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HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. January 10th, 2015

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

9:00 a.m.

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 2014 Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Officer and/or Committee Reports
Unfinished Business
New Business
Announcements

*This is a proposed agenda and is subject to change. The newsletter is published prior to the first of each month, so 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 office during regular business hours or by mail or fax. Individual members may hold **ONLYONEPROXY**. After completion of the proxy form, the office personnel will make an adequate number of copies to allow for a copy to be given to the office and the Credentials Desk at each meeting designated. Deliver the original and copies of the proxy form to the person named thereon.

Absentee ballots will be available at the office prior to any meeting at which an item of business will be discussed and voted on.

VOTING PROCEDURES

- *Each developed lot is entitled to one(1) vote.
- *Proxies will be accepted at any time prior to the opening of a meeting. *(Copies should be made prior to meeting.)*
- *Absentee ballots will be accepted at any time prior to the opening of a meeting.
- *Individual members may hold only one (1) proxy.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Speed Limit: 15 m.p.h.

Clubhouse Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Activity Building Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

December through -March: Monday through Friday

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Well, here we are starting another New Year. Where does the time go?

2014 just flew by and the members of Hidden Valley Resort accomplished a lot with the new building and expanding the hall. Our park is the best park in the valley. Park residents deserve to be proud.

We did have a couple of disappointments in 2014 and that is the November and December park meetings. At these meetings we did not have a quorum. This is happening way too often, like Ralph Sanders said at the December meeting. It isn't fair to the board or the members who give their time to attend..

I would suggest the by laws committee address this issue. To lower the percentage to 20% or possibly no quorum at all. The present by laws are not serving the membership. It is apparent we can only do business at our January meeting.

January 10th is our big meeting to elect officers and board members. Please be there. The park needs everyone to attend. We have a 5 star park. The only way to keep it is for everyone to work together not against each other. Remember there is no I in TEAM or in WE

I want to thank everyone for the support you have given me the last six years. It has been a privilege to serve on the board of Hidden Valley Ranch.

Jim Reiland, President

Some of our accomplishments during the past 6 years

1. Blacktop, seal and stripe parking lot
 2. Large patching on black top
 3. New roof on the main hall
 4. Swimming pool and hot tub relined
 5. Handicap lift in the swimming pool, one half paid for by a member
 6. Pool deck redone twice
 7. Carpet in the old library
 8. Parking lot and landscaping on north side of the main building
 9. New treadmills and one nu step machine
 10. Expanded security cameras
 11. Low voltage light fixtures
 12. New kitchen sink and faucets
 13. New freezer
 14. Stain and varnish benches
 15. Air conditioner in old exercise room
 16. Bought coke machine
 17. Outside lights around the pool
 18. Upgrade money changers in the laundry
 19. Built box for the bingo machine
 20. Moved audio control to center of the hall
 21. Expanded audio
 22. Four hundred new chairs
 23. New tables, round and long for card games or poker
 24. Bought trailer to transport recycled cans and for park use
 25. Golf cart only signs
 26. Recover pool tables twice
 27. Brick wall at the flagpole
 28. Expand hall, office and library
 29. Built new activity building and landscape
- Many things were done to improve the office, so we could function in the 21st century
- Computers, software and data bases were upgraded
 - A lease for our printer was renewed
 - The office was moved
 - The front desk and information center were reorganized
 - Paper files were converted to computer files
 - A new desk top printer was added.
- All this in six years with assessments of only \$300 per year and they are not going up this year.
- We, all the members this accomplished by working together. We have wonderful committees and a good board with a positive vision. Now we can keep on keep on or fall back and go back to the negative past. I prefer positive, What about you? We can do the positive by getting people to run for the board. Work in the office, serve as committee chairs, organize fundraisers, etc. end democracy as we know it at Hidden Valley Ranch

WE NEED A QUORUM AT THE JANUARY MEETING

When you do not attend a meeting and we lack enough members for a quorum, we cannot conduct important park business. You are not being fair to the board and you are not being fair to your neighbors and the other people that live in this park.

There is only one vote per household, but when all members of the household attend it counts toward meeting the quorum.

Please attend.

H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S O-F M-I-N-U-T-E-S **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

No quorum, no meeting.

REMINDER

Assessments are due and payable on January 2, 2015.

Interest will be applied if not paid by January 15, 2015.

H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S O-F M-I-N-U-T-E-S **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Not available at the present time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To Whom It May Concern:

I have a Christmas Elf who was very nice to me. A "BIG" thank you to you – and you know who you are -and I don't - for your kindness and thoughtfulness. I really do appreciate it and thank you again

A thankful Elf owner at HVR

NEW INFORMATION CENTER

In an effort to keep the front counter open and more efficient for business, the monthly calendars, monthly newsletters and get well and sympathy cards have been moved to the left of the counter at the Information Center.

