

# THE Hidden Grove & Green Valley March 2016 CENTRAL POINT Point on Association and Business



## Neighborhood Watch Programs and Keeping Our Community Safe

Anybody who has been paying attention to the news lately has most likely noticed that there has been a rash of crime in our little city of Central Point. Over the past couple of weeks, over 50 cars have been broken into. In our neighborhood, residents have reported suspicious individuals out and about. This is a good time to remind everyone that we should pay extra attention to what is going on around us.

As residents of a community association, we are given the opportunity to communicate with our neighbors (this newsletter is a good example), form a Neighborhood Watch Program, and benefit from the CC&Rs that our Board of Directors ensures are enforced. 100% participation by the residents of our community is the best way to eliminate vandalism, burglary and other community-based crimes. Our neighborhood is much safer when we all keep an eye out on our neighbors' houses while they are away, report suspicious activity and/or persons to the office or police, and comply with our rules & regulations.

Also, it is certainly no surprise that many cities are encouraging, and even coordinating Neighborhood Watch Programs. They really work. The reason they work is simple: one of the best ways to deter crime and vandalism in a community is to create a network of neighbors looking out for each other.

Not only do police and sheriff's departments encourage Neighborhood Watch Programs, they sponsor educational programs to help participants learn more about fighting crime in their community. In fact anybody interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch Program in Hidden Grove/Green Valley is welcome to attend one of the Central Point Police Department's community meetings held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm at the department headquarters. The officers are more than happy to share information on how to organize a Community Watch program, and they will give informational updates about crime trends in our community. The next meeting will be Thursday March 10th at 6:00pm.

Taking part in a Neighborhood Watch program is simple. The only thing you need is the participation of yourself and your neighbors.

## Clarifying the Association Manager's Role

Our association employs an association manager, and we think residents should know what the manager has—and has not—been hired to do. The manager has two primary responsibilities: to manage the association's daily operations and to carry out policies set by our Bylaws and CC&Rs.

Some residents expect the manager to perform certain tasks that

just aren't part of the job. When the manager fails to meet those expectations, residents are unhappy. Since we want you to be happy, we are offering a few clarifications to help you understand what the manager does.

The manager is trained to deal with conflict, but she will not get involved in quarrels you might be having with your neighbor. However, if association rules are being violated, the manager is the right person to call.

While the manager works closely with the Board, she is not a member of the Board. Also, the manager is not your advocate with the Board. If you have questions, the manager can help; if you have a concern that you want to present to the Board, the manager will be happy to make sure you are on the Board meeting agenda.

The manager does not set policy. If you disagree with a policy or rule, you'll get better results sending a letter or e-mail to the Board than arguing with the manager.

Although the manager is available to residents, that doesn't mean that she is available 24 hours a day. If you need to see the manager, come to the office Monday through Friday 8:00am – 1:00pm, or call to schedule an appointment.

The manager inspects the community regularly, but even an eagle eye won't catch everything. Your help is essential. If you know about a potential CC&Rs violation, please report it to the manager.

The manager has a broad range of expertise, but she is not an engineer, architect, attorney or accountant. The manager may offer opinions, but don't expect technical advice in areas where she is not qualified.

## Next Board Meeting Wednesday March 16th, 6:00 pm in the clubhouse

We still have one open position on our Board of Directors. If you are interested in this position, please submit a letter to the clubhouse office by March 9th. Even if you are not interested in serving of the Board, we would love to have anyone interested in our community attend.

## CC&R's Corner

Whether they are on leash or off leash, dogs are not allowed in the Hidden Grove Park (the open space by the pool and tennis courts). These parks belong to us all, so if you see someone with a dog in open space by the clubhouse, please remind them of this rule.





## POINT ON THE GOOD HEALTH

### Using Household Plants to Create Clean, Green Air

Believe it or not, the air inside your home may be less healthy than the air outdoors. From pollutants such as chemicals in paints, cleaning supplies, pesticides and air fresheners to gases such as radon and carbon dioxide to second-hand smoke, modern, well-insulated homes can actually trap pollutants and increase their potential for harm. Several common houseplants, however, can help you breathe easier by increasing oxygen levels and removing toxins from the air.

These plants, known as “natural air purifiers”, can help clean the air we breathe.

For maximum effectiveness, aim for at least two plants in 10- to 12-inch pots per 100 square feet of space. And be sure not to over-water your plants, which can lead to mold, another pollutant that can be dangerous to your health.

These plants include: English Ivy, Lady Palm, Boston Fern, Snake Plant, Golden Pothos, Wax Begonia, Red-Edged Dracaena, Spider Plant and Peace Lily (This variety is poisonous to pets, so place with caution.)



