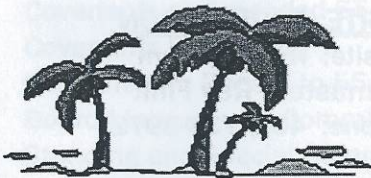


# "HIDDEN HIGHLIGHTS"

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## H.V.R.P.O.A. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*"Working Together WE can Make  
Hidden Valley Ranch the Best Park in the Valley"*

November 9, 2013 9:00 a.m.

H.V.R.P.O.A Clubhouse

### PROPOSED AGENDA\*

Verification of Quorum  
Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Invocation  
Introduction of First Time Attendees  
Introduction of Board Members  
Approval of Minutes of March 2013 Meeting  
Treasurer's Report  
Officer and/or Committee Reports  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Announcements  
  
Open Discussion (if requested)

\*This is a proposed agenda and is subject to change.  
(Since the Hidden Highlights is published prior to the first of each month, it is not possible to have a complete agenda ready at the time of printing and distribution of this newsletter to members.)

Proxy forms are available from the business office during regular business hours or by mail or fax. After completing the proxy form return it to the business office at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the monthly meeting. The office personnel will make an adequate number of copies, one for the office records and enough copies to allow for a copy to be given to the Credentials Desk at each meeting designated. Deliver the original and copies of the proxy form to the person named thereon. Individual members may hold no more than four (4) proxies.

**IMPORTANT !!**  
**PROCEDURE TO BRING AN ISSUE BEFORE**  
**THE BOARD AND/OR THE MEMBERSHIP**

In accordance with Special Rules of Order Section A, Board of Director Meetings, and Section B, General Membership Meetings, any member of the association wishing to bring an issue before the *board of directors* MUST present the request to the association president at least **three (3) days** prior to the meeting and any member of the association wishing to bring an issue before the general membership meeting MUST present the request to the association president at least **five (5) days** prior to the meeting. Reason: to allow time to determine all the facts in regard to the matter.

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**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Welcome back!! It's great to see the park full of happy faces – we planned this nice weather just for y'all. Thanks to all of our full-time residents for stepping up to keep the office operational, planning park functions and maintaining the clubhouse and swimming pool. Great job, everyone!!

On behalf of the Board, I want to advise our members that we are in serious need of volunteers. We have some committee chairmanships opening and we are in desperate need of volunteers to handle the day-to-day projects that keep our park running smoothly and efficiently.

We aren't asking you for hours and hours of work but just a couple of hours here and there to handle things like outside cleanup, bulletin board maintenance, event chairpersons, chairing food functions and kitchen help for food functions. This matter will be discussed at the November meeting.

The reason we are able to keep our dues low is that we are run exclusively by volunteers. If no one steps forward, we will be forced to hire outside help.

Jim Reiland, President

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Speed Limit: 15 m.p.h.  
Clubhouse Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
(includes library)  
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
**Tuesday and Friday**  
Address: 7600 Long Drive, Mission TX 78572  
Telephone Number: 956/580-4477  
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Email: [hvr78572@yahoo.com](mailto:hvr78572@yahoo.com)

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**WEBSITE INFORMATION**

Website: [HVRPOA.com](http://HVRPOA.com)  
Webmaster: Ray Fink  
Telephone: 402/733-8972

The website contains HVR Bylaws, Covenants, daily activities, special activities, notices, property for sale or rent, pictures of park activities and just about everything members, renters and/or prospective owners need to know about Hidden Valley Ranch. The website is maintained throughout the year.

The "Hidden Highlights" newsletter, which is published November through March, is also posted on the website.

To subscribe/unsubscribe to receive emails: On the home page click on the tab "Emails"; then either subscribe or unscribe. To list property for sale or rent: Double click the "Sale or Rent" on the home page. After all information has been entered, click on "New", "Update" or "Delete". To copy the listing to place in the book "For Sale/For Rent" located at the Information Center next the office counter, cut and paste to the word processor and print out.

