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Submissions Deadline: 20th of each month.

President's Message

First, on behalf of the Park, I want to extend our gratitude to the previous Board members. Your efforts and contributions to the Park were appreciated.

Second, and again on behalf of the Park, I want to congratulate the four (and soon to be five) newly-elected members, and welcome them to the Board!

I think the new Board will have a good blending of experience and new ideas to bring to our meetings.

I look forward to working with all these people – your representatives – as we continue to serve the members and bring improvements to your Park.

2020 is not just a new Year, but the start of a new Decade. Let us, too, have a fresh start.

Roger H. Giles

Feb 7 9:30a (Open) Board Meeting

Members can raise concerns or questions there.

Feb 8 9a Membership Meeting

Emergency Numbers

Hidalgo County Sherriff (POLICE)..... 956-383-8114

Ambulance / Fire/ Emergency 911

(Be sure you tell them you're in PALMVIEW)

Reminders Finishing out January:

Jan 23: 8-9:30 Taco Breakfast in Back hall, with presentation by SKYMED. Info & Sign up sheet posted.

Jan 26: 4-5:30 HVR Sunday Special Supper (chili, cornbread, salad, & dessert) Just \$5.00

Jan 28: 3:30-5 Jack Burrows Insurance & Financial Seminar, with Catered BBQ. Sign up.

Jan 30: Biker's Chicken Dinner (tickets sold out)

ANNUAL EVENTS THIS MONTH:

- **Super Bowl Party** – Feb 2
- see page 9 for details
- **Ladies Undercover Service** – Feb 16
- see page 3 for details
- **Scavenger Hunt** – Feb 16 -17
- see page 7 for details
- **Bikers Blessing Service** - Feb 23.
- see page 3 for details
- **Swiss Steak Dinner** - Feb 25
- see page 3 for details
- **HVR's Quilt Show** – Feb 29th
- see page 4 for details

A WORD (or two) TO RENTERS

Whether you are here just for a week or for the entire Season, and whether this is your first time or fifteenth year, you must be registered at the office. HVR is a 55+ senior housing community and is legally required to maintain accurate records regarding ages of both its lot owners and its "temporary" residents (renters).

It has **always** been the Park's policy that renters can avail themselves of **every** facility and activity the Park has to offer (except, of course, you cannot attend and vote at membership meetings). This includes your being allowed to use the swimming pool, exercise room, pool hall, activity hall and clubhouse. The Landlord of your rented lot paid its HOA fees for that privilege.

If it's your first time in our Park, we hope it will not be your last. Many current owners started out as renters just like you. They liked the Park, and bought a place here. Maybe you will, too.

HVR: "The Best Park in the Valley"

MEMBERSHIP VOTING: Feb 8th

1. FOR DIRECTOR REPLACEMENT

Members will be voting for a Director to finish the second year of the term left vacant by a resignation last December.

Sorry, info on Candidates not available by newsletter deadline. Check clubhouse postings.

2. FOR COVENANT CHANGES

Four changes are being proposed:

- concerning decorative mailboxes
- concerning larger casita/shed sizes
- concerning property fences
- concerning taller awning/canopy heights.

Complete details and wording are posted in the Clubhouse, and are also available on our HVRPOA.com website. Letters have also been mailed out.

Voting to take place at Feb 8th Meeting.

Absentee ballots accepted at office
until noon on Feb 7th

NOT RECEIVING OUR WEEKLY E-MAILS ?

If you are not getting regular weekly e-mails from the HVR Secretary, there are two common causes:

First, check your junk mail or spam mail in your email reader. If you find HVR emails are going to either folder, you will have to create a filter so that the emails appear in your inbox.

The second common cause is having an incorrect or outdated email address in our files. To fix that, go to HVRPOA.COM and click on EMAIL LIST and correct/update your e-mail address. Be sure to send a notice to the office as well so it gets corrected for their files and Directory.

