

# THE Hidden Grove & Green Valley December 2016 CENTRAL POINT

*"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



### How to Deter Thieves During the Holiday Season

December is here and, with the holidays just around the corner, many of us will be running around town doing last minute shopping or decorating our homes. Most of us let our guard down and create an opportunity for thieves to steal our belongings or vandals to destroy our property. They are waiting for the perfect opportunity to take advantage of the hustle and bustle of the holidays.



Here are some tips to make sure your personal property does not end up in the wrong hands or destroyed this Christmas.

1. **Resist the urge to "check-in" on social media.** Sure it may be fun to let all your friends know that you are trying out the newest restaurant in town or even that you are out of town on a fabulous vacation, but many experts advise against these types of broadcasts on social media. A friend of a friend of a friend may see your post and know exactly when to target your home.

2. **Lock your door.** Our parents always told us this as kids, but sometimes we let our defenses down because we feel like we are living in a safe neighborhood. Statistics gathered by ADT Security company show that 40% of all burglaries are termed as "no force entries." That means the predators gained entry through unlocked doors or windows. Check that all your doors and windows are locked when you are not home.

3. **Keep your lights or radio on with a timer while you are away.** This can signal to a burglar that someone is home. Set the lights to turn on and off in different rooms at different times.

4. **Keep your garage door closed and locked and any garage door openers hidden and locked in the car.** Often, we keep our garage door open while we are working in the yard, or while our kids are outside playing. Experts agree that this is never a good idea. Often, criminals will drive through residential neighborhoods and take an inventory of what they see inside garages with a plan to come back at a later time. Also, try not to keep big ticket items in the garage during the holidays. If you keep your garage door opener in the car, take it out of the car if you park your car in the driveway rather than the garage.

5. **Display the Christmas tree – NOT the Christmas gifts.** It is uncomfortable to realize that, while we are away, thieves may look through our windows. They do and especially at this time of year. If possible, it is better to wait until Christmas Eve to set out the gifts. Otherwise, make sure that your curtains are tightly closed while you are away.

6. **Think carefully when putting out your trash or recycling.** Often at this time of year, thieves or burglars may look through our garbage to try to figure out what we have purchased. If you have boxes that indicate that something expensive might be in the house, experts advise taking the box directly to the recycling center rather than putting it in your garbage or recycling bin.

7. **If you are going out of town, consider having the Central Point Police do vacation checks on your home.** Trained V.I.P.S. (Volunteers In Police Service) will perform an inspection of your property while you are away on vacation. The inspection includes a perimeter check, physical and/or visual check of all doors and windows, verification of vehicles left on the property, and verification of any people found on the property. This service helps to deter potential burglars and provides for additional security while your house is unoccupied. Click here for more information: <http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/police/webform/vacation-house-check-form>

All it takes is one thief's determination to potentially ruin your holiday. Remain vigilant this Christmas—we encourage you practice the above safety precautions.

#### IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS

Call the non-emergency dispatch

541-776-7206

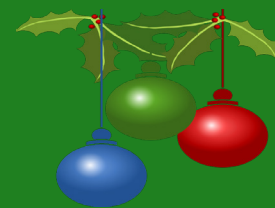
We can all do our part to keep our  
neighborhood a safe place to live.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



2016





## Central Point Christmas Lights Parade

Join the City of Central Point in celebrating the holiday season with their Christmas Lights Parade. After the parade, come to City Hall to view the parade entries up close and enjoy the tree lighting, crafts, games, free hot cocoa and cookies, Kiwanis book giveaway and visit with Santa. Don't forget to take the trolley for a ride.

Papa Terall's BBQ will be serving up the BEST BBQ around. There will be hot cocoa and cookies, plus other yummy treats.

The season of giving is upon us, and giving is always better than receiving. The City is asking for our community to come together and help those in need this season, and they have something special planned this year. The City is hosting a Giving Drive. The Drive began on November 1st and will go through December 20th. The Community Christmas Lights Parade this year falls at the midpoint of the drive.

You can nominate a family in need via the anonymous link here  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CentralPointGivingDrive2016>

The city will keep the nominations and donations anonymous if you prefer. On December 22nd, they will surprise the selected families with the donations from the community, and it's sure to be the best gift ever. Donations can be brought to the Parks & Recreation Department at Central Point City Hall.

