

"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"*

December 14, 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

On behalf of the Board and myself, THANKS to everyone who volunteered following the November meeting. We truly appreciate it.

That time of year has rolled around again to elect officers and directors. The offices open are vice-president, two director positions and treasurer. (We hope we will not have to hire an accountant to handle the treasurer's duties and responsibilities!) You are encouraged to make a commitment to work together with other board members to ensure that Hidden Valley Ranch continues to operate in an efficient and orderly manner to provide a prosperous and enjoyable place to live and enjoy life. Reminder: All members of the Board of Directors are individually covered by our H.V.R. insurance carrier. A sign up sheet has been posted near the front entrance and candidate biography forms are available at the front desk.

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

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

Fax Number: 956/580-4478

Email: hvr78572@yahoo.com

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WEBSITE INFORMATION

Website: 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 unsubscribe. 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

H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING November 9 2013

Because there was not a quorum, there was no official business. It was only an informational meeting. Our attorney Ciro Ochoa spoke to the assembly.

H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING November 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:43 AM by Vice President Gary Kienast. Roll call indicated a quorum was present. Members in attendance: Gary Kienast, Tom Forbish, Karol Lippert, Bobbie Bradshaw and Jim Moore. Jim Reiland, Nathan Holland, Joel Erickson and Rick Radl were absent. Minutes of the October 28 and October 31, 2013 meetings were approved.

Reports of Officer

Tom Forbish – Working on the budget. Tom moved to continue the assessment for

2014 at \$300, seconded by Jim Moore. Motion carried.

Reports of Directors:

Bobbie Bradshaw – Inquired about the handicap door entry system. It was discussed at the March 8, 2013 board meeting with Nathan Holland to obtain information.

Jim Moore – Addressed a summer lot clean-up issue regarding Lot 128

The following issues were addressed/discussed

A request has been made to investigate installation of carpeting and a vacuum cleaner for the annex. Gary Kienast will gather information on flooring options.

Carol Rait asked the Board to approve ladies birthday celebration money for a monthly luncheon. This issue will be addressed at a later time.

Carol Rait asked about being able to use a large piece of linoleum on the floor so that cloggers would be able to clog and not damage floor. This issue will be addressed at a later time.

Meeting suspended at 10:13 AM for an executive session.

Meeting reconvened at 11:25 AM

Bobbie Bradshaw moved that we purchase the rider to our existing insurance for liability at the recommendation of our insurance agent, seconded by Jim Moore, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karol Lippert, Secretary

Hidden Valley Ranch Property Owners Association

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. ARCHITECTURAL 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.

December 3 demo cutting plastic bags for knitting and crocheting

December 10 small angel

December 17, 24, 31 Beginning crocheting and knitting

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.

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 9:00-12:00 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.

JACK OF SPADES

50/50 RAFFLE

A Winner Every Week

STARTED 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.

There is a new social security office in
Mission
Address is 1013nBusiness Park Drive
1 855 245 0647
www.socialsecurity.com

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.

BINGO

Starts Wednesday December 4 at 7 p. m. Wear your
name tags please. Be prepared to have a great time.

Submit all information for publication to:
Vera Ludwigsen, Hidden Highlights Editor
2204 Lost Greens Drive
262-844-5869 vera.ludwigsen@yahoo.com
Deadline for January issue is December 26

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

FOR HIDDEN VALLEY

Linda Salmi (L.A.S. Photography) and Glenda & Mike
Yost will be making a new park directory this year.
Sorry, this does not include renters, only property
owners.

They will be setting up dates for taking photos in Jan-
uary 2014. If you are here in the park, but you will be
leaving before mid January please contact Linda @
lasalmi@gmail.com or 612-518 1265 and she will
make arrangements to take your photo before you
leave. If you were happy with your photo from the
previous directory, you do not need to have your pho-
to taken again, but if you want a new photo in the
new directory please come soon to be scheduled for a
photo session for a new picture. Also if you have
moved or your information has changed please con-

tact Linda or Glenda 218-831-2806

ANGEL TREE

The children of Flores Elementary School will again be
performing their Christmas Program at the Clubhouse
on Thursday, December 19, at 8:30 a.m. Light re-
freshments will be served to the children following the
program.

The "very merry" volunteers will again coordinate the
Christmas Angel project in conjunction with Flores
Elementary School. The tree has been put up and the
"ornaments" hung, pink for girls and blue for boys.
Each of the ornaments have a name with age and siz-
es. Please consider selecting one of the ornaments
and purchase gifts, either by yourself or with a friend;
but ALL items should be purchased for that child.

The gifts should be wrapped with the child's name
attached and turned in to Karen Steinmetz at 2201
West Bogey, NO LATER than MONDAY, DECEMBER 18.
Cash gifts will also be accepted by the volunteers.

LADIES BILLARDS

Tournaments

9 ball Thur Dec. 5 th

8 ball Thur Dec 12th

doubles Thur Dec 19th

1-15 Thur Dec 26th

**all ladies residence of HVR are welcome to
play, please sign up in billiard hall one week
before tournament.**

Men's billiard in house tournaments

9 BALL -----TUE. DEC 3rd 3:00 P.M.

8 BALL -----TUE DEC 10th 3:00 P.M.

1-15 8 BALL -----WED DEC 11. 3:00 P.M.

1-15 DOUBLES ----- TUE JAN 7th 3:00 P.M.

8 BALL DOUBLES----- TUE JAN 14th 3:00 P.M.

All men in HVR may play in tournaments. Sign up sheets in pool room

Herb McGill

Tournament coordinator

584-2537

Creative Quilting

Creative Quilting's classes start Wednesday, Dec 4, in the HVR clubhouse. The classes begin at 9:30am. There are 2 machine quilting classes. One teaching basic quilting skills; the other providing challenges to build confidence in your quilting skills. These are free classes. Supply lists and schedules are available at hvrpoa.com. Come join the fun.

Creative Quilters have made 2 quilts to be raffled; a queen size quilt and a lap size quilt. Watch for ticket sellers at Park activities or stop by on Wednesday to see the first and second prize quilts and to purchase tickets (\$1 ea or 6 tickets for \$5).

The Quilting class desperately needs help getting tables out of the storeroom and setting them up in the morning before class and then taking them down and reshelving them in the afternoon. This job is required every week on Wednesday, so please ask your spouses or friends to help out.

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 "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 BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

January 10, 8:00 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 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 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		
10a Com- puter 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>PLEASE CHECK YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY REGARDING CHANGES IN DATES OR TIMES AND REPORT ANY CHANGES TO THE OFFICE FOR CORRECTION.</p> <p>ALSO, ALWAYS CHECK THE BOARD FOR ACTIVITIES/EVENTS.</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 (1st Monday) 11:30a Iowa Lunch (2nd Monday) 12:30p Cribbage 12:30p Gourd Class** 12:45p Mahjong 1p Garbage Poker 1p Missouri Lunch (1st Monday) 1p Mixed Billiards 6p Women's Billards 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 (1st Tuesday) 4p Wine and Cheese (3rd 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 (3rd Wednesday) 9a Water Aerobics 9a Men's Billiards 9p Creative Sewing 1a Indiana Lunch (3rd Wednesday) 12:30p Cribbage 12:30p Bunco (2nd Wed.) 1p Mixed Billiards 3:30p Choir Practice 6p Elevens 6:30p Up/Down/ River 7p Bingo (Badges!)</p> <p>PLEASE !! WEAR BADGES TO ALL PARK ACTIVITIES!!</p>
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>7:30a Nebraska Breakfast 8a Water Aerobics 8:30 Women's Billards 9a Bowling 9a Ladies Billiards 10a Bible Study** 12p Shanghai 12:30p Peter Piper Pizza (3rd Thursday) 12:45p Mahjong** 1p Water Volleyball 1p Yahoo 1p Mixed Billiards 3:30p Minnesota Dinner (1st Thursday) 4p Heart Rangers (4th 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 Red Hatters (2nd 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 (3rd Saturday) 9a Membership Meeting (2nd Saturday) 10a Computer Club** 6:30p Dominoes (couples) 7p Dance</p>	<p>MONDAY: Trash Pick Up Propane Delivery WEDNESDAY: Propane Delivery FRIDAY: Propane Delivery</p> <p>OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 9:00 am-11:00 noon (NO afternoon hours)</p> <p>Updated: 11/15/2013.</p>

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH DECEMBER 2013 SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HALL CLOSED FOR FLOOR CLEANING !!	2	3	4 7p Bingo Starts	5	6 7p Jam	7 7p Route "66"
8 8a Coffee 9a Church	9 10a Pet Lovers Meeting	10 4p Potluck	11 10a "Suddenly Alone" 12:30p Bunco 7p Bingo	12	13 9:30a Board Meeting 7p Jam	14 9a Membership Meeting
15 8a Coffee 9a Church	16 FINAL DAY FOR COLLECTION OF ANGEL TREE GIFTS	17 8:30a Children's Christmas Program 4p Wine & Cheese NOTE: Date Change	18 7p Bingo	19 12:30p Peter Piper	20 7p Jam	21 8a Craft Show 11a Lunch 7p "Heartland Express"
22 8a Coffee 9a Church	23	24 6:30p Christmas Eve Service	25 	26 4p Heart Rangers	27 7p Jam	28
29 8a Coffee 9a Church	30	31 8p "Pure Country" 				

DECEMBER OFFICE HOURS: 9-11 A.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

PROPANE DELIVERY: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY