

# THE CENTRAL POINT

## COMMUNITY IN FOCUS

### Observing Traffic Signs

Our Association wants our residents to feel safe while outside in our community, and we are fortunate that the streets within Hidden Grove/Green Valley are generally quiet. Many of our residents get out and walk throughout the neighborhood to exercise themselves and their dogs. Also, most of the neighborhood children get out onto the neighborhood streets to ride bikes or scooters, play games or run over to a friend's house. As summer draws to a close and the classroom bell rings in the new school year many of our neighborhood children will be out walking to and from their bus stops.

Sometimes, as drivers, we all get used to our quiet streets and forget to follow the neighborhood traffic signs. AAA offers six ways to keep all of our neighbors, especially our kids, safe this school year:

**1. Slow down.** Speed limits in Hidden Grove/Green Valley are 10 mph.

**2. Eliminate distractions.**

Children often cross the road unexpectedly and may emerge suddenly between two parked cars. Research shows that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds doubles your chances of crashing.

**3. Reverse responsibly.**

Every vehicle has blind spots. Check for children on the sidewalk, driveway and around your vehicle before slowly backing up. Teach your children to never play in, under or around vehicles—even those that are parked.

**4. Talk to your teen.**

Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the United States, and more than one in four fatal crashes involving teen drivers occur during the after-school hours of 3 to 7 p.m.

**5. Come to a complete stop.**

Research shows that more than one third of drivers roll through stop signs in neighborhoods. Always come to a complete stop, checking carefully for children on

sidewalks and in crosswalks before proceeding.

**6. Watch for bicycles.** Children on bikes are often inexperienced, unsteady and unpredictable. Slow down and allow at least three feet of passing distance between your vehicle and the bicycle.

*Following these six simple steps will go a long way in insuring our neighborhood remains a safe, fun place for residents and children.*

### New Pool Hours

On September 4th, following the Labor Day holiday, the new HG/GV pool hours will go into effect. The pool will be open from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm every day of the week. We will keep the pool open as long as possible, weather permitting. Once the weather takes a turn towards autumn, we will be closing the pool for the season. Please feel free to call the office at 541-664-3996 for pool status information.

## POINT ON ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

### The Board of Directors Meets on August 20

The board wishes to thank all residents for not parking in the fire lanes. Having the fire lanes painted has made it much easier for residents and their guests to understand exactly where the fire lanes are. Because of this great success, the board has approved having the streets painted at all intersections so that drivers will understand where they are required to come to a stop. Please keep an eye out for continued road work.

The board has also approved purchasing benches for our tennis courts. This will make it more comfortable for tennis players, while also improving the look of our amenities.

The board also decided that it is not necessary to pay the landscapers to spray

our trees for webworm. Much research has been done on the effect of webworms, and the board agrees that it is not worth the money to spray them.

The board would also like to remind residents of the procedure for non-compliance issues. The first time a property goes out of compliance with our CC&R's, the resident has 30 days to bring their property back into compliance. If the issue is not taken care of, the resident then has 15 days to correct the problem. At that point, if the property is still out of compliance, there will be a \$100.00 fine charged to the owner of record. The board has agreed that even if a property gets into compliance, if they go out of compliance for the same issue within 6 months of the initial notice, the office will issue a 15 day notice.

Beginning in January, 2012, the board

has agreed to meet quarterly rather than monthly.

There will be no board meeting in September. The next board meeting will be held on Monday October 15 at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse.

