

THE CENTRAL POINT

COMMUNITY IN FOCUS

Why We Need a Design Review Program

Whether first-time homeowners or long-time residents, we all have a hefty investment in where we live. So it's important to preserve the value of our homes by keeping homes and yards well maintained and in a style that compliments adjacent structures and landscaping.

When our house exteriors are in good shape and the grass is cut, the hedges trimmed, the trash picked up and the sidewalks and roads well-maintained, the community is attractive to prospective buyers and renters, and property values are preserved.

Our association's design review program is a big part of sustaining the community's appearance and property values. While our design guidelines have some limitations, they allow enough flexibility for individual expression.

Please contact association manager or the board if you are considering a project for your home that involves painting the exterior or trim; redesigning or installing landscaping or constructing a fence.

The association manager or board will provide you with the association's architectural guidelines and review procedures. They will work with you to make your residence more livable while preserving the community's value.

If you are interested in contributing to the design review program, please contact the office about starting or joining a committee.

Don't Forget about Street Sweeping

The City's street cleaning program removes dirt and debris from city streets to provide a healthy, safe, and attractive environment for residents.

Why wasn't street sweeping completed in front of my house? There are many reasons why the sweeper may not have been able to sweep in front of your house. Most often, it's because items such as cars, bicycles, toys and refuse containers are blocking the roadway. Low-hanging trees and shrubs can also prevent sweepers from cleaning in front of your house.

How can I help street sweepers?

You can help by keeping the roadway in

front of your house free of large objects and obstructions. Also, remove large sticks and branches from the roadway in front of your house. These clog and jam the sweeper's operating system. Remove grass or weeds that grow in the gutter. This will reduce debris in front of your house and will improve water runoff during rainstorms.

In December, the city will sweep our streets on December 4th & 18th.

CC&R'S Corner – Play Equipment

Considered an attractive nuisance, any play equipment or pool must be placed above ground behind the home and must be within fenced, gated and locked boundaries of the backyard, except that basketball hoops may be placed on the lot but must not be on or blocking the sidewalk or the street. Homeowner assumes responsibility for maintaining play equipment in serviceable condition. Homeowner herein acknowledges and accepts full responsibility and liability for said equipment and/or pool.



POINT ON ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Ten Things Every HOA Resident Should Know

1. Know the Rules - Understand and comply with the restrictive covenants, bylaws, and other rules and regulations.
2. Know that you must pay your assessments on time.
3. Do not ignore communications from your homeowner association, especially notices that may regard outstanding assessments, rule violations, or fines. The board has the responsibility to govern fairly and consistently in the interest of all members, which includes assessing fines for non-compliance or for nonpayment of assessments. Don't let a minor fine escalate to the point that the association board must turn the matter over to an attorney or collection agency.

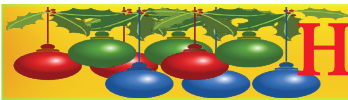
4. Maintain your property according to the governing documents and rules.
5. Know that approval is generally required before making improvements. This typically includes fences, paint colors and additions etc.
6. Know that your association has certain responsibilities to the membership including compliance with federal and state laws, fiduciary responsibility by board members, elections, meeting notices, meetings, due process and much more as defined in the covenants and bylaws.
7. Stay informed and participate in the business of your homeowner association by attending meetings, reading the meeting minutes, understanding the budget, and volunteering to serve on a committee or the board.
8. Maintain a current address with your homeowner association. This is critical if you

are a member of a homeowner association but do not live in the community.

9. Know that if your home is rental property or occupied by others, you need to ensure that your tenants/occupants understand that they must also comply with certain restrictive covenants such as parking, pets, architectural changes, and other requirements. This may also include association rules regarding use of playgrounds, pools, tennis courts and other common areas.

10. Know who is in charge. Maintain contact information for an association representative. This may be the HOA manager or a board member.

The clubhouse office phone number is 541-664-3996 and the email is hggvhoa@clearwire. Our website is hggvhoa@clearwire.net, and we often post information on our Facebook page.



COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD

POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

Central Point Seeks Volunteers for Committees

One of the key elements of any community is characterized by the commitment of its elected officials, appointed leaders, and involvement by citizens.

The City currently seeks to fill three openings on their Multicultural Committee. Other committees include the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), the Planning Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, Volunteers In Police Service Program (VIPS), the Budget Committee and the Explorer Post Program which provides an opportunity for younger citizens of Central Point.

Joining one of these committees is a great way to help mold your city and community so you can be proud to say, "I live in Central Point and I helped make it a great place to live."

All Committee members are appointed by the Mayor and Council. Meeting dates and terms vary depending on the committee.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions please submit an application to City Recorder Deanna Casey at 140 S. 3rd Street, or email deanna.casey@centralpointoregon.gov for more information. Click here for a Committee Application

There are also opportunities to volunteer for special events!

POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

Parking at Rogue Valley Sno-Parks

Do you like to play in the snow, ski, snowboard or snowmobile? You will find most recognized ski, snowmobile, and snow play areas in all mountain passes of Oregon. Oregon's Sno-Park Program helps provide parking at many of your favorite winter recreation areas.

If you park in a Sno-Park between November 1 and April 30, you must have a valid Sno-Park permit displayed near the lower left corner of your windshield.

There are three types of permits: an annual permit (\$25), a 3-day permit (\$9) and a daily permit (\$4). Permits are sold at all DMV offices and by permit sales agents at various resorts, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets. Sales agents may charge an additional service fee for each permit they sell.

Oregon's Sno-Park Program is funded entirely by the sale of Sno-Park permits. The program provides funds for snow removal in Sno-Parks and enforcement of the permit requirement. Any money remaining may be used for maintenance and development of Sno-Parks or carried over for use in a following year.

Oregon Sno-Park permits are also honored in California and Idaho. Parking in an Oregon Sno-Park without a permit may result in a \$30 fine, so be sure to obtain a permit and display it on your vehicle.

POINT ON THE GOOD HEALTH

Cold and Flu Season

Winter is nearly here, and so is what we consider cold and flu season.

Although our mothers always told us that we needed to keep warm to keep healthy, experts now believe that being cold has nothing to do with getting a cold. Most experts agree that we are more likely to get colds and flu when the weather is cold because we spend more time indoors sharing germs with other people. The viruses that cause colds and flu also spread more easily in colder, drier air.

Colds can last from 5-10 days, but it's normal for a cough to last for a month. Your cold is contagious for the first 3 days you have symptoms. The flu can last 1-2 weeks, and is contagious for up to 5 days after symptoms appear. In either case, do yourself and everyone else a favor and stay home and get some rest when you are not feeling well.

The average adult and teenager get two to four colds a year, while the average kid gets up to eight colds.

Mom was right about one thing: when cold or flu strikes, take a pain reliever, drink fluids, eat chicken soup and get some much needed rest.



DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 12/04 – Street Sweeping
- 12/05 – Central Point Community Christmas Lights Parade
- 12/05- & 12/07 – Rogue Valley Chorale Performs Christmas Around the World at the Craterian Theater
- 12/16 – Hanukkah Begins
- 12/18 – Street Sweeping
- 12/21 – First Day of Winter
- 12/24 – Office Closed
- 12/25 – Merry Christmas (Office Closed)
- 12/26 – Kwanza Begins (Office Closed)

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

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Every year, our Association spends approximately \$1,500.00 on postage. Nearly \$1,300 (or 86%) is for mailing out invoices every month. You can help our association save that money by opting to have your invoice emailed.

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PLEASE SIGN UP TO HAVE YOUR INVOICES EMAILED.**