# The Central Point

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



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Point on Association and Business

Please stay vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the office or non-emergency dispatch at 541-644-5578.

#### **Association Manager**

Yanneli De La Torre

Office hours are 8am-1pm.

I can be reached by email, phone call or text. Quickest response is usually by text.

#### Fostering Community Awareness Be a Good Neighbor

Living in a HOA community comes with shared amenities and a sense of belonging. But there is another side of the coin, too. It also expects the residents to follow certain rules and regulations. What's more? Among these rules, trespassing is a matter of concern. Believe it or not, trespassing incidents in an HOA community are likely to disrupt the peace and security of the residents. Please help us maintain a safe living environment with the help of fostering awareness in our community and documenting incidents.

## Please remember that a little consideration goes a long way.

Read the following tips on how to be a good neighbor beyond just a smile and a wave.

- Welcome any new neighbors with a personal note or pop by for a personal introduction.
- Make sure that the outside of your home—along with the grounds—is well-kept and complies with our association's CC&Rs.
- Be mindful of noise—loud music, barking dogs, power tools—that may disrupt the neighborhood beyond a reasonable hour.
- If you have a large party, consider your neighbors when directing your guests where to park, end the party at a reasonable hour and invite your neighbors to join in the fun.
- Return anything you borrow from your neighbor promptly, in the same condition they lent it to you, and express your thanks.
- Replace anything of your neighbor's that you, your children, or your pets break or soil.
- Respect speed limits.
- Respect your neighbor's property and privacy.
- Offer to take care of mail pick-up, plants, or pets while your neighbor is on vacation.
- Be social! Inviting a neighbor over for coffee and conversation can promote open communication and a friendly neighborhood environment from which all neighbors can benefit.

Enjoy this summer season!

#### Maintenance - Your Curb Appeal Checklist

The curb appeal of our community depends on each resident maintaining his or her property as completely as possible. For those who keep their homes and yards well maintained, the association thanks you for your efforts and good examples. We encourage all residents to pay particular attention to the following maintenance items.

- Exterior paint. Paint is a quick and easy way to keep your property looking fresh, new, and clean. It will also protect against corrosion, weathering, and insects.
- Landscaping. Landscaping is extremely important to our community's curb appeal. Please remove dead plants and branches. Keep shrubs properly pruned and flowers well-tended. Keep yards free of leaves and remove grass clippings.
- **Roofs.** Please ensure your roofs are properly maintained and cleaned.

- Driveways and sidewalks. Please repair cracks, pitted or flaking surfaces and other concrete problems. Remove weeds from sidewalk joints and debris from driveways and sidewalks. Do not use driveways for storage or auto repairs.
- Gutters and downspouts. Please keep them cleaned out to prevent overflowing and flooding.
- Window boxes, awnings, and decks. Please replace worn or damaged fixtures, check fittings for stability and paint all items at least bi-annually.

## Thanks for keeping our community looking sharp!



#### **HOA REMINDERS**

#### Possible Dog Park

#### We want your Feedback!

The HOA is considering building a small dog park at our Green Valley Park. Please submit your thoughts via email to the office at office@hggv.org

#### **Clubhouse Rental Agreement Changes:**

The cost of renting the Clubhouse is \$100 There shall also be a minimum of \$250 security/cleaning deposit.

As a reminder, HOA dues must be current for all Clubhouse Rentals.

The HOA will no longer provide paper towels for clubhouse rentals. Please remember to bring these if necessary. Two foodservice cloth will be provided per rental.

#### **Maintenance and Closures**

- The basketball court is being renovated and will be closed beginning June 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for understanding.
- Our pool needs new tile and paint! Unfortunately, the weather has not

cooperated and have not been able to dry the pool out, therefore the pool will be closed for a week or two in June (no confirmed dates yet). We do not have a scheduled date for maintenance at this moment. For this reason, the pool will open a week earlier. Thank you for understanding.

