

The Central Point

Hidden Grove & Green Valley
August 2020

"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

Association Crime Stoppers

Everyone wants a safe place to call home, and while our association is diligent in our efforts to reduce dangers in our community, it is up to everyone to pitch in to keep our neighborhood safe.

Know Your Neighbors. You will get a better idea of who lives (and in turn, who belongs) here. Talking with your neighbors will also give you the chance to find out if they have noticed any crimes or suspicious activity.

Leave the Light On. Make sure your post light stays on all night. It is also a good idea to keep your porch light on, even when you are out of town. This makes it harder for vandals to hide among the shadows.

Clean It Up. Picking up litter and keeping trees, bushes and lawns trimmed not only makes the neighborhood look better, it also sends the message that our residents are diligent about keeping the neighborhood a respectable place to live.

See Something, Say Something. If you notice a crime or a suspicious activity, regardless of how small the incident may seem, notify office and the police immediately. Of course, only call 911 if it is an emergency; otherwise, contact the Central Point Police on their non-emergency line at 541-664-5578.

Central Point Police and Hidden Grove/Green Valley

Many residents are under the impression, that because our association is private property, most of the time the police have no jurisdiction in our neighborhood and will not respond to calls. We have met with members of the Central Point Police Department to discuss our unique situation.

Beginning with the most obvious, the police can and will respond to all calls regarding any person's safety. If there is a true emergency, all residents are reminded to dial 911.

If there is a neighbor to neighbor dispute, the City of Central Point police do have enforcement action. In most cases it is better to contact the police, rather than the HOA. The police are much more skilled at dealing with these disputes, and experience has proven that getting the HOA involved often makes matters worse.

Regarding barking dogs, the police can and will respond. These matters can usually be sorted out directly between neighbors, but, if not, the police, not the association, should be notified. In fact, our governing documents state: Pets shall not be a disturbance and/or a nuisance. Residents shall contact animal control or the Central Point Police Department directly to report pet nuisance complaints. The Homeowners Association will act once three (3) police reports have been filed and results are not forthcoming.

Other nuisances, including pests that have gotten out of control or the build-up of trash on a resident's property, can also be handled by the police. Our Association cannot easily enforce any CC&R's that are being violated behind people's fences or inside their homes.

Our police department does not have any control in our neighborhood regarding parking or driving violations. They cannot ticket cars that are parked too long, nor can they ticket drivers for speeding. Our manager, however, can ticket cars and have them towed for parking violation. We can also fine for speeding. Please feel free to contact the office if you have any concerns about parking or speeding. An exception to this is parking in the fire lanes and reckless driving. The police can enforce these violations.

If you need the police, but do not have an emergency, do not call 911. Instead use the City of Central Point non-emergency number is 541-664-5578. After hours please call 541-776-7206.

Board of Directors Meets for July Meeting

On July 15th, the Board met for their July meeting. It was a quick, easy meeting which was a relief to the board, as they have had two special meetings do discuss the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on our association.

The meeting began with the approval of the May meeting minutes as well as the special meeting minutes. Copies of our minutes may be found on

our website hggv.org. The board also approved the financial statements. Copies of bank and financial statements are in clubhouse office for review upon request.

The board had approved the purchase and installation of a swing set on our clubhouse grounds. This should be delivered and installed soon.

The board also discussed the operation of the association pool during phase 2 reopening. The physical distancing monitors have provided feedback on their experience working at the pool so far this summer. The board made the following procedures for the pool during phase 2 reopening:

- Until further notice, the clubhouse patio is closed. Please no hosting parties or congregating on clubhouse patio. This area is for people to use while entering and exiting the pool and/or playground area.
- Maximum occupancy inside the pool enclosure is 30 with a group size limit of 6 people from one household.
- Once maximum occupancy is reached, we will enforce a one-hour time limit for each group.
- Please observe a 6-foot physical distance between groups.
- We request that swimmers do not play football, Marco Polo or other social games in the pool during this time.
- Failure to follow these and other appropriate rules relating to Oregon's Phase 2 reopening will result in a \$100.00 fine and fob deactivation.
- Continued abuse of the pool rules by residents and guests may result in the pool being closed for the duration of Phase 2.

The board also discussed potential road work this summer. We are still working on getting competitive bids for the work.

Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be September 16th at 6:00pm in the clubhouse.

