

THE Hidden Grove & Green Valley CENTRAL POINT September 2018

*"Our mission is to provide for the safety of our residents,
maintain the common property and protect our home values."*

Point on Association and Business



Change is in the Wind - New Pool Hours

Labor Day is near and school will be back in session, and HGGV will be going to our fall pool hours. On September 4th, the new pool hours will be 11:00am–7:00pm daily.

We will do our best to keep the pool open as long as possible. We will keep the pool open on a day to day basis depending on the weather. Once it feels like fall is here to stay, we will be closing the pool for the season. Feel free to contact the office or head over to our Facebook page for the day's pool status.

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 walk their dogs and exercise. 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 the classroom bell rings in the new school year, many of our neighborhood children will be out walking to and from their bus stops.

As drivers, we sometimes get used to our quiet streets and forget to follow the neighborhood traffic signs. AAA offers six ways to keep all 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 a collision.
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.

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&Rs.

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 9:00am – 2:00pm. If a matter is an emergency, please call 911.

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&Rs 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.

Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be September 19th at 6:00pm in the clubhouse.





POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

Battle of the Bones and the Southern Oregon BrewFest at the Expo

This year the Expo is hosting the Battle of the Bones and the Southern Oregon BrewFest from September 14-16.

Who doesn't love made-from-scratch, fresh-from-the-garden, make-your-mouth-water chili? Or how about some smoky, grilled-to-perfection pork, tri-tip or ribs?

This year they are highlighting a specific food each day. Come taste some tri-tip on Friday, September 14th from 4pm to 8pm. You can sample ribs on Saturday September 15th from noon to 4pm. Sunday September 16th is chili day from Noon to 3:00pm

You will sample 15 teams and vote for your favorite. Sample size is 1.5oz... that's over a pound and a half of meat each day.

Some of us love to cook, and some of us love to eat. Please visit their website at <http://www.battleofthebones.com/> for ticket prices or more information.

At the same time, you can attend the biggest and best Brewfest of the year. Head on over to the Seven Feathers Event Center and get lost in the tastes and smells of this year's extraordinary beers from throughout the region, country, and even world. The beer garden features over 60 taps flowing with a remarkable selection of award-winning microbrews from the Pacific Northwest, the State of Jefferson, and even some specially invited guests from the rest of the country's favorite breweries.

Bricktowne Brewing, Cascade Lakes, Cascadia Cider, Crux Fermentation Project, Deschutes, Gilgamesh Brewing, Hop Valley, Laganitas Brewing Company, Mad River Brewing, Wild Ride Brew Co., Worthy Brewing, are just a sample of breweries that will attend.

For ticket information, please visit <https://tickets.attheexpo.com/p/34#brew>



POINT ON THE COMMUNITY



The Medford Food Project – Building Community & Sharing Food

The Medford Food Project is a revolutionary new way to collect food: It's a donor drive, not a food drive. Instead of asking for one-time contributions of food, they are looking for volunteers (Neighborhood Coordinators) enlist their neighbors to become long-term Food Donors.

Neighbors give a bag of food every two months. It's incredibly easy, because the Medford Food Project supplies the bag and they pick up the food!

This provides local food pantries with a steady, year-round supply of food while proving donors with the ongoing satisfaction of making a real difference in their community. It is also a great way for people also get to know their neighbors, which builds a powerful sense of community.

Their system really works. The Medford Food Project currently brings 15 Medford-area food banks more than 70,000 lbs. of food each year - one bag at a time.

If you are interested in the Medford Food Project, please contact the office. We are looking to explore ways to have our Association to participate in providing food for people in our community less fortunate than us. You can also visit their website at: <https://www.medfordfoodproject.com/index.shtml>

POINT ON THE 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."



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HIDDEN GROVE & GREEN VALLEY

BACK
TO SCHOOL

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN BOARD

September Calendar of Events

- 09/03 – Labor Day – (Office Closed)
- 09/04 – School starts for grades 1-6 & 9
- 09/05 – School starts for grades 7-8 & 10-12
- 09/08 – City Wide Yard Sale
- 09/10 – First Day of Kindergarten
- 09/14 – 09/16 – Battle of the Bones and Southern Oregon BrewFest at the Expo
- 09/19 – Board Meeting (6:00pm in the clubhouse)
- 09/22 – First Day of Autumn
- 09/24 – Full Moon

Getting a hold of HGGV by Text Message



Sometimes, it is much easier to text rather than call. The HOA has set up this procedure to make things easier for residents and Lot owners, however, please note, this does not mean that the Association Manager or Board of Directors are available 24/7. Please text the HOA at 541-664-3996. Text messages will be dealt with as necessary. As always, please contact 911 with any true emergencies.



New Pool Hours

Beginning September 4th, the HGGV pool will be open from 11:00am to 7:00pm daily (weather permitting).



Do you check your email every day or two? If so, you are the perfect candidate for E-statements. E-statements are faster than the Post Office, environmentally friendly, minimize paperwork and reduce community costs. Email us at hggv.office@gmail.com to sign up for E-Statement



“In school, you’re taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson.”

— TOM BODETT