The following forms are available on the website as well as the business office:

- Age Verification for New Owners;
- Age Verification for New Renters;
- Biography;
- Concerns and Suggestions;
- CURRENT Property Owner CHANGES;
- Heart Rangers Emergency Information;
- Renter Information;
- Request for Scheduling of Hall and Annex (includes request for microphone usage);

- Proxy;
  - Summer Lot Cleanup Information;
  - Uniform Incident Report;
  - Work Order Request for Maintenance.
- (Absentee Ballots must be obtained at the office.)

The following information is also available:

- Bylaws dated January 2009;
- Bylaws dated March 2009;
- Bylaws dated January 2010;
- Bylaws dated March 2010;
- Covenants as Amended (2006);
- Covenants as Amended 55+ (2006);
- Covenants 55+ Rules;
- Fact Sheet in Regard to 55+ Rules;
- Board Liaisons with Committees;
- Standing and Special Committee Chairs;
- Special Rule Section A: Board Meetings;
- Special Rule Section B: General Membership Meetings

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**H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

March 9, 2013

Quorum required: 264; members present: 319; a quorum was present for the conduct of legal business of the association.

Tom Forbish, Treasurer, gave his report as of February 28, 2013, as follows:

Cash on hand .....	\$13,043
Reserve account balance .....	\$130,555
February income .....	\$7,151
February expenses .....	\$10,761
February net income/loss .....	(\$3,610)
Year-to-date income .....	\$151,383
Year-to-date expenses .....	\$21,415
Year-to-date net income/loss .....	\$129,958

The following announcements were made:

- February craft show profit was \$885.00;
- Final dance is March 9 with "Route 66" playing;
- Two official calls were made to the Heart Rangers;

- The amount of \$2,088.41 was raised from the sale of food at the jams;
- Final tour will be Thursday, March 14 at Rio Grande City;
- The Architectural Committee will meet during the summer only as requested;
- Al Schottschneider has resigned as Nominations Committee Chair; a new chairman will be need in the fall;
- The amount of \$231.00 was raised from the sale of aluminum cans;
- The Jack of Spades 50/50 Lottery is currently at approximately \$2,400.00; if there is no winner on Wednesday, March 13, the selling of tickets will stop and resume in November;
- The full-time residents meeting is scheduled for March 25 at 3:30 p.m.

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**H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

March 8, 2013

Announcements and information:

>>>Information was received from Doors Control Services regarding automatic controls on the entrance door;

>>>Possibly upgrading the stools/urinals in the clubhouse restrooms;

>>>Formation of the HVR Grant Information Committee consisting of Bob Arnold, Bobbie Bradshaw and Jack Moore with Gary Kienast, HVR Vice- President, as liaison;

>>>The J & J Cleaning Service requirements, review of same and appointing a monitor to oversee the work done.

Motions made, seconded and carried:

>>>To purchase a rebuilt six-selection soda machine at a cost of \$850.00 plus \$150.00 delivery charge.

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**COMMITTEE AND ACTIVITY REPORTS**

**<<< Activity Coordinator >>>**

All groups that have held their activity on the same day(s) of the week or the same day of

each month (i.e. second Monday), at the same time and at the same place, WILL NOT have to submit any paperwork to schedule their activity in the future. These activities will automatically be included on the new season's calendar. Of course, if a new chairperson has been named, the office should be contacted immediately by submitted a Request for Use of the Hall and/or Annex indicating the name and telephone number of the new chairperson.

All proposed NEW activities or special events MUST be approved by the Activity Coordinator to ensure that conflicts do not arise. All NEW activities will be scheduled on a first come-first served basis.

NOTE: The chairman of an event or function scheduled in the Hall is responsible for contacting a member of the Maintenance Committee *in advance of the event* so that the air conditioning/heating can be adjusted accordingly. If the audio system is required, complete the applicable section of the Request for Use of Hall.

#### <<< Architectural Committee >>>

The Architectural Committee will meet during the winter (October to March) every Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. During the summer they meet as requested.

The question most commonly asked is: Who needs to consult with the committee? Answer: Anyone doing exterior changes to their property. Examples: Awning (free-standing or attached - all sizes, which includes percolas and gazebos), decks and handi-cap ramps.

