

"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"*

January 11, 2014 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.



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

I hope that everyone had a very merry Christmas. Also, I wish you a wonderful new year with good health, prosperity and fellowship. Sincere thanks to all the volunteers who have stepped up and helped our park. We need to thank all the people who have attended the last two part meetings. Sadly, we did not have a quorum and were not able to accomplish any essential park business. This really hampers all the park residents. The board had a very successful meeting with Leisure Valley and we plan on more meetings to plan cooperative activities.

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

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);
 -
 - 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 **MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

December 14, 2013

QUORUM: 250 members present – 277 needed for a quorum. Due to a lack of quorum, no business of the Association was conducted. A Town Hall Meeting was then held.

Respectfully submitted, Karol Lippert, Secretary

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

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

December 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by President Jim Reiland. Roll call indicated a quorum was present. Members in attendance: Jim Reiland, Gary Kienast, Tom Forbish, Karol Lippert, Bobbie Bradshaw, Joel Erickson, Nathan Holland and Jim Moore. Rick Radl was absent.

Minutes of the November 15, 2013 meeting were approved.

Reports of Officers:

Tom Forbish – Budget prepared for review. Motion made by Tom Forbish, seconded by Nathan Holland

to accept the 2014 proposed budget. Motion carried

Gary Kienast – Bid for annex carpeting of \$496.58 for a bound 15' x 23'. Bobbie Bradshaw moved to purchase the carpet, seconded by Tom Forbish, motion carried.

Old Business: Ken Sutter -- The gas shut-off valve has not yet been installed in the kitchen

Bill Baker, owner of Baker Launderama, addressed the Board regarding our laundry machine maintenance. Bobbie Bradshaw moved to have Mr. Baker contract the service and maintenance on the equipment and we will be responsible for the utilities, seconded by Nathan Holland. Motion carried.

Bobbie Bradshaw moved that we disapprove the request for the women's birthday money, seconded by Jim Moore, motion carried.

New Business:

Ken Sutter – A bid was obtained for the proposed 8'8" x 38' brick storage building in the amount of \$11,105. Ken will present the information at the December Membership Meeting and it will be placed on the ballot for the Annual Membership Meeting.

Committee Reports:

Quilt Committee – Karen Eck wishes to present to the membership two quilts at the Membership Meeting that will be raffled.

NuStep Committee – Bill Anderson announced that the Jack of Spades jackpot is \$2800. A NuStep flyer promotes a \$200 discount off the price of a new machine. The price of a new machine is \$3795.00 with \$275.00 shipping. The committee has approximately \$1800.00 at this time to apply to purchase of a possible new machine. There is possibly consideration of replacing old exercise machines instead of the NuStep. No action was taken at this time.

The following issues were addressed/discussed:

Nona Dorholt presented information regarding garbage bins as an alternative to our garbage bags. More information is needed on this issue.

A Winter Festival was discussed with a possible February date.

John Crawford asked about the proper presentation of lots for sale and rent. A committee is to be sought for this project.

The meeting was recessed at 10:40 am for an executive session.

Meeting reconvened at 11:40 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted, Karol Lippert, Secretary

<<< 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.

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

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

<<< 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
- 7) completed for a final sign off.

<<< Crafter's Corner >>>

Monday 9:30 to 11:30 Gourd Fun in the Annex
Tuesday 12:30 to 2:30 in the Hall
Wednesday from 12:30 to 2:30 in the Annex
January Classes

6th Gourd
7th Crochet Christmas Tree
8th Paper Tole
13th Woodburning tips for Gourds
14th Crochet Christmas Tree
15th Paper Tole
20th Woodburning tips for Gourds
21st Crochet Christmas Tree
22nd Paper Tole
27th Gourd Fun
28th Crochet Christmas tree
29th Paper Tole

For more information, please call
Judy Hamilton, 956/584-6727.

**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.

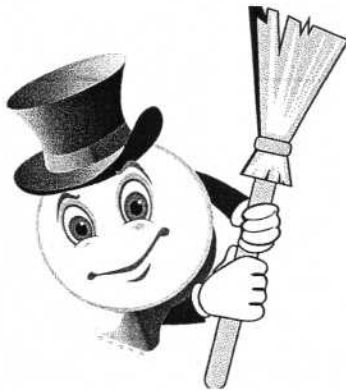
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There is a new social security office in
Mission
Address is 1013nBusiness Park Drive
1 855 245 0647
www.socialsecurity.com

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.

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



Bicycle Club

For information please call

Gerry Sanders at 262 378 9589

Change in Breakfast Schedule

Biscuits and gravy will be February 7th,
not February 14

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 January 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 photo 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-

