# THE CENTRAL POINT

### **COMMUNITY IN FOCUS**

### **Board Cancels Street Sweeping**

After several months of observation, and after taking into account input from various residents, the board of directors has moved to cancel our street sweeping contract. Many residents voiced concerns that the street sweepers were rushing through the job, and that they did not concentrate enough on the debris in the gutters. The board came to the conclusion paying the street sweepers was not money well spent by the Association.

## What this means to residents of HG/GV

Our Rules and Regulations state: Street, sidewalks, driveway, carports, porches and decks will be kept clean and free from unattended toys, trash and debris at all times. Please make sure that you are keeping the street in front of your home clean and picked up. The board has instructed Carrie to issue Non-Compliance reminders to residents who are not keeping their street and sidewalk clean.

## **Tennis Courts Getting New Lock**

Over the past several weeks, many residents have noticed that our tennis courts are being misused. Kids have been observed riding bikes and scooters on our courts as well as bouncing and dangling on the nets. This kind of treatment will destroy our tennis courts and end up costing our Association a great deal of money in repairs.

The tennis court gate has had the same lock for several years, and we have only been charging \$5.00 for new keys. In order to keep our tennis courts in good repair for all residents of Hidden Grove/Green Valley, we will be replacing the lock on our tennis courts, and issuing new keys to residents. Any resident who brings in their key will be given a new one free of charge; however there will be a \$25.00 REFUNDABLE deposit charged for each new key. New keys will cost residents \$5.00 plus the \$25.00 refundable deposit. It is our hope that this will encourage residents to return their key when they move, thereby reducing the amount of people using our courts who do not live in our subdivision.

We plan on purchasing the new lock and

having new keys made by February 11<sup>th</sup> and installing the new lock on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please come into the office any time after February 11<sup>th</sup> to drop off your old key and get your replacement.

# The Central Point is... "Going Green"

Door to door delivery of The Central Point will soon be a thing of the past. After reviewing our finances for the annual budget, we realized that we are spending approximately \$300 per year printing the newsletter. Now that our website, <a href="www.hggv.org">www.hggv.org</a>, is up and running, we thought that many of you would be able to view the newsletter online. Copies of the current newsletter along with archived copies will all be available on our website.

We can also email copies of the newsletter to anyone who requests them. If residents are more comfortable with a paper copy of the newsletter, please let Carrie in the office know, and she can easily print one to be mailed with your invoice.

Door to door delivery will end this month, so please let us know by the end of February if you would like a hard copy or emailed copy of The Central Point.

### POINT ON ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

# The Board of Directors Meets on January 21st for Quarterly and Annual Meeting

The annual and quarterly meeting of the HOA board of directors was held on January 21st in the Clubhouse.

At the start of the meeting, Paul Rydings was installed as the board member at large. Welcome Paul! The board looks forward to working with Paul and hearing his input as they move forward with association business.

Suzanne Deaville was appointed to serve another term as Vice President. Suzanne has become a valuable and trusted advisor to the board and the association manager.

Regina Nelson presented the Accomplishments and Challenges of 2012. She was pleased to

report that in 2012, board tripled the amount of money going into our reserve account. The challenges that the board faces include continuing to invest in our reserve account at this pace.

The board also discussed the budget for 2013. The board decided against paying our landscapers \$5,000.00 to aerate the lawns, but did discuss having them install bark around our trees and shrubs. This would cost \$980, and would keep weeds down and decrease the amount of water needed to keep our trees and shrubs healthy. The board also agreed to discontinue our street sweeping contract.

In the quarterly meeting the board moved to quit providing Wi-Fi to residents in the clubhouse and on the patio. The risks to the association outweigh any benefit that residents may receive.

The board also moved to have Carrie contact collection agencies in order to have them begin

seeking payment from non-paying residents.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the clubhouse.

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### HIDDEN GROVE & GREEN VALLEY

# POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

### Our Newsletter Needs Community Specific Information

Putting together The Central Point is quite challenging considering there is so much more to include in it than we do. Many residents have interesting news to share about upcoming events, personal milestones, issues of community interest, etc., but we never hear from you.

Between our manager and the board of directors, we try to include items in our newsletter that not only inform owners of important business matters before the association, but we also attempt to inform our residents on some of the ongoing challenges that our association faces. Issues such as the budgeting process and CC&R enforcement are included throughout the year in order to help residents understand some of the complexities of running our association.

These educational articles are important, but don't forget that our newsletter is one of the best communication tools available in our community. In order to help our newsletter become more community-specific we need to hear from YOU. We are also expanding "The Central Point" to on-line. We will be using more color and would like to include photographs. If you would like to contribute story ideas, copy or photographs, do not hesitate to contact our manager or email hg.gv.newsletter@gmail.com.

# POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

### Jacksonville's Chinese New Year Celebration 2013

### The Year of the Snake

The Eighth Annual Chinese New Year celebration planned by the Southern Oregon Chinese Cultural Association (SOCCA) for the "Year of the Snake" will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2013 in downtown Jacksonville.

This year's schedule includes over 20 activities hosted through the day at over 10 venues in the city of Jacksonville.

The all-day family event schedule begins with a 5K fun-run starting at 8:00 am followed by the parade starting at 10:30 am. Visit <a href="https://www.socca.us">www.socca.us</a> for fun-run registration forms and a complete calendar of events.

The parade will feature the Loong Mah Ladies Dragon Team, an authentic Dragon Dance team from San Francisco Chinatown. The Loong Mah Dancers are a nonprofit dance group comprised of over 200 families who have been performing since 1994. Their primary objective is to teach and share the art of Dragon Dancing.

By popular demand, the "dragonladies" of Loong Mah Sing See Hui are back. Their troupe of 30 performers is bringing their acrobatic pets to help celebrate the Year of the Snake. Performance is in the Gymnasium at the Jacksonville Elementary School. Admission is \$5, and tickets are available at the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce.

There are also several activities that are FREE and open to the public. Please visit <a href="https://www.socca.us">www.socca.us</a> for a full list of activities.

# POINT ON GOOD HEALTH

# Helpful Tips for a Healthy Relationship

Valentine's Day is nearly here, and many of us want to celebrate the one we love. What better way to do that than to work on making our relationship stronger and healthier. Following these simple steps could bring us all much closer to our loved ones.

Look not for perfection in your mate. You will not find it, and it's just as well. Living with a saint could be very tiresome.

Let your love be stronger than your hate or anger.

Learn the wisdom of compromise, for it is better to bend a little than to break.

Believe the best rather than the worst. People have a way of living up or down to your opinion of them.

Remember that true friendship is the basis of any lasting relationship. The person you choose to spend your life with is deserving of the courtesies and kindnesses you bestow upon your friends

Practice forgiveness, for who among us hasn't needed to be forgiven?

### **February Calendar of Events**

02/10 – Chinese New Year – Year of the Snake

02/13 - Ash Wednesday

02/14 – Valentine's Day

02/14 – Safe Haven in Theaters

02/16 – Chinese New Year Celebration in Jacksonville

02/18 - Clubhouse Office closed for President's day

02/19 – Girl Scout Cookies available in the Clubhouse

02/24 - Academy Awards on TV

02/25 – Full Moon



You can support the many Girl Scouts that live in HG/GV by purchasing Girl Scout cookies in the clubhouse office.

### **HOW COOL IS THAT?**

Cookies are \$4.00 and will be available for purchase starting February 19<sup>th</sup>