If you now have a patio and wish to enclose it, you will need a permit. Anytime you pour concrete and do framing, YOU NEED A PERMIT. For dimensions, restrictions and other information, start by picking up the questionnaire packet located in the bottom rack of the plastic stack on the office counter. If you still have questions, contact any member of the Architectural Committee or come to the meeting on Thursday morning so you can be helped.

The procedures to follow are simple:

- 1) Pick up packet from the office;
- 2) Complete; sign forms in **BLUE** ink only; TAKE ALL FORMS TO THE H.V.R. ARCHI-

TECTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING FOR APPROVAL. (Meeting day is Thursday at 9:00 a.m.);

- 3) Take packet contents to Hidalgo County Planning Dept. along with a copy of your property DEED and documentation of WATER HOOK UP to obtain permit;
- 4) Submit a copy of the permit to the office or to the Committee;
- 5) NOTIFY the Committee when mobile units are scheduled to be set up, when an awning frame is being started and when pouring of concrete is scheduled;
- 6) Notify the Committee when the job is completed for a final sign off.

#### <<< Heart Rangers >>>



Heart Rangers recommendations to SAVE lives. Complete your "File of Life" cards which are available from the Heart Rangers Committee.

Follow the instructions below:

DIAL 956/213-3002 for Ranger assistance. Enter LOT NUMBER after voice prompt; HANG UP. Call "911" OR Elite Ambulance at 956/584-2867.

Anyone interested in becoming a Heart Ranger should contact Bill Eck, Chairman, at 973/229-4596. Heart Ranger meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

#### <<< Crafter's Corner >>>

Classes Scheduled  
November 5 through March 25  
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
H.V.R. Clubhouse

New to the park and interested in getting together with other crafters? Come join us and see what we're all about. Bring whatever project you are working on and a smile. We are always looking for new ideas so be prepared to share.

Upcoming classes will be posted closer to the scheduled project dates. The posting will be located on the bulletin board in the hallway just to the right of the laundry room door. A tentative schedule will be handed out for you to take with you on November 5.

What do you think about crafters giving back to the community? Idea - Crafters knitting or crocheting LAPGHANS (lap-size afghans) for the needy or forgotten seniors whoever they may be. For those not interested in coming on Tuesdays, that's okay. This project could be worked on in your spare time at home. More on this later ... or if you need further information call Kelley Winters, 608/449-5569, or Judy Hamilton, 956/584-6727.

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### A-N-N-O-U-N-C-E-M-E-N-T-S

- \*\*\*The Jams will start Friday, December 6.
- \*\*\*Janie's Produce will be here every Thursday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. starting November 7.
- \*\*\*Stained glass classes will begin Friday, November 1.

\*\*\*NEW ACTIVITY!! "Suddenly Alone" is a get-together to assist in the preparation for the sudden death of a loved one. The first class will be held Wednesday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Annex. Questions? Contact Carol Rait at 956/369-7645.

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### **JACK OF SPADES 50/50 RAFFLE A Winner Every Week STARTS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 !!!**

The cards from a regular deck of cards (minus jokers and deuces) will be placed in individual sealed envelopes. They will then be shuffled so no one knows which card is in which envelope. These envelopes are then locked in a case which will remain in the H.V.R. office.

The committee will sell raffle tickets at a cost of \$1.00 each which will be placed in the weekly drawing that will take place during the

Wednesday evening Bingo game during intermission. Participants do not need to be present to win.

The raffle ticket that is drawn will tell us the weekly winner who will then choose an envelope. If that envelope contains the Jack of Spades the person wins 50% of the money and the committee keeps 50%. If the envelope does not contain the Jack of Spades, the money rolls over to the next week; all raffle tickets are thrown away; new tickets are then sold for the next week's drawing.

If the winner is not present at the time of drawing, an independent person will draw an envelope on behalf of the winner.

The raffle will continue for 18 weeks even if the Jack of Spades is found - if there is a winner before the end of 18 weeks, a new raffle may be started with a new set of cards and continue until the end of 18 weeks.

If the Jack of Spades is not drawn, then each week the winner has a chance to win \$30.00 per face card or \$20.00 per numbered card.

