

# THE Hidden Grove & Green Valley CENTRAL POINT

June 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



### Medford Water Commission Offers Assistance for Water Conservation

Ever wonder if you are using too much water on your lawn, but worry that reducing watering times will leave you with a brown lawn? The Medford Water Commission's webpage is full of great information on how to keep your landscaping looking great while saving water and money.

#### ◆ Sample Lawn Watering Schedules ◆

Biweekly Period	Approximate Lawn Water Needs (Inches per Week) <sup>(1)</sup>	Total Watering Time Per Week		
		Standard Sprays <sup>(2)</sup>	Rotor Heads <sup>(2)</sup>	Rotating Nozzles <sup>(2)</sup>
May 1-15	1.04	42 minutes	100 minutes	156 minutes
May 16-31	1.21	48 minutes	116 minutes	181 minutes
June 1-15	1.40	56 minutes	134 minutes	210 minutes
June 16-30	1.59	64 minutes	153 minutes	238 minutes
July 1-15	1.76	70 minutes	169 minutes	264 minutes
July 16-31	1.71	68 minutes	164 minutes	256 minutes
Aug 1-15	1.50	60 minutes	144 minutes	225 minutes
Aug 16-31	1.33	53 minutes	128 minutes	199 minutes
Sep 1-15	1.09	44 minutes	105 minutes	163 minutes
Sep 16-30	0.84	34 minutes	80 minutes	126 minutes

### Board of Directors Meets for May Meeting

On May 15th, the Board met for their May meeting.

The Board is still working on our HOA's involvement in the Firewise USA® program. Our next step is contacting the residents who were identified as needing fuels reduction work during the initial assessment to encourage removal of flammable species around their home. The Board will also consider amending the Rules and Regulations for planting restrictions, disallowing any cypress, juniper, arborvitae or other species that can contribute to fire risks.

The Board also discussed xeriscaping the area across New Haven from clubhouse. In May 2018, the Board voted unanimously to remove the lawn from the space across from the clubhouse, cut off the power to the controls and terminate the water supply to this area. The Board approved a budget to create the xeriscape garden including firewise and waterwise plants.

The Board approved the financial reports as presented.

The HOA spoke with Police Chief Allison regarding illegal fireworks in our area. Chief Allison stated that there has been much discussion regarding illegal fireworks and fire

prevention since the Penninger Fire last year. The police will enforce any calls for illegal fireworks in the City. Any resident can call report illegal fireworks directly to the police. Please call their non-emergency number 541-776-7206.

In March, the City of Central Point assessed our streets. The good news is that our streets are in very good shape. The assessor did point out that there are several damaged spots on the streets from cars leaking oil. Board member Barbara Rosenberg has done a remarkable job of identifying and evaluating some of the more pervasive oil spills on our streets. Finding a way to neutralize the spills and repair bad spots will be necessary before any new seal coating or crack sealing is done. After much discussion, the Board agreed we would; continue to identify impacted areas, identify vehicles leaking oil on our streets and mail letters to specific addresses enlisting their help in identifying leaking vehicles. The

Board also asked the office to put notices on vehicles that appear to be leaking oil.

The Board also discussed CC&R violations in order to form a more cohesive understanding of what does and does not constitute a violation. The specifically discussed:

- Old, broken down, and/or unregistered cars in driveways/or beside driveways - The Board agreed that these vehicles (including vehicles with expired tags) violate the CC&Rs as well as the rules and regulations. The owners need to be put on notice that there may be fines if the vehicles are not removed or made drivable if they are to be kept. These types of vehicles can be stored in the RV area for the rental fee.

- Tall grass growing in backyards - This is a fire hazard situation that should be reported to the city code compliance for follow-up.

- Shrubbery only 3' high within 15' of sidewalk - The Board agreed that this problem is mostly a non-issue because many front yards are so small. Any shrub that encroaches on sidewalks or blocks traffic visibility needs to be trimmed or removed.

- Some residents mow weeds in the side yards or beside the driveway - The Board stated that weeds must be removed either by pulling, burning or chemicals. Failure to keep weeds controlled will result in fines if not remediated.

