

# THE Hidden Grove & Green Valley CENTRAL POINT August 2016

*"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



### Xeriscapes – Water Conserving Landscapes

#### *Continuing Information about Water Conservation.*

#### **Excerpt from the Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District's Urban Living Handbook**

Over 50 percent of the average home's water use goes to irrigating lawns and landscaping. With some planning, xeriscaping can reduce the water used for landscaping and potentially increase property values.

**What is Xeriscaping?** – "Xeri" means "dry." A xeriscaped landscape design aims to use less water than a traditional yard. Xeriscapes can look many different ways. They can mimic a dry desert like environment, or be lush, colorful, and diverse gardens that still conserve water. These beautiful yards are the result of applying seven principles outlined below

#### **Principle 1 – Plan and Design**

Many of us gardeners are tinkerers - try this plant here, move this plant over there... The results may be beautiful, but may not conserve water! A good garden plan will minimize water use and maximize color and form through each season.

#### **Principle 2 – Create Practical Turf**

Xeriscaping does NOT mean that you cannot have lawn in your yard. In the interest of saving water and minimizing labor and gas use, xeriscaped yards have smaller, well placed, practical areas of turf that beautify the landscape and allow the family and their pets to enjoy the area.

#### **Principle 3 – Group Similar Plants**

There are many plants that will do well in our climate with just a little supplemental irrigation. Many natives may be able to go all summer without irrigation at all! It is important to put these plants in the right place and to group like plants together.

#### **Principle 4 – Improve the Soil**

In Jackson County, where many of us struggle with clay, it may take some work to provide good soils. Although many of us curse the clay, it has benefits too. Clay soils tend to hold moisture longer than sandy or silty soils. Clay is slow to absorb water, so be careful to irrigate correctly.

#### **Principle 5 – Mulch**

In a xeriscape garden, mulch is essential for keeping the soil and roots cool, reducing how much water plants lose through evapotranspiration. Mulch helps prevent weeds and, because it covers the soil, it also helps prevent erosion.

#### **Principle 6 – Efficient Irrigation**

All this planning would go to waste without an appropriate irrigation system! Although this step can take some time, and may involve some expense, it will save you hours of labor and countless gallons of water if done correctly.

### **Principle 7: Maintain the Landscape**

Although planning will reduce the amount of labor required in your yard, regular maintenance will keep it looking its best! Weeding is important. At least seasonally, you will need to trim shrubs and trees, deadhead perennials, maintain any turf areas, etc.

For more information about Xeriscaping or to read the entire article, please click here: [https://jswcd.org/download/jswcd\\_publications/Urban%20Living%20Handbook%202002032011.pdf](https://jswcd.org/download/jswcd_publications/Urban%20Living%20Handbook%202002032011.pdf). You can also visit The Jackson County Soil & Water Conservation Districts Website: <https://jswcd.org/> for more information about water conservation.

### **Board Met on July 13th to Discuss Business**

On July 13th, the Board of Directors held their bimonthly meeting in the clubhouse. The meeting began with the Board of Directors approving and moving to begin the project to enclose the clubhouse grounds. This includes replacing fencing and installing a gate/door next to the mailboxes at the clubhouse. Work should begin in August or September. Once the project is complete, all residents will need to use their pool fob to gain access to the clubhouse grounds.

The Board of Directors then discussed the possibility of hosting a 4th of July party at the Green Valley Park in 2017. Any residents wishing to join a party planning committee may contact the clubhouse office.

The financials of the association were approved. The association continues to be financially strong, and having a financially strong association keeps our housing values up. Most experts agree that it is difficult to sell a home with a special assessment attached to it or a home in a neighborhood with decaying, unkempt components.

Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 21st at 6:00pm in the clubhouse. The Board of Directors encourages all residents to attend their meetings. Come introduce yourself to the Board, the manager and your neighbors and find a wealth of information about your community!

**The Clubhouse office will be closed from July 18th – July 29th. The clubhouse office will open again at 8:00am on August 1st.**

### **CC&Rs Corner**

#### **Glass on the Clubhouse Patio or in the Pool Area**

Did you know that our CC&Rs specifically state that there shall be no glass on the clubhouse patio or in the pool area? This is because if glass breaks, it is virtually impossible to clean every bit of broken piece up off the pool deck. The glass that remains is just waiting for a bare foot to pass by. Broken glass in the water could harm swimmers, or destroy our pool pump and filter system. We would have to drain the pool and sweep up all the glass. Since the water could have carried the broken glass all over the pool, the entire pool surface would need to be swept thoroughly, and then refilled. This process would be time consuming and quite costly.

# COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

## POINT ON THE GOOD HEALTH

### Lethal Lawns: Preventing Mushroom Poisoning

As mushrooms begin to pop up across lawns in the spring and fall, mushroom poisonings reach their highest levels. There are no easily recognizable differences between poisonous and nonpoisonous mushrooms, and as Americans become more adventurous in their mushroom collection and consumption, poisonings are likely to increase. Most mushrooms that cause human poisoning cannot be made nontoxic by cooking, canning, freezing or any other means of processing.

Dangerous species are found in habitats ranging from urban lawns to deep woods. Poisonous mushrooms have no antidote and can cause severe illness or death. Only a qualified mushroom expert should identify the mushrooms growing in our community, and you must take appropriate precautions to prevent children and pets from eating or licking them.

Mushroom spores are everywhere all the time. While there is no simple way to get rid of mushrooms in your yard, there are things you can do to minimize fungal growth.

- Dig up mushrooms as soon as they appear, and throw them in the trash – never in a compost pile. To avoid spreading their spores, don't kick, stomp or mow mushrooms.
- Mushrooms need water and organic matter to grow, so water grass and plants only when necessary and keep your lawn cut and free of debris.
- Avoid over-fertilizing your lawn, as fertilizer encourages the growth of mushrooms.

