

THE CENTRAL POINT

"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



Road Work is Complete

We are happy to say that our road work for this year is complete. If everything goes to plan, we should not have to worry about road work again until 2025.

The board and the HOA office appreciate how inconvenient having the roads closed off is for all residents. This year was particularly inconvenient because we were delayed due to the Alameda and Table Rock fires as well as rain in the weather forecast. We appreciate everyone's patience as we worked on the roads. The work we completed is designed to preserve and extend the life of our streets. Crack seal and seal coat protect an aging pavement surface and seals small cracks to keep water out of the pavement. This maintenance can help ensure that our streets will last for many decades.

Even though our streets appear to be in good shape they still need to be crack sealed and seal coated. As streets age, they become brittle causing cracks to form and allowing water to penetrate the pavement. While the old surface appears smooth, it contains hairline cracks that if not treated will continue to widen and deepen. At first, this aging process is slow, but after 9 to 10 years the process accelerates as cracks widen and allow more water to enter at more locations. The sealcoat process is applied to streets before they become badly cracked to stop the oxidation and slow the cracking process. A sealcoat can substantially extend the life of our streets.

HGGV is a Firewise USA® Community

In 2019, our HOA became a certified Firewise USA® community. Fire District 3 promotes this program and performed an assessment of our community to help us minimize our risks and prepare better to survive a fire. Risky vegetation and fuels were identified, and a community effort to mitigate those risks was completed. The Peninger fire was a rude awakening to our vulnerability to a fire that could consume our entire community. The Table Rock and Alameda fires were another rude awakening about how wildfire can affect our HOA. Due to HGGV being a Firewise USA® community, much vegetation had been removed, and many residents were aware of how to respond to wildfire making our community a safer and more durable place to live.

The board would like to thank all the residents who removed their risky vegetation, and invites even more residents to consider removing their Cypress, Juniper and Arborvitae.

Get Ready!

Get Prepared!

BE FIREWISE!



In their last meeting, the board passed **Resolution 2020.09.01** which states – As a Firewise USA® community, going forward Cypress, Juniper and Arborvitae are prohibited. If a resident currently has those plants in their landscaping, they are encouraged to plant a more fire wise plant, however they will not be deemed to be out of compliance with this resolution.

Board of Directors Meets for September Meeting

On September 16th, the Board met for their September meeting.

The meeting began with the approval of the July meeting minutes as well as the special meeting minutes. Copies of our minutes may be found on our website hggv.org. The board also approved the financial statements. Copies of bank and financial statements are in clubhouse office for review upon request.

The board had approved the purchase and installation of a swing set on our clubhouse grounds, and the swing set is now installed. We hope that it provides years of fun for children in our HOA.

The board agreed that the feeding of feral cats could result in fines if proof of said activity was clear. It amounts to owners/tenants adopting strays in violation of our pet rules.

Pool is now closed for the season, and the board moved to keep the signs on the patio prohibiting congregating on patio.

In discussing the 2021 budget, the board stated that any clubhouse expenditures can wait until 2022 as the clubhouse may not be rented during Phase 2 reopening. They asked Carrie to find bids for pressure wash and seal block walls on storage units and repair gutters on same for a 2021 expenditure.

Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be November 18th at 6:00pm in the clubhouse.

IT'S TIME TO TOSS YOUR TOXINS



FALL HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAY (postponed from spring due to COVID-19)

Saturday, October 17

Rogue Transfer & Recycling
Transfer Station
8001 Table Rock Road, White City

8am to 4:30pm



Governing Documents Corner Cobwebs

Did you know the Governing Documents discuss cobwebs? Specifically, under Home Maintenance, they state: Exterior maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, sweeping, window cleaning, cobweb removal, hornet, wasp and/or yellow jacket nest removal. This time of year especially, cobwebs seem to be everywhere.

POINT ON GOOD HEALTH

Home Fire Safety 10/2017

Did you know that if a fire starts in your home you may have **as little as two minutes** to escape?

That's why it is important to have working smoke alarms in your home. **Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.** This is the recommendation of the National Fire Protection Association and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time.

Develop an escape plan and practice that plan. Practice your plan until everyone in the household can evacuate in less than two minutes.

Top Tips for Fire Safety

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms every month. If they're not working, change the batteries.
- Teach children what smoke alarms sound like and what to do when they hear one.
- Ensure that all household members know **two ways to escape** from every room of your home and know the family meeting spot outside of your home.
- Make sure everyone knows how to call 9-1-1.
- If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP. Never go back inside for anything or anyone.
- Teach household members to STOP, DROP and ROLL if their clothes should catch on fire.