The Board then discussed striping pickle ball courts on the tennis courts and approved a budget to get pickle ball courts lined and nets and supplies purchased.

The Board also discussed putting a dog park in the park at Green Valley, however they voted not to develop a dog park. Many experts advise homeowners associations against installing dog parks due to the mess they create and increased liability to the HOA.

### CC&Rs Corner

#### Exterior Home Maintenance

Did you know the CC&R's go over exterior home maintenance? Specifically, they state: Exterior maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, sweeping, window cleaning, cobweb removal, hornet, wasp and/or yellow jacket nest removal, maintenance of exterior lighting, including post lights, maintenance of screens and screen doors, roofing and painting. Now that the weather is getting warmer, it may be a good time to look at your home's exteriors to make sure that it is properly maintained.

# COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

## POINT ON THE GOOD HEALTH

### Central Point School District 6 Summer Meals are Coming Soon!

School District 6 be serving free meals again this summer. This is a great program and available to all kids ages 1 to 18. Meals are easy to access. All you need to do is attend any of their sites during the serving times and a free meal will be offered to your child. Any adult who is accompanied by a child can purchase a meal for \$2.00. Meals are served Monday - Friday

Crater High School, serving dates, 6/17 - 8/30/19

Breakfast, 7:30am - 9am and Lunch, 11am - 12:45pm

Don Jones Park and Robert Pfaff Park, serving dates, 6/17 - 8/02/19

Lunch, 11:45am to 12:30pm

Central Point Elementary, serving dates, 7/01 - 8/16/19

Lunch, 11:30am to 12:30pm

Breakfast service will be offered 8/05 - 8/16/19, 8:30am to 9:15am

Jewett Elementary, serving dates, 8/5/19 - 8/16/19

Breakfast, 8:30am to 9:15am and Lunch, 11:30am to 12:30pm

Good nutrition is essential for learning in school. Continuing healthy eating habits is also important during the long hot summer months. Eating nutritious foods helps ensure students retain their hard-learned knowledge. Good nutrition also helps them to keep learning throughout the summer. For many children, summer vacation can bring the temptation of eating empty calorie snacks and foods that are high in sugar, fats and sodium.

Make seasonal fruits and vegetables a high priority for your snacks, meals and anytime.



## POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLY

### Dancing and Dining in the Streets

Imagine yourself arriving at downtown Medford with the sound of live entertainment filling the streets and alleys. Last year, ACCESS and the Downtown Medford Association developed Dancing in the Streets to breathe new life into downtown Medford and to bring awareness to the services ACCESS provides for our neighbors in Jackson County. Everyone had such a great time last year, they decided to do it again. This year they will be piggybacking with Medford's Third Friday Artwalk in May, June, July and September as well as partnering with the Medford Cruise on June 14th.

ACCESS is the non-profit Community Action Agency of Jackson County providing food, warmth and shelter for the most vulnerable people in our community. Through partnership with a caring community, ACCESS provides immediate and long-term solutions that lead people in need toward self-sufficiency. ACCESS uses local contributions to supplement their Nutrition, Housing and Senior Programs. Other programs are mainly funded through grants and contracts.

Bring a can to Dancing and Dining in the Streets to help fill ACCESS' food barrels.

The Downtown Medford Association was recently formed by community members and business owners who are committed to revitalizing Downtown Medford.

The entertainment is FREE, prices for the cuisine are set by the participating restaurants and food trucks.



## POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

### Water Conservation

Last spring, the HOA held a class about water conservation, and we thought we would remind everyone about what we learned so all residents can conserve water while keeping their landscaping healthy.

There are several resources available to Rogue Valley residents to help conserve water. While most of us have sprinkler timers, most of us set those timers at the beginning of the summer and forget about them until we turn them off in the fall. The Medford Water Commission has a website that projects, on a weekly basis, how many minutes of water Rogue Valley lawns will need. HGGV will be sharing the updates on our Facebook page and website, but please visit <http://www.medfordwater.org/Page.asp?NavID=253> for more information.