Tickets will be sold at the Clubhouse each Monday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The weekly drawing will be held at the *Wednesday evening Bingo game* during intermission. Participants do not need to be present to win.

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### **REMINDER !!**

All NEW owners and all NEW renters must stop by the office to complete all required paperwork. Informational packets will be distributed at that time.

Submit all information for publication to:  
Vera Ludwigsen, Hidden Highlights Editor  
2204 Lost Greens Drive  
262-844-5869  
[vera.ludwigsen@yahoo.com](mailto:vera.ludwigsen@yahoo.com)

**2013-2014 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE**

January 6 ..... "Greg Jones"  
 January 13 ..... "The Link Family"  
 January 20 ..... "Gold Wing Express"  
 January 27 ..... "Gordy and Debbie"  
 February 3 ..... "Sherwin & Pam Linton"  
 February 10 ..... "Jerry Bennett"  
 February 17 ..... "Tucker"  
 February 24 ..... "Cross Strung"  
 March 3 ..... "Susan Hudson"

**2013-2014 DANCE SCHEDULE**

December 7 ..... "Route 66"  
 December 21 ..... "Heartland Express"  
 December 31 ..... "Pure Country"  
 January 11 ..... "Renaissance Rockers"  
 January 18 ..... "Jealous Heart"  
 February 1 ..... "Levi Country"  
 February 15 ..... "Diego"  
 March 1 ..... "Heartland Express"  
 March 15 ..... "Double Delight"

**2013-2014 SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE**

December 3 ..... Chili Cook Off  
 January 3 ..... "Meet the Candidates" Forum  
 January 8 ..... Spaghetti Dinner  
 January 2 ..... "Sky Med" Presentation  
 January 16 . Mission Valley Cribbage Tournament  
 January 18 ..... All Valley Womens Pool Tourney  
 January 23 ..... 55+ Driver Safety Class  
 January 28 ..... "Sky Med" Presentation  
 January 30 ..... Bike Club Chicken Dinner  
 February 13 ..... Ladies Luncheon  
 February 18 ..... Swiss Steak Dinner  
 February 22 ..... Golf Tournament Banquet  
 March 10 ..... Talent/No Talent Show

**2013-2014 BREAKFAST SCHEDULE**

January 10, 8:00 a.m. .... Biscuits & Gravy  
 January 24, 7:00 a.m. .... Eggs & More  
 February 14, 8:00 a.m. .... Biscuits & Gravy  
 February 28, 7:00 a.m. .... Eggs & More  
 March 14, 8:00 a.m. .... Biscuits & Gravy  
 March 28, 7:00 a.m. .... Eggs & More

**2013-2014 CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENTS**

Friday, December 6 ..... Oleander Acres  
 Friday, December 20 ..... Sleepy Valley  
 Thursday, January 2 ..... Eldorado Acres  
 Thursday, January 16 ..... HIDDEN VALLEY  
 Friday, February 7 ..... W & I  
 Thursday, February 20 ..... Bentsen Palm  
 Friday, March 7 ..... Trade Winds  
 Friday, March 21 ..... Mission Bell

\*Check-in time begins at 1:00 p.m. and play starts at 2:00 p.m. You will need a partner to play. **No beginners!** Host parks try to have a couple of players in reserve. If there is an uneven number, someone from the host park will need to drop out. For further information contact Joe Roberts at 956/583-2852.

**2013-2014 ANNEX SCHEDULE**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5:15p Poker	12:30p Mahjong 6p Sevens	10a Dulcimers 5p Poker
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6p Sevens	10a Bible Study 12p Shanghai 12:30p Mahjong 5p Poker	9:30a Dulcimers 6:30p Shanghai
Saturday		
10p Computer Club		Corrections? Please contact the office.

