

# 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

Hidden Grove & Green Valley

July 2016



### Washing Your Car At Home – Water and Money Down the Drain

#### *Continuing Information about Water Conservation.*

Washing your car may seem like a great way to beat the heat this summer while accomplishing something constructive on your to-do list. But you might want to think twice before you park your car in the driveway and pull out your bucket, hose and old towels.

As an alternative, consider using a commercial carwash facility. Whether a conveyor type, self-service, in-bay automatic or custom hand-wash business, these establishments are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to capture and route their wastewater to a treatment facility before the water can be discharged into the sanitary sewer.

Washing and rinsing your car at home with a garden hose can use as much as 10 to 15 gallons of water per minute, while professional car wash facilities can limit the water flow to as little as three to five gallons per minute. If you spend an hour in your driveway washing your car, you may have sent as much as 150 gallons of water directly down the drain. This is especially important in long summer dry spells.

Water conservation isn't the only reason to take your car to a commercial car wash. It is also important to consider what washes down the storm drains when you wash your car. Even if you use a biodegradable cleaner, the soapy water that runs off your car when you hose it down not only contains detergent, but residue from automobile fluids like oil, gasoline and antifreeze. Each time you rinse your car, the contaminated water flows untreated directly into the stormwater system and eventually makes its way into streams and rivers. Parking your car on a grassy area while you wash it may help some, but the toxins will end up in the groundwater eventually.

So help the environment and save time this summer: leave car washing to the professionals.

### The Board of Directors and HOA Business

Our community is more than just a neighborhood. In many ways, it's a lot like a business. Collectively, our regular annual assessments amount to tens of thousands of dollars that need to be budgeted carefully and spent wisely. Our neighbors who have volunteered and been elected to serve on the Association's Board of Directors are responsible for making critical decisions—on our behalf—about managing the community and our money.

Our Board of Directors also develops long-range plans regarding our common elements, such as when the streets will need to be resurfaced, or when the fencing will need to be replaced. The Board

of Directors must set aside funds so that these kinds of projects can be accomplished on schedule or even ahead of schedule in the event there is an unexpected breakdown.

The Board of Directors also sends out requests for bids and contracts with vendors to do the work necessary to maintain our common elements. Board members decide who will do the best job of replacing the roof at the best price or who will be the most reliable company to hire to mow the grass and remove dead tree limbs.

The Board's decisions can have a significant impact on the community's appearance and, consequently, on our property values. Regardless of our professional manager, the Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for overseeing Association operations. Be sure to communicate with the Board of Directors regularly, attend Board meetings, and participate in the conversations about significant community issues.

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**July Board Meeting will be on July 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00pm in the clubhouse.**

**(This is a change from the original date of July 20<sup>th</sup>)**

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### Reminder about Security!

A resident called the Association office to let us know a package that had been delivered may have been stolen from her porch. There are steps we can all take to ensure this doesn't happen from asking neighbors to keep a watch out for packages (or suspicious people lurking around) to requiring that deliveries be signed for before being left.

## CC&Rs Corner

### Fire Lanes

Did you know that our CC&Rs and the City of Central Point's municipal code state that there shall be no parking in the fire lanes? Specifically, the CC&Rs state: Parking is allowed on one (1) side of the street, signs are posted. Vehicles parked in "**No Parking Fire Lane**" areas, in front of fire hydrants will be towed immediately at owner's risk and expense. Further, the City municipal code states: No unauthorized vehicles shall be parked in any marked fire lane in the city. Vehicles in violation of this section may be towed and impounded.

Any violations should be reported to the Central Point Police Department directly. Repeated violations may be reported to the Association as a non-compliance issue.

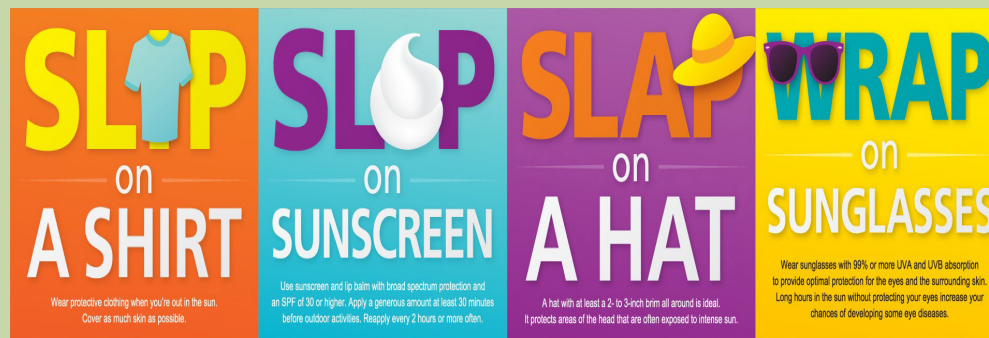
## POINT ON THE GOOD HEALTH

### Stay Safe in the Sun - SLIP! SLOP! SLAP! WRAP!

To help us remember some of the basic sun safety tips, the American Cancer Society has adopted this simple message created in Australia: Slip! Slop! Slap! Wrap!

**SLIP on a shirt.** Clothing is one the most effective protections against UV radiation. **SLOP on sunscreen.** Look for broad-spectrum sunscreens with an SPF of at least 15 which have a “waterproof” feature if you will be swimming. **SLAP on a hat.** For the most protection, wear a hat with a brim wide enough to shade your face, ears, and the back of your neck. **WRAP on sunglasses.** Sunglasses protect your eyes, your eyelids, and the delicate skin around your eyes from UV rays. They also reduce the risk of cataracts. Don’t buy “toy sunglasses” for your children. Look for the same UV protection in children’s sunglasses as you would in adult glasses.

