

THE CENTRAL POINT

COMMUNITY IN FOCUS

Taking Care of the HG/GV Pool

Having our own neighborhood swimming pool is a luxury that most people envy. Yet anyone who has operated a pool knows it isn't all fun in the sun. It involves keeping the pool clean, keeping it the right temperature, keeping the pool facilities clean and in good repair, and keeping everyone who uses the pool safe.

It is vital that all of us participate in taking proper care of our swimming pool; otherwise we run the risk of causing severe damage to it. When up at the pool with your kids or friends, keep in mind that it belongs to all of us. It is not out of line for a resident to request that another resident or guest follow the pool rules. The rules are designed to ensure that everyone has a good time and that the pool facilities do not get damaged. Damaged items can cost our association great amounts of money and time to repair. It is unfortunate to have the pool closed to everyone for repair just because of the actions of a few.

In the five weeks our pool has been open this season, vandalism has caused an estimated \$1,000.00 in damages.

Please observe and have your kids observe the pool hours of 9:00am to 9:00pm. The Hidden Grove Green Valley Homeowners Association does not tolerate trespassing upon any of the common grounds in general and the pool area in particular. It is extremely dangerous for juveniles to be swimming alone late at night, and late at night is when vandalism can occur. Our pool area is under 24-hour surveillance, and several residents do not hesitate to contact the police if they notice trespassers in the pool. Any resident caught trespassing in the pool area will be fined \$50.00 and will have their household pool fob deactivated for 30 days.

State and federal laws require that we check the pool chemicals every 4 hours and add chlorine if necessary. Unfortunately, no swimming is allowed for 30 minutes after chlorine is added. This is so that swimmers do not suffer any chemical burns while the chlorine is circulating into the water.

Also, please take all steps to ensure that kids are safe in the pool. Teach your children how

to swim, take efforts to know CPR, and never take your eyes off children in the water – not even for a minute. If more than one adult is at the pool, designate a “pool watcher” to keep an eye on the kids.

Following the pool rules and taking care of our pool doesn't have to be difficult, and properly maintaining our pool will make it last longer, cost less and be a safer place for family fun.

HG/GV Offers Recycling Opportunity

Want to help your child make some additional money for their sports team, church youth group or scouting troop? The Hidden Grove/Green Valley Homeowners Association will be installing a recycling bin for cans under the patio by the pool. If your child would like to earn their group some extra money, have them write a letter as to why the association should pick them to recycle the cans and drop it off at the office. If they are selected, they get to recycle the cans and keep the money for their group. What a great opportunity to teach the neighborhood children about community service and fundraising.

POINT ON ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

The Board of Directors Meets on June 18th

Board members present were Regina Nelson, Suzanne Deaville and Wendy French. Carrie Andries was the staff member present, and residents present were Christine Greene, Lola McAtee, Diana Millsap, Marna Mendoza and Sergio Mondoza.

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It was another quick meeting of the Board of Directors this June. Several residents had questions about their neighbor's trees (limbs and/or roots) encroaching onto their property. Residents also had questions about parking spaces, specifically if people are parking in front of their houses. The board agreed that these are not issues for the association to become involved with as the CC&R's of Hidden Grove/Green Valley are silent on these matters. A Resident expressed concern that on the 4th of July, our parks (Green Valley and Hidden Grove) will get overrun with non-residents setting up to view the Central Point fireworks display. The board directed Carrie to put up signs letting people know that our parks are private property for use by residents and guests only.

The board agreed that storage area infractions shall be handled in the same manner as other non-compliance issues. Residents not caring

for their storage units will receive a 30 day reminder of non-compliance followed by a 15 day notice and then a \$100.00 fine if the matter is not taken care of.

Six Flags Coupons in the HG/GV Office

The HG/GV office has nine “Everyone Pays Kids Price” coupons for Six Flags San Francisco/Sacramento. Each ticket can save you up to \$15.00 on up to four general admission tickets and are good until 9/30/12. If you are heading south and are planning on visiting Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, drop by the office. We will be giving them away on a first come, first served basis.

