

# "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"*

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

**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**

Jim is out of town attending the funeral of their son, so he is not available for his message. In his absence, I will take the liberty of writing what Jim might have said.

First of all, he was so happy that there was a quorum so we could take care of park business.

Secondly, he is appreciative of the people who step forward to volunteer.

Thirdly, he is extremely proud of our park.

Vera Ludwigsen

**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 a.m.**

**.Monday thru Friday**

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Fax Number: 956/580-4478

Email: [hvr78572@yahoo.com](mailto: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

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

#### **HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION January 10, 2014**

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 December 13, 2013 meeting were approved.

#### **Reports of Officers:**

Tom Forbish – we need to identify the surplus for a building project for tax purposes so that we are not just accumulating money. Bobbie Bradshaw moved that we designate building fund account, seconded by Joel Erickson, carried.

Gary Kienast – Talked to Barry Lewis regarding the grants. The Appropriations Committee will be meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> to see if they will be allocating monies.

The cloggers would like to be able to roll out linoleum on which to clog. One major problem would be storage of the linoleum. Suggestion from floor was to use duct tape on their shoes. Gary will contact them with the suggestion of using duct tape

Karol Lippert – The Winter Festival jointly sponsored by HVR & LVR will be held on February 16 at 3:00 PM in HVR's parking lot.

#### **Reports of Directors:**

Jim Moore reported that the clubhouse is not being left in an appropriately clean manner after events. Jim moved to change the board meeting time back to 9:00 AM, seconded by Joel Erickson, carried.

Bobbie Bradshaw – The kitchen committee has reported that the kitchen is not being cleaned properly after the Jam. Tom Forbish will contact the chairman

#### **New Business:**

Pet area – Jack Martin will not participate. It is the consensus of the board that we do nothing. Jim Moore moved that the board go on record as opposing any kind of dog walking facility within the boundaries of HVR, seconded by Gary Kienast, carried.

Joe Roberts has asked for 5 card tables to be replaced. Tom Forbish moved to authorize Joe to purchase the card tables, seconded by Gary Kienast, carried.

Louie Cagler asked if we could ask the general membership if they would like the long range planning committee to draw a plan to landscape the land south of the shuffleboard at Saturday's park meeting; also ask if they would like to have and update the kitchen with a new stove, refrigerator and freezer. Bobbie Bradshaw moved that we don't do anything with that lot until we know what the grant situation is going to be, seconded by Jim Moore, carried.

The new refrigerator, freezer and stove is a maintenance project. If grant comes through we would get reimbursed. Tom Forbish moved to pursue replacing the stove. Ron Kling was asked to obtain the information for a new stove, refrigerator and freezer, if possible, in time for the park meeting. Motion mod-

**Minutes of the March 9, 2013 meeting were approved as posted.**

### Committee Reports:

Rules Committee – Bill Anderson reported that we need to have a rules enforcement committee. Dick Harris is the new chairman for the Rules Committee. Portions of the changes in the law will be read at the meeting tomorrow.

The following issues were addressed/discussed:

Karen Eck has requested that a banner be hung in the office area advising people to go to the HVR website to get information on the park. Gary Kienast will investigate further.

Judy Fink reported the cleaning crew is not cleaning the clubhouse garbage can. Harold Cowan will be contacted to report the need to be cleaned.

John Mackey asked that we consider a bocce ball court to replace the pentague court. This issue will be addressed at the park meeting seeking a show of hands for an interest in a bocce ball court.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karol Lippert, Secretary

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

January 11, 2014

**QUORUM:** 370 members present – 258 needed for a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by President Jim Reiland.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was read by President Jim Reiland in the absence of Tom Forbish, Treasurer.