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

CRAFT SHOW & LUNCH

Sat Feb 15 8 – 12

List of most Vendors is posted in Clubhouse.
Sign-up sheet for helpers is also posted. We need help setting up before & after the Show, as well as help at the Door during the Show.

Lunch choice:

Sloppy Joes OR Soup N' Sandwich
(broccoli cheese n' chicken salad)

Yes, Take-Out is Available.

Inter-Park CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

THANKS to all those who contributed sweets for our turn hosting this Mission area event Jan. 16th.

CONGRATULATIONS to HVR's Joanne & Jerry Putz for placing first in the Jan 3rd tournament.

February Schedule: 7th: W & I Park
20th: Benson Palm Park

Any seasoned players wishing to join in on the fun may play. Cost is \$4 per couple. Cash prizes rewarded to top accumulated scores of 7 games.

Questions? Contact Joe Roberts @ 583-2852

HVR CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship 8:30 Service 9:00

Choir Practice - Wed. 3:30-4:30

Join us for the fun of singing.

Inter-Park Bible Studies - Thurs 8:30-9:30 am at Leisure's Hall. All are welcome to join us as we currently study the book of *Romans*.

Ladies Undercover Sunday - Feb 16
(Bring children's socks & underwear for Needy)

Bikers Blessing – at Feb 23rd service.

This is HVR's third annual opportunity to have members of the Christian Bikers Association join us as we bless the bikes and bikers, asking the Lord to provide safe travels, opportunities for them to witness to others and to share His love.

In case you hadn't heard, the Church raised \$5000 for the Penitas food Bank in 2019. Thanks to everyone who donated money, food & clothing.

SWISS STEAK DINNER

Feb 25th 4:30-6 \$8.00

Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, and dessert. Tickets will soon be available at office.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

IF ANY Park resident has recently fallen or had a knee/foot operation, and is in temporary need of crutches, a cane, a rolling walker, potty chair, or wheelchair, the Park has those items available free for your use.

Contact the front office, and fill out a "sign-out / sign back" form (for our tracking purposes), and they will have someone get the equipment to you (provided, of course, that it is not already in use).

SEEKING 20/20 VISION IN 2020

- Happiness is a choice, not a result. Nothing will make you happy unless you **choose** to be happy.
- Life does not have a remote. If you're not happy with your life, get up and change it yourself.
- Stop bemoaning your mistakes. You can't undo the past. Forgive yourself. Learn from each mistake, and move forward.
- "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, DO better."
- *Maya Angelou*
- "The secret to living well and longer?
Eat half,
Walk double,
Laugh triple,
Love without measure."
- *Tibetan Proverb*
- Waking up in the morning is God's way of saying one more time: Make a difference, Touch a heart, Encourage someone, Inspire a soul, and **ENJOY YOUR DAY.**

OVERHEARD:

"I always wanted to win the lottery, but then I thought of my beautiful kids, grand-kids and great-grandkids and realized..... I already have."

CREATIVE QUILTING

As always, Tuesdays and Wednesdays are open in the Clubhouse for anyone wanting to quilt, whether on your own project or involved in the classes. Share your quilting tips as well as the passion for this hobby.

The **RGV QUILT SHOW** takes place at SPI Convention center **Feb 14 & 15** from 9-4pm.
More info: RGVQG.com or contact Karen Eck.

Our Park ladies actually made the king-sized "stained glass" quilt being held in their raffle and pictured below.



\$1 tickets might still be available from some of our quilters. Check with Karen Eck (956-432-9215).

Our own **HVR Quilt Show** takes place on Sat. Feb 29th 10-12 in Clubhouse.

Come enjoy viewing the quilts made and displayed by our talented ladies.
Bring your camera!

Don't you just hate it when people accuse you of lolly-gagging when you're clearly dilly-dallying?

Jes' Wondering...

Before starring on *Bonanza* and *Little House on the Prairie*, Michael Landon was earning a living as a machine operator sealing the lids on hot cans of Campbell's tomato soup.

So I was **Jes' wondering...**

..... Do you suppose he was "canned" from that job before turning to acting?

KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE

(In case you missed it....)