Another great way to conserve water is to consider Xeriscaping. Although most of us think of yards full of rocks and cacti when we think of Xeriscaping, it simply means to landscape in a style which requires little or no irrigation. There are many plants other than cacti that do not require as much water. Also, using an effective mulch can help retain soil moisture and suppress weeds.

For those of us that still have grass in our landscaping, mowing the grass on a higher mower setting helps conserve water while at the same time helps choke out the weeds we do not want.

Following a few simple steps can go a long way in helping conserve water while keeping landscaping looking lush and cared for. That is good not only for the pocketbook, but also for the environment.

### 7 Tips for Saving Water in Your Landscape

1. Start early. Plan ahead so that all new plantings take place in the spring. It keeps you out of the summer heat. Plus, plants require much less water to get situated in the spring than warmer months.
2. Go native. When deciding what to install in your yard, consider native and drought-resistant plants. They typically require less maintenance and little watering once established (sometimes none at all!)
3. Add compost and mulch. Use compost when planting and cover the area with mulch afterwards. Compost helps keep the water by the plant's roots and mulch prevents evaporation. Make sure to leave some space around the base of each plant and resist creating mulch mounds around plants and trees.
4. Reduce your lawn. The average American household uses 320 gallons of water per day, about 30 percent of which is devoted to outdoor uses. More than half of that outdoor water is used for watering lawns and gardens. Consider replacing some of that grass with an attractive groundcover that is drought-resistant, covers a large area, and requires zero mowing.
5. Let it super soak. Up a third of all water from sprinklers can evaporate during the heat of the day. Instead, give your plants fewer, heavy soakings. If you must use sprinklers, only use them in the morning.
6. Reuse greywater or capture rainwater. Reusing grey water or capturing rainwater offers a free source for landscape irrigation. These systems can be easily installed and even incorporated into irrigation systems.
7. Set up a drip irrigation system. Drip irrigation systems water plants right at the root and are an efficient alternative to sprinkler systems. They use 20 to 50 percent less water than conventional pop-up sprinkler systems and can save up to 30,000 gallons per year. Be sure to get a timer for maximum effectiveness.

For more information: <https://www.asla.org/watersavingtips.aspx>





# HIDDEN GROVE & GREEN VALLEY

## Community and Neighborhood Bulletin Board

### June Calendar of Events

06/06 – 75th Anniversary of D-Day

06/13 – SCHOOL'S OUT (Last Day of  
School for School District 6)

06/14 – Flag Day



06/16 – Father's Day

06/17 – Full Moon

06/21 – First Day of Summer

06/21 – Toy Story 4 in Theaters

Next meeting of the Board of  
Directors will be Wednesday,  
July 17th at 6:00pm in the club-  
house.

### Kids, Summertime and Safety.

Summer is here, and for many of our youngest residents that means they have the freedom to play outside to their heart's content. While we encourage kids to enjoy summer to the fullest, we also want everyone to stay safe. Here are a few guidelines to make sure these school-free months go smoothly:

**Make sure your children are proactive about their safety.** It is important that kids understand what types of injuries could occur during summertime activities and how they can best avoid them.

**Supervise your kids at the pool.** It only takes a second for even good swimmers to find themselves in a dangerous situation at the pool, so it's vital that kids are supervised by someone who knows the signs of a distressed swimmer.

**REMINDER: OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REQUIRE ALL KIDS UNDER THE AGE OF 14 NEED TO BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT OVER THE AGE OF 18.**

**Slow down while driving through the neighborhood.** With children out and about in full-force during the summer, you're more likely than ever to see a distracted kid chasing after a run-away baseball or skateboarding on the streets. So slow down, be extra aware of what's going on around you, and be prepared to stop suddenly if a child runs out into the road. Parents should remind kids to be aware of oncoming cars as well, and to be extra careful when they are on the street.



**The pool is open!  
Time to relax and enjoy the sunshine!**

*"You can tell what was the best year of your father's life, because they seem to freeze that clothing style and just ride it out to the end."*

-JERRY SEINFELD