

# The Central Point

Hidden Grove & Green Valley  
June 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

### Medford Water Commission Offers Help 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. They also offer a helpful lawn watering schedule and update recommended watering times weekly. Check them out [medfordwater.org](http://medfordwater.org) and click on "SPRINKLE SMART"

### Board of Directors Meets for March & May Meeting

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Directors met to make up for the cancelled March meeting. In a first for HGGV, the meeting was a "virtual" meeting held on Zoom.

The meeting began with the election of Paul Rydings to the board and his appointment to the position of Member at Large. Paul has served on the HGGV board in the past, and we are happy to have him back!

The meeting minutes of the annual meeting and the January board meeting were approved. The board Treasurer requested more time to review the financial statements, so the board tabled approval of those statements.

Several residents addressed the board regarding the enforcement of the 3-foot sidewalk easement. While the board appreciates the challenges expressed in the meeting by several residents, the board's hands are tied by Oregon state statute and Central Point city municipal code as well as our own CC&R's. The sidewalks must remain clear for pedestrian passage and anyone impeding said passage will be notified of their noncompliance and fined if they persist in illegally parking. We also appreciate the lack of street parking in some of our areas and have been unable to gain relief by reducing our fire lane restrictions. It now falls to neighbors and residents to find acceptable options.

The board approved removing the diseased birch trees from the front of the clubhouse. Removal has already begun.

Several residents received notices about sidewalk repair in March. The board voted to pass contractor bids we have gotten along to affected homeowners so they can move forward with their sidewalk repairs. If the contractor bid includes curb repair, the HOA will reimburse them up to \$75 for the curb. If the contractor wishes to bill the HOA directly for the curb repair, we can handle it that way under a separate contract.

The board discussed the home color schemes approved by the HOA. The board voted remove red base colors (Red Barn and Carriage Door) from the Suburban Traditional Scheme for use as base colors for homes in our HOA. Any other colors on the Suburban Traditional scheme have been approved by the board. The Board specified that the approved color schemes correspond with the Suburban Traditional color scheme listed as "base" "trim" and "accent".

Initially planned for 2021, the Board approved moving forward with getting bids for crack seal and seal coat of the HOA streets. This is because several sections of our streets are in need of crack seal and seal coat, and waiting an additional year, may be detrimental to the long-term health of the HOA streets.

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the board met for their May meeting. Thankfully, Jackson county has been approved to enter phase one of reopening, so the board was able to hold their May meeting in person in the clubhouse.

The board approved the April Meeting Minutes.

They also agreed that the HOA would continue our practice of approving house colors matching our current color palette. Carrie has the authority to grant slight variations if they seem reasonable. If she is uncomfortable approving anything, it must be brought to the board for approval before any painting is done.

The Board voted to accept the bid to remove the pine tree from the front of the clubhouse.

Regarding the crack seal and seal coat of the HOA streets, Carrie and Mike will be walking the neighborhood to create a request for proposal so the HOA can get apples to apples bids from contractors covering everything we think we need.

The January to March financial reports were approved. The April financial reports were also approved.

The board voted to open the playground, tennis court, basketball court and covered patio as they seem to fit the phase one guidelines we see implemented by our cities. If crowd sizes and social distancing practices become a concern, the areas will be closed again.

**Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the clubhouse.**



### Governing Documents 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 ROGUE VALLEY



### Wildfire News

Fire season in our region started on Friday, May first. This is the earliest that the Southwest Oregon District has declared fire season in 52 years, last starting the season on May first back in 1968. Only twice this century has the District declared a fire season before June first – in 2001 and 2006.

Open burning on all lands protected by ODF in Jackson and Josephine counties will be prohibited. The district tallied 34 fires that burned 32 acres in April, and open burning caused most of them.

One fire prevention regulation in effect includes the ban of fireworks.

In addition to unusual seasonal dryness this year, drought conditions have recurred over much of the West. Rainfall amounts in the Rogue Basin are several inches lower than normal, and the extended forecast for fire season conditions calls for continued below-normal precipitation and above-normal temperatures.

For questions about wildland fire protection regulations, call the district office at 541-664-3328.

## POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

### Safety in Our Community

#### Keeping belongings safe

Although Hidden Grove/Green Valley remains one of the safest neighborhoods in Central Point, we again were notified that a few weeks ago a resident had their car broken into and their belongings stolen. It made us think this would be a good place to outline how to protect your car and your valuables.

#### Protecting Your Car and What's Inside - How to Give a Thief a Hard Time

The National Automobile Theft Bureau (NATB) recommends the following precautions:

- Keys should be carefully guarded.
- Cars should be parked in a well-lighted area with all windows closed and doors locked.
- Put packages or valuables out of sight: expensive items in full view invite theft.
- Residents with a garage should use it and lock both the vehicle and the garage.
- Any theft deterrent devices should be activated.
- Licenses or other identifying papers that a thief could misuse should never be left in the car. Keep these items in your wallet or purse.