There have been warnings issued lately by both the Poison Control Agencies and Vets about the possible dangers to pets by our use of popular plug-in air freshener and other diffuser devices. It seems that the fumes emitted by certain essential oils used in their fragrances are very toxic to pets, especially when the dogs breathe these scents into their lungs.

Tea tree oil was especially singled out as a popular (but very toxic) fragrance.

Not all fragrances are harmful, but here is a list of those which adversely affect pets:

Note: The latin names are provided when checking the active ingredients in your selection. Let's face it, producers are going to disguise some of those unappealing names like goosefoot or mugwort with more alluring names like "winter holidays" or "breezy sunshine" or some such thing. Be sure to read the fine print on the package for the active ingredient(s).

Anise (pimpinella anisum)	Birch (betula)
Bitter Almond (prunus dulcis)	Boldo (peumus boldus)
Calamus (acorus)	Camphor (cinnamomum camphora)
Cassia (cassia fistula)	Chenopodium (chenopodium album)
Cloves (syzygium aromaticum)	Garlic (allium sativum)
Goosefoot (chenopodium murale)	Hyssop (hyssopus)
Horseradish (armoracia rusticana)	Juniper (juniperus)
Mugwort (Artemisia vulgaris)	Mustard (brassica juncea)
Oregano (origanum vulgare)	Pennyroyal (menthe pulegium)
Red or white thyme	Rue (ruta graveolens)
Santolina (chamaecyparissus)	Sassafras (albidum)
Savory (satureja)	Tansy (tanacetum vulgare)
Tea tree oil (melaleuca alternifolia)	Thuja (occidentalis)
Terebinth (pistacia palaestina)	
Wintergreen (gaultheria procumbens)	
Wormwood (Artemisia absinthium)	
Yarrow (achillea millefolium)	

If you have pets, it only makes sense to use other scents.

HVR DANCES 7 - 10 pm \$7 (usually)

Your only exercise for the day shouldn't be shaking salt over a plate of fries. Grab a partner and ***come shake yer booty , Y'all.***



← FEB 1:

Rick McEwen

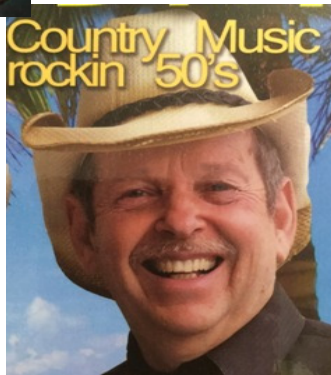
Plays Classic Country,
Rock, Rhythm & Blues,
and Soul music

FEB 15: →

The Castaways

Featuring
HVR's very own
Dennis Craswell

With 5 Country and
Rock Hall of Fame
Awards, his Island-
flavored music will have
your feet moving!



← FEB 29:

Curt James

Classic country with
a twist of 60's rock

MEN'S POOL TOURNAMENTS

In two recent tournaments played in 15 Parks, HVR's **Gord Unger** and **Chuck Ennis** each took third place winnings. Gord won in the 9-Ball tournament and Chuck won in the 8-Ball tournament. Congratulations to both guys!

WE SEE YOU.....

Proper swimming attire must be worn at ALL times in the swimming pool and hot tub, including late at night. No less than three 24/7 security cameras in that area clearly videotape every little thing. We see you... and it ain't pretty!

SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT

Greetings to all **absent HVR members** who, for one reason or another, cannot be with us here in the Park this Season, but who keep in touch through our uploaded newsletters.

We miss you!

Here are just some of the things that have been happening around our Park:

The Clubhouse parking lot had a recent uplift. It was freshly black-topped, parking lines re-painted, and new plastic curb bumpers installed.

The old Internet tower was finally dismantled.

The Clubhouse roof and sides were washed and scrubbed to remove the dust and dirt. (Can't imagine where that comes from here in RGV)

45 festively decorated golf carts took part in our Christmas parade, followed by munchies and trivia games in the Clubhouse. Great fun!

