

The Central Point

Hidden Grove & Green Valley
December 2019

"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



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 creating 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 that you are out of town on a fabulous vacation, but many experts advise against these types of broadcasts on social media.

2. **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.

3. **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.

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **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.

Final Day for Leaf Pick Up is Friday, December 13

Rogue Disposal and Recycling will pick up your bagged leaves at no charge to you. Use heavy-duty 33-gallon bags to bag your leaves and take them to the curb. Then Rogue Disposal will take care of the rest. There is no limit to the number of bags you can set out, however crews will not pick up bags containing tree branches, lawn clippings or other debris. Filled bags should not weigh more than 40 pounds each.

If you miss the leaf pickup or have additional yard debris, you can take it directly to the Transfer Station in White City for a small fee. **Please do not place bags out for pick up until the day before or the day of pick up.**

Avoid Salt When Keeping Sidewalk Clear and Safe

Did you know that the CC&R's state that sidewalks should always be kept clean and free from debris? Please do your best to keep your sidewalk free from ice this winter. Many of us have used salt on our icy sidewalks; however, this has caused damage to sidewalks around the neighborhood. Also, skip the kitty litter or wood ashes as neither melts snow nor ice, and they tend to be messy when it warms up.

Board Meets for November Meeting

On Wednesday, November 20, the Board met for their November Meeting.

Unfortunately, due to a work schedule change, the Board had to accept the resignation of Vice President, Lynn Bellus. The Board wishes her the best and will miss her levelheaded input on Board issues.

The Xeriscaping project across from the clubhouse is now complete. In addition to now saving the HOA money on landscaping fees, the project was completed nearly \$600.00 UNDER budget. The Board would like to thank the HOA employees and volunteers that worked so hard on bringing this project in under budget and making the area look so nice.

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 2020. The budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting and voted on at the next Board Meeting.

The Board also discussed damaged sidewalks and voted to determine which sidewalks are in need of repair and send a letter to the Lot owner giving them one year to repair the sidewalk.

The Association's ANNUAL meeting of Members will be held on Wednesday, January 15th at 6:00PM in the clubhouse. At the annual meeting the Board will discuss the accomplishments of 2019 and challenges for 2020. Also, the term of President expires at the end of 2019.

The Association will have an election for President and Vice President.

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 Wednesday, January 15th at 6:00pm in the clubhouse. This meeting will be preceded by the annual meeting of Homeowners Association members.



Governing Documents Corner - Post Lights

Did you know that the Rules and Regulations 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 AND GOOD HEALTH



TWELVE HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

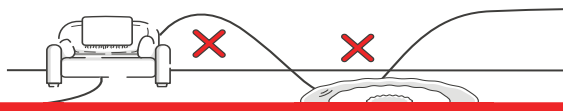
- 1** Keep decorations at least three feet away from heat sources – especially those with an open flame, like fireplaces and candles.



- 3** If you have a natural Christmas tree water it to keep it fresh and safe.



- 2** The best decorations are safe decorations, so when you're decorating, make sure not to run cords under rugs or furniture.



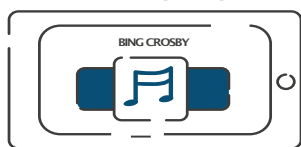
- 4** Always turn off your decorations when you leave your home and when you're sleeping.



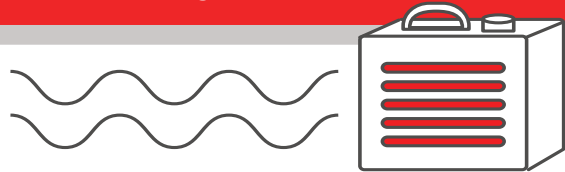
- 5** If you're using extension cords or adapters that add receptacles, consider having a qualified electrician add more outlets to your home



- 7** Remember that phones and tablets should stay on your nightstand.



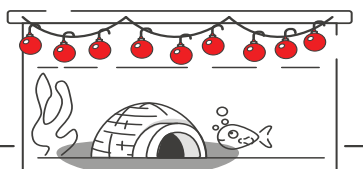
- 9** If you're using a space heater, switch it off before leaving the room.



- 11** Keep batteries stored safely in their packaging and out of reach from small children and pets.



