

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

Check out our website at www.hggvhoa.com

We have had several vandalism incidents occur over the last several weeks. Please stay vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the office or non-emergency dispatch at 541-644-5578.

Stop That Barking!

Dogs left alone all day get bored and restless, and many find relief in barking. Some respond noisily to any and all activity. But, nothing is as annoying as incessant barking—even for dog lovers. If your dog is a yapper or a yowler, please consider some of these bark-abatement ideas to keep the noise down in your area. Your neighbors will thank you!

Training: Always the first recommendation for any behavioral problem! Training not only helps your dog, you'll be surprised how much it helps you, too. You may get some insight into why your dog barks so much, or what it is trying to communicate.

Citronella collars: A humane alternative to the electric-shock, anti-barking collar and costs about the same. Available on the web and in pet stores.

Confinement: Sometimes simply bringing an outspoken dog indoors or confining it to a crate can cut down on the disturbance to neighbors.

Reduce stimulus: Close drapes to help muffle street noise, or leave a radio on to mask it. Disconnect telephones and doorbells before leaving your home if they upset your dog or make it bark.

Companionship: Dogs are pack animals; they need companionship—a cat, bird, or another dog. Consider a mid-day visit from a pet-sitting service, or drop your pooch off at a friend's place or a day-care facility once or twice a week.

Spring Checklist :A Pain in the Drain?

Spring is here, but before you can enjoy those May flowers, you need to make sure you're prepared for the April showers. Start by protecting your homes and buildings against drainage failure.

Roofing: At least twice a year, have a qualified service provider remove all leaves and debris from your roofs and gutters. Make sure the water drains properly not only at flat roof drains

and scupper drains, but also on sloped roofs, around flashings, and all areas where water is channeled during heavy rains.

Windows and doors: Remember to vacuum your window and sliding-door tracks periodically.

Leaking often occurs at the bottom corner joints of windows and sliding doors when debris gets lodged in the track of a sliding frame or when the built-in weep holes are too small.

Stucco/siding: Seal the openings at any wall openings—hose bibs, light fixtures, windows, and doors, while being careful to leave the release flashing undisturbed.

Decking: Keep your deck free of leaves and other debris. Patio-deck drains are typically small, meaning it's easy for a single large leaf to block the drain.

Call the manager if you need recommendations of reliable vendors or more information on how to maintain your drains.

How to Be a Good Neighbor

A little consideration goes a long way. Read the following tips from eHow.com 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 your neighbor's 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.
- Visit www.ehow.com for other helpful, neighborly advice.

HOA REMINDERS

Lamp Post

Please make sure the post light along the sidewalk comes on at night. (If you need a lightbulb, we have FREE bulbs in the clubhouse)

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.

Garbage Cans

Please be advised that the CC&Rs of the Hidden Grove/Green Valley Homeowners Association directs that garbage cans are to be pulled in after trash pick-up on **Fridays**. If your

home is in Hidden Grove: cans are to be at the rear of carport or, if there is no carport, in the garage or behind the fence. If your home is in Green Valley: cans are to be placed in the garage or behind the fence.

Key Fobs

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

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
May 15th, 2024 at 6pm in the Clubhouse**

SLOW DOWN TO 10 MPH & STOP AT THE STOP SIGNS... KIDS LIVE HERE

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

Hidden Grove/Green Valley Homeowners Association April 2024

POINT ON YOUR YARD

Spring Lawn Care

Months Included: April and May

Lawn care in the spring is particularly busy as your lawn transitions from winter dormancy to greening up. Here are the crucial steps to take when caring for your lawn from March to May.

Clean up your yard: Rake up any fallen leaves, dead grass, or debris and dispose of it. This will prepare the way for other steps.

Test your soil: Healthy lawns start with a strong foundation. Spring is the perfect time to test the nutrient levels and pH of your soil. This is the season you'll want to fertilize both cool- and warm-season grasses, so you need to assess exactly what your lawn needs. You can purchase an at-home soil kit or work with your local cooperative extension, nursery, or university to get a sample professionally tested.

Check your mower: You'll need to mow your lawn to keep grass looking good and growing well, so make sure that your lawn mower is in good condition. Start by sharpening your mower blades. Sharp mower blades slice the **tops** of grass blades off cleanly—dull blades tear or shred them, making your lawn more susceptible to illness. Next, tune up your mower. Get a new air filter, replace the spark plug if needed, and fill it up with fresh gas.

Aerate: This process alleviates soil compaction by introducing holes into your lawn, opening up pathways for air, water, and nutrients to reach grass roots. Aerate at least once a year—more if your lawn receives a lot of foot traffic or if people park on it. We recommend using a core aerator, a machine that removes cores of dirt about 2–3 inches deep. Break up the cores and leave them on the surface of the grass to decompose back into the soil, reintroducing beneficial organic matter.

Dethatch: Thatch is the layer of living and decomposing organic matter that builds up between the soil and growing grass. A thin layer of thatch is beneficial, insulating the grassroots from extreme fluctuations in temperature and helping it retain moisture. But a layer greater than 1/2-inch thick can impede the roots' ability to access needed air, water, and nutrients. In spring, check to see if your thatch layer is over 1/2-inch thick by digging up a patch of grass with a sharp spade. If it is, use a dethatching rake to lift and break up the thatch.

Fertilize: If you have cool-season grass in your lawn, fertilize in early spring when the growing season begins. Wait until mid-to-late spring if you have warm-season grass. If you choose a synthetic fertilizer, we recommend using a slow-release fertilizer. Fast-release fertilizers will show quicker growth but are worse for your lawn in the long run. Organic fertilizers, composed of natural ingredients like blood meal and guano, are more expensive but will yield greener, thicker growth.

Apply pre-emergent weed killer: Use pre-emergent herbicide to keep weeds like crabgrass from springing up in your lawn. You can apply pre-emergents when the soil reaches 58 degrees Fahrenheit.

Treat for grubs: Grubs are the milky-white, C-shaped larvae of Japanese beetles that will munch through roots, leaving dead patches in their wake. To prevent them from damaging your lawn in the fall, take preventive measures before they hatch. If grubs were a problem last year, apply chemical control or use an organic option like milky spore or beneficial nematodes. Treat cool-season grasses for grubs in late spring.



POINT ON THE COMMUNITY

Top Gardening Trends for 2024

(BPT) - Whether you have a backyard or just a few containers on the patio, sunny days are your cue it's time to garden. Growing your own flowers, herbs and vegetables is a lot of fun, and with some simple tips, it can be pretty easy to make sure your outdoor space is a showstopper.

The experts at Ball Horticultural Company offer insight into the year's top garden- ing trends so you can plant with confidence and creativity:

Create curb appeal: Your home's exterior will influence the first impression of anyone that visits. Give your entryway an instant beauty boost with begonias. They're perfect for the time- starved gardener, grow well in sun or shade, and fill in fast and full. At the forefront of this trend are Megawatt begonias. New for 2017, they feature exceptional performance and a unique bronze-leaf color that is sure to be noticed by guests.

Tablescapes: Bring the beauty of gardening indoors with tablescapes. Use your harvested vegetables as decor inside in display bowls; you'll give your interior design a fresh look. There are also non-edible potted veggies like Hot Pops Purple Ornamental Peppers. They mature in multiple colors to keep you in color all season.

Fresh food fascinations: There's nothing like pulling fresh food from the garden, but 2017 is trending toward more unique flavors. Replace your traditional pepper plants with specialty hot peppers like jalapeños or chiles. And you don't need tons of space to enjoy multiple tomatoes. Try Take 2 Tomato Combos which give you a slicer and a cherry tomato in one pot, providing twice the flavor in half the space. Travel the globe through herbs: Plant a kitchen garden of different basil, lavenders and mints. Use them in your next cocktail!

Customize with color: A great garden is more than just a food source, it's also a thing of beauty. One of the hottest trends for 2017 will be accenting your garden with unique colors that reflect your style. If your favorite color is purple, pink or white, weave some petunias into your garden design. If you adore red, try Archangel Cherry Red Angelonia for a delicate texture that weathers any extremes. Fill your garden with plants to match your favorite team's colors for a fun customized twist. Whatever you choose, a splash of color is sure to get your space noticed.