If a pet or child eats a mushroom from your lawn, seek immediate medical care. Also pick as many of the mushrooms as you can, and take them with you to be identified.

## POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

### Wonderfall! - Highway of Waterfalls

With up to 42 waterfalls along the way, it is understandable why the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway is called the Highway of Waterfalls. A dedicated tourist could see up to 42 waterfalls on this drive from Roseburg to Central Point. A day trip can provide the opportunity to take in some of the most spectacular waterfalls in Oregon.

Heading east from Roseburg, Highway 138 travels high and deep into the Cascade Mountains. Just past Glide, the waterfall viewing areas begin with Deadline Falls, Susan Creek Falls (wheelchair accessible) and Fall Creek Falls, a tier type waterfall (trail rated difficult).

Further along highway 138 lie four waterfalls with great viewing areas. Toketee Falls is a two tier waterfall with a 40 foot and 80 foot drop. The trail (rated moderate to difficult) meanders through an old growth forest to a sturdy viewing platform. Watson Falls, a 272 foot plunge-type waterfall (the highest in Oregon), can be viewed from the parking lot; however the trail (rated difficult) provides a breathtaking view.

Continuing towards Central Point, several waterfalls can be viewed along the Rogue River. The Union Creek area has several waterfalls that are not extremely high, but the hiking in the area is beautiful, less difficult and dog-friendly.

Prospect has two waterfalls only a few hundred yards from each other. Mill Creek Falls, a 175 foot high waterfall, can be viewed from across the Rogue River Canyon. Barr Creek Falls, only a short distance away, is one of Southern Oregon's tallest at 200 feet.

The Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway with its waterfalls, old growth forests and hiking trails has something for everyone.

## POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

### D.A.R.E. Show & Shine & Cruise

Join the City of Central Point on August 6th at Twin Creek Crossing Park for the Annual Show and Shine car show and fundraiser for the City of Central Point's D.A.R.E. Program. The Show and Shine is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Cruise is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on East Pine Street.

Come one, Come all - All Vehicles are Welcome to this event!

All Proceeds from the event help support the Central Point Police Department D.A.R.E Program.

**TRAFFIC RULES WILL BE ENFORCED & BURN-OUTS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

You can stop by the Police Department to register or you can register at the event.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) is an international education program founded by Daryl Gates that seeks to prevent use of controlled drugs, membership in gangs, and violent behavior. D.A.R.E. envisions a world in which students everywhere are empowered to respect others and choose to lead lives free from violence, substance abuse, and other dangerous behaviors. Central Point students who enter the program are taught by Central Point police officers about the dangers of drug use in an interactive in-school curriculum which lasts ten weeks.

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# HIDDEN GROVE & GREEN VALLEY

## Community and Neighborhood Bulletin Board

### August Calendar of Events

National Immunization Awareness Month

Birthstone Peridot

08/06 – D.A.R.E. Show and Shine and Cruise

08/07 – National Sister Day

08/12 – Pete's Dragon in Theaters

08/12 – International Youth Day

**08/15 – Pool Starts Closing at 8:00pm Nightly**

**08/18 – Street Sweeping**

08/26 – Women's Equality Day

08/27 – 4th Annual Table Rock Music Festival at  
the Expo

08/31 – National Dog Day

### Fruit & Veggies for the Month

Peaches

Nopales Cactus

Cactus Pear

Celery

Prickly Pear

Fennel

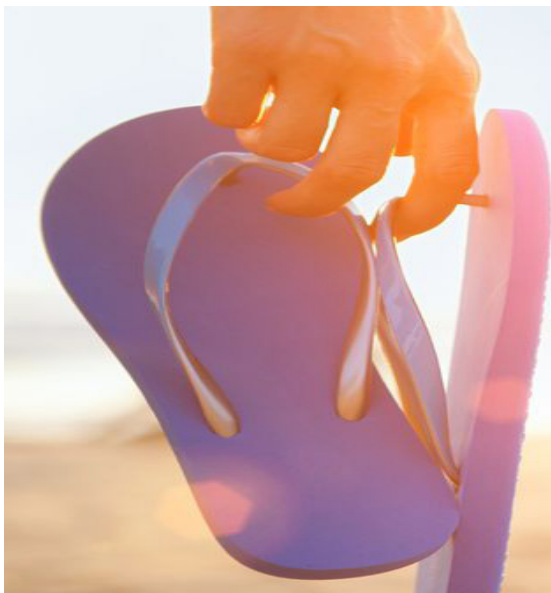
### Waste-Free Yards Keep Pets Healthy

American pet owners collectively spend tens of millions of dollars every year on veterinary care and over-the-counter medicines for their furry loved ones. But what many don't realize is that many pet illnesses can be avoided by simply keeping the back yard clear of pet waste.

Dog waste is more than just a smelly and unsightly mess. It's also a breeding ground for infection—especially in dog parks and other areas where dogs frequently gather. Bacteria, worms and other parasites thrive in the waste until it's cleaned up.

When pets become sick, contagions are often times passed through their deposits into their own yard. When this waste is not picked up, pets have a high risk of catching the infection over and over again.

The best thing pet owners can do to help keep their four-legged friends healthy and safe is to pick up after them and to do so in a timely manner. Those who don't have enough time to deal with the mess themselves—or simply don't want to—should consider hiring a local pet waste removal service. Local services include Scoopy Doo Medford <http://www.scoopydoomedford.com/> and The Scooping Crew—<http://www.thescoopingcrew.com/>.



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- Kellie Elmore

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