

THE CENTRAL POINT

COMMUNITY IN FOCUS

HG/GV Residents Steering Clear of the Neighborhood Fire Lanes

The Board of Directors wishes to express their gratitude to all the residents who are observing the fire lane signs and parking on the correct side of the street. Since the Board moved to increase resident awareness of the fire lanes, there have been fewer cars parked in the fire lanes, making our neighborhood a much safer place to live.

Several residents questioned the fact that on some streets the fire lanes are on the opposite side of the street of the fire hydrants. The HG/GV office contacted the Central Point City Planning Department and the Fire Marshall to address this concern and learned that our fire lanes are adequate. This is the case on quite a few streets throughout Central Point.

Fire lanes provide emergency vehicles with more than a route to drive up and down the street. During an emergency event, the fire lanes are essential so that

emergency vehicles have unobstructed access to our homes. Any obstruction can cause a delay or even prevent emergency operations from proceeding, which could be catastrophic. A fire engine with outriggers extended requires several feet of space around it. The fire lane is utilized so that fire fighters have adequate working space around their fire engines.

Please keep up the good work and encourage all your guests to observe our neighborhood fire lanes.

Central Point Organizes Annual City Wide Yard Sale

As the saying goes, one person's trash is another person's treasure. The city of Central Point has scheduled this year's city wide yard sale for Saturday, April 28th. Whether you want to take advantage of some screaming deals, or if you want to get rid of your unwanted items, mark your calendars, because the 28th is the largest organized yard sale day in Central Point. For a listing of all partici-

pating addresses, visit the city of Central Point's website. If you want your property listed on the city's official list, contact the HG/GV office, and we will send the city a listing of all our residents who are participating.

The Hidden Grove/Green Valley Association Hosts Movie Night in the Clubhouse

The HG/GV Homeowner's Association will open the clubhouse on to all residents on Friday April 27th at 6:30 p.m. to watch a movie, have some popcorn, candy and soda. Bring the kids to the clubhouse to enjoy a movie, have some snacks and hang out with other neighborhood kids. This is not a babysitting night, but a great time to meet other parents in the neighborhood. Depending on availability we plan on showing "We Bought a Zoo." Rated PG and starring Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson and Thomas Haden Church, "We Bought a Zoo" is about a father who moves his young family to the countryside to renovate and reopen a struggling zoo.

POINT ON ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

The Board of Directors holds Monthly and Annual Meeting on February 27th.

Board Members present were Regina Nelson, Wendy French and Carol Rosenberg. The Staff present included Lucille Wilcox and Carrie Andries. Residents present were Suzanne Deaville, Jim Goode, Mike Beugli, Julie Beugli and Larry Rosenberg.

The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Al Hass as Vice President and wishes Al all the best as he puts his time, energy and talents into other endeavors. The Board then installed Wendy French to serve another term as Treasurer and Carol Rosenberg to serve another term as Secretary.

The President of the Board presented the accomplishments of 2011 and challenges for 2012. With the hiring of a new association manager and the elimination of the manager's assistant position, 2011 was a year of change for the HG/GV HOA.

The Board's the top priority for 2012 is funding the reserve account in order to cover fu-

ture maintenance and repairs of HOA common property. The Board expects that, with tight control on expenditures, they can begin funding the reserve account without having to raise association dues.

Another goal is continued enforcement of the CC&Rs in order to make our neighborhood a safer and nicer place to live.

The Annual Budget was presented, and the Board moved that a set amount of funds be transferred to the reserve account at the first of each month.

The RV area towing is nearly complete. The Board requested that the association manager monitor the RV Storage area every 2-4 weeks. A new RV contract has been drafted and will go out to residents storing vehicles in the RV storage area.

The Board of Directors Meets on March 19th

Board Members present included Regina Nelson and Wendy French. Suzanne Deaville was appointed Vice President at start of the

meeting. WELCOME SUZANNE! Lucille Wilcox and Carrie Andries were the staff present, and no residents were present.

The association hired a new landscaper, who will start the first week of April, 2012.

The Board authorized the towing of vehicles parked in the fire lanes pursuant to O.R.S.