Lady Palm



Snake Plant

## POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

### How to Donate Used Items Efficiently

Spring cleaning is right around the corner, and for many residents that could mean “out with the old and in with the new.” But what do we do with the “old” when it’s not quite ready for the landfill? Donating used items is a great option as long as you do a little homework to find out which local organizations and donation centers are most appropriate for the items you’d like to give away. Use the following tips as a guideline for determining what goes where and how to get it there.

**Many unexpected items are eligible for donation.** You might be surprised to learn exactly what items you can donate. In addition to clothing and furniture, cars, cell phones, electronics, fitness equipment, home appliances, art supplies and even old towels are widely accepted by specialized organizations. If you’re looking to donate a unique item, do some further research about local organizations and donation centers in need of specific things.

**Consider what condition your items are in to determine where you donate.** If you’re planning to donate a broken refrigerator, be sure to communicate the item’s condition prior to arranging a donation. Some donation centers accept broken items for parts; however, most organizations and donation centers prefer to accept gently used items in working condition.

**Make sure to get a donation receipt for tax purposes.** Before donating, make a detailed list of the items you’ll be giving away along with the estimated values. Keep in mind that, since the items are used, price points might be lower than expected. When your items are picked up or dropped off, request a receipt from the organization or donation center to keep track of what to count as a tax deduction. Speaking with a tax professional for advice also is a good idea.

## POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

### The City Prepares for the Central Point Eggstravaganza!

Join the city for the Central Point Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 26, 2016 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Twin Creeks Park.

Free games and activities will begin at 10:00 am for you and your family. Be sure to bring your camera and visit with the Easter Bunny. Food will also be available for purchase.

The Egg Hunt will begin at 11:00 sharp. The Egg Hunt is split up into three age groups for kids 10 and under. Parents can assist kids ages 3 and under in a specially marked section only, in all other sections parents must stay outside of the marked area for everyone's safety. Please specify a meeting place with your child for after the Egg Hunt.

Would you like to help make this a fun and memorable event for the kids? There are many opportunities to get involved. More than 30 volunteers are needed for the day of the event to help run the various games and activities. Sign up for volunteer opportunities at [www.shiftboard.com/centralpointoregon](http://www.shiftboard.com/centralpointoregon).

You can also donate candy, coupons or other items to help fill the eggs. This year, they plan to stuff more than 16,000 eggs. Please contact the city to find out what types of items are acceptable. (Restrictions are in place for types of candies, and item sizes. All items must be kid friendly and be free of nuts and peanut butter.)

For more information visit the City of Central Point Parks and Recreation webpage.

Central Point Parks and Recreation Presents:

## EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

**Saturday March 26, 2016**  
Twin Creeks Park, Central Point

**10am – 12pm**

Free Games and Activities!  
Meet the Easter Bunny!  
Food Available for Purchase

**Egg Hunt 11am SHARP**

- Ages 3 & under W/Parents
- Ages 3 & under W/O Parents
- 4-6 year olds
- 7-10 year olds

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Help us make this a fantastic day! Sign UP Today!!!  
Call: (541) 664-3321 x 130



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# HIDDEN GROVE & GREEN VALLEY

## Community and Neighborhood Bulletin Board

### March Calendar of Events

03/04 – Zootopia in Theaters

03/13 – Daylight Savings Time Begins  
(Spring Forward)

03/15 – March Madness Begins (Time to  
fill out those brackets)

**03/17 – St. Patrick's Day**

**03/20 – First Day of Spring**

03/21-03/25 – Central Point Schools on  
Spring Break

03/25 – Good Friday

03/25 – My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 in  
Theaters

03/26 – Central Point Eggstravaganza

**03/27 – Easter**

### Growing Marijuana

**From the City of Central Point**  
*News from City Hall*

A friendly reminder regarding growing marijuana in Central Point city limits. As many of you may know, the City of Central Point passed a municipal code banning outdoor marijuana grows back in July of 2015. Medical growers who had valid OMMMP cards were allowed to grow outside for the remainder of the 2015 growing season. As of now, no marijuana grows are permitted to be outside whether they be for medical or recreational reasons. If you have any questions regarding marijuana grows or would like to report an outside grow in Central Point, please contact CSO Cunningham with the Central Point Police Department at 541-664-3321 ext. 251



### Helpful Emergency Contact Information

Central Point Police Department: 541-664-5578  
(when calling 911 isn't appropriate)

Jackson County Sheriff's Department: 541-776-7208

Jackson County Road Department: 541-774-8184, af-  
ter hours call the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

ODOT Trip Check: dial 511

City of Central Point Public Works: 541-664-7602,  
after hours 1-800-726-6476

Pacific Power: 1-877-548-3768 Avista: 1-800-227-9187

Red Cross: 1-541-779-377



*“Why can't daylight savings time occur at 4:00pm on a  
Friday?”*  
– Anonymous