Operating Account	\$ 94,060
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Balance in Reserve Account	\$ 175.338
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<u>December, 2013</u>	<u>Year 2012</u>
Income           \$   1,800	\$ 159,563
Expense         \$ 20,858	\$ 108,778
Net Income/(Loss)	
(\$ 19,058)	\$ 50,785

In 2013 HVR reserve account balance was increased \$45,000; the board has designated the balance of \$175,388 as a Building Reserve Account.

**Financial Statements are posted on the bulletin board and subject to audit.**

**OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN  
REPORTS:**

Vice President, Gary Kienast, reported that Barry Lewis, grant writer, is waiting on the Appropriations Committee meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> to see if any new monies will be appropriated. He will report the findings at the next meeting.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Dance Committee** – Ken Sutter announced that The Renaissance Rockers are playing tonight and that Jealous Heart will be playing for the dance on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Heart Rangers** – Bill Eck reported that there have not been any calls in the past month.

*Architect Committee* – Al Schattschneider reported that the committee is meeting every Thursday morning. Call with any questions. No job is complete until reported finished.

*Travel and Tour Committee* – Lew Fry thanked Barbara Frantz and John Crawford for handling the summer tours. Barbara announced a tour of the LaJoya Nutrition Center and Police Department which is scheduled for February 25 at 9 am. Sign up sheet is in the library.

*Craft Show* – Linda Kling thanked all her volunteers and reminded everyone of the craft show on January 18th. She also announced the Wisconsin breakfast at Shary Rd Denny's on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Entertainment Committee* – Linda Hisaw announced Monday night's entertainment. Everyone is urged to come support our park.

*Activity Coordinator* – Lucy Cagler announced upcoming calendar events.

*NuStep Committee* – Bill Anderson reported the Jack of Spades raffle jackpot was over \$1700.

*Webmaster* – Ray Fink reported issues with the HVRPOA website.

*Nominations Committee* – Nona Anderson introduced the candidates to the assembly. President Jim Reiland instructed the members to vote their ballot.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Parliamentarian Bill Anderson read bylaw changes necessitated by the changes in the Texas law governing property owners associations which occurred in 2011 and 2013. He introduced the other members of the Rules Committee as Dick Harris, Sandi Kienast, Elaine DeClerq. Dick Harris will be the new committee chair. Bill announced that to be in compliance with the law we would have one vote per lot and that meetings must be posted seven days prior; the changes effective as of January 11, 2014. Then he read two articles on which we will

be voting at the February meeting which are to Article 4, Meeting of Members and Article 11, Power of Members to Amend Bylaws.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Alice Broers announced the HVR Talent, No Talent Show for March 10<sup>th</sup> and encouraged members to participate and sign up.

Libby Steen encouraged people to participate in the Walking Club.

Annette MacFarlane encouraged members to participate in the Wellness Screening on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Salmi will be taking members' photos for the park photo directory on January 20 and

February 6.

Joe Roberts announced the Cribbage Tournament on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Moore reported Nancy Bilkey is head of the Combined Valley Chorus, practice is on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ron Kling recognized Buck Davis for his help on the maintenance committee. He also reported that the board has authorized him to get prices on replacing kitchen appliances for under \$16000.

Grace Harris thanked everyone who helped and supported Angel Tree.

President Reiland asked for a show of hands of those interested in a bocce ball court. Approximately 25 hands were shown.

Bobbie Bradshaw reported on the joint effort with Leisure Valley to host a Winter Festival at 3:00 pm on February 16<sup>th</sup> in our park. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon.

President Reiland thanked Harold and Laura Cowan for working with the recycling of aluminum cans. Please do not put trash in with the cans.



Carolyn Diehm posted an announcement for bridge lessons.

President Reiland reminded the members of their responsibility to provide the office with who is taking care of their yards during their summer absence.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Karol Lippert, Secretary

Hidden Valley Ranch Property Owners Association

#### **TALLY RESULTS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS**

**Vice President Gary Kienast ( 359)**

**Directors ( 2 ) Bill Eck ( 130 ) Steve Frielinger ( 324)**  
**Jeanne Moore ( 94 ) Jim Moore ( 256 )**

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



Heart Ranger's recommendations to speed emergency response:

#### **Before an emergency:**

Complete your "File of Life" forms. The list of ailments and medication for you and your spouse will reduce EMT and hospital questions.