#### **Key Fobs**

Key fobs were ALL deactivated January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. A new key agreement needs to be signed prior to activation. Please visit or email the office for new agreement. Thank you.

#### Governing Documents Corner -Unattended Toys

With the weather getting warmer and with children playing outside more, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone that our CC&Rs state that: streets, sidewalks, driveways, carports, porches and decks will be kept clean and free from unattended toys at all times. This includes bicycles and scooters. We understand that children leave their toys out every now and then, however we would like to remind all residents to keep these items put away in the garage or storage shed or behind the fence.

**Board** Meeting will be held on July 17th, 2024 at 6pm in the Clubhouse

# **COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS**

Hidden Grove/Green Valley Homeowners Association June 2024

#### **POINT ON YOUR YARD – GARDEN PRACTICES**

#### **Water Conservation Tips**

Outdoor irrigation accounts for substantial household water usage. You can conserve water in several ways, like water collection and redistribution through rain barrels and adding mulch or other garden cover that retains moisture to reduce the need for watering.

#### Installing Rain Barrels and Drip Irrigation – Eco Friendly rain barrel collecting rain

Mulching garden beds offer dual benefits when it comes to water conservation. The right mulch reduces moisture evaporation from the soil and helps curb water-stealing weeds. Here are two easy mulching methods to hydrate plants for less.



Directing downspout runoff into rain barrels provides a free irrigation supply for gardens. You can collect and store rainwater and use it for watering plants. Drip irrigation systems apply water directly to plant roots, which maximizes absorption. Drip irrigation typically operates up to 50% less water than traditional sprinkler systems.

**Connecting Downspouts**: Cut drainage holes in trash cans or wooden barrels and situate them under roof gutter downspouts to capture runoff. Screens keep debris out. Elevate rain barrels on platforms for easy hose attachment access.

**Mulching to Retain Moisture**: Applying a 2-3 inch layer of organic mulch around plants and throughout garden beds helps the soil retain more moisture while also suppressing weed growth. When mowing, leaving grass clippings on the lawn is another great way to take advantage of free mulching. The clippings will break down and release nutrients back into the yard.

**Choosing Native Low-Water Plants**: When selecting plants for your garden, focus on options labeled as native species naturally adapted to the local climate and soil conditions. Once established, native plants need little supplemental irrigation beyond normal rainfall to thrive. This saves the time and expense of frequent watering during hot, dry periods.

#### **How To Reduce Lawn Chemicals**

Standard lawn care regimens rely heavily on synthetic fertilizers and chemical pesticides. However, there are effective eco-friendly alternatives, including using natural fertilizers and manually removing unwanted weeds.

**Trying Organic Fertilizers and Pest Control:** Natural organic fertilizers from bone meal, blood meal, crushed eggshells, and compost replenish soil nutrients while avoiding harsh synthetic chemicals. When pest issues arise, treat the affected areas using organic neem oil or microbial insecticides derived from natural bacteria instead of toxic chemical pesticides. Both options are better for the environment.

**Managing Pests Naturally:** Common lawn and garden pests like grubs, aphids, beetles, and fungi can be controlled without toxic pesticides. Apply neem oil or insecticidal soap sprays to target infestations. Introduce beneficial predatory insects like ladybugs that feast on plant-damaging bugs. And always tolerate minor damage, remembering that a pristine lawn is not the goal

#### Practicing Manual Weed Removal Techniques – Manually pulling weeds

Eliminating weeds manually through hand pulling or digging prevents the need for chemical weed killers. This method is more labor intensive but ensures weeds are removed to stop regrowth. To prevent weeds before they sprout, apply a natural pre-emergent weed barrier made from corn gluten in early spring. It inhibits weed seeds from germinating.

Accepting Some Imperfection: Caring for a lawn and garden sustainably helps to take a more relaxed "good enough" mindset regarding minor aesthetic issues. A few stubborn weeds or small bare patches of grass pose no real harm. Allowing some imperfection enables pulling back on perfectionist tendencies that lead to overuse of chemicals, water, and other resources. The health of the environment should take priority over flawless curb appeal.



