We Need You! Volunteer for an Association Committee



Committees are an important part of our association operations. The success of our association depends upon getting our residents involved in the various committees that the Board of Directors relies upon for support and guidance. Committees help keep our community vibrant; and by augmenting paid contractors, accountants and/or consultants, they save the association thousands of dollars each year. The association just wouldn't be what it is without active and effective committees.

Currently, the Board is seeking homeowners to serve on a **Finance/Reserve Study**

Committee. The board would like this committee to review current budgets, assess our community amenities, and estimate future expenditures. Based on these findings, the board hopes to be better able to make sure our reserve account is properly funded, thereby reducing the need for any future special assessments.

The mere mention finances or planning may scare some homeowners away from service, but it shouldn't. Managing the association's finances is one of the board's most important duties, and it doesn't have to be complicated. Financial management includes protecting our assets, budgeting responsibly and planning for the future. The Board needs to ensure that the assessments you pay are used properly to maintain the community. The Finance/Reserve Study Committee will be helpful to the Board in achieving that goal.

Volunteering to serve on the Finance/ Reserve Study Committee is a great way to become involved and contribute to our community. As residents in a homeowner's association we tend to allow that elite group known as "them" or "they" to operate the association, to attend related meetings and to make important community decisions. However, we need to realize that "them" and "they" are always made up of "I", "We", "You" and "Us".

Committees give the board a way to gather information, offer new ideas and opinions and provide a training ground for future board members. All committees are advisory to the board unless given specific decision-making authority by the board or CC&Rs.

So, if you're interested in helping evaluate our future financial needs, we would be thrilled to talk to you about our Finance/Reserve Study Committee and how you might be able to help.

Contact the manager for more information.



POINT ON ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Thoughts Entering the New Year

As we begin another year, we members of the Hidden Grove/Green Valley Homeowner's Association Board offer some thoughts about how we all can make our community an even better place to live in the New Year and beyond.

Responsibility - We all take responsibility for adhering to rules and meeting our financial obligations to the community so we can avoid the costly and unpleasant task of pursuing legal actions.

Sharing - We share our ideas, perspectives and concerns so we can all work together to build an even better community.

Fellowship - We actively participate in the recreational, social and cultural activities

of the community.

Involvement - We attend association meetings and take the time to review important information about our community.

Inclusiveness - We actively welcome new residents, making all owners and renters feel part of the community.

Pride - We are proud to live in this community and recommend it to others who are looking for a good place to call home.

As members of the elected board, we will certainly strive to do our part. It's our goal to serve as neighborhood facilitators and regard our authority as a temporary stewardship, even as we plan for a future well beyond our tenure on the board.

We wish you a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

The HG/GV Board

Next Board Meeting (Annual Meeting) Wednesday January 21st, 6:00pm in the clubhouse.

According to our By-Laws, the terms for the office of Board Secretary and Treasurer are expiring, and an election will be held at the next meeting to fill the positions. If you are interested in this position, please submit a letter to the clubhouse office by January 14.

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POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

City of Central Point Offers Enrichment Classes

Keep your mind busy this winter by taking one of the enrichment classes offered by the City of Central Point. These classes provide educational and recreational opportunities to residents of all ages. Enrolling in one of these classes offers an opportunity to learn a new hobby, do something fun and interesting, or improve personal skills.

Classes include: CPR and first aid, parenting classes, resume building, drawing, fly fishing for beginners, extreme couponing, sewing, knitting, understanding Photoshop Elements, the basics investing, guitar lessons, Yoga, Tae Kwon Do and many others.

For more classes, information, prices and dates, visit http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/parks.aspx?id=3050 to view the RECreate activity guide.

POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

5th Annual Rogue Valley Health Fair

This year's Southern Oregon Health Fair will take place on January 24th from 9:00am-4:00pm at the Medford Armory. This is your chance to get a head start on better living for 2015.

Admission is a \$2 donation for Sparrow Clubs.

From better exercise and healthy food ideas to both traditional and non-traditional forms of treatment, you will find all kinds of opportunities for advice and education. Free giveaways, samples and health screenings are available. As this is a one day event, be sure to get there early to make sure you have time for everything that interests you. Classes are held throughout the day.

The organizers have listed tips for having a great experience at the Health Fair on their website.

Have a game plan - Before attending the show, make a quick list of some of the professionals you are interested in speaking with, and decide which workshops to attend.

Bring a bag to the show - One thing that is for certain is you will be leaving with a lot of brochures, pamphlets and promotional information. All of that information can get heavy, so bringing your own bag or carry-all to help tote everything around can be a life-saver.

Bring a Friend - Share the fun and information by bringing along a friend or family member you think might benefit from attending.

Wear Comfortable Shoes - The last thing you'll want to worry about is how much your feet hurt from all of your walking around. Wearing comfortable shoes should be mandatory

POINT ON THE GOOD HEALTH

How to Keep Your New Year's Resolutions

The New Year has arrived, and you have already drawn up your resolutions for a better you. Now, how to stick to your plan?

Put it all on paper - Write your resolutions down, and keep them in an accessible place as reminders. Tape them to your mirror, write them in a journal or put them on your refrigerator door.

Mark your calendar - Set deadlines for yourself to tackle each step toward reaching your goal, one at a time.

Start as soon as possible - Go out and purchase the necessary equipment or literature; call now and set up an appointment with your dentist, your doctor, your trainer, your accountant.

Find a role model - Is there anyone who has succeeded in fulfilling an ambition like yours? Look to this person as a reminder that it is possible to achieve your goal.

Check your progress regularly and give yourself an occasional reward for your efforts. Make sure the reward isn't contrary to your resolution; celebrate a cigarette-free month with a weekend trip or a new outfit, not with a cigarette.

Inform friends and family of your goals, and recruit them to regularly remind and support you in your endeavors.

Tip: Don't sweat the setbacks; persistence is the key.

January Calendar of Events

01/01 – New Year's Day (Office Closed)

01/05 – Full Moon

01/09 – Taken 3 in Theaters

01/15 – Street Sweeping

01/19 – Martin Luther King, Jr Day (Office Closed)

01/21 – Board Meeting (Annual Meeting) 6:00pm in the clubhouse

01/24 – Rogue Valley Health Fair

01/29 – Street Sweeping