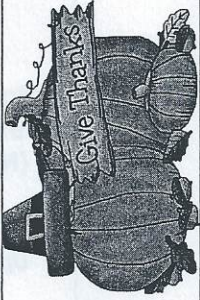

# HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH 2013-2014 "D-A-I-L-Y" ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

(\*\* Indicates Activity is Held in the Annex Building)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>8:30a Coffee 9a Church 5:15p Poker** 6p Elevens 6p Pegs and Joker 6:30p Pegs and Jokers</p> <p><b>PLEASE CHECK YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY REGARDING CHANGES IN DATES OR TIMES AND REPORT ANY CHANGES TO THE OFFICE FOR CORRECTION.</b></p> <p><b>ALSO, ALWAYS CHECK THE BOARD FOR NEW ACTIVITIES/EVENTS.</b></p>	<p>8a Exercise/Dance 8a Water Aerobics 8a Bike Club 8:30a Ladies Golf 8:30a Shuffleboard 9a Water Aerobics 10a Video Rental 10a Pet Lover's Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Monday) 11:30a Iowa Lunch (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday) 12:30p Cribbage 12:30p Gourd Class** 12:45p Mahjong 1p Garbage Poker 1p Missouri Lunch (1<sup>st</sup> Monday) 1p Mixed Billiards 6p Elevens 6p Sevens** 7p Entertainment</p>	<p>8a Exercise/Dance 8a Water Aerobics 8a Bike Club Coffee 8:30a Shuffleboard 9a Oil Painting** 9a Arch. Comm. Meeting 10a Dulcimer Class** 11a Sodbusters Golf 12:30p Crafters Club 12:30p May I? 1p Garbage Poker 1p Quilting 1p Bridge 1p Water Volleyball 1p Mixed Billiards 4p Potluck (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday) 4p Wine and Cheese (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) 5p Poker** 6p Elevens 6p Shanghai 6:30p Sevens 6:30p Ladies Billiards</p>	<p>8a Exercise/Dance 8a Water Aerobics 8:30a Shuffleboard 8:30a Wisconsin Breakfast (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) 9a Water Aerobics 9a Men's Billiards 9p Creative Sewing 1a Indiana Lunch (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) 12:30p Cribbage 12:30p Bunco (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed.) 1p Mixed Billiards 3:30p Choir Practice 6p Elevens 6:30p Up/Down/ River 7p Bingo (Badges!)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLEASE !! WEAR BADGES TO ALL PARK ACTIVITIES!!</b></p>
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>7:30a Nebraska Breakfast 8a Water Aerobics 9a Bowling 9a Ladies Billiards 10a Bible Study** 12p Shanghai 12:30p Peter Piper Pizza (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) 12:45p Mahjong** 1p Water Volleyball 1p Yahoo 1p Mixed Billiards 3:30p Minnesota Dinner (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday) 4p Heart Rangers (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) 5p Poker** 6p Elevens 6p Euchre</p>	<p>7:30a Breakfast 8a Water Aerobics 8:30a Shuffleboard 9a Water Aerobics 9:30a Board Meeting 9:30a Dulcimer Class** 10a Video Rental 10:30a Couple Golf 11:30a <u>Red</u> Hatters (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday) 12:30p Stained Glass 1p Garbage Poker 1p Bridge 1p Mixed Billiards 5p Jam 6p Elevens 6:30p Men's Billiards 6:30p Shanghai</p>	<p>8a Craft Show/Lunch (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) 9a Membership Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) 10a Computer Club** 6:30p Dominoes (couples) 7p Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONDAY:</b> Trash Pick Up Propane Delivery <b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Propane Delivery <b>FRIDAY:</b> Propane Delivery</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> Monday through Friday 9:00 am-11:00 noon (NO afternoon hours)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Updated: 11/15/2013.</i></p>

# HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH NOVEMBER 2013 SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
3 8a Coffee 9a Church	4 10p Pet Lovers Meeting	5 4p Potluck	6	7 9:00a-12:00p Janie's Produce Delivery Begins	8 8a Park Yard Sale 9:30a Board Meeting	9 9a Park Meeting 11:30a Park Yard Sale
10 8a Coffee 9a Church	11	12	13 12:30p Bunco	14	15	16 NO Craft Show
17 8a Coffee 9a Church	18	19 4p Wine & Cheese	20	21 12:30p Peter Piper	22	23
24 8a Coffee 9a Church	25	26	27	28 4p Heart Rangers 	29	30

NOVEMBER OFFICE HOURS: 9-11 A.M., TUESDAY & FRIDAY

PROPANE DELIVERY: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY