realize that while we are away thieves may look through our windows. They do and especially this time of year. Make sure that your curtains are tightly closed while you are away.
4. **Think carefully when putting out your trash or recycling.** Often thieves or burglars may look through our garbage to try to figure out what we have purchased. If you have boxes that indicate that something expensive might be in the house, consider taking the box directly to the recycling center.
5. **If you are going out of town, consider having the Central Point Police do vacation checks on your home.** Trained V.I.P.S. (Volunteers In Police Service), will perform an inspection of your property while you are away on vacation. Click here for more information: <http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/police/webform/vacation-house-check-form>

All it takes is one thief's determination to potentially ruin your holiday. Remain vigilant this Christmas and practice the above safety precautions.

### IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS

Call the police non-emergency dispatch number **541-776-7206**. We can all do our part to keep our neighborhood a safe place to live.

## POINT ON THE GOOD HEALTH

### Some Helpful Tips for Reducing Stress

For some reason the holidays, with all their deadlines and shopping frenzy can do the opposite of what they are supposed to do. Instead of relaxing with friends and family, enjoying the season, we find ourselves racing around town and losing sleep trying to figure out how to get it all done in time. Here are some helpful tips for reducing stress. Give them a try, and you might find yourself feeling better throughout the holiday season.

Before going to bed, set out breakfast items and lay out everything you'll need for work so you simply wake up and go in the morning. Then, get up 20 minutes earlier so you can enjoy a non-rushed breakfast.

Don't skip the important things. Be sure to make time to exercise. The connection between exercise and stress relief is undeniable.

Plan to do grocery shopping, banking and post office visits during non-chaotic times. Don't grocery shop on Saturday afternoon, don't go to the bank on Friday afternoon, and don't try to mail a package on Monday morning.

Look for the humor in every situation. They say laughter is the best medicine. This also applies to stress reduction.



## POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

### 2018 Medford Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Presented by West Orthodontics

The Ugly Christmas Sweater 5k, presented by West Orthodontics will be held Saturday, December 15 at 9:00am in downtown Medford and is guaranteed to be a fun time.

Ugly holiday sweaters have become “a thing” in the last few years, and there's no better way to embrace this trend than to participate in the 2018 Medford Ugly Sweater 5k Run/Walk.

The race will take place right in downtown Medford and is a “fun run”, which means it will not be timed. There will be a clock at the finish line, but the race results won't be recorded.

The cost of the race is \$25 for individuals or \$19 if you are part of a team. Those 12 and under can register for only \$12. You can register online at: <https://www.active.com/medford-or/running/distance-running-races/medford-ugly-christmas-sweater-5k-presented-by-west-orthodontics-2018>

100% of the proceeds from this race will go towards the Jackson County Foster Parent Association, [www.jcfpa.org](http://www.jcfpa.org). The JCFPA works to improve the lives of so many foster children and gives meaningful support to foster, adoptive and relative families. This wonderful organization also provides free clothes and school supplies to foster children, as well as gifts for birthdays, Christmas, and Easter.



# HIDDEN GROVE & GREEN VALLEY



## Community and Neighborhood Bulletin Board



### December Calendar of Events

- 12/01 – City of Central Point  
Community Christmas and Lights  
Parade
- 12/02 – Hanukkah Begins
- 12/14 – Final Day for Leaf Pick Up
- 12/15 – Ugly Sweater 5k in Downtown  
Medford
- 12/19 – Mary Poppins Returns in  
Theaters
- 12/21 – First Day of Winter
- 12/22 – Full Moon
- 12/25 – Christmas (Office Closed)

Central Point  
**COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS**  
& Lights Parade

**PARADE 5:00PM**  
**DOWNTOWN PINE ST.**  
**DECEMBER 1, 2018**  
**TREE LIGHTING 6PM CITY HALL**

Visit Santa | Christmas Crafts | Hot Coco & Cookies at City Hall

BE A PART OF OUR LIGHTS PARADE BY CALLING 541.664.3321 EXT 130

### December 14 Final Day for Leaf Pick Up

Reminder that if you want to have Rogue Disposal pick up your bagged leaves, the final day will be Friday, December 14.

Please make sure that your bagged leaves are out either the evening before, or no later than 6:30 a.m. in the morning of pick up.

### Getting ahold of HGGV by Text Message

Sometimes, it is much easier to text rather than call. The HOA has set up this procedure to make things easier for residents and Lot owners, however, please note, this does not mean that the Association Manager or Board of Directors are available 24/7. Please text the HOA at 541-664-3996. Text messages will be dealt with as necessary. As always, please contact 911 with any true emergencies.



### Vote for Your Favorite Christmas Lights

Have a neighbor who you think has the best decorations? Maybe a house in you drive by and think the resident should be recognized for all their hard work? Call or email the office to vote for your favorite! Resident with the most votes will receive a FREE clubhouse rental!

“Remember this December, that love weighs more than gold!”

— Josephine Dodge Daskam Bacon