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**POINT ON THE  
COMMUNITY**

**Before the Bell Rings:  
Back to School Safety**

As kids throughout the community get ready to head back to class, it is important to ensure they have a safe school year. Here are some tips on how your family can be proactive and avoid potentially harmful situations:

- Make sure your school has your child's updated emergency contact information along with any specific instructions that should be followed in case of an emergency.
- Talk to your child's teachers before classes start and alert them to any medical issues your child has. Explain to the teacher what he or she should do if any medical issues arise.
- Help your children memorize important phone numbers so that they know how to get in touch with you and other trusted adults. Also, make sure those numbers are programmed into their cell phones, or provide them with a list that they can keep in their backpacks.
- Let your children know exactly who they can go home with after school if their regular ride can't pick them up, and make sure they know not to accept rides from people who aren't on the list.
- If your children will be walking to the bus stop, walk the route with them several times before classes start to make sure they understand traffic laws

**September Calendar of Events**

- 09/03 – Labor Day (office closed)
- 09/14 – Finding Nemo 3D in theaters
- 09/21 - Trouble with the Curve in theaters
- 09/21 – 09/23 - Harvest Fair & Micro Brew Festival at the Jackson County Expo
- 09/22 – First Day of Autumn
- 09/29 – Multicultural Fair at Hawthorne Park
- 09/30 – George Thorogood at the Craterian Ginger Rogers Theater

and can walk the route on their own. Also, find a friend or sibling they can walk with, and make sure they always use the buddy system.

- Show your children which houses in the neighborhood they can go to in case no one is at home after school.
- Report reckless drivers to the clubhouse office and the police to help make sure the neighborhood remains safe, particularly during times when kids are going to and returning from school.

**POINT ON THE  
ROGUE VALLEY**

**LateSummer's Dream  
– Crater Lake National  
Park**

For a brief time each year, Crater Lake National Park emerges from winter hibernation to bask in summertime glory. The summer season is short; however viewing a dormant volcano with a magnificent blue lake within its crater is an experience not to be missed. Although winter in Crater Lake National Park lasts from October – June, September is among the "best bets" for dry, warmer weather. A typical daytime high temperature during September is around 67°F, but can range from 40°F to 80°F or more.

During this brief summertime window, one magnificent day typically follows another providing visitors the best opportunity for a comfortable visit. Many interpretive programs are offered which encourage a deeper understanding of the lake and the park. Hiking and camping are popular activities. Fishing for trout and salmon in the lake is also a favorite pastime. Families find Crater Lake a wonderful cool place to reconnect with picnics and reunions. And for park staff, this short season provides the only access to numerous projects long buried under the snow.

Before the snow starts to fall, plan a day trip up Highway 62 to enjoy some time at Crater Lake National Park.

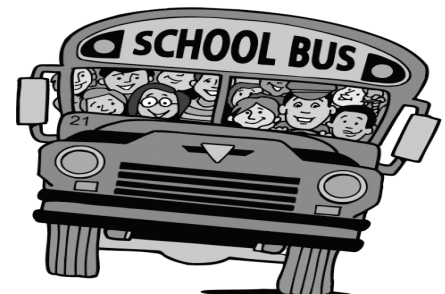
**POINT ON  
GOOD HEALTH**

**Organic or  
Conventional? Smarter  
Shopping, Better Health**

Until recently, organic produce was found mainly in home gardens, farmers' markets and specialty food stores. Over the past few years, the green movement and health concerns about chemicals used in conventional farming have led consumers to demand organically grown produce, making it the fastest growing sector in the food marketplace. Research is beginning to support the contention that chemicals used in conventional farming can have a negative impact on health.

The cost of organic produce can be as much as 40 percent higher than conventionally grown crops, placing it out of reach for many consumers. The good news is that choosing organic foods doesn't have to be an all-or-nothing proposition. Lab tests conducted by the USDA Pesticide Data Program show that you can lower your pesticide consumption by nearly 80 percent by avoiding the "The Dirty Dozen," the 12 most contaminated conventionally grown produce and instead eating the conventionally grown produce known as "The Clean 15." **The Clean 15:** onions, avocados, sweet corn, honeydew melon, pineapples, mangos, sweet peas, asparagus, kiwi, eggplant, cantaloupe, watermelon, grapefruit, cabbage and sweet potatoes

**The Dirty Dozen** (always buy organic): celery, peaches, strawberries, apples, blueberries, nectarines, bell peppers, spinach, kale, cherries, potatoes and grapes.



**School is  
Back. Have a  
Fun Time!!!**