**Next board meeting Monday July 16th
at 7:00pm in the Clubhouse**

POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

Farmers Markets: Buy Local & Support Local

Our community is fortunate to have several local farmers markets nearby. If you haven't shopped at one before, consider the many advantages of patronizing our local farmer's markets.

Farmers markets have gained popularity in the last few years as more consumers have come to enjoy the fresh, locally grown produce, baked goods, eggs, dairy products, poultry and meats they offer. Farmers markets provide other benefits as well—to shoppers and local economies, as well as to the environment. Locally grown produce requires less packaging than what is found in most supermarkets, and it takes less fossil fuel to transport, which reduces pollution and noise. More often than not, farmers markets offer organically grown or pesticide-free produce, which is better for the environment as well as better for everyone's health.

Farmers markets also stimulate local economies by providing a secure place for small-scale local producers to sell their products. When local farmers and producers prosper, they are better able to support other types of local businesses. These local farmers often help consumers better understand the nutritional value of fresh food while offering information and inspiration on how to prepare meals with these fresh ingredients.

In the Rogue Valley, it is easy to get to a farmers market. The Rogue Valley Growers and Crafters Market

meets on Tuesdays 8:30-1:30 at the Ashland National Guard Armory, Thursdays 8:30-1:30 at the Medford Armory, and Saturdays 9:00-2:00 in downtown Ashland (on Oak Street) and downtown Medford (corner of 3rd and Central Streets). The Jacksonville market meets on Sunday 10:00-3:00 at 5th and C Streets. Grants Pass has two growers markets that meet from 9:00-1:00 on Wednesdays in Riverside Park and on Saturdays at the corner of 4th and F Streets.

POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

KITES of MANY COLORS . . . and Shapes

The skies over the kite field at the Port of Brookings-Harbor will be a rainbow of kites at the 20th Annual Southern Oregon Kite Festival, July 21st and 22nd.

This free two-day "one of a kind" event is one of the most unique kite festivals in the country. An invitational kite festival, it attracts nationally and internationally renowned kite fliers and kite makers to the community of Brookings-Harbor where they perform and display their fabulous kites. More than thirty invited kite fliers are guests of the community and entertain the spectators with awe-inspiring routines choreographed to music, creating an atmosphere of fun and excitement for attendees of all ages.

Unlike at a typical kite festival, the kite fliers enjoy interacting with the crowds and can often be seen walking around the perimeter of the kite field displaying their kites up close to spectators – letting them inspect, and,

sometimes, even fly the kites.

The weekend's activities also include FREE children's kite building workshops from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. both days. There is a vendor area with a variety of specialty food items and a multitude of arts and crafts for sale. A pancake breakfast sponsored by the Harbor Fire Volunteers is held on Sunday morning from 7 a.m. to noon.

The Southern Oregon Kite Festival is free and fun for everyone. Free parking and free shuttle service to the kite festival field are provided. Go to www.sokf.org for more information.

POINT ON GOOD HEALTH

Stay Safe in the Sun

Summer is here, the sun is shining, and most of us take that as our cue to get outside. Outdoor activities are a key part to any healthy lifestyle, however it is important take care of our skin while in the sun. Before heading outdoors, take the proper steps to shield your skin from the sun's harmful UV rays that cause damage and can even lead to skin cancer. Taking a few moments to apply sunscreen and wear sun protective clothing helps keep you sun-safe. Most experts agree that it is best to use sunscreen with a factor of 15+ SPF. When heading to the pool, make sure that your sunscreen is water resistant. Also, it is ideal to apply sunscreen 15-30 minutes before going into the sun and reapply it every 2 hours. Remember, sunburn can double your risk of cancer, so take extra precautions to keep your skin safe.

July Calendar of Events

- 07/04 – Independence Day (Office Closed)
- 07/13 – Friday Night Festivals (music and movies) begin in Pfaff Park
- 07/14 – Central Point Summer Streets
- 07/14 – Union Creek Music Festival
- 07/16 – Board Meeting 7:00pm in the Clubhouse
- 07/17 – Jackson County Fair begins
- 07/20 – The Dark Knight Rises in Theaters
- 07/28-07/29 – Southern Delta Aquarids Meteor Showers

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