All resident forms, such as information changes, maintenance requests, etc., are located on the wall at the far end of the counter.

Activity Chairmen: For your convenience, card game score sheets and sign up sheets for all the various activities are located in a plastic file holder at the end of the bulletin board which is closest to the office counter.**TO NEW OWNERS AND RENTERS !!**

Please stop by the office to complete the forms required to update our database. Also, please bring your driver's license so that a copy can be made. H.V.R. is a 55+ senior housing community and is required to maintain adequate records regarding same. Also, any current

owner who purchases additional properties should also report to the office to complete the required forms.

PROCEDURE TO BRING A MATTER BEFORE **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR GENERAL** **ASSEMBLY**

In accordance with Special Rule of Order Section A, Board of Director 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 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 five **(5) days** prior to the meeting. Reason: To allow time to obtain all necessary information regarding the matter prior to discussion thereon.

ADS FOR SALE OR RENT PROPERTIES

Postings of ads, "For Sale" or "For Rent" Properties in H V R are to be re-dated or re-written at least every 12 months. Therefore, any ads dated prior to January, 1, 2014 will be removed in February 2015. If you have, or know someone with an older valid ad on the board, please re-date the ad or make a new one during January 2015. Due to space limitations, we must ask that ads be no larger than 1/2 sheet of paper. Larger ads may have to be removed if that space is needed.

CHRISTMAS FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Food tubs were distributed today to 10 families. Some food was taken to homes and some was picked up at a designated pick up point. Rest assured you put smiles as well as tears on the faces of teenagers, children and grateful moms. Some of these families have 12 people living in one household.

I would like to thank Ken and Vera Ludwigsen for storing the food after it was purchased, helping fill the tubs, and with distribution. Also thanks to Gerri and Ralph Sanders for assistance with distribution.

The families we served also got paper products, shampoo, creme rinse, dish and laundry soap toothpaste and tooth brushes.

This gift of food is very needed and appreciated. If I am to do this again next year, if this is YOUR wish. I will take up a collection that will be spent **ONLY** on food and the other above mentioned items at the December Park Meeting.

All receipts may be viewed at my home if you have questions or concerns.

Due to my misunderstanding I unfortunately spent more money than I took in. Donations are still very welcome.

Thank you for your generous donations. YOU made it possible for many people to have a Merry Christmas. With a grateful heart.....We wish you a Merry Christmas!

Rick and Sharon Radl

DRIVING CLASS

A.A.R.P. has scheduled a driving class for February 2, 2015 from 12 to 4 p.m. A sign up sheet will be posted.

CRIBBAGE Mission Area Cribbage Schedule

Circle T Friday, January 2
Hidden Valley Thursday, January 15
Check-in time begins at 12:30 and play starts at 1:30. You will need a partner to play. No beginners please!

For information, call **Joe Roberts @ 583-2852**

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.

IT'S OUR TURN TO HOST

Cookies, brownies, bars or whatever suits your fancy is needed for the **Cribbage tournament** to be held here on January 15th. Last year 114 players. Bring items to the hall by 12:00. Any leftovers will be given to the church & Jam.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

Website: HVRPOA.com

Webmaster: Ray Fink

Telephone: 402/733-8972

The website contains HVR bylaws, covenants, daily activities list, special activities and events, notices, property for sale or rent, pictures of park activities and the monthly newsletter "Hidden Highlights", plus lots of other information pertinent to the park.

All forms may be obtained from the website except the new owner proof of age form and the rent proof of age form; they must be completed at the front office desk. Don't forget to bring your driver's license!

If you are not getting e-mails from HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH there are two reasons why. First - you may have an incorrect email address in the park directory. If that is true submit a change to the office so it gets in the new directory coming out in 2015.

Second - Check your junk mail or spam mail in your email reader. If you find HVR email in either folder you will have to create a filter so that it appears in your inbox.

Also if you change your e-mail address you may go to HVRPOA.COM and click on EMAIL LIST and change your

email address. If you do that make sure you send a notice to the office so it gets in the new directory.

If you have questions please call Ray Fink 402-733-8972 or email Webmaster@hvrpoa.com"

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On Sunday, January 4th at 4 PM will be an ice cream social. A sign-up sheet for attendance is posted on the bulletin board in the hall along with space for listing a baked good donation to serve with the ice cream. Cost is \$1.00 per person. Come and say hello to your neighbors and friends of HVR in the New Year. Host/Hostess are: Barbara & Leo Frantz

SKY MED MEDICAL SERVICE

Thursday, January 29 at 11:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m Light lunch will be served. Sign up sheet posted

ESSEED INTERNET

Monday, January 19 at 10:00 a.m. Sign up sheet posted

SCHEDULING CHANGE

Beginner dulcimer class has been rescheduled to Wednesday morning at 9:30 a. m.