If a Fire Starts:

- Know how to safely operate a fire extinguisher
- Remember to GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL 9-1-1.
- Leave all your things where they are and save yourself.
- If closed doors or handles are warm or smoke blocks your primary escape route, use your second way out. Never open doors that are warm to the touch.
- If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit. Close doors behind you.
- Once you are outside, go to your meeting place and then send one person to call the fire department.

House Fires and Pets

According to the United States Fire Administration, an estimated 500,000 pets are affected annually by fires. The best way to protect your pets from the effects of a fire is to include them in your family plan. When you practice your escape plan, practice taking your pets with you. In the event of a fire, the most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to evacuate them too. But remember never delay escape or endanger yourself or family to rescue a family pet.

Help firefighters help your pets. When leaving pets home alone, keep them in areas or rooms near entrances where firefighters can easily find them. Keep collars on pets and leashes at the ready in case firefighters need to rescue your pet. Affix a pet alert window cling and write down the number of pets inside your house and attach the static cling to a front window. This critical information saves rescuers time when locating your pets. Make sure to keep the number of pets listed on them updated.



POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

Liam's Trunk of Treat

Liam Elton was a spunky, feisty little 2-year-old boy who liked playing with trucks and dinosaurs with his older brother, Skyler. His wide, beautiful smile made everyone laugh. In October of 2016, Liam was accidentally burnt by boiling water in his home. He was life flighted to the Emmanuel Burn Center in Portland where he was treated for 2nd degree burns covering 60% of his body. Even in this painful time, he had a huge smile and cheered up his family and hospital staff. In the hospital, he contracted a bacterial infection and passed away on Halloween day. His family wanted to find a way to celebrate his life and came up with a trunk or treat in his honor.

Liam's Trunk or treat cannot be possible without the generous donations from the community, if you would like to donate to this event, visit the city website. All proceeds are used for free treat bags for the children at this event. They are also looking for residents to participate and decorate their cars for this event, if you are interested in volunteering for this event, you can register your vehicle on the city parks and recreation website.

POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

Feral Cats and Hidden Grove/Green Valley

In the past, HGGV has had issues with feral cats. On multiple occasions, residents have vacated their homes and simply left their feline family members behind. If these cats were not spayed or neutered, the problem multiplied until it became out of control. The HOA has had to make the heartbreaking decision to capture the cats and take them to the Jackson County animal shelter.

If there are feral cats roaming around your home, we would also like to remind you that the city municipal code states that a pet "owner" is defined as anyone who harbors an animal or who has it in his or her care, custody, or control. If you choose to feed the feral cats, you will be considered their owner. The governing documents of HGGV state that no more than two (2) generally recognized household pets may be maintained on any Lot, and the board may consider the feral cats you are feeding your pets.

We would like to remind everyone to please spay or neuter your cats, so we do not end up in another situation of multiple stray cats roaming our streets. If you choose to be a caretaker of a feral cat, please also have them spayed or neutered so we can do our best to keep the pet population at a manageable level.



Community and Neighborhood Bulletin Board

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/01 – Full Moon
10/12 – Columbus Day (Office
Closed)
10/17 – Toss your Toxins Event at
Rogue Disposal
10/24 – Liam's Trunk or Treat
10/31 – Halloween & Blue Moon

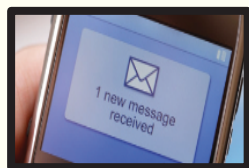


Sign Up For E-Statements!

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

Getting ahold 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.



Yard and Lawn Care Corner

To Do in October

(From TodaysHomeowner.com) In October, gardeners have a color show unequalled in any other season. In terms of gardening tasks, October is a month of deadlines before freezing weather arrives. Most of the chores from September still apply, although with more urgency. If you haven't already, now is the time to bring houseplants inside – the colder it gets, the greater the shock they will experience.

Lawns: Fertilize your lawn now if needed and plant grass to give it time to become established before winter.

Annuals and Perennials: Plant spring-flowering bulbs. Bulbs such as hyacinth, daffodils, anemone, crocus, and tulips should be planted after the ground temperature drops below 60 degrees F. Tidy up woody perennials by pruning back. You may want to leave some for winter interest as long as they last

Vegetable Garden: Harvest bell peppers before frost kills the plants. Plant garlic, overwintering onions, and shallots. Harvest pumpkins, gourds, multicolored corn, and other fall veggies to use as decorations.

Cleanup and Maintenance: Apply a nice layer of mulch to your garden and naturalized areas. Continue cleanup of dead and finished plants and vegetables. Store and repair tools. Commence leaf clean-up!

“The end of the summer is not the end of the world. Here's to October...”

- A.A. Milne