The New Year's Eve Dance/Party was well-attended. The festive photo booth was a hit.

Although there are many HVR lots for sale, places are selling at a good pace, but it definitely continues to be a buyer's market.

It's good to see our new and younger residents (55 - 65 is young, right?) stepping up to the plate and volunteering on different committees. We appreciate their fresh inputs.

And in our local community, there are noticeable changes taking place. The Penitas Walmart had a major makeover both on its exterior appearance and interior food department.

Also, there's a Denny's Restaurant being built next to this Walmart, and should be open soon.

HVR'S Notary Publics

Lila Helm 7609 Par (507)377-2008

Sallie.Remington 2500 Fairway Ct.
(509)539-3510

Most commonly requested services:

Warranty deeds Title transfers

Affidavits Rental agreements

Medicare enrollment

No service fees, but photo ID is required.



Did you know....The first reported planting of a grapefruit tree grove in Texas was in 1893. In 1914, John H. Shary, a developer originally from Omaha Nebraska, bought 16 thousand acres of brush land and after clearing it, proceeded to grow his first crop of seeded white grapefruit. Impressed by the small crop raised by early citrus experimentation, Shary was convinced that citrus was the crop of the future for South Texas. The first commercial shipment of citrus left the Lower Rio Grande Valley in 1920.

In 1929 an accidental discovery of red grapefruit growing on a pink grapefruit tree gave rise to the Texas Red Grapefruit Industry.

With that discovery, the Texas citrus industry really took off, leading to a peak of more than 100,000 acres in the 1940s. Moreover, Texas' reputation for quality red grapefruit production was established by the varieties which originated within the Valley.

However, freezes of the late 1940s, 1951, 1962, 1983, and 1989 took their toll on the trees. As well, spreading urbanization and the overall citrus economic decline have lowered the citrus acreage to an estimated 28,000 acres by 2018.

Texas Grapefruit Frozen Yogurt

(Recipe compliments of Lone Star Citrus Growers).

This is surprisingly sweet with a hint of zing!
(serves 8, if you're willing to share)

4 grapefruit (about 4 cups)

2 (6 oz) containers Greek yogurt

1/3 to 1/2 cup sweetener

Section the grapefruit and place on a sheet pan.
Cover and freeze for at least 30 minutes.

Combine frozen grapefruit sections, yogurt, and sweetener in a food processor and process 30 seconds or until smooth and creamy.

Scoop into bowls and freeze until ready to serve.

DULCIMERS and MORE

Beginners classes:

Wed 9:30 in A1. Info: Jean Classon (717)877-8375

Advanced classes:

9:30-11:30 BH on 3rd Monday of each month.

Come sit quietly in the clubhouse and enjoy the soothing sounds as they practice in the back hall.

HVR BREAKFASTS 7:30-9:00 \$4

Second and fourth Fridays of each month

Fri Feb 8th : Biscuits & gravy

Fri Feb 22nd : Eggs and ham/sausage

Sign-up sheets are posted.

Bring your appetites (and your own table service)

SHUFFLEBOARD

Organized play: M, W, F 8:30am

HVR's Team sometimes plays with other parks on a rotational schedule. Come cheer us on. Better yet, join up and join in.

Free Play: courts are available any afternoon or evening (under new lighting).

Equipment is available. Lessons, if interested, can be arranged.

Contact: Jim Pierce (641)295-9957

CRAFT EXCHANGE Feb 11 @ 12:30

Swap your project leftovers for useable goodies from someone else's leftovers. In Clubhouse.

CRAFTER'S (EMPTY) CORNER

We are in need of a volunteer willing to be in charge of next season's Tuesday crafts. This role involves rounding up craft project ideas, finding instructors, and providing sign-up sheets to see if there is sufficient interest to proceed.

This is done a year ahead so participants have time to purchase the required materials.

For more details on what exactly the role involves, call Judy Hamilton (584-6727). She is willing to work with you to get it started.

