

# The Central Point

Hidden Grove & Green Valley  
July 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

### Pool is Now Open!

HGGV would love have kept with tradition and open the pool for the summer the Friday before Memorial Day, however COVID put a crimp in our plans. As Jackson County entered Phase 2 Reopening, several guidelines were placed on pools most significantly, the need for a physical distance Monitor. HGGV has also developed a plan to allow for social distancing. This includes limiting the maximum occupancy to 75 (35 people in the water)

The guidelines state: Any licensed pool that chooses to open in Phase 2 is required to have a physical distancing monitor and cannot replace the monitor with signs. The physical distancing monitor must be able to perform the duties listed in the guidance to make sure that pool guests keep six (6) feet of distance, including at entrances, exits, restrooms, pool area, and any other area where people may gather. A facility can choose to have as many physical distance monitors as they deem necessary to create a safe environment and ensure that the Phase 2 Swimming Pool guidance is followed. HGGV has hired a few people to work in this capacity.

**PLEASE FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS AND MAINTAIN 6 FEET BETWEEN YOUR FAMILY AND OTHERS.**

**ADMITTANCE TO THE HGGV POOL IS LIMITED TO THOSE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE SIGNED BOTH THE REGULAR LIABILITY WAIVER AND THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF POOL RULES DURING OREGON'S PHASE 2 REOPENING. ANY RESIDENT WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY THE POOL RULES OR THE PHYSICAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS IN THE PHASE 2 GUIDANCE MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND HAVE THEIR POOL FOB DEACTIVATED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2020 SWIM SEASON**

Because of the increased restrictions, HGGV has changed the pool hours. Weather permitting, the pool is open from noon – 8:00pm on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, the pool will be open from 2:00pm – 8:00pm. If the board decides we need to change these hours, the office will email everyone on the email distribution list and mail updates with invoices.

Swimming is one of the many joys of summer,

and we hope all residents can make good use of our Association pool. While we want to make sure everyone has fun in and around the water, our top priority is safety. To help keep everyone safe and our pool in working order, please take note of the posted Association pool rules, and follow them.

Use of the pool is a privilege for residents in good standing and their guests. Any resident who exceeds 30 days past due on HOA assessments will have their fob deactivated.

Let's all work together again this year, so that our pool can be enjoyed by everyone for as many days as possible.

### Fireworks – Keep it Safe – Keep it Legal

Did you know that the use of anything that explodes, flies in the air, behaves in an uncontrolled or unpredictable manner, or travels more than 12 feet horizontally is illegal in the State of Oregon and prohibited in the City limits of Central Point?

After the Penninger fire, the City has had several discussions about fireworks in the City limits. Residents are asked to report illegal fireworks activity to the police. Please call the public dispatch non-emergency number 541-776-7206.

### If there is an emergency due to fireworks, of course call 911.

Fireworks can be entertaining but can also be dangerous. On average each year in the United States, fireworks cause 18,500 fires, 12,500 injuries requiring hospital visits, and 7 deaths. Use extreme caution when considering the use of fireworks.

### What is an Oregon legal consumer firework?

A class 1.4G firework that does not explode, does not fly into the air, does not behave in an uncontrolled or unpredictable manner, and does not travel from its ignition point more than 12 feet horizontally. These include such fireworks as base fountains, ground blooms, cone

fountains, etc.

### What is illegal in Oregon?

Illegal fireworks include such items as mortars, bottle rockets, aerial spinners, sky rockets, missile rockets, roman candles, firecrackers, etc. Cherry bombs, silver salutes (M-100's), ash cans (M-80's), etc. are Oregon illegal explosive devices. Anyone violating Oregon fireworks statutes could face confiscation of the devices and a civil penalty.

### Remember your pets during the 4th of July events

Never take your pet to a firework display.

Never leave your pet in the car.

Move your pets indoors and turn on a radio to a normal volume.

Never leave your pet unattended outdoors, even in a fenced yard.

Make sure your pet is wearing an identification tag.

If you know your pet is distressed by loud noises, consult your veterinarian.

### 4th of July Cleanup on July 5th

Each Independence Day many residents have wonderful street celebrations. It is one of the great things about living in Hidden Grove/Green Valley. Our streets fill up with neighbors, families and friends who light legal fireworks, eat hotdogs and enjoy each other's company.

July 5th is often a day where residents are out in the street in front of their home yielding a push broom in order to clean up from the prior evening's festivities. We're sure everyone appreciates having clean streets after such a fun celebration.

This is just a friendly reminder to all residents to please clean up their streets, so they aren't littered with fire crackers, paper plates or other refuse from the 4th of July celebrations.

**Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be July 15th at 6:00pm in the clubhouse.**

## CC&Rs Corner

**Pool Release** - Did you know that our CC&Rs state that a release must be signed by a resident before they receive access to the pool. The Board also requires all residents to sign an acknowledgement of pool rules during Oregon's Phase Two Reopening. If you have not signed either of these, please contact the office.



# COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

## POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

### Firework Safety

During a normal year, many of us choose to celebrate our independence by attending a professional fireworks display. This year, those displays have been cancelled. Many residents may turn to retail consumer fireworks. We want to remind you to only use legal fireworks and know how to use them safely. Every year in Oregon, celebrations turn to tragedy due to fireworks injuries or fires. Most of the injuries were from using illegal mortars and legal sparklers. Over the past five years, fireworks-caused fires were responsible for more than \$3.5 million in property loss. If you choose to use Oregon legal fireworks, the best way to protect your family and property is to "Keep it Legal and Keep it Safe!"

### Fireworks Safety - Promote & Practice the "4 BE'S"

**BE PREPARED:** Store fireworks out of children's reach. Always read and follow label directions. Place pets indoors; they are easily frightened by fireworks. Always have water handy (a garden hose or a bucket of water).

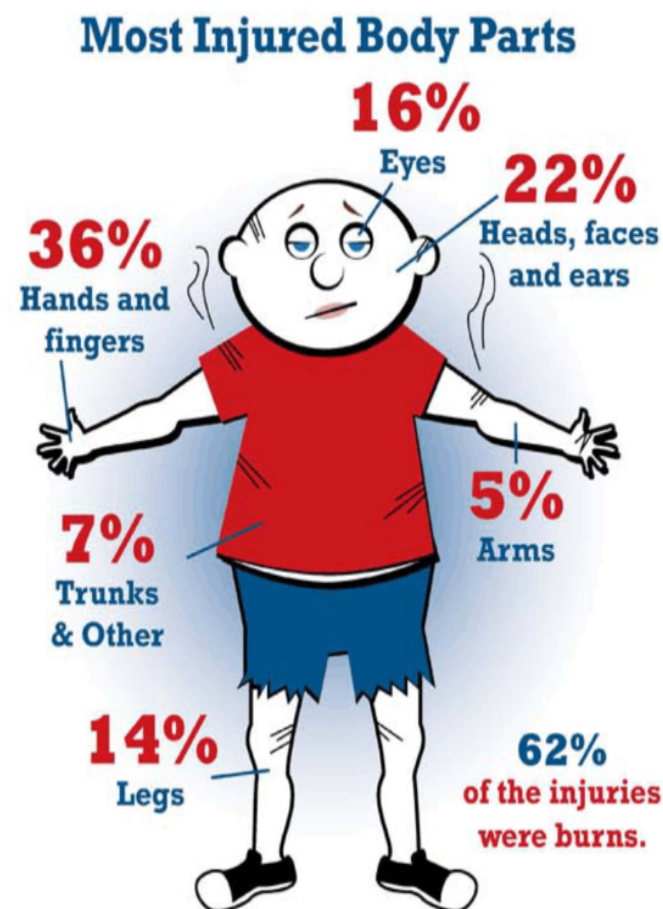
**BE SAFE:** An adult should always light fireworks. Light only one firework at a time & move away quickly. Keep children a safe distance from fireworks. Do not throw fireworks or hold them in your hand.

**BE RESPONSIBLE:** Soak used fireworks thoroughly in a bucket of water. Dispose of used fireworks & debris properly. Never re-light "dud" fireworks. Wait 15-20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water.

**BE AWARE:** Use only legal firework and use them only in legal places. Fireworks are prohibited on all beaches, state parks, & state or federal forest lands.



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## POINT ON GOOD HEALTH



**Slip** on sun protective clothing that covers as much of your body as possible.



**Slop** on SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen liberally to dry skin, at least 20 minutes before sun exposure. Reapply every two hours when outdoors.



**Slap** on a broad brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears.



**Seek** shade



**Slide** sunglasses that meet Australian standards.

### Stay Safe in the Sun - Slip Slap Slop

Summer is here, the sun is shining, and most of us take that as our cue to get outside. Outdoor activities are a key part to any healthy lifestyle, however it is important take care of our skin while in the sun. Before heading outdoors, take the proper steps to shield your skin from the sun's harmful UV rays that cause damage and can even lead to skin cancer. Taking a few moments to apply sunscreen and wear sun protective clothing helps keep you sun-safe. Most experts agree that it is best to use sunscreen with a factor of 15+ SPF. When heading to the pool, make sure that your sunscreen is water resistant. Also, it is ideal to apply sunscreen 15-30 minutes before going into the sun and reapply it every 2 hours. Remember, sunburn can double your risk of cancer, so take extra precautions to keep your skin safe.

To help remember some of the basic sun safety tips, think of this simple message created in Australia: **Slip! Slop! Slap! Wrap!**

**SLIP on a shirt.** Clothing is one the most effective protections against UV radiation. **SLOP on sunscreen.** Look for broad-spectrum sunscreens with an SPF of at least 15 which have a "waterproof" feature if you will be swimming. **SLAP on a hat.** For the most protection, wear a hat with a brim wide enough to shade your face, ears, and the back of your neck. **WRAP on sunglasses.** Sunglasses protect your eyes, your eyelids, and the delicate skin around your eyes from UV rays. They also reduce the risk of cataracts. Don't buy "toy sunglasses" for your children. Look for the same UV protection in children's sunglasses as you would in adult glasses.