Compliance Corner

Garbage Cans - Did you know that our Governing Documents direct that garbage cans are to be pulled in after trash pick-up on Fridays. If you live in Hidden Grove: cans are to be or at the rear of carport or, if there is no carport, in the garage or behind the fence. If you live in Green Valley: cans are to be placed in the garage or behind the fence.

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

The Night Sky and the Perseid Meteor Showers

The Perseids, which peak during mid-August, are considered the best meteor shower of the year. With fast and bright meteors, the Perseids frequently leave long "wakes" of light and color behind them as they streak through Earth's atmosphere. The Perseids are one of the most plentiful showers (50-100 meteors seen per hour) and occur with warm summer nighttime weather, allowing sky watchers to easily view them. This year, the Perseids are active from July 17 – August 26 and will peak this year on August 11-12. The Perseids are best viewed the pre-dawn hours, though at times it is possible to view meteors from this shower as early as 10 p.m.

Perseids are also known for their fireballs. Fireballs are larger explosions of light and color that can persist longer than an average meteor streak. This is because fireballs originate from larger particles of cometary material.

Meteors come from leftover comet particles and bits from broken asteroids. When comets come around the sun, they leave a dusty trail behind them. Every year earth passes through these debris trails, which allows the bits to collide with our atmosphere and disintegrate to create fiery and colorful streaks in the sky.



The pieces of space debris that interact with our atmosphere to create the Perseids originate from comet Swift-Tuttle. Swift-Tuttle takes 133 years to orbit the sun once. Comet Swift-Tuttle was discovered in 1862 by Lewis Swift and Horace Tuttle. Swift-Tuttle is a large comet: its nucleus is 16 miles across.

Dark Skies, Clear Skies Needed!

- The sky needs to be dark, away from all the city lights. Try to get to a viewing site as far as possible from bright lights. This may require planning—for a country drive or a campout.
- Bright moonlight, within a few days of a full Moon will reduce the number of meteors that you will see. Check our Full Moon Chart.
- Obviously, the weather needs to cooperate so that the skies are clear.
- Spend about 20 minutes outside for your eyes to fully adjust to the darkness of the night sky.
- Spread a blanket on the ground and get cozy!
- Where to look? The best place to start is between the radiant and the zenith (straight above you). The radiant is where the meteors appear to start from. See the “point of origin” above.
- How to look? You don’t need any special equipment. In fact, binoculars do not work for meteor showers. The naked eye is best.
- The most common question is “Where can I see the meteor showers?” The answer is: ANYWHERE in the sky! Yes, for this type of celestial wonder, your specific location does not matter.
- When are meteor showers? See the chart above for “date of maximum,” which lists the peak of each meteor shower when the shooting stars will be most frequent. The time of the year for each shower is determined by when in Earth’s orbit it crosses the stream of meteoroids.
- What time can I see the meteor showers? The answer is: See the chart above for “best viewing.” In nearly all showers, the radiant is highest just before dawn. But anytime between midnight and dawn gives you a view of most meteors head-on, for a more frequent display. Starting around midnight, your location on the globe spins around to the forward-facing half of Earth (in relation to the direction of orbit). At dawn, your location on the globe directly faces the direction in which Earth is traveling along its orbit.

From the Farmer’s Almanac - click “astronomy” at www.almanac.com/ for more information and links to their charts.

POINT ON THE COMMUNITY



Pet Rules for HOA Harmony

Our association is proud to have so many fur babies, and we are happy your four-legged family members are part of our community. Of course, like any good neighbor, it is important that these pets don’t create an unpleasant environment for everyone else. To avoid unnecessary disputes and potential rule violations, here are some guidelines owners should follow to ensure their furry friends continue to be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Read the Rules: While we welcome pets in our association, we have a few rules and requirements such as a maximum number of pets per household and nuisance guidelines. Please check our website or the association’s governing documents for more information.

Service animals are exempt from the association’s pet restriction at the clubhouse or on the clubhouse grounds. Please contact the board or manager to ask for an accommodation to bring a service animal into clubhouse, the enclosed park or pool area. We follow the recommendations of the Oregon Fair Housing Council regarding granting accommodations.

Keep it Clean: No one wants to see, smell, or accidentally step in the “gift” your dog left on the grassy common area. So, when your dog needs to go, be sure to properly dispose of it, preferably using pet waste bags, and placing those bags in a garbage can. Not only will this keep our community looking better, but it will help keep ground water clean and help prevent the spread of fecal-borne diseases.