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## POINT ON THE COMMUNITY-SUMMER IS HERE

## HG/GV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# DRIVE LIKE YOUR KIDS LIVE HERE

# **SAFE STREETS**

# **Speeding Has Become a Problem on Our Streets**

- Speeding on our streets is the number one complaint received by the Association.
- Children are often out and about playing or biking on our streets.
- Many of our adult or elderly residents enjoy walking our neighborhood streets.
- Our streets are narrower than the average city street

# The Board of Directors would like your help in making our neighborhood streets safer!

- If you live in the neighborhood, please take note and follow our posted speed limits and make sure your guests do the same.
- If you have tenants living in our neighborhood, please make sure they are aware of our CC&R's and speed limits, and that they talk to their guests as well.

# While driving through our community

- As members of this community, we all share a responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of our children. With summer just starting out and soon to be in full swing and kids spending more time outdoors, it's crucial to remind ourselves of the importance of driving safely, especially when children are present.
- Be vigilant and attentive while behind the wheel. Keep an eye out for children who may dart into the street unexpectedly or be obscured by parked cars. Avoid distractions such as texting, phone calls, or other activities that take your focus away from the road.
- •As you drive through the neighborhood, be on the lookout for toys by the side of the street. This could be an indication that children are playing nearby, prompting you to exercise extra caution and reduce your speed. Also look for cats and dogs, these could be a child's pet and they might run out in the street to play without looking.



ALWAYS LOOK AT THE SOLUTION, NOT THE PROBLEM. LEARN TO FOCUS ON WHAT WILL GIVE RESULTS.

**SLOW DOWN TO 10 MPH & STOP AT THE STOP SIGNS** 

# HIDDEN GROVE & GREEN VALLEY BULLETIN BOARD

#### **June Calendar of Events**

06/01 - Gold Dust Day, Goldhill at 10 am

06/06 – Central Point Wild Rogue Pro Rodeo, 6-10pm

06/08 – Kids Day @ Crater Rock Museum, 12:30-2:30 pm

06/09 -National Children's Day

06/14 - Flag Day

06/15 - Medford Cruise

06/19 – Juneteenth

06/20 - Summer Begins

06/21 – BFRA Annual Gala – Crater Performing Arts Center, 7 pm



#### History of Father's Day

Sonora Dodd, of Washington, was one of the first people who had the idea of a Father's Day. She thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Sonora wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. Smart, who was a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife died while giving birth to their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington State.

After Sonora became an adult she realized the selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910.

President Calvin Coolidge, in 1924, supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Then in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

"June is the time for being in the world in new ways, for throwing off the cold and dark spots of life."

— Joan D. Chittister

#### Discovering Jacksonville's Walk Path and Trial System

June is a great time to get out and about and hike the Rogue Valley. Jacksonville as a wonderful walk path



and trail system for hikers of all abilities. The trail system was developed back in 1989 when several residents of

Jacksonville created the Jacksonville Woodlands Association (JWA) in order to preserve the town's stunning scenery and to create and maintain a trail system throughout the hillsides of Jacksonville. Today, there are 15 all-weather interconnected hiking and biking trails

for hikers of all abilities. The trails cover 18 miles and surround 70% of Jacksonville's historic district. These

trails have attracted national attention and are just a short drive from Hidden Grove/Green Valley. For more information or for a map of the entire trail system, visit their website: <a href="www.jvwoodlands.org">www.jvwoodlands.org</a>.



# 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 541-973-9292. Text messages will be dealt with as necessary. As always, please contact 911 with any true emergencies.

#### Sign Up For E-Statements

Mailed statements have and additional cost of \$2.00 a month. Please connect with the front office for E-Statements. Office can be reached at 541-973-9292 or via email at office@hggv.org