Although we cannot avoid sunlight entirely, taking these precautions will help keep everyone safer while out in the sun.

## POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY



**BUY LOCAL ≈ SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ECONOMY**

### Farmers Markets:

#### Buy Local & Support Local

Our community is fortunate to have several local farmers markets nearby. Luckily several are OPEN this year! If you haven't shopped at one before, consider the many advantages of patronizing our local farmer's markets.

Farmers markets have gained popularity in the last few years as more consumers have come to enjoy the fresh, locally grown produce, baked goods, eggs, dairy products, poultry and meats they offer. Farmers markets provide other benefits as well—to shoppers and local economies, as well as to the environment. Locally grown produce requires less packaging than what is found in most supermarkets, and it takes less fossil fuel to transport, which reduces pollution and noise. More often than not, farmers markets offer organically grown or pesticide-free produce, which is better for the environment as well as better for everyone's health.

Farmers markets also stimulate local economies by providing a secure place for small-scale local producers to sell their products. When local farmers and producers prosper, they are better able to support other types of local businesses. These local farmers often help consumers better understand nutrition and the value of fresh food while offering information and inspiration on how to prepare meals with these fresh ingredients.

In the Rogue Valley, it is easy to get to a farmers market. The Rogue Valley Growers and Crafters Market has three markets:

**Ashland Tuesday Market** at the Ashland Armory from 8:30am-1:30pm March - Nov.

**Medford Thursday Market** at Hawthorne Park from 8:30am-1:30pm - March - Nov.

**Ashland Saturday Market** on Oak St., Downtown from 8:30am-1:00pm - May - Oct.



# HIDDEN GROVE & GREEN VALLEY COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN BOARD

## July Calendar of Events

- 07/03 – Office closed for Independence Day Observance
- 07/04 – Independence Day
- 07/05 – Full Moon

## COVID-19 Update

Jackson County has entered Phase Two Reopening. HGGV can now open the pool and clubhouse for residents. . . with some guidance requirements.

Pool hours will be Noon-8:00pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 2:00pm-8:00pm on Saturday and Sunday. Pool admittance will only be given to residents who have signed the Phase 2 release. We are required to have a Physical Distancing Monitor to make sure that pool guests keep six (6) feet of distance, including at entrances, exits, restrooms, pool area, and any other area where people may gather. The capacity of the pool deck is limited to 75 and the occupancy of the pool is limited to 35. Please follow the rules of the pool regarding physical distancing.

Residents can now rent the clubhouse for parties. The maximum occupancy of our clubhouse is 39 people. Residents who rent the clubhouse are required to ensure that physical distancing of at least six (6) feet between people of different parties (families) is maintained. Residents who rent the clubhouse are also required to sanitize all surfaces they used during their clubhouse rental. Let the office know if you are interested in renting the clubhouse.

## 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

### To Do in July

#### From [todayshomeowner.com](http://todayshomeowner.com)

Rainfall is scarce in July, and soaring temperatures can cause your garden and lawn to slow down and conserve energy.

**Trees and Shrubs:** Prune dead, damaged, or diseased branches to prevent them from falling during summer storms. Prune spring flowering shrubs early in the month, then leave them alone to set buds for next year. Summer and fall flowering shrubs should not be pruned unless badly overgrown while non-blooming hedges can be trimmed as needed. Deadhead roses and other flowering shrubs so they will continue blooming. Stop fertilizing trees and shrubs to allow them to reduce growth during the heat of summer. Apply extra mulch around the roots of trees and shrubs to hold in moisture. Water trees infrequently, but deeply.

**Perennials and Bulbs:** Give a light haircut to bushy or leggy perennials to encourage blooming. Support vines and tall plants with trellises or stakes. Cut flowers in the early morning when the stems are plump.

**Annuals and Containers:** Water container plants daily (or even twice a day) this month. Add a balanced fertilizer every couple of weeks. Deadhead faded blossoms to increase blooming. Pinch back leggy stems to encourage branching.

**Lawns:** Continue mowing as needed, at the highest setting for your lawn type (3"- 4" for cool-season grasses, 2"- 3" for warm-season grasses). Mulch grass clippings to help shade, cool, and feed your lawn. Edge planting beds with a string trimmer or lawn edger, for a nice clean look. Stop fertilizing lawns in midsummer. Make sure lawn mower blades are sharp, so they cut cleanly. Check the **Sprinkle Smart** watering guide weekly at [medfordwater.org](http://medfordwater.org) to know how much water your lawn will need for the week.

*"I believe in America because we have great dreams, and because we have the opportunity to make those dreams come true."*  
Wendell L. Wilkie