#### **When a medical emergency occurs:**

Call the Heart Rangers **FIRST**. The Heart Rangers will be at the site within a few minutes of receiving the call. One Heart Ranger will lead the ambulance to the site.

- Dial 956-213-3002
- Enter your Lot # after the voice prompt
- Hang up
- Dial 911

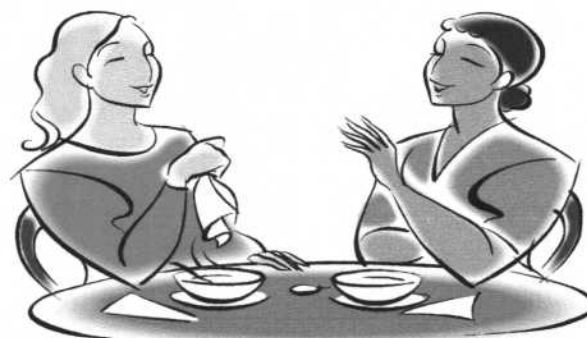
#### **A-N-N-O-U-N-C-E-M-E-N-T-S**

#### **Ladies Salad Luncheon**

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday at 11 a. m.  
Ladies' Luncheon

Featuring - Ladies on Parade

Come join us for lasting fun  
Sing up sheet is in the hall  
Bring a salad dish or desert and table service.



#### **New Activity..... Clogging** **Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30**



**Shuffleboard coffee**

**10 am every other Tuesday**

# Thank you for volunteering



to be a part of the recent election. When the votes are counted not all will be elected, but you all are winners because you stepped up to the plate and said YES.

to be a board member. This takes a lot of time and criticism.

to serve at the office. Not all the customers are having a happy day. The front desk and what happens in the office takes a lot of work for a successful park.

to help with cleaning and maintenance. Just like your home, our hall needs this type of care.

to help with all aspects of the Craft Fair

to serve on the kitchen crew, planning breakfast, suppers and other such activities

to entertain us with activities such as Bingo, Monday Entertainment, Jam Sessions, etc.

to teach quilting, crafts, and other such activities

to protect us with activities like Heart Rangers

to everyone that does something to make our park a better place.

You're the  
Best



### Law Changes

The following is a synopsis of the pending bylaw changes to be made by the Hidden Valley Ranch Property Owners Association (HVRPOA) Rules Committee. Changes are indicated by underline or in parentheses ( ). The reason for the change is shown in *italics*. CH 209 and sections thereof refer to Texas Property Code Title 11 Restrictive Covenants Chapter 209 Texas Residential Property Owners Protection Act, which contains statutes governing residential subdivision's property owners associations. Voting Rights Act of 1965 refers to that act as amended by various Public Laws and enacted by Several Congresses!

Article I Members. Anyone who purchases real property in Hidden Valley Ranch subdivision is a member of the association. (*Removed superfluous wording*)

Article II Members in Good Standing. A member is in good standing if they have not been found in violation of any covenant, stipulation, or restriction of HVR subdivision by the board of directors and/or a court of law. (*Ch 209, Sections 209.0059 and 209.0064.*)

Article IV, Section 2 Monthly Meetings. Regular general membership meetings will be held monthly on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. beginning in November and continuing through December, January, February and March at the recreation hall without further notice than these bylaws. (*Removed superfluous wording*)

Article IV, Section 5 Quorum. Thirty-five percent (35%) of the members of the association must be present in person, or by properly executed absentee ballot, at all meetings to constitute a quorum to legally transact the business of the association. If no quorum is present, the only business that can be transacted is (a) taking of a measure to obtain a quorum; (b) fixing the time at which to adjourn; and (c) to adjourn or to take a recess. (*Ch 209, Sections 209.0058, 209.592 .00593*)

Article IV, Section 6 Voting Provisions.