*Remember, **YOU** don't need to be crafty; just be willing to organize things for those who are!*

FRIDAY NIGHT JAMS

Music starts at 5:30

Food served 4:00-5:30

February's Meal Menu:

\$6.00 Includes dessert, iced tea or coffee

Feb 7: Pulled Pork, Mac & cheese,
and Cole slaw

Feb 14 : Spaghetti, Lettuce Salad

Feb 21 : Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes,
and Glazed Carrots

Feb 28 : Baked Potato Bar

Did you know Take-Out is also available?

Note: If you know of an HVR neighbor who is temporarily "under the weather" and who could use a helping hand with a warm meal one Friday, we would be glad to deliver a complimentary meal to them. Contact us with their name and address.
D.Ford (817) 528-4905 S. Post (320) 894-2802

ANDY Lander's Advice for Men:

Dear Andy: I can never figure out what my girlfriend wants. Are women really that different from men?

Andy, here: Yep! What women want is to be loved, to be desired, and to be respected. What do men want? Tickets to the World Series.

Dear Andy: Hey, Buddy, just writing to let you know my son got a part in his school's play. He plays a man who's been married for 25 years.

Andy, here: Well, maybe next time he'll get a speaking part.

Dear Andy: My wife sent me a text that said, "Your Sweet". I texted back "No. YOU'RE sweet." She's been going around the house on cloud nine ever since.

Should I explain to her that I was really just correcting her grammar, or should I let it go?

Andy, here: Now, what do YOU think, Bubba?

J'ever notice...

.... how, even from a distance, the Park's blossoming bougainvillea and hibiscus and poinsettia trees woo your eyes with their bright displays of purples and reds? Gorgeous!

23 HOUR SCAVENGER HUNT

Feb 16th (start) to Feb 17th (finish)

No, it's not your ordinary "rushed" hunt to be the first team to find all the items on a list. We **do not** want you racing around the Park and you **do not** need to go tramping through anyone's property.

Your team will have a **somewhat leisurely-paced 23 hours** to gather as many of the items as possible. You can probably find the items in your own homes, and you can definitely take all required photos from curbside.

There is no prize for being the "first" team to find all the items, and we quite frankly **do not** want to see any teams back at the finish line until just before the deadline!

What kind of things must you find? Here's a sample (only) of the kinds of things you might be asked to gather:

1. A 2005 nickel.
2. A completely red coffee mug.
3. A (phone) photo of a blooming rose bush

Now, that's not so hard, is it? YOU really can do this, folks, no matter how much mobility you do or don't possess. Come have some fun with others!

START: Feb 16 1:00 pm sharp in clubhouse: Teams of four will be formed, if you haven't already done so. Come up with a funny team name! Rules will be explained. Lists will be handed out at 2:00 pm, and the hunt is on!

FINISH: Feb 17 1:00 pm sharp. Teams must be back in Clubhouse **prior** to this deadline.

Fantastically small prizes will be rewarded to the team who collects the most things on the list by the deadline. But it's really just for the fun of it. Fully charge your phones and come out and participate!

- Judy Hamilton & John Constable

HVR RECYCLING PROGRAM

Tues & Thurs 8:00 – 9:30 am

No one could have imagined when this program was started three seasons ago, just how hugely successful it would become!

The purchase of a second and larger trailer has been approved by the membership to handle the overwhelming increase in volume from everyone's recycling efforts.

It makes sense to recycle, and not just because you're helping the planet, but you as an individual are financially rewarding yourself.

How? If you're one of the many recyclers, you know you are saving the use of at least one or more garbage bags every week. Even at a low estimate of 25 bags saved per season, that's over \$50 in savings to you by not having to purchase those brown garbage bags. **You've saved at least \$150** in the last three years alone!

Going forward for the next three Seasons, 280 HVR households who recycle will collectively "save" more money on garbage bags than the initial purchase cost of the new trailer!

As they say in Nuevo Progreso, that makes the new trailer, "Almost Free! Almost Free!"

Things accepted:

Aluminum beverage cans (we remove the tabs for Shriners before we put them in the HVR chute.)