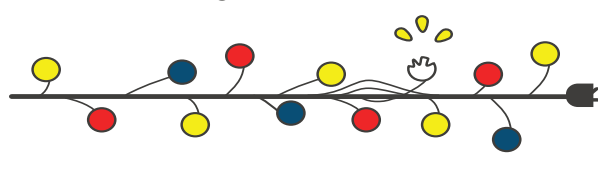
- 6** Only use electronics in dry areas. As tempting as it is, you just can't decorate your aquarium with icicle lights.



- 8** Every home needs a working smoke alarm in each bedroom, outside sleeping areas and on every level, including the basement.



- 10** Inspect your decorations and discard any that are damaged or worn out.



- 12** The best gift for your family is an Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupter breakers or outlets. Many electrical fires that occur every year could be prevented by AFCIs.



POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY AND BEYOND

Safety Tips for Winter Road Trips

Preparedness is paramount when it comes to road trips, especially when hitting the road for a long drive during the winter months. With an increased risk of potential driving hazards like sleet, snow, strong winds and frigid temperatures, it is a good idea to think about ways to ensure you'll travel safely. The following tips will help you prepare for your winter road trip.

Service Your Vehicle Before You Travel: Traveling in colder weather takes a much greater toll on the mechanical parts of your vehicle, so making sure you give the vehicle a service before you travel should help to identify any potential problems so they can be rectified before you find yourself on the winter roads.

Pack an Emergency Kit in Case You Become Stuck Invest:

While nobody likes to think of having an accident while you are on a road trip, it is something you should consider, as even a small crash in wintry conditions can become very serious if you cannot move the vehicle and the temperatures drop below zero. Having an emergency kit with basic first aid equipment, emergency blankets, and food and drink can be a lifesaver if things take a turn for the worse. Available at most major retailers, these kits are relatively inexpensive and contain items like flares, booster cables, flashlights, ponchos and first aid supplies for minor injuries.

Give Yourself Extra Time in Your Itinerary: One of the biggest mistakes when planning a winter road trip is to overestimate the miles that you can cover comfortably during your trip, so make sure that you give yourself plenty of time for stops, and certainly don't assume that you will be able to travel along at the same pace as you would on the highway in the summer.

Develop a contingency plan: Create a strategy for dealing with a flat tire, vehicle accident, dead battery or other potential travel delays. Keep a hard-copy list of people or businesses to contact for help should you need it. The emergency recovery is not something that you will want to use, but if you are traveling in rural areas you may not always have cell phone signal to check for phone numbers, so having the number of a few services, or your own national recovery service if you have one, can help avoid a series of wasted phone calls from a phone booth in poor weather conditions.

Stay in touch: Check in with a designated contact during your journey with updates on your location, delays encountered or unexpected situations that require longer travel time. When driving, remember always to pull off the road before using your cell phone.

Check the local weather report before heading out: Winter weather can be tricky, and forecasts aren't always accurate. You can double check your destination's weather history on a variety of websites to determine typical conditions to expect in that area during your travels.

Store warm clothes and blankets in your vehicle. Be prepared to stay warm if you're stuck for extended periods by keeping a blanket or two in your car. Also, pack a small travel case with snow boots, socks, gloves, a scarf, hat and heavy sweater in case you need to leave your vehicle.

Review your travel route without GPS. Read through detailed driving directions, including alternate routes, so you know your options. Also consider keeping a map handy in case your navigation system is compromised during your trip.



COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN BOARD

December Calendar of Events

- 12/07 – City of Central Point
Community Christmas and
Lights Parade
- 12/12 – Full Moon
- 12/13 – Final Day for Leaf Pick Up
- 12/13 – Jumanji: The Next Level in
Theaters
- 12/14 – Medford Ugly Sweater 5K
- 12/21 – Winter Begins
- 12/22 – Hanukkah Begins
- 12/25 – Christmas (Office Closed)



Vote for Your Favorite Christmas Lights

Do you have a neighbor who you think has the best decorations? Maybe a house 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! The resident with the most votes will receive a FREE clubhouse rental!

Central Point COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS & Lights Parade

PARADE 5:00PM

DOWNTOWN PINE ST.

DECEMBER 7, 2019

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

Christmas isn't a Season.
It's a feeling.
--Edna Ferber



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

– Josephine Dodge Daskam Bacon