Recorded owners may cast only one (1) ballot per assessed lot. Individual ballots must be signed by each member voting before said ballot is deposited in the ballot box provided. Proxy holders, must sign the ballot indicating the proxy holder's printed name and the name of the proxy assignor. Unsigned ballots shall be considered null and void and shall be shown in the final report of the Tally Committee as invalid. (*Ch 209, Section 209.0058, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Amended, and Public Law 109-246 109th Congress*)

- a. Members unable to attend a meeting may cast their vote by absentee ballot, obtainable from the HVRPOA Secretary, completed, and returned in person, by regular U. S. mail or fax by close of business on the day prior to the meeting. (*Changed to accommodate the varying posted hours of the business office of the association.*)
- b. Members unable to attend a meeting may appoint any other member of the association in good standing as their proxy to vote in their stead. Appropriate proxy forms must be requested from the business office, completed and submitted to the duly elected Secretary of the association by regular mail or by fax by close of business on the day prior to the meeting. A member in good standing may hold only one (1) proxy. (*Changed to accommodate the varying posted hours of the business office; CH 209, Section 209.0058 and Voting Rights Act of 1965, Amended and Public Law 109-246 109th Congress*)

### Article V Meetings,

Section 3 Place of Meeting. Defines the place. (*Removed superfluous wording*).

#### Section 4 Meetings

- a. Regular open meetings of the officers/directors shall be held each month beginning in November and continuing



through March, prior to the general membership meeting without further notice than these bylaws. Notice of all open board of directors meetings shall be posted at least seven (7) days prior to said meeting and shall be emailed to all members who have supplied their email address to the association web-master. (CH 209, Section 209.0051 (2013))

#### Section 7 Vacancies.

- A. Any vacancy occurring on the board of directors, except for the office of president, which is covered in Article VI, Section 2, here, shall be filled by an affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining officers/directors at a regular or special meeting, or by a telephone conference call with no less than a quorum of officers/directors present. The member selected to fill the vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor in office. (CH 209, Section 209.00593-2013)
- B. In lieu of A. above, the board of directors may choose to post notice of a vacancy on the board of directors in the recreation hall to advise the membership that any member in good standing may notify the board of directors of his/her wish to be considered for the position. Ten (10) days following the posting of the notice, the board of directors shall select the member who will fill the vacancy and said member shall serve for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor.
- C.
- D. A article VIII Assessments

Section 3 Termination of Membership.  
This section is removed in its entirety. CH

209, Section 209.0064)

#### Article X Miscellaneous

Section 6. Termination of Membership. Membership in the corporation may be terminated upon commission of any felony against the corporation. Such felony may be determined by law enforcement investigation alone, by subsequent conviction in criminal court, or by admission on the part of the member.

#### Special Rules of Order

#### SECTION A

##### Board of Directors Meetings

Par.2 The Board of Directors shall open meetings to the general membership subject to the limited right of the board of directors to meet in executive session. (CH 209, Section 209.0051)

#### SECTION B

##### General Membership Meetings

Par 2. All association members shall be required to sign in at the appropriate credentials desk at all membership meetings. All membership requirements including (strike the reference to payment of dues and assessments) completion of appropriate office documentation to determine qualifications to attend association meetings, shall be completed by (strike 3:00 p.m.) close of business on the day prior to ... (CH 209, Section 209.0059 and to accommodate the varying posted business office hours)

Par. 9 Voting on all motions shall be done by signed paper ballots... (CH 209, Section 209.0058)

Any questions, please contact Dick Harris

[sleetmule2@gmail.com](mailto:sleetmule2@gmail.com)

956-566-5916

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS**  
**OF HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH PROPERTY**  
**OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

In accordance with ARTICLE XI, AMENDMENTS, Section 1. Power of Members to Amend Bylaws, you are hereby notified that the following Bylaw amendments will be presented for approval at the February 8, 2014, meeting of Hidden Valley Ranch Property Owners' Association.

