

## **COMMUNITY IN FOCUS**

### Don't Forget your Pool Fob!

Because the pool and clubhouse are the "crown jewels" of our association, our Board of Directors came up with a clear access policy which states residents must have their grey fob to access these amenities.

Use of the pool and clubhouse—funded by our monthly assessments—is a privilege for residents in good standing and their guests. If you don't pay your assessments and share in the cost of operations and upkeep, your fob (or the fob of your renter) will be deactivated.

Our security system keeps a log each time a fob is swiped for access to the pool or clubhouse. We keep and observe this data so we can do a better job of meeting your needs and improving our services. We will also be able to check our records if something, such as an injury report or damage claim, comes up days or weeks later.

# Please do not grant pool access to anybody without a fob.

We want to ensure those who don't live in our community—unless they're a guest aren't contributing to the wear and tear of this valuable community asset. If you forget your fob when you come to the pool, you will need to go home and get it. Please do not ask any other swimmers to "let you in." It puts residents into an uncomfortable situation by having to say no, or feel guilty if anything happens.

Our priority is to make sure our residents and guests are safe. With our access policy, we can minimize liability by requiring those who use the facility to sign waivers and verify they are aware of all pool rules.

Come enjoy the pool, but always remember your fob!

### CC&R Corner

#### **Community Appearance Reminders**

Proper maintenance of the front of our homes helps keep Hidden Grove/Green Valley a desirable place to live. The Board would like to remind residents of the importance of property maintenance requirements, all of which are spelled out in our CC&R's.

#### Keep Grass and Weeds Mowed

Please take time to properly maintain your property by controlling weeds around your home and keeping lawns mowed on a regular basis.

#### Keep Sidewalks Clear of Debris

Property owners and occupants are reminded to keep the sidewalks and streets in front of their home clear. The sidewalk and street must be free of debris including weeds, sand, gravel, rubbish and obstructions such as overhanging branches or basketball hoops.

#### Perform Needed Maintenance Projects

Please keep up with those important maintenance projects such as painting, window or roof repairs, web removal and gutter maintenance.

View the Hidden Grove/Green Valley website: <u>http://www.hggv.org/GovDocs.</u> <u>htm</u> and learn more about these and other community quality matters by reviewing our governing documents. For more information, or to report a community quality concern, please contact the clubhouse office at 541-664-3996 or email hggvhoa@clearwire.net.

# POINT ON ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

# Why We Contract for Professional Landscaping

Maintaining the estimated 3 acres of common areas is one of the Board's most basic responsibilities. To fulfill that responsibility, the Board has contracted with a professional landscaping company. Before signing the contract, the Board sought bids from several potential companies, carefully considered the competence and expertise of each company, checked references, and compared fees.

These fees may seem like an added—or even unnecessary—expense; but, in the long run, the additional cost will be less than the losses we would face without professional help.

#### Consider the advantages:

#### **Professional Expertise:**

It takes more than a green thumb to maintain attractive and functional landscaping. Our

contractor employs professional staff and trained labor crews. This expertise translates into a cost-effective and successful landscape maintenance program for our community.

#### **Bulk Purchase Savings:**

Our landscape contractor purchases supplies in bulk quantities at reduced prices and passes the savings along to us.

#### No Equipment to Buy or Maintain:

The association doesn't have to purchase, store, insure, maintain, or buy fuel for equipment.

#### **Improved Plant Survival:**

Trees, turf, shrubs, and other plantings are costly. Without proper care, they don't survive, especially immediately after installation. The landscaper guarantees newly planted shrubs and trees, so we don't have to pay for replacing dead plants.

#### **Reduced Liability:**

The association's landscape contractor is properly insured and knowledgeable about and in compliance with—all local and federal environmental requirements and safety regulations. Our contract shifts responsibility to the contractor and reduces the association's liability.

Landscaping is important to the community's quality of life and its image and value. Maintaining it can be expensive. Is it worth what the association pays for these services? Yes! In fact, failing to invest in professional landscape maintenance is a false economy because curb appeal makes our neighborhood desirable and contributes to the value of our individual homes.



# Hidden Grove & Green Valley

### POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

## Outdoor Water Conservation Tips

Even though we use water every day, it's easy to take it for granted. Just imagine how we would function without clean water. It's everyone's responsibility to conserve and protect water resources. The decisions and actions we make today affect our water resources for the future.

The following suggestions will help you get in the habit of saving water in the great outdoors.

Get a rain gauge to measure rainfall. One inch of rain per week is generally sufficient for lawns and gardens. Supplement with sprinklers only when rainfall is inadequate. Use sprinklers for no more than 10 minutes at a time and during the cool part of the day. If you notice puddles or runoff, turn water off and wait for water to soak in. Also, be sure your sprinkler puts water where you need it—not on driveways or sidewalks.

Raise the mowing heights on your lawn mower. This promotes healthier grass that can better survive dry periods.

Use mulch around landscape plantings. Mulch will help

eliminate weeds and hold moisture in the soil.

Visit: <u>http://greenliving.</u> nationalgeographic.com/

### POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

## A Different Perspective on the California Redwoods

Just a short drive from the Rogue Valley in Crescent City, CA, North Coast Adventure Centers offers tours of the California redwood canopy. Tours run between 2 to 3 hours long, and are offered on Friday, Saturday or Sunday from May through October. These student led tours are part of Sunset High School's Experiential Education program.

The tours begin with an interpretive walk through the redwood forest and then proceed to ground school where participants learn terms and techniques needed to safely maneuver through the canopy. After the training is completed the next challenge will be to climb 60 feet up into the redwoods and ride a series of four ziplines through the canopy

The trained student-guides run tours with participants over 12 years old and five feet tall. Climbing, zipping and rappelling through the canopy helps guests appreciate the power and beauty of the California redwoods. Visit the North Coast Adventure Centers website: <u>NorthCoastAdventureCenters.com</u> for all their activities and locations.

### POINT ON GOOD HEALTH

## Walking Your Way to a Better You

Walking is one of the easiest ways to exercise. You can do it almost anywhere and at any time. Walking is also inexpensive. All you need is a pair of comfortable shoes.

Walking will give you more energy, make you feel good, help you to relax, reduce stress, help you sleep better, tone your muscles, help control your appetite and increase the number of calories your body uses.

Keep safety in mind when you plan your route and the time of your walk. Walk with a friend, during the daytime or at night in welllighted areas and be aware of your surroundings.

By taking these steps, you will be making strides to a happier, healthier you.



## June Calendar of Events

- $06/08 06/16 28^{th}$  Annual Medford Cruise
- 06/14 Flag Day
- 06/14 Man of Steel in Theaters
- 06/16 Father's Day
- 06/21 First Day of Summer
- 06/21 06/23 Battle of the Bones
- 06/22 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Applegate Valley Days
- 06/23 Biggest Full Moon of 2013

# Brighten Your Summer

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups of milk (1% or 2%)
- 1 can of regular sweetened condensed milk
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup fresh lemon juice (or lime juice)
- a little bit of lemon pulp

Instructions:

1. Add all ingredients in a medium bowl and mix well with a whisk.

2. Pour into popsicle molds and freeze for at least 4 hours or preferably overnight.



**Dulce De Leche** 

**Lemon Popsicles**