Contact Linda or Glenda 218-831-2806

**Did you know that people
who volunteer live longer?
So for a longer life**

volunteer!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

LADIES BILLARDS

Tournaments

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

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

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

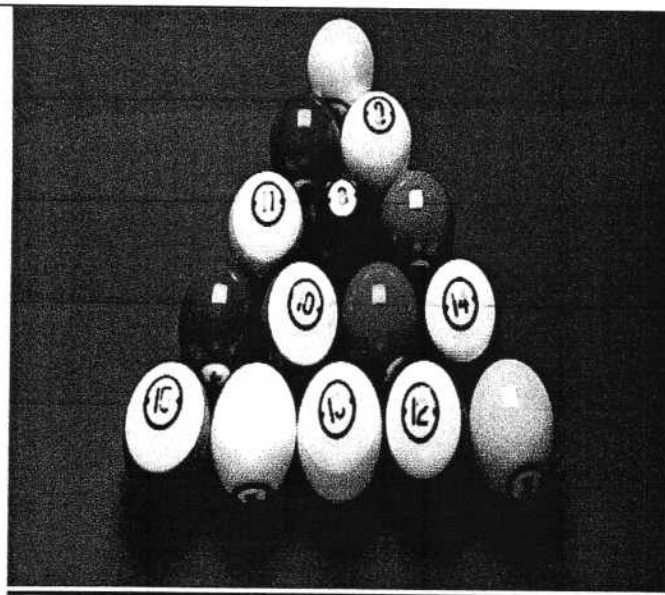
All men in HVR may play in tournaments.

Sign up sheets in pool room

Herb McGill

Tournament coordinator

584-2537

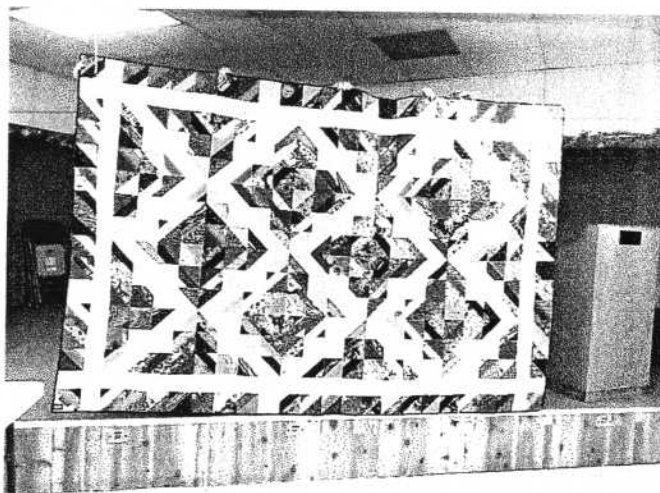


Creative Quilting

Creative Quilting has been busy this winter season. Pictures are posted on the hvrpoa website of our visit to Diaz Villarreal Elementary School where we delivered quilts to the 4th grade class.

Creative Quilters have made 2 quilts to be raffled; a queen size quilt (94" X 104") 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). Drawing will be at our annual quilt show in the spring.

There are free Creative Quilting's classes every Wednesday from 9am - 3pm, in the HVR clubhouse. Anyone can join at any time. Project schedule and supply lists are available on the HVR website: hvrpoa.com under Creative Quilting. Come join the fun.



CRIBBAGE EVENT

Hidden Valley Ranch will host the Mission Area CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT on January 16. Last year we had 124 entries. We would appreciate any contributions of cookies, brownies or bars or even a relish tray. There are 8 area parks that hosts these tournaments each season; two each month. Let's show the players our Hidden Valley hospitality. Bring your goodies to the clubhouse between 12:00 & 12:30 p.m. If you play Cribbage, bring a partner and play with us. Registration begins at 1:00 and play begins at 2:00. No beginners please. Any questions, call Joe Roberts @ 583-2852.

2013-2014 CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENTS

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 3 "Meet the Candidates" Forum
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 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 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 a.m. Biscuits & Gravy
January 24, 7:00 a.m. Eggs & More
February 7, 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 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 5:30p 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 NEW 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 Ladies Billiards 6p Elevens 6p Sevens** 7p Entertainment</p>	<p>8a Exercise/Dance 8a Water Aerobics 8a Bike Club Coffee 8:30a Shuffleboard 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</p>	<p>8a Exercise/Dance 8a Water Aerobics 8:30a Shuffleboard 8:30a Wisconsin Break-fast (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 9a Bowling 8:30a Ladies Billiards 9a Arch. Comm. Mtg. 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 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: 12/1/2013.</p>

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH J-A-N-U-A-R-Y 2-0-1-4 SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 1	2	3 6p Jam	4	
5 8a Coffee 9a Church	6 10p Pet Lovers Mtg. 7p "Greg Jones"	7 4p Potluck	8 12:30p Bunco 7p Bingo	9	10 8a Biscuits/Gravy 9:30a Board Meeting 6p Jam	11 9a Park Meeting 6p "Renaissance Rockers"
12 8a Coffee 9a Church	13 7p "The Link Family"	14 2p Sky Med	15 7p Bingo	16 11a Ladies Lunch	17 6p Jam	18 8a Craft Show 11a Lunch 6p "Jealous Heart"
19 8a Coffee 9a Church	20 7p "Goldwing Express"	21 4p Wine & Cheese	22 7p Bingo	23 8a 55+ Driving Class 4p Heart Rangers	24 8a Eggs & More 6p Jam	25
26 8a Coffee 9a Church	27 7p "Gordy & Debbie"	28 2p Sky Med	29 7p Bingo	30 4p Bicycle Club Chicken Dinner	31 6p Jam	Do you miss it ?? 

January Office Hours: 9:00-11:00 a.m., Monday through Friday

Propane: Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Trash Pick Up: Monday