

THE CENTRAL POINT

COMMUNITY IN FOCUS

Backflow and Water Quality

By Max Woody, Public Works Field Ops Manager, "News From City Hall" (July and August, 2012)

Did you know that in-ground lawn irrigation systems that have not been installed with proper backflow protection can potentially allow contaminants and pollutants into your home plumbing or the public drinking water supply? We normally think of water as flowing in only one direction. However, unforeseen changes in water pressure can cause water to flow backward, drawing contaminants such as pesticides and fertilizers into our water, this is called "backflow." Backflow is easily prevented! The proper installation and testing of backflow prevention equipment is required by the state and city codes.

- In-ground lawn irrigation systems are required to have state-approved backflow prevention equipment installed at the beginning of the system. See Oregon Health Authorities OAR 333-61-070 and CPMC 13.20-030.
- The approved backflow preventer is to be tested by a state-certified backflow tester every year.
- All hose bib connections should have an atmospheric vacuum breaker device attached.
- Hose bibs are the most common source of potentially dangerous backflow events.

Unsure if you have a backflow device? Call

us [Central Point Public Works], we can help.

If You Get a Backflow testing Letter Don't Panic

The City recently acquired a new software program that will keep track of and manage the required testing. Residents with in-ground sprinkler systems or wells that have past due tests for their backflows will be getting a reminder to get them tested. The average test is about \$25-\$35 and takes about 20 minutes. It is the tester's responsibility to send in a copy of the test to the City. To get a list of qualified testers in Central Point visit the City's website www.centralpointoregon.gov or stop by City Hall

For more information regarding the proper selection, installation and annual testing of backflow prevention assemblies and equipment, please contact James Sollee 541-664-3321 ext. 248 or Mike Ono ext. 243.

Association Crime Stoppers

Everyone wants a safe place to call home, and our association strives to make all residents feel secure. While we are diligent in our efforts to reduce possible dangers in our community, we can't do it alone. It's up to everyone to pitch in to keep our neighborhood safe. Taking a few simple steps can go a long way in keeping thieves, vandals and other troublemakers out of our neighborhood.

Know Your Neighbors: Not just the neighbors on your block, but neighbors from all parts of the association. At the very least, you'll get a better idea of who actually lives

(and in turn, who belongs) here. Talking with your neighbors will also give you the chance to find out if they have noticed any crimes or suspicious activity recently.

Leave The Light On: A good way to deter felons from breaking into your home is to make sure your front porch light stays on all night, even when you're out of town. Not only does it signal that someone's home, it also makes it harder for vandals to hide among the shadows.

Put On Your Walking Shoes: Taking a stroll around the neighborhood isn't just good exercise. You can casually patrol the community for anything suspicious or unusual. When more residents regularly walk around the neighborhood, it helps scare off hooligans who are afraid of getting caught in the act.

Clean It Up: Picking up litter, keeping trees, bushes and lawns trimmed not only makes the neighborhood look better, it also sends the message that our residents are diligent about keeping the neighborhood a respectable place to live.

See Something, Say Something: If you notice a crime or a suspicious activity, regardless of how small the incident may seem, notify office and the police immediately. Of course, only call 911 if it is an emergency; otherwise, contact the Central Point Police on their non-emergency line at 541-664-5578

We all have a responsibility to help keep our community safe, and taking even a few of these steps can go a long way. Do your part to make our neighborhood a place we are happy to call home.

POINT ON ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

The Board of Directors Meets on July 16th

July saw another quick meeting of the Board of Directors. Primary concern of board members and residents was the pool. The board is dedicated to making the pool as comfortable as possible for swimmers and sunbathers alike. The board discussed when we should begin replacing the existing pool furniture along with ways we can create more shade around the pool deck.

The board approved getting a website together so that residents can quickly access our CC&R's, meeting minutes, clubhouse calendars, etc. The board also approved having the office send out a welcome letter to new homeowners. Any resident with input regarding our website or what would be helpful in a welcome letter is encouraged to contact Carrie in the office.

Next board meeting will be held on Monday August 20 at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse

The Clubhouse office will be closed August 6-10th

The Hidden Grove/Green Valley office will be closed from August 6-10th. Please feel free to call 541-664-3996 and leave a message. All calls will be returned when the office opens on August 13th. If you have a true emergency, please call 911. Payments can be left in the drop box under the patio by the pool.

**POINT ON THE
COMMUNITY**

**Bring On The Tasty
Tomatoes!**

From farmers markets to backyard (and sometimes front yard) gardens this is the time of year to take advantage of the bounty of fresh tomatoes! Something about the heat of August combined with all the fresh tomatoes makes late summer the best time to make fresh salsa. Below is a recipe that has been a family favorite for over 25 years. Nothing compares to this salsa recipe from the Crème de Colorado Cookbook.

Salsa Cruda

- 2 large tomatoes, chopped
- 4 tomatillos, husked and chopped
- 2 fresh Anaheim chiles, seeded and chopped
- 5 green onions, chopped
- 2 fresh jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp fresh lime juice
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp minced fresh cilantro
- ½ tsp ground black pepper
- ¼ tsp salt

Makes 2 cups. In a lidded jar, combine all the ingredients and marinate for at least 1 hour. Will keep in the refrigerator for 2-3 weeks.

**POINT ON THE
ROGUE VALLEY**

**Rogue Valley Zipline
Adventures**

Just outside our back door in Gold Hill sits Rogue Valley Zipline Adventures where any adventurous soul willing to take a thrilling zipline tour can soar high above the Rogue Valley trough over 2700 feet of zip on five zipline courses.

The tours begin with guides telling stories from long ago followed by a mountainside hike to the beginner zipline. From the treetop ziplines, guests can view Rogue Valley scenery and visible landmarks such as the Crater Lake rim, Mt. McLoughlin, Mt. Thielsen and the Table Rocks. The 5th and final zipline is the longest in the Pacific North West. The cost for a zipline adventure is \$68 per person and lasts about 3-4 hours.

Rogue Valley Zipline Adventures has also introduced a new adventure called Zip, Dip & Sip which is a full day tour that includes hiking, zipping, a catered lunch, a guided rafting trip, a wine tour and tasting. Experience the best of Southern Oregon on this healthy fun-filled day long adventure. Guests can park in one location and they take care of the rest. The cost of Zip, Dip & Sip is \$182.00 per person.

For more information, please contact Rogue Valley Zipline Adventures at info@RVZipline.com or by phone at (541) 821-ZIPN (9476)

**POINT ON
GOOD HEALTH**

**August is National
Immunization Awareness
Month**

Residents of HG/GV with school aged children know that schools require children be caught up on their immunizations (also called vaccines or shots). But most of us forget that all of us, young and old, need immunizations to help protect us from serious diseases. To help keep our local communities safe, August has been designated National Immunization Awareness Month.

Immunizations can help protect us from infectious diseases like measles, diphtheria, and rubella, but people in the U.S. still die from these and other vaccine-preventable diseases. It is important to know which shots you need and when to get them.

Everyone over age 6 months needs a seasonal flu shot every year. Other shots work best when they are given at certain ages. Here are some general guidelines:

- Children need a series of shots from birth to age 6.
- Pre-teens need recommended shots at age 11 or 12.
- All adults need a tetanus booster shot every 10 years.

Talk to your doctor or nurse to find out which immunizations you or your children need.

August Calendar of Events

- 08/04 – Central Point Park Sale
- 08/06 – 08/10 – Clubhouse office closed
- 08/12 – 08/13 – Perseids meteor showers peak
- 08/17 – Movies in the park (Twin Creeks Park)
Dolphin Tale
- 08/19 – “Weird Al” Yankovic, ALpocalypse Tour –
Craterian Ginger Rogers Theater
- 08/20 – Board Meeting 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse
- 08/27 – Bluegrass Bash, Coos Bay

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