Get started on your garden project today! The 2024 gardening season is just beginning, so now's the perfect time to make friends with your local garden center for the best plant selection. Incorporate any or all of the top trends listed above and your garden will be beautiful and rewarding throughout the entire year.



Central Point Community Gardens

Do you want to grow your own vegetables, flowers and other plants but you don't have the room? Now you can! Plots may be available at Don Jones Memorial Park. Every garden plot has its own water hook up so you can use a water timer for a low maintenance garden. Save money at the grocery store by growing your own food.

The garden plots at Don Jones Park are located directly across from the tennis courts. The plots are either 10' x 10' or 10' x 20' size. The smaller size plots are \$25 and the larger are \$50. Don Jones Memorial Park is located at 223 West Vilas Road, Central Point, OR.

If you are interested in reserving a plot, review and sign a contract and bring it by Central Point City Hall to complete the reservation.

For more information call (541) 423-1012.



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HIDDEN GROVE & GREEN VALLEY BULLETIN BOARD

April Calendar of Events

04/01 – Sloof Lirpa's Birthday

04/06 – Free Guided Hikes with The Nature Conservancy
– Lower Table Rock.

Sign up here: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mighty-oaks-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mighty-oaks-tickets-859600778067?aff=odcleoeventsincollection)

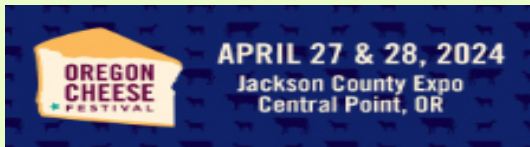
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04/12-04/13 Annual Pear Blossom Festival

04/13 – Pear Blossom Parade

04/22 – Earth Day Celebration at Twin Creeks Park (All day)

04/27-04/28 – Oregon Cheese Festival



APRIL 27 & 28, 2024

Jackson County Expo
Central Point, OR

Oregon Cheese Festival

Celebrate cheese and everything that goes with it! Sample and purchase local artisan cheese, specialty foods, beer, wine, and cider at the Oregon Cheese Festival.

WHEN: Saturday, April 27th from Noon – 5pm (21 and over), and Sunday, April 28th from 11am-4pm (All Ages)

WHERE: Jackson County Expo, Seven Feathers Event Center, 1 Peninger Rd in Central Point

WHAT: Taste and buy cheese, drinks, and accompaniments from artisan and specialty producers from Oregon and beyond. Treat yourself to beverages by the glass and food carts. Let's celebrate cheese!

WHO: Saturday is for cheese lovers 21 and older. Sunday is open to all ages.

TICKETS ONLINE: Tickets on sale now! General admission is \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door. Beverage tasting is an additional \$15. See ticketing page for additional options including Saturday VIP early entry and Sunday kids' tickets.

THE CHEESEMAKER DINNER IS BACK!: Join us Friday, April 26 at the Ashland Springs Hotel for a cheeselicious four course cheese-centered dinner including the famous cheese reception.

No winter lasts forever: No Spring skips it's turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep, and we know it.

- HAL BORLAND

2024 Pear Blossom Festival

"The Perfect "Pear"ing of Communities"



Through it's 71 year history associated events have been added, including the Scholarship Pageant, Run, and Street Fair. In recent years, the Pear a Fare (local artisan food & beverage tent) and the Smudge Pot Stroll (downtown restaurant event) have been added to make "The Pear Blossom" a true "Festival". We are very excited for 2024 to give even more of our community an opportunity to be involved in Medford's oldest tradition!

The Pear Blossom Parade has grown from 20 wagons and youngsters in the first event to today's 150 entries with 4000 participants and 25-30,000 enthusiasts lining the parade route. The Pear Blossom is a pillar in our community emphasizing family values, commitment and pride in our Rogue Valley. Scholarships for area high school senior girls have been a hallmark of the Festival Association since 1991.

Parade Grand Marshal: The Medford Alba Sister City Association

Honorary Grand Marshal: Harry & David-Celebrating 90 Years!



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 an 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