**CURRENT BYLAW:**

**ARTICLE IV. MEETING OF MEMBERS.** Section 6.

- c. Members unable to attend regularly scheduled or special meetings may appoint any other member of the association in good standing as their proxy to vote in their stead. Appropriate proxy forms must be requested from the business office of the association and after completion thereof submitted to the duly elected Secretary in person, by regular mail or by fax. The Secretary shall be responsible for notifying the member named in said proxy that he/she has been so appointed. Proxy forms may cover one or more meetings. A member of the association in good standing may hold no more than four (4) proxies. *Added January 2005.*

**CHANGE:** Change the number of proxies from four to one.

**PROPOSED BYLAW (Change Underlined):**

**ARTICLE IV. MEETING OF MEMBERS.** Section 6

- c. . . . . A member of the association in good standing may hold only one (1) proxy. *Added January 2005 and Amended February 2014.*

**REASON:** To coincide with the new voting rules and procedures and to eliminate the solicitation of proxies.

**CURRENT BYLAW:**

**ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS**

**SECTION 1. Power of Members to Amend Bylaws.** The bylaws of the corporation may be amended, repealed, or added to, or new bylaws may be adopted by two-thirds (2/3rds) of a quorum of the members at any regularly scheduled or special meeting of the association where a quorum is present, provided the proposed amendments are submitted in writing at a previous special or regu-

lar meeting of the members or the officers/directors. A copy of the approved amendment(s) shall be available to each member within thirty (30) days of approval. *Amended January 2005.*

**CHANGE:** Change the above to (a) and add the following paragraph: The Rules Committee shall be authorized, without approval of the general membership, to amend these Bylaws to conform to any and all Texas State Legislature changes or amendments to the Texas Residential Property Owners Protection Act, Chapter 209. The Rules Committee shall advise the membership of any changes immediately upon notice. All other proposed amendments shall be handled in accordance with the rules set in Section 1 (a) above.

**PROPOSED BYLAW (Changes Underlined):**

**ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS**

**SECTION 1. Power of Members to Amend Bylaws.**

- (a) Wording exactly the same as set out above, paragraph numbered (a).
- (b) The Rules Committee shall be authorized, without approval of the general membership, to amend these Bylaws to conform to any and all Texas State Legislature changes or amendments to the Texas Residential Property Owners Protection Act, Chapter 209. The Rules Committee shall advise the membership of any changes immediately upon notice. All other proposed amendments shall be handled in accordance with the rules set in Section 1 (a) above.

*Amended January 2005 and February 2014.*

**REASON FOR CHANGE:** To allow the Rules Committee to maintain and update the Bylaws according to all state statutes in a current and efficient manner.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE !!**

### **CREDENTIALS** **CHECK IN PROCEDURES**

Effectively immediately, members must check in at all general membership and special meetings according to lot number, not alphabetically. Table #1 will check in Lots 1 through 125; Table #2 will check in Lots 126 through 150; Table #3 will check in Lots 151 through 375; and Table #4 will check in Lots 375 through 520. Your patience and cooperation are requested to assist in a smooth transition to the new check in procedures.

Those members owning more than one lot must check in according to the lot with the lowest number; i.e., a member owning Lot #28 plus Lot #394 should check in at Table #1. It will NOT be necessary to go to more than one check in table as all ballots will be disbursed at the original check in table. Members holding proxies will still be required to check in for the person signing the proxy. The lot number(s) appear on the proxy form.

An alphabetical member list will be posted on the front door. Also, the sergeants-at-arms stationed at the front door will have an alphabetical member list and will be happy to assist anyone who does not remember their lot number.

