

THE CENTRAL POINT

COMMUNITY IN FOCUS

Keeping Your Home and Valuables Safe From Burglary

Recently there have been some burglaries in our neighborhood; specifically, three residents have had items stolen from their garage or carport. Unfortunately, burglaries in our area—and others—happen from time to time. Here are a few suggestions for reducing your chances of being the target of a burglary.

- Lock all your doors no matter how briefly you'll be away from home.
- Unless you are working or playing in the front yard, always keep your garage door closed. Ask a trusted neighbor to call you if they see that your garage door has been left open accidentally.
- Park your car inside your garage or carport as much as possible. Always keep your vehicle locked
- Do not leave valuables in your car
- Hiding a key somewhere outside your home is a bad idea. Burglars—or anyone who may have seen you hiding the key—will know where to find it. Instead, give

a key to a neighbor.

- “John, I’ve gone to pick up your sister. I’ll be home at 3:30.—Mom” This note also means, “Burglar, this house will be unoccupied for 45 minutes. Help yourself.”
- If you’re going to be out of the house for a short time, leave a television or radio on to create a sense of activity and presence.
- If you’re going to be away for a longer time, such as a vacation, take a few simple precautions to keep your home from looking empty. Ask a neighbor to keep the door and porch clear of delivery notices, newspapers and fliers. Let your neighbors know how to reach you in case of an emergency.
- Marking your valuable personal property won’t prevent it from being stolen, but it will help you get it back if it is. Photographing the item will make it easier to retrieve your items from the police if they are recovered, and will aid in making an insurance claim if they aren’t.

It doesn’t take much to discourage burglars. They succeed on opportunity, and if your

home doesn’t offer a good opportunity, they will move on to one that does.

Watch Out for Each Other!

The best defense against those that would burglarize our homes is to stand strong with our neighbors. A community that stands united against crime and those that commit it has a better chance of reducing crime in their neighborhoods. Wave, smile and talk to your neighbors and look out for each other. If we stand together we have a better chance of not falling victim to those meaning to do us harm.

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POINT ON ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

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&R’s.

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 an advisor—not a member of the board. Also, the manager is not your advocate with or conduit to the board. If you have questions, the manager can help; if you have a concern, present it directly to the board.

• 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 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. If a matter is so urgent that you need an immediate response, call 911.

• The manager is responsible for monitoring contractors’ performance, but not supervising them. Contractors are responsible for supervising their own personnel. If you have a problem with a contractor, notify the manager, who will forward your concerns to the board. The board will decide how to proceed under the terms of the contract.

• 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&R 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.

The next board meeting will be Monday October 15 at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse.

**POINT ON THE
COMMUNITY**

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Spooky or silly, funny or ferocious, the City of Central Point is looking for the best carved pumpkin in Central Point. Submit your pumpkin for a chance to win a gift certificate to RECreate. Entries must be received no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, October 24th, at Central Point City Hall. There will be three age categories: 10 & under, 11-16, and 16+. There is no entrance fee to participate. If carving pumpkins is not for you but jack-o-lanterns get you in the mood for Halloween please stop by City Hall after October 24th to see a display of the submissions. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 541.664.3321, ext. 263.

**POINT ON THE
ROGUE VALLEY**

**Art Along the Rogue
Celebrates 10th Year!**

The weekend of October 6-7 on "H" Street in downtown Grants Pass, the City of Grants Pass will sponsor Art Along the Rogue, the Northwest's premier chalk art festival in order to showcase nationally-known street painters along-side regional artists and students from area schools.

This year Art Along the Rogue will also include a music festival featuring some of the region's top musical groups from blues to bluegrass and funk to folk music.

The festival has just received word that Rovio Entertainment LTD. of Finland, creator of the on-line game "Angry Birds", will sponsor Melanie Stimmell Van Latum, internationally acclaimed street painter from Los Angeles, to create a huge illustration depicting Angry Birds at this year's festival. "This is a very big deal!" said Kerrie Walters, Grants Pass Tourism and Downtown Coordinator. "The illustration and our event will be seen all over the world!"

The plan is to have the 3D illustration performed on the side of the building at Hannah's Historic Grants Pass Steam Laundry building on the corner of 5th and H Streets. Melanie Stimmell Van Latum's business has created street paintings for Coors, Version, Universal Studios, Disney and more. "Melanie and her team will create an Angry Birds 3D drawing that will be 16 feet wide and 18 feet tall on the building and then extend down onto the sidewalk and into the street about 30 feet wide." says Jeff Jones, Art Along the Rogue Event Coordinator.

For more information about Art Along the Rogue 2012 performance times visit www.artalongtherogue.com.

**POINT ON
GOOD HEALTH**

**October is National Breast
Cancer Awareness Month**

Several health agencies and organizations have designated October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in order to promote regular mammograms and increase early detection of breast cancer.

About 1 in 8 women in the U.S. will get breast cancer. Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common kind of cancer in women. Fortunately, the American Cancer Society reports that breast cancer death rates have been going down, and there are 2 1/2 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S.

Mammograms can help detect breast cancer early when there is the best chance for effective treatment. Your doctor can help you decide when and how often to get a mammogram, but here are some simple guidelines to follow:

- If you are age 40 to 49, talk with your doctor about when to start getting mammograms and how often you need them.
- If you are age 50 or older, get a mammogram every 2 years. Talk with your doctor to decide if you need one more often.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.cancer.org/Cancer/BreastCancer/MoreInformation/>

October Calendar of Events

- 10/06-10/07 – Bend Fall Festival
- 10/08 – Columbus Day (office closed)
- 10/12-10/14 – Medford Jazz Festival
- 10/12 – Central Point Schools closed
- 10/13 – Canyonville Pumpkin & Music Celebration
- 10/15 – Board Meeting
- 10/18 – Glenn Miller Orchestra at the Criterian Theater
- 10/31 – Halloween

Fall Colors Find a Word

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COLUMBUS, COSTUME, EQUINOX, FALLING
LEAVES, FOOTBALL, HALLOWEEN,
HAYSTACK, MASK, OCTOBER, PINTA,
PUMPKIN, SCARECROW, SPOOKY, VAMPIRE,
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