Quiet Down: All pets can be noisy from time to time. However, when loud barking or meowing becomes annoying to neighbors, it is time to help your pet become less talkative. First, try to find out what causes your pets to get vocal. Do they get noisy when they have been alone and bored all day and need some playtime? Have they gone through a stressful change in environment recently? Are they suffering from health issues? Do they simply like saying “hello” to every squirrel, person or car that passes by? When you’ve identified the cause, take remedial actions such as confining them to an area where they feel calm while you’re away; removing or blocking as many stimuli as possible; or exercising them more and spending more time with them. You can also take them to a professional or search online for tips on how to train your pets not to get too noisy.

No Wandering: For the safety of your pets as well as all residents, please do not allow your dogs to roam unattended outside. Along with helping protect your dog, leashing your dog is the law.

POINT ON GOOD HEALTH



Bring on The Tasty Tomatoes!

From farmers markets to backyard (and sometimes front yard) gardens, this is the time of year to take advantage of the bounty of fresh tomatoes! Something about the heat of August combined with all the fresh tomatoes makes late summer the best time to make fresh salsa. Below is a recipe that has been a family favorite for over 30 years. Nothing compares to this salsa recipe from the Crème de Colorado Cookbook.

Salsa Cruda

2 large tomatoes, chopped
4 tomatillos, husked and chopped
2 fresh Anaheim chiles, seeded and chopped
5 green onions, chopped
2 fresh jalapeño peppers, seeded and chopped
1 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp fresh lime juice
1 tsp sugar
1 tsp minced fresh cilantro
½ tsp ground black pepper
¼ tsp salt

Makes 2 cups. In a lidded jar, combine all the ingredients and marinate for at least 1 hour. Will keep in the refrigerator for 2-3 weeks.

Have a recipe you want to share? Please email it to us at hggv.office@gmail.com. We would love to share all your favorite family recipes!

HIDDEN GROVE & GREEN VALLEY COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN BOARD

A vibrant graphic for pool hours. It features a blue background with splashing water. On the left, there's a yellow rubber duck and a red and white beach ball. On the right, a palm tree is visible. The text 'PHASE 2' is in a blue box at the top. Below it, 'POOL HOURS' is written in large, bold, blue letters. At the bottom, the schedule is listed: 'WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: NOON - 8:00PM' and 'SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 2:00PM - 8:00PM', with 'CLOSED MONDAY & TUESDAY' in red.

PHASE 2

POOL HOURS

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY:
NOON - 8:00PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 2:00PM - 8:00PM
CLOSED MONDAY & TUESDAY



Please Pick Up After Your Pet

Although pets are great for our physical and emotional health, it is important to remember to pick up after those pets.

Take a baggie with you to pick up waste and then dispose of it properly. The association has pet waste stations with baggies in the Green Valley park and by the mailboxes at the clubhouse.

leave only pawprints...

Sign Up For E-Statements!

Do you check your email every day or two? If so, you are the perfect candidate for E-statements. E-statements are faster than the Post Office, environmentally friendly, minimize paperwork and reduce community costs.

Email us at hggv.office@gmail.com to sign up for E-Statement

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.

Yard and Lawn Care Corner

What To Do in August

There is plenty to do in the garden in August, although it is best done in the early morning or late evening when temperatures are more comfortable. If you planted a garden this year, August is the best time to enjoy the height of your garden's bounty. Here are some suggestions for tasks around your yard and garden in August.

Lawns: To help your grass beat the heat, and reduce water usage and lawn maintenance, keep your lawn mower blade on the highest setting. You may also want to aerate and dethatch your lawn.

Annuals & Perennials: Spring and summer-flowering perennials can be divided and transplanted after blooming. Trim and fertilize your containers – they still have time for another show. Continue deadheading!

Vegetables and Herbs: Cut herbs to dry or freeze for winter use. Enjoy your harvest!

Shrubs and Trees: Pick up and dispose of fallen fruit from fruit trees to limit insect infestations. Make sure newly planted shrubs and trees get plenty of water.

Maintenance: Everything needs lots of water! Early morning is the best time to water – target plants directly, and water deeply. Avoid getting leaves wet in the hot sun and avoid soaking containers during the hottest part of the day – both can burn plants. Continue weeding, to reduce competition for water and nutrients. When the temperature is over 85 degrees, avoid chemical applications such as fertilizer, fungicide, or insecticide.