NEW ACTIVITY

Beginner auto harp classes will start on Tuesday January 6 at 9:30 a.m

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

All changes in personal information for the data base should be submitted immediately as the new directory will be printed the second week of January. Thank you!!

PRESENTATION BY AN ELECTRIC COMPANY **FREE DONUTS IF YOU SIGN UP**

On Thursday, January 8 at 10:00 am there will be a presentation regarding energy savings. Coffee and donuts will be served. Please sign-up in the Clubhouse



ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

NOTE: The new activity building is completed and ready for the members' use. Please check the bulletin board to see where specific activities have been scheduled. Your activity will *always* be held in the space indicated on the form. Changes? Contact the Activity Coordinator.

***Groups that have held their activity on the same day(s) of the week each month (i.e., second Monday) at the same time and at the same place **DO NOT** have to submit annual paperwork; the activity will automatically be included on the new season's calendar.

***If a new chairperson has been named, the office should be notified immediately by submitting a Request for Activity Space form indicating the name and telephone number of the new chairperson.

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

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

The Architectural Committee meets every Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to make exterior changes to their property, i.e. awnings (free-standing or attached (all sizes) including percolas and gazebos), decks and handicap ramps should obtain a questionnaire packet from the business office which sets out all the rules and regulations. Members should be available to answer any questions the committee may have.

Also, requirements are posted on the bulletin board closest to the outer office. If you now have a patio and wish to enclose it, you will need a permit from the county. Anytime concrete and/or framing are planned, **YOU WILL NEED A PERMIT.**

CRAFT SHOW AND PATIO SALES

On **Saturday, January 17th** will be the third craft show of

the season for HVR with both inside and outside vendors. Starting at 8 am coffee and donuts along with slices of pies will be available. Lunch will be served starting at 11 am. We have a few new vendors to occupy our larger hall. A white free door prize ticket is given at the front door entrance to each person attending for a chance to win one of the donated door prizes. You may want to purchase a 50/50 ticket for a chance to win half of the money collected. by signing your name on the back of the ticket. Need not be present to win. Last month's winner was Tillie Thompson with \$67.50 Something for everyone, so come out and support the HVR Craft Show.

A special thank you to all who made baked goods for the November and December craft shows. We will not be having a bake sale table at this coming craft show.

The Craft Show Committee

HEART RANGERS

The Heart Rangers recommend that everyone fill out a "file of life" card which can be obtained from the Heart Rangers Committee.

In an emergency, follow the instructions below:

DIAL 956/213-3002 for Heart Ranger assistance. Enter **LOT NUMBER** then **HANG UP**. Call **9-1-1**. If possible have a friend or neighbor go to the front gate to lead the ambulance to your residence. Heart ranger meeting are rescheduled. They will held on the fourth (4th) of each month in activity room #1

Heart Ranger training will be held in the main hall on 1/24/15 starting at 9:00 AM.

Sharon Radl will be taking over the duties of Chairman of the Heart Rangers.

CRAFT PROJECTS

Crafters corner meets on Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30 All classes are posted in the hallway to the right of the laundry room door. Y'all come

Some of the projects will be completed on Tuesday or at home since they take many hours to complete. Note: the following classes are on days other than Tuesdays.

Gourd fun for Beginners. 9:30 – 11:30 Mondays in New Activity Building Jan 5 and 12

Gourd fun for Advanced....anyone that has ever taken a gourd class is very welcome.
930 to 11:30 Mondays in New Activity Building
January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23

Paper Tole Class, see Dick and Grace Harris for supplies

12:30 to 2:30 Wednesdays in New Activity Building
January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4

Acrylic Painting with instructor Mugs Jones
9:30 – 12:00 Thursday in New Activity Building
January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5 and 12

CREATIVE QUILTING

Wednesday. These are free classes teaching techniques in machine piecing/quilting. Among the activities include:

☐ The fabric shopping trip is planned for Monday, January 12. Please sign up at the preceding Wednesday class (Jan 7) in order to assure Creative Quilting's classes are in full swing. The class projects schedules and supply lists can be found on the hvrpoa website. Anyone can participate in any one project or all of the upcoming projects. The classes begin at 9:30am every that there are enough cars to carpool everyone.

☐ On Wednesday, January 14, in the clubhouse, from 10am to noon, any individuals in the area are invited to register quilts for the RGVQG Quilt show. NOTE: The RGVQG Quilt Show will be held at the McAllen Convention Center on February 20 and 21.