Cardboard & Newspaper

(The above 3 items provides income)

Other paper

Plastic (squashed, to save space)

Glass bottles (rinsed)

Tin cans (rinsed out and with labels removed)

Things NOT recyclable in this area:

Styrofoam (including styrofoam egg cartons)

Although Scrap Metal is recyclable, our volunteers are not equipped to handle that stuff. Thank you for your understanding in not bringing it to us. (Put it curbside. It'll disappear quite quickly.)

Volunteers with a truck & hitch are needed on a rotational schedule to take the trailers to the McAllen Recycle Center. You would be covered by our Park Insurance*

* Our insurance requires a maximum of 10 drivers, and must have their names, DOBs, & copies of their driver's licenses on file. Age restriction also applies.

KARAOKE

"Sing. Sing a song. Sing out loud. Sing out strong"

- Barbra Streisand

She might not show up, but YOU should!



Feb 4th & 18th @ 7:00

(1st & 3rd Tuesdays)

now in the Main hall.

Join the growing crowd, whether to participate or to just **relax and listen**.

Bring your own drink & snacks.

FOOD GET-TOGETHERS

Sign-up sheets for each are posted in clubhouse.

LAS DONAS RESTAURANT: Feb 5 & 19 9am

IOWA BREAKFAST: Feb 13 9:00 am

at Don Lupe's Grill 7208 W Expressway 83

WISCONSIN BREAKFAST: Feb 19 8:30 am

at Denny's Restaurant 116 S. Shary Rd.

PETER PIPER PIZZA: Feb 20 11:30 am

next to HEB on Goodwin. Note new time.

Kids Against Hunger PACKING EVENT

Sat **Feb 29** 9 – 1pm at John Knox Village
in Weslaco.



This was done in Leisure Park back in 2016, and 60 of our HVR residents pitched in to **assemble 30,000 meals** (yes, thirty *thousand*) to help the RGV needy. You can assist in this worthy cause for

just an hour (or the whole four hours), helping fill, seal, and/or place the vacuum-sealed meal mixtures into boxes as they come down an assembly line. Gloves & hairnets are provided.

It's EASY, it's FUN, and you'll FEEL GOOD!

(Sign-up sheet is posted in HVR clubhouse)

Jan 30th 6:30: Benefit Concert with Reagan James & others at Leisure Park. Free-will offering towards *Kids Against Hunger* event.

"For I was hungry and you fed me. Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." Matthew 35:40

MONDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

7:00 pm \$8.00
(Why pay \$20, \$30 or more in Branson?)



Feb 3: Absolutely Country – Definitely Gospel

This trio lives up to their descriptive name

Feb 10: The Lintons

Classic Country, Gospel, & 50's Rock & Roll. The Valley's most nationally awarded entertainer, plus "America's #1 tribute to Johnny Cash"



Feb 17: Shake, Rattle & Roll

Laugh as they take you back to the 50's & 60's with hula hoops, beautiful harmony, comedy, and choreographed moves

Feb 24: Terry Smith with his 2000-song repertoire has been labeled "a songwriter with a different touch". (sorry, no photo)

HVR SUPERBOWL PARTY

Feb 2 in the Clubhouse

4:30 pm Pot luck supper BYOB

5:30 Watch the big game on the three big TV screens

Superbowl Trivia:

Super Bowl Sunday ranks as the # 2 day of the year when Americans eat the most food. (Thanksgiving ranks #1 and Christmas is #3.)

Grab a beer and pass over those wings !

FEB 29: Celebrate LEAP DAY

Why not use this year's EXTRA DAY to be EXTRA NICE to someone?

Openly (or Secretly), here's some ideas:

- Give a note of appreciation to someone (or to several, especially our volunteers)
- Leave a treat on someone's steps
- Make a "coupon" offering to pay for next week's Bingo, for example.
- Wash an elderly neighbor's car.
- Do a "pass it forward" deed.
- Treat someone to a Dairy Queen treat.
- Tell your neighbor why you're glad to have them as a neighbor.
- Make a casserole (or dessert) for someone sick.