To donate to the Giving Drive or for any questions, contact Cory @ 541.423.1978

## A Guide to Holiday Traditions Worth Starting in 2016

(BPT) - Every family has their own set of traditions. Some involve going to holiday parties or shows like the Nutcracker, baking batches of cookies or a trip to the Christmas tree farm.

But just as our phones, cars and lives have changed over the past 10 years, so have holiday traditions. While ugly sweaters, family, trees and gifts are as much a part of the holiday spirit as ever, new traditions are popping up, adding new memories and new possibilities to the holiday season.

### New travel destinations

There was a time when it seemed like everyone scrambled to make it home for the holidays. And while families are still making plans to get together, an increasing number are shaking things up by traveling to a new state or a new city to celebrate the holidays.

And they're not only traveling to the iconic spots like the ice rink in Rockefeller Center or seeking out palm trees and white sand beaches. One vacation theme that has been rising in popularity involves reliving favorite Christmas movies.



The best example of this trend can be seen in Cleveland, Ohio where A Christmas Story House & Museum, [www.achristmasstoryhouse.com](http://www.achristmasstoryhouse.com), is currently celebrating its tenth anniversary. Each year, thousands of people from all over the country make the trip to visit the restored house where the iconic movie was filmed.

### Changing shopping habits

You've probably seen a store advertising artisanal, hand crafted, locally produced goods pop up in your neighborhood. It's a sign that people's buying habits are changing. This is especially true when it comes to their holiday shopping routines.

While there may still be plenty of people lining up outside of the big box stores for Black Friday sales, more and more are searching for that one-of-a-kind gift that can only be found in a local store or after some serious online hunting. Instead of giving each other the gift everyone else wants, people are trying to give each other gifts that are truly unique and thoughtful.

### Get a workout in

It's tradition to prepare for the numerous snacks, sweets and huge meals of the holiday season by buying a couple of baggy sweaters. But the current health conscious generation is changing that.

No, they're not replacing sugar cookies with kale chips, rather they are adding a workout to the Christmas routine.

Many cities around the country now host Santa and reindeer-themed runs. On December 17th, there will be the Medford Ugly Sweater 5k. For more information, click here:  
<http://www.medforduglysweater5k.com/index.php>



## Rogue Disposal Leaf Pick Up

The temperatures are dropping and so are the leaves. In an effort to keep the storm drains and streets clear, Rogue Disposal has partnered up with the City of Central Point again to pick up leaves on December 16th. Residents can bag their leaves in heavy duty yard bags and place tied bags on the curb or just off the roadway. Bags over 40 pounds or that contain any other lawn debris or trash will not be picked up. Please do not set your bags on the curbs until December 15th.





# HIDDEN GROVE & GREEN VALLEY

## Community and Neighborhood Bulletin Board

### December Calendar of Events

12/03 – Central Point Christmas Lights  
Parade and Tree Lighting

12/16 – Rogue One: A Star Wars Story  
in Theaters

12/17 – Ugly Sweater 5k in Medford

12/21 – Sing in Theaters

12/21 – Winter Begins

12/24 – Hanukkah Begins

**12/25 – Christmas**

12/26 – Kwanza Begins

12/26 – Office Closed



### Get your lights on!

Can your house decorations beat the Griswold's?  
The winning house will receive a free clubhouse  
rental.



### Board of Directors Met on November 16 to Discuss Business

On November 16th, the Board of Directors held their bimonthly meeting in the clubhouse.

When the Association transferred the water and the storm drains to the City of Central Point, our attorney recommended that we amend our governing documents to reflect that change. When the Board began reviewing the governing documents, they noticed that there were several parts that needed to be amended. Some of these amendments were due to changes in the Oregon statutes, however most were due to typos and confusing language. The Board made the changes they thought relevant to the Association, and sent those to an attorney specializing in governing documents for Homeowners Associations. The Board went over the recommendations made by the attorney and made plans to present the amendments to the Association members in 2017. Please contact the office if you would like to discuss the amendments.

The financials of the Association were approved. The Board of Directors also reviewed the preliminary budget for 2017. The Budget will be finalized and approved during the January 18th Board of Directors Meeting.

On January 18th at 6:00pm in the clubhouse there will be the annual meeting of Association members followed by the January meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors encourages all residents to attend Board meetings. Come introduce yourself to the Board, the Manager and your neighbors and find a wealth of information about your community!

**Merry  
Christmas**

*"It is December, and nobody asked if I was ready."*

SARAH KAY