☐ Later in January the Creative Sewing class has their pot luck luncheon.

On Wednesday, December 17, the Creative Quilting class contributed fleece quilts as well as juice and cookies to the fourth grade students at the DiazVillarreal Elementary School.

Here is an update on clubhouse changes that affect the Creative Quilting class:

☐ Hanging outlets have been installed. About 24 quilters will have primary access to a hanging outlet. Last year's class included 27 Hidden Valley residents who participated in every project plus 6 other HVR residents who only participated in an occasional project. Class participants are asked to bring a multiplug outlet that is equipped with surge protection as some quilters will plug into each other's multiplug outlets

☐ Of the 11 wooden cabinets built along the wall in the old pool room, the Creative Quilting class has been allocated 4 (2 tall and 2 small) cabinets. These 4 cabinets were built deep enough for the quilters to store their wide ironing stations and their specialized cutting mats. Contrary to rumors that personal sewing machines could be stored there, no personal items can be stored. There is only room for class supplies.

☐ Tuesdays from 9:30am to 3pm is now open for quilting on any project. Tuesday is not a class just open sewing to enhance the camaraderie of quilters.

Come join this amazing group of ladies sharing our knowledge and love of quilting.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We here in HVR have a community of senior citizens. Most of us would like to live a peaceful, enjoyable life style with a minimum of stress.

Why is it that there always seems to be a minority who consistently find fault with many various (often minor) things?

I have been a resident in HVR for over 13 years and I am positive that no decision by the Board of Directors has ever had 100% approval. Right now I feel our Park is in the best shape it has been in since my arrival.

Let's TRUST our B of D to do what is best for the overall health of Hidden Valley and quit complaining about minor grievances and/or imagined misdeeds. We should work together to create an atmosphere of a superior park to live in!

At this stage in life, let's focus on the **positive** and not the negative and we will ALL be happier!

Don Leonard

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

A resident raised the concern as to why this newsletter repeats information.

1. New people come into the park anytime during the year and if they don't have an old issue, how will they know the news they need to know.
2. At our ages we tend to become forgetful and repeating the park information is a blessing.
3. Some people do save the paper each month. How sad. They need the information repeated so they are not misinformed.

Note: Any **member** wishing to submit a report, announcement, article or other information, including notes of thanks, should prepare same and submit to the editor at vera.ludwigsen@yahoo.com or 262/844-5869 I welcome comments and constructive criticism. Negative criticism can be sent to neg.crit@aol.com
Thank you.

J'EVER NOTICE...

by J. Constable

J'EVER NOTICE... the unusual colored roses blooming on lot 308? Yes, there are many other rosebushes visible from the Park streets, but these ones can only be seen if you take the walking pathway from Putter to Lost Greens.

J'EVER NOTICE... there is no Stop sign at the corner of Par and Lost Greens? (County's responsibility, not the Park's.) Meanwhile, this is now a busier intersection with the new Clubhouse and the building has reduced the visibility at that corner. So, be careful, y'all!

J'EVER NOTICE... the newly redone driveway on lot 254, with decorative colors to match the trim on the home. Makes the home and awning look like they've always been there, despite their having been brought in only last Spring. Nice touch, folks!

J'EVER NOTICE... the five or six bikers who often drive around our streets after dusk with their bright headlights and flashing taillights? Seeing and being seen! Kudos for your safety efforts, y'all!

J'EVER NOTICE... that you can go to the nearby PULGA on Tuesdays and buy ripe avocados for 10 cents apiece, but neither Walmart nor H.E.B. can manage to sell them for less than 58c each?

Thanks to J Constable for volunteering with the above humor and insights. I asked for volunteers and 3 stepped forward. Thanks to all three.

Now for the rest of you, with baited breath we await your response and contribution to.

J'EVER NOTICE

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS YOU'LL WANT TO KEEP

Go beyond the usual yearly promises –and have fun.

Around this time of year, you get it over the head with the usual New Year's resolutions: lose weight exercise more, and so, on. These are health and admirable goals, but here are a few alternative resolutions you might not expect. They're still health—just a little more fun, too.

Eat more chocolate

Research touts the health benefits of eating chocolate, including everything from increasing the blood flow to your brain to decreasing the impact of heart disease. In some cases, chocolate even has an antidepressant effect. Eat in moderation, though; overindulging in calories has its own ill health effects. A 2008 study found benefits from 617 grams of chocolate per day, or roughly a small square of chocolate two or three times a week.

Dance, dance, dance

You can do this exercise anywhere: in a ballroom, in a class or in the comfort of your own home. Dancing burns calories reduces stress, strengthens muscles and bones, and can improve relationships. So whether you're grabbing a partner or dancing with yourself, shake a leg – along with the rest of your body.