Note: All H.V.R. members may attend membership meetings; however, lots that are NOT required to pay the annual assessment are NOT entitled to vote. These lots include undeveloped lots (no water meter) and restricted lots (contiguous double lots and one and one-half lots that pay only one assessment).

#### **<<< 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.\*\*\*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.

### **LADIES BILLIARDS** **Tournaments**

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

### **MENS BILLIARDS in house tournaments**

All men in HVR may play in tournaments.  
Sign-up sheets in pool room  
Herb McGill  
Tournament coordinator  
584-2537

## Special Tour

On Tuesday, February 25, 2014, we are going to take a **TOUR** of the **New Child Nutrition Center** at 7311 Ann Richards Rd starting at 9:00 am. We will meet at the Child Nutrition Center facility parking lot at 8:50am. A sign-up sheet is posted in the clubhouse. We will be split in groups of 12-15 at a time for each day. Once one group has started, the next group will start within next 5 minutes and so on. The tour itself will last approximately 35 minutes.

Individuals are required to wear **CLOSED-TOE SHOES**. You may wish to bring along a sweater or light jacket. The temperature in the facility will vary depending on the location.

Once the tour is over, we will then proceed to the **La Joya ISD Police Substation** next door for a tour and video presentation of their facility. That should start around 10:30am.

So glad to see the interest in these two tours. However, since both tours are full, there is a waiting list attached to the sign-up sheets in the library. If for some reason, you will not be able to attend the time slot you signed up for, please call **Barbara Frantz** at (956) 580-7664 , so I can call the next ones on the waiting list to go in your place. Both sign-up sheets will remain in library until 2/24. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

We know these are very interesting tours of both facilities to see the operations of a central location for food distribution to 40 schools for the food to be prepared at each school. Training and catering is also handled at this location.

Hope you all can come. Thank you.

Barbara & Leo Frantz

## --<<< 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 handicap 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**

### **February Classes**

**3rd Gourd Monday 9:30 to 11:30 Gourd Fun in the Annex**

**4<sup>th</sup> Knitted Scarf Tuesday 12:30 to 2:30 in the Hall**

**5<sup>th</sup> Paper Tole Wednesday from 12:30 to 2:30 in the Annex**

**10th Gourd Fun Monday 9:30 to 11:30 Gourd Fun in the Annex**

**11<sup>th</sup> Crafting Exchange Tuesday 12:30 to 2:30 in the Hall**

**If you have any craft materials you no longer use simply bring them to the hall before 12:30 Items will be placed on the stage for others to pick up and use. You may find just the perfect item to complete your project. Remember, someone's extra materials (some call it junk) can become someone else's treasure**

**18<sup>th</sup> Stone Wrapping Tuesday 12:30 to 2:30 in the Hall**

**25<sup>th</sup> Potato Jewelry Tuesday 12:30 to 2:30 in the Hall**

### **March classes**

**4<sup>th</sup> Silverware Wrapping**

**11<sup>th</sup> Show N Tell for Crafters and Stained Glass 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. One hour only**

**18<sup>th</sup> Regular crafts 12:30 - 2:30**

**Want to see a craft project scheduled for the 2014-2015 winter season? Please contact Judy Hamilton 956 584 6727**

## **March 1 - Creative Quilting**

### **Show N Tell**

Please come to the annual HVR Quilt Show N Tell, presented by Creative Quilting on Saturday, March 1, 2014, in the HVR clubhouse between 10am and noon. Anyone is welcome to bring their quilts and quilt projects to the clubhouse to be included in the Show N Tell. Quilts will be on display after the presentation. We hope that you will enjoy the presentation of the quilts.

Raffle tickets will be on sale before the Show N Tell. (Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.) The drawing for winners of the First Prize ( a 94" X 104" Queen Size quilt) and the Second Prize (a lap-size quilt) will be held at the end of the Show N Tell presentation.

Also note that the RGVQG Quilt Show is held on February 14-15, 2014, at the McAllen Convention Center.

### **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 per-



son 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  
Deadline for March is February 24th

**Thanks to all who submit material  
for this newspaper.**

## HVR/LVR Street Dance

### February 16th

### 3:00 - ???.

Where: HVR Parking Lot

Music by Ken Sutter

**FREE** to all HVR/LVR Residents  
& Renters

Please wear your badges

**MENU:** Hot Dogs, Potato Salad,  
Beans, Potato Chips, Dessert &  
popcorn

**BYOB & chairs**

Come join us for food, fun, dancing & games.

We need a head count, everyone  
**MUST** sign up by 2/10/2014

Sign up sheets at the hall.

FREE      50/50      FREE

**Is it true that Dr. Oz said chocolates  
are essential to maintain optimum  
health?**

## **CRIBBAGE EVENT**

### **2013-2014 CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENTS**

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**

February 13 ..... Ladies Luncheon  
 February 18 ..... Swiss steak Dinner  
 February 22 ..... Golf Tournament Banquet  
 March 10 ..... Talent/No Talent Show

### **2013-2014 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE**

FEB 3 SHERWIN & PAM LINTON classic country & rock & roll  
 FEB 10 DAVE AND DAPHNE great guitarist, country & gospel  
 FEB 17 AMBER WAVES BAND modern bluegrass & gospel  
 FEB 24 CROSS STRUNG folk, bluegrass, country & gospel  
 MAR 3 SUSAN HUDSON country, 50's & 60's rock & roll

### **2013-2014 DANCE SCHEDULE**

February 1 ..... "Levi Country"  
 February 15 ..... "Diego"  
 March 1 ..... "Heartland Express"  
 March 15 ..... "Double Delight"

### **2013-2014 BREAKFAST SCHEDULE**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5:15p Poker	9:30 Gourd Class 1:30p 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><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 o 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 Women's 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** 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><b>PLEASE !! WEAR BADGES TO ALL PARK ACTIVITIES!!</b></p>
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>7:30a Nebraska Breakfast 8a Water Aerobics 8:30 Women's Billiards 9a Architectural. Meeting 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 12:30p Stained Glass 1p Garbage Poker 1p Bridge 1p Mixed Billiards 6p 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><u>MONDAY:</u> Trash Pick Up Propane Delivery <u>WEDNESDAY:</u> Propane Delivery <u>FRIDAY:</u> Propane Delivery</p> <p><u>OFFICE HOURS:</u> Monday through Friday 9:00 am-11:00 noon (NO afternoon hours)</p> <p>Updated: 11/15/2013.</p>

# HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH F-E-B-R-U-A-R-Y 2014 SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 7p "Levi Country"
2 8a Coffee 9a Church	3 10p Pet Lovers Meeting 3p Clear Designs Hearing 7p "The Lintons"	4 4p Potluck	5 7p Bingo	6 10a-3p Picture Appts. For New Directory	7 9:30a Board Meeting 5:30p Jam	8 9a Park Meeting
9 8a Coffee 9a Church	10 7p "Dave & Daphne"	11 4p Wine & Cheese (Date Change!!)	12 12:30p Bunco 7p Bingo	13 11a Ladies Luncheon	14 8a Biscuits & Gravy 5:30p Jam <i>Happy Valentines Day</i>	15 8a Craft Show 11a Lunch 6p "Diego"
16 8a Coffee 9a Church 3p "Winter Festival"	17 7p "Amber Waves Band"	18 4:30p Swiss Steak Dinner	19 7p Bingo	20 4:30p MASA Presen- tation	21 5:30p Jam	22 4p Golf Banquet
23 8a Coffee 9a Church	24 11a Sky Med 7p "Cross Strung"	25 9p Sky Med  Child Nutrition and Police Dept. Tours	26 7p Bingo  Child Nutrition and Police Dept. Tours	27 4p Heart Rangers	28 7a Eggs & More 5:30p Jam	

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

Propane: Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Trash Pick Up: Monday