Although we cannot avoid sunlight entirely, taking these precautions will help keep everyone safer while out in the sun.



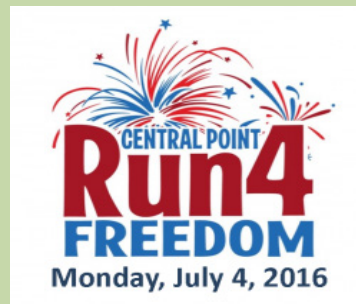
## POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

### Central Point’s Run 4 Freedom 2016 and 4th of July Celebration

The City of Central Point will again be hosting the Run 4 Freedom this July 4th. Racers can choose from a 5k or mile run. New this year, 16 and Under Race Free!

The 5k and 1 mile races begin at 7:30 am. There is also a “Kids Fun Run” as follows: ages 5-6 (2 blocks), ages 7-8 (3 blocks), ages 9-10 (4 blocks), ages 11-12 (5 blocks). The Fun Run will begin at 8:45. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and all participants receive a ribbon. Routes are easy and fun on paved roadway; the adult race route includes Highway 99. Water is provided at the halfway point.

You can register online by clicking on the Run 4 Freedom logo or in person at the Central Point City Hall. Any proceeds from the race are donated to Crater High School in support of their Athletic Scholarships. After the run, stick around for the 4th of July Parade on Pine Street in Central Point, followed by family fun and music at Robert Pfaff Park. The Red, White and Boom will wrap up the night at the Jackson County Expo with live music and an amazing firework show!



## POINT ON THE ROGUE VALLEY

### Independence Day Celebrations around the Rogue Valley

Central Point is not the only town celebrating Independence Day. Cities all across the Rogue Valley are celebrating in their own way. Here’s the best of what is going on around the Rogue Valley.

## RUNS

### Ashland

40th Annual 4th of July Run offers two courses: a 10K run (6.2-mile), and the traditional 2-mile run/walk. Both races start at 7:45 a.m, and both start and end near the Ashland Library. Roads are closed for the race and routes are scenic. Awards are given after the race and all finishers get a participant ribbon. For information regarding pricing or registration click on the 4th of July Run logo to the right.



### Eagle Point 4th of July Fun Run

Eagle Point’s 11th Annual Betty Ann Marlia Memorial Fun Run starts at 8:00am and offers 5k and one mile courses, both beginning and ending on Main Street. These are family-friendly courses and chip timed by Southern Oregon Runners Club. For more information click on the T-shirt.



## FIREWORKS/PARTIES

### Ashland

Ashland’s old-timey Fourth of July celebration is small-town Americana at its finest, with a parade that completely takes over the city’s downtown area for hundreds of floats showing the best of the community. Ashland’s fireworks display will be shot off from the Southern Oregon University softball fields at dark. Viewing is free.

### Red, White and Boom!

Celebrate the 4th of July with a **BOOM!** The annual Red, White and BOOM, held at the Jackson County Fairgrounds, is Medford’s old-fashioned 4th of July celebration and the **LARGEST** fireworks show in Southern Oregon. They will have three great local bands to keep the place rockin’ all night, as well as a beer garden, a kid’s area and so much more. Gates open at 5:00 pm. Admission is **FREE** to everyone, so bring all your friends and family. For more info click on the RED, WHITE and BOOM logo to the right.



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# HIDDEN GROVE & GREEN VALLEY

## Community and Neighborhood Bulletin Board

### Kids, Summer Time and Safety.

Summer is in full swing, and for many of our youngest residents that means they have the freedom to play outside to their heart's content. While we encourage kids to enjoy summer to the fullest, we also want everyone to stay safe. Here are a few guidelines to make sure these school-free months go smoothly.

**Make sure your children are proactive about their safety.** It is important that kids understand what types of injuries could occur during summertime activities and how they can best avoid them.

**Supervise your kids at the pool.** It only takes a second for even good swimmers to find themselves in a dangerous situation at the pool, so it's vital that kids are supervised by someone who knows the signs of a distressed swimmer. **REMINDER: ALL KIDS UNDER THE AGE OF 14 NEED TO BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT OVER THE AGE OF 18**

**Slow down while driving through the neighborhood.** With children out and about in full-force during the summer, you're more likely than ever to see a distracted kid chasing after a run-away baseball or skateboarding on the streets. So slow down, be extra aware of what's going on around you, and be prepared to stop suddenly if a child runs out into the road. Parents should remind kids to be aware of oncoming cars as well, and to be extra careful when they are on the street.

**Remind older kids to check in with you when they're playing without adult supervision.** When kids are out on their own, it's easy for them to forget to let their parents know they're okay. Establish a set of rules, such as checking in every few hours or whenever they change locations. This is a great way for kids to build a sense of independence and for you to know they're safe even when they're not within sight.

To learn more about how you can keep your kids from getting hurt this summer, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/features/kidssafety/>. Stay safe and enjoy this wonderful season.

### July Calendar of Events

#### 07/04 – Independence Day (Office Closed)

The annual Red, White and BOOM, held at the Jackson County Fairgrounds, is Medford's old-fashioned 4th of July celebration and the **LARGEST** fireworks show in Southern Oregon.

07/08 – Secret Life of Pets in Theaters

#### 07/13 – Board of Director's Meeting

07/14 – Street Sweeping

07/15 – Ghostbusters in Theaters

#### 07/18 – 07/29 – Office Closed

07/19 – Full Moon (Full Buck Moon)



*But a Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.*

PRESIDENT JOHN ADAMS