#### Keeping Your Home and Valuables Safe from Burglary

- Lock all your doors no matter how briefly you will be away from home.
- Make sure your post light along the sidewalk comes on at night and keep your front porch light on all night, even when you are out of town. Not only does it signal that someone is home, it also makes it harder for vandals to hide among the shadows.
- Unless you are working or playing in the front yard, always keep your garage door closed. Ask a trusted neighbor to call you if they see that your garage door has been left open accidentally.
- Experts agree that hiding a key somewhere outside your home is a bad idea. Burglars, or anyone who may have seen you hide the key, will know where to find it. Instead, give a key to a neighbor.
- “John, I’ve gone to pick up your sister. I’ll be home at 3:30. -Mom” This note also means, “Burglar, this house will be unoccupied for 45 minutes. Help yourself.”
- If you are going to be out of the house for a short time, leave a television or radio on to create a sense of activity and presence.
- 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.

It does not take much to discourage burglars. They succeed on opportunity, and if your home does not offer a good opportunity, they will move on to one that does.



## POINT ON GOOD HEALTH

### Outbreaks can be stressful



**Hi!** It's normal to feel anxious, sad, confused, and scared during any crisis. Keeping in touch with friends and family can be helpful. Try a group video chat or phone call with those you care about.

If you're working from home, try to stick to your normal routine. Set-up a designated work space and avoid doing work from your bed or the couch.



While you're spending more time at home, maintain a healthy lifestyle including a proper diet and enough sleep.

Avoid using alcohol, nicotine or other drugs to cope with the stress of the situation. If you feel overwhelmed, Natick residents can contact the William James College INTERFACE referral line to be matched with a mental health professional--many of whom are now offering telecounseling services. You can also contact call 2-1-1 for additional mental health support referrals.



Get accurate public health information from data-driven sources such as the Natick Health Department, Mass.gov, the CDC, or the WHO.

Try to limit the amount of news you're watching if it's causing you stress or anxiety.



Draw on skills you have used in the past that have helped you to manage previous challenges.

Information adapted from the World Health Organization.

The COVID-19 outbreak may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children.

#### Coping with stress will make you, the people you care about, and your community stronger.

How you respond to the outbreak can depend on your background, the things that make you different from other people, and the community you live in, however people who feel more stress include: older people and people with chronic diseases who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19; children and teens; and people who are helping with the response to COVID-19, like doctors, other health care providers, and first responders.

Children and teens react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Parents can be more reassuring to others around them, especially children, if they are better prepared.

Caring for a loved one can take an emotional toll, especially during an outbreak like COVID-19. There are ways to support yourself. Stay home if you do not feel well. Do not visit family or friends who are at greater risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Use virtual communication to keep in touch to support your loved one and keep them safe.

Taking care of yourself, your friends, and your family can help you cope with stress. Knowing the facts about COVID-19 and understanding the risk to yourself and people you care about can make an outbreak less stressful, however it is helpful to take breaks from watching, reading or listening to news stories about the pandemic. Also, make time to unwind by doing other activities you enjoy. Check in with your loved ones often. Virtual communication can help you and your loved ones feel less lonely and isolated. Always be sure to take care of your own emotional health.



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# HIDDEN GROVE & GREEN VALLEY COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN BOARD

## June Calendar of Events

### June is National Safety Month

06/05 – Full Moon  
06/14 – Flag Day  
06/20 – Summer Begins  
06/21 – Father's Day

## COVID-19 Update

Because Jackson County has entered Phase 1 of reopening, HGGV has now opened the clubhouse grounds for residents. For the safety of our community, we need to remind everyone to please practice 6' social distancing while utilizing the HOA common area and safe hand washing techniques after utilizing HOA common area.

Also, the HOA office is again open to residents. We ask that only one person come into the clubhouse at a time so we can keep a safe distance from each other. If you are uncomfortable coming into the office, but still need to reach us, please feel free to call, text or email. Phone/text 541-664-3996; email [hggv.office@gmail.com](mailto:hggv.office@gmail.com)

Unfortunately, we do not know when we will be opening the pool. The board knows that the pool provides great summer recreation for many residents, are we are all eager to open it.

Regarding clubhouse rentals, we are waiting to see what Phase II of reopening will bring. Currently it would be difficult for the HOA to open the clubhouse to parties and keep the HOA in compliance with the current orders from the state.

## 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 June

**Trees and Shrubs:** Continue pruning blooming shrubs as soon as they finish blooming. Deadhead spring-blooming shrubs, to focus the plant's energy into next year's blooms. Shear hedges while the growth is still soft and easy to shape. Add extra mulch to shallow-rooted shrubs (like azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons), to help them hold moisture.

**Perennials and Bulbs:** Get planting! Perennials can be planted now, and the task is more fun when they are blooming. Don't cut foliage on spring bulbs until it dies naturally. Pinch back chrysanthemums and asters to encourage blooming in the fall. Lightly cut back spring-blooming perennials after they bloom – if you are lucky, you might get a second blooming. Keep containers well-watered.

**Annuals and Containers:** Plant summer annuals such as petunias, impatiens, begonias, and zinnias in flower beds and boxes. Deadhead flowers to encourage more blooms. Remember to water containers every day or two. Window boxes, hanging plants, and containers under porches and eaves may require daily watering. Fertilize annuals and containers every couple of weeks with a balanced or bloom-boosting organic fertilizer.

**Lawns:** Raise the blade on your lawn mower for summer. Cool-season grasses should be mowed at 3"-4" and warm-season grasses at 2"-3". Mow regularly. Control existing weeds with a post-emergent herbicide, or by pulling or digging. Removing weeds before they bloom and disperse seeds helps reduce weeds next year. 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.