The Board discussed hosting various neighborhood events in the Clubhouse or common areas and welcomes any ideas from residents.

Next Board meeting will be April 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. All residents are encouraged to attend and participate.

Opening on Board of Directors

There is an open position on the HG/GV Board of Directors. Come be involved in your neighborhood. Please contact the office if interested.

POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

Various Groups Host Easter Egg Hunts Around the Valley

Many groups are putting together Easter egg hunts for local children. Some of the events have been a tradition for over 70 years, while others are just getting off the ground. So, for some good old fashioned fun, bundle the kids up, grab their Easter basket and head out to one of these events. The Easter Bunny will most likely be on hand to meet the kids. Double check all times before heading out, just in case they have changed.

On Saturday, April 7th:

Our own city of Central Point has put together an Easter Eggstravaganza for kids up to age 10 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Twin Creeks Park. Other activities include an egg roll, egg race, Bunny Bingo, and face painting.

At Hawthorne Park in Medford, the Medford Kiwanis club will host the 71st annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids up to age 9 at 10:00 a.m.. There will be 15,000 Easter eggs and candy and a special handicapped children's area.

The Eagle Point Community Association will host the 23rd annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids up to age 10 at 11:00 a.m. at the "Old" Eagle Point Junior High Sports Field.

On Easter Sunday, April 8th:

The Ashland Rotary will host 54th Annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids up to age 10 at 11:00 a.m. in Lithia Park, Ashland. There will be more than 5,000

chocolate eggs, and golden eggs win special prizes.

In the Applegate Valley, Troon Vineyard will host their Easter Festival for the whole family from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Activities include an egg hunt for children up to age 12, a bounce house, Mr. Bubbles the Balloon Twister, coloring and buffet for kids and wine for adults. \$5.00 per child. Visit their Website: www.troonvineyard.com for more information.

POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

Gardens and Yards are Often Works in Progress

Spring is here, and it is time to think about getting our yards and gardens into shape. Planning and preparation will have great benefits, and the OSU Extension Service has some great tips for getting yards ready for spring and summer.

April is the month to prepare garden soil for vegetable planting. A nice sunny day is the perfect time to pull weeds, get garden soil turned over and get organic materials incorporated into the garden. It is also a good time to plant hardy flowers such as marigolds or pansies. Although most vegetables will go into the garden when it gets warmer, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, carrots, cauliflower, lettuce, peas and radishes can be planted a little earlier.

Many of us have ornamental grasses, and the OSU Extension Service recommends early spring as the time to cut

back those grasses to just a few inches above the ground. April is also the best time for to apply a spring fertilizer. In order to reduce risk of run-off into our local waterways, do not fertilize just prior to a rain. Another tip is to not cut grass too short until the threat of a frost has passed. A good measure is that Mother's Day is the frost free date for the Rogue Valley.

POINT ON GOOD HEALTH

April is Autism Awareness Month

According to a recent study by the Centers for Disease Control, 1 out of every 70 kids in Oregon has been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. That rate is significantly higher than the national average of 1 out of every 110. In order to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about Autism, the Autism Society has been celebrating National Autism Awareness Month since the 1970s. The United States recognizes April as a special opportunity for the public to be educated about Autism and issues within the Autism community. The cause of Autism is not known, and there is no cure, however Autism is treatable. Early detection and increased awareness and understanding have greatly improved the lives of all people affected by Autism. For more information on the Autism Spectrum or to learn how you can help those in our community, please visit www.autism-society.org or www.easterseals.com.

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 04/04 — Full Brit Fest lineup released
- 04/08 — Easter Eggstravaganza at Don Jones Park 10:00 a.m.
- 04/09 — Easter Sunday
- 04/13 — The Three Stooges in theaters
- 04/14 — Pear Blossom
- 04/17 — IRS Tax filing deadline (an additional two days to file)
- 04/17 — Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse
- 04/20 & 04/23 — Central Point Schools closed
- 04/21 — MS Walk, Twin Creeks Park 9:00 a.m.
- 04/27 — Movie Night at the HG/GV Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.
- 04/28 — City Wide Yard Sale Day

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