Extra day = Extra Blessing for both of you!

SAFETY ISSUE REMINDERS

WALKING:

- Walk against traffic so you can readily SEE what's approaching on your side.
- Switch to single-file when traffic approaches.
- Wear light-colored clothing, flashers, or reflective tape after dusk.

BIKING:

- Travel WITH the traffic.
- Beware of loose gravel at the corners.

GOLF CARTING:

- Don't let your under-aged grandkids drive.
- Turn on your headlights for evening travel.
- Use hand signals at busy intersections.
- Western Rd is NOT within any Park. It is illegal to drive golf carts on it.

ALL VEHICLES (incl. bikes & golf carts):

- Obey the posted speed limit (15 MPH).
- When you're backing out near the Clubhouse main doors, be sure to look all *three* ways: left, right, and behind you (for traffic coming up Long Dr).

SLOW DOWN, SEE & BE SEEN!

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT

Sunday Feb 16th 6:00 pm in Clubhouse

It's time to relax and have a little fun and laughter, Ladies. Grab your own drinks, and bring some snacks to share while we watch a DVD: Chonda Pierce's "This Ain't Prettyville"

(She is ranked the Nation's #1 Stand-Up Family Comedian).

CHLORINE IN A SALT POOL?

Our pool was switched over to a salt water purification system in 2015 to REDUCE the amount of chlorine being used. However, we **cannot completely eliminate chlorine**, as salt water alone will not kill algae. You only have to look at the green slime on the keels of ships to know that algae can thrive even in salt water.

Since the switchover, there is now a great deal less chlorine required, but we still need some chlorine to prevent algae buildup.

The hot tub, however, is still chlorine-only. Because of the separate piping to the hot tub and its relatively small size, the Board could not justify the costs to install its own salt water system.

Volunteers monitor and record the chlorine and algae levels daily. **Offer to help out** for ten minutes one day a week!

Contact the Pool Chairperson

THINKING OF RENOVATING?

HVR owners wishing to make any exterior changes to their property (such as awning, deck, shed, concrete, etc) are reminded that they must **first seek approval** of their plans from the HVR Architectural Committee, then obtain proper permits from the County. Packets which set out both the Park and County rules and regulations are available at the Office.

The Architectural Committee, chaired by Richie Smith, meets every Thursday 9am near the office.

HOUSE RENOVATION HINT:

Avoid things that make you look fat.
Cover your mirrors with towels.

The Last Thought.....

What's my point?

I've been reading about famous people who struggled while waiting to be discovered and who, in the meantime, had to live out of their cars because they had no money and couldn't even afford to stay in the cheapest motel room.

Steve Harvey was one such person. He started out as a comedian in the 1980's, and lived in his car for the better part of two years. Today, as host of *Family Feud*, he is worth \$160 million.

What's my point? Read on.

Colonel Sanders, at the age of 60, with no motel money to spare, lived out of his car while peddling his fried chicken idea across the country. The innovative KFC frying concept eventually caught on, and he became a wealthy millionaire.

William Shatner, after the *Star Trek* TV show was cancelled, had to resort to sleeping in his car in the early 70's. When the *Star Trek* movies revived his role and became such colossal hits, it made Shatner rather wealthy. Today, he's worth an estimated \$150 million.

Now do you get my point? No, not yet?

Sam Worthington, as a small-bit actor in Australia, slept in his car as well. Today, after his *Avatar* movie fame, he's worth \$26 million.

Kelly Clarkson had no alternative but to live in her car in Los Angeles while record companies continually rejected her. Following her *American Idol* win, her singing career took off, and she is now worth \$45 million.

How about now? Get my point?

Tyler Perry lived out of his car for an amazing six long years while he struggled as a failing playwright. Today, this producer of plays, films, and numerous "*Madia*" comedy movies and TV shows is worth a staggering \$600 million.

OK, So what's my point? Isn't it obvious?

Folks, y'all need to go sleep in your car!

- John C.
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