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GENERAL INFORMATION

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bulletin board by the front office door.

Emergency Numbers:

Hidalgo Co. Sheriff (POLICE) **956-383-8114**
Ambulance / Fire / Emergency 911
Be sure to tell them you live in Palmview

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

This month marks the 25th Anniversary of what is considered to be the beginnings of Hidden Valley Ranch. From a subdivided open field in 1997 to a well-maintained gated community of 2022, HVR can be justifiably proud of all that it has become.

In those twenty-five years, our members and its Board had the vision to establish by-laws, vote to update them when deemed necessary, and made general progressions that benefit its members.

It was not always a smooth progression during those years, but the members got through by setting aside their personal differences and working together for the better good of the Park members.

We need to continue with that harmonious goal in mind and, to that end, I have two wishes:

First, it is my wish, with the Board elections this month, that we obtain a fully functioning Board that can accept that other members can offer a different perspective on a situation or action to be taken, yet resolve it in an agreeable and respectful manner.

Second, it is my wish that Park members will be respectful towards the Board, remembering they are just volunteers striving to keep HVR running smoothly. If you have a complaint, please discuss it in a civil (and perhaps less public) manner. Be prepared to offer a solution.

Let’s all work together and follow policies that ask “Does it benefit the MAJORITY of the members?”

Happy Silver Anniversary, HVR!

Jim Bowans

Jan 4	9:00a	Board Meeting
Jan 8	9:00a	Members Meeting (Elections: Bring IDs)

WELCOME TO 2022

Greetings to those long-time members who arrived after Christmas. We're glad you're here again!

Welcome to new members who recently bought.

If you see someone new in the Park, make an effort to introduce yourself. Find out their hobbies or interests and offer to take and introduce them to that activity's group.

Welcome Renters, as well. Whether new or returnees, Renters are reminded that no matter if you're renting for just a week, a month, or for the entire Season, **you must be registered at the office.**

Obtain a copy of our bylaws. Be informed of such things as a maximum of two pets per site!

As Renters, you of course have access to every Park amenity (except HVRPOA meetings). Your Landlord paid your lot's HOA fees for that purpose, so enjoy all that our beautiful Park offers!

PARK COVID MASK PROTOCOL

Wearing Masks are at your discretion.

Reminder: Please be respectful to those who choose to wear one, and/or to those who choose not to wear one.

Be kind and tolerant to one another, Folks!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Co-Editors: Kathy Wiens & John Constable
Newsletter is published November through March

The deadline for submitting notices of upcoming events is the 25th of the month before.

Ways to submit an event notice:

- E-mail John at johnconstable852@gmail.com
- Contact Kathy: at 402-416-7888 or e-mail kwiens68512@yahoo.com or see her in person around the Park.
- Pass it to the office staff, who will place it in our wall folder. Items submitted must include a legible signature of submitter. Editors & Board reserve the right to reject some submissions.

HVR CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship 8:40a – Service 9:00a

Pastor Cliff Stewart (970) 302-7033



“When you awake each morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive, to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love.” – Marcus Aurelius

CHURCH MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our Jan 9th Church Service will be honoring the HVR Members we lost in 2021:

Bill Baker	Ed Schneidahan
Dale Brockaway	Ronald Sharp
Don Carrow	Floyd Watson
Jim DeClercq	David White
Ron Flaherty	Gary Youngquist
Don Luhrsen	

Apologies are extended if other names were inadvertently omitted.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY JAN 16th

It's our annual “Bring a Friend” Sunday. As well, we will be acknowledging **Veterans**.

PENITAS FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank You to all for your efforts and donations of food and/or money for the Penitas Food Pantry. Please consider continuing your support to the food banks over the coming months. The need does not stop after the Holiday season is over.

SIX NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Don't count your years.

Don't count your gray hairs.

Don't count your aches and pains.

Don't count your wrinkles.

Don't count your problems.

DO COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!

UPCOMING JANUARY ELECTIONS

Voting will take place at the Jan 8th Meeting.
Remember to wear your badge.

NEED AN HVR NAME TAG (BADGE)?

No need to travel to Don-Wes Market for one!
Nametags are now being made right here in HVR.
\$18 with lanyard and plastic sleeve or 2/\$34.
Contact: Darcy Lorsung 715.475.9280

These Board Positions are open:

Vice-President

Treasurer:

Directors (**three** positions open)

The deadline has passed to offer for
Candidates, but they can still be nominated
from the floor at the meeting itself.

Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots count towards a quorum,
so the Board is encouraging members who are
away to vote by this alternate method.

Ballots and absentee forms are available
at the office, or through the HVRPOA.COM
website. They will need to be mailed or faxed
quickly to assure being received before the
January meeting. Late arrivals will not count.

HVR HAPPY HOUR

Tue Jan 11th Clubhouse 4:00-6:00

Joseph & Melissa "The Lockharts" will be playing
all your favorites. Pass the hat.

- Dave Ornduff

HVR GOLF CART POKER RUN

Sunday Jan 9th 3:30-5:30 Start at Clubhouse

Seven stops with best 5-card poker hand winner.
Happy Hour with pizza and prizes at the end.

Entry fee: \$5 pp. Sign-up sheet posted in hall
Come have some fun!

More Info: Dave Ornduff 641.799.6306

SCHEDULED ENTERTAINMENT

Mondays 7:00pm (doors open 6:30)

Jeff Gordon

Jan 3 \$8 pp



Ultimate singer/ impersonator/
entertainer of country,
50/60/70's rock & roll, and
classic Elvis & Tom Jones.

"Fun and energetic"

Jan 10

(cancelled)



Jamie Layton
Jan 17 \$8 pp

Singer of "Country Gospel,
Southern Gospel, and a little
country."

His deep base singing voice
will be sure to please.

Rick McEwen

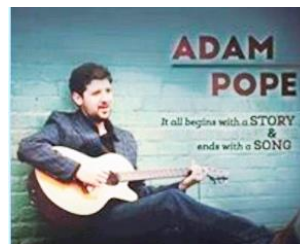
Jan 24 \$8 pp

This member of the Country Hall of Fame has a passion for
performing Classic Rock,
Classic Country, Rhythm
and Blues, and Soul
Music. He was nominated
for Branson's male vocalist
of the year.



Jan 31 \$9 pp

Adam Pope



"Performing
songwriter who
specializes in Country,
Rockabilly, and Bluegrass
Music"

NEW HVR OWNER?

Many HVR properties are continuing to change hands so **YES, it's repetitive** for long-time readers, but it is important information to new owners.

First, if you have not already done so, deed titles can be transferred at no cost from:

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.

Then, notify the office (to fill out a *property change of ownership* form). Bring age verification ID.

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, headed by Bernie Schiebout, meets every **TUESDAY** 10 am near the main office.

QUIZ TIME

What do Wednesday's BINGO, Thursday's YAHOO, and Friday's JAMS all have in common?

Answer: They're all active again in HVR.

PS: So are most of the other activities! Check the complete list on the back of the calendar.

OVERHEARD....

"My favorite childhood memory is having energy."

HVR Established Circa January 1997



FIVE STEPS TO A BETTER YEAR

1. Make peace with your past, so it won't disturb your future.
2. Remember the only person in charge of your happiness is YOU.
3. Don't compare your life to others. Comparison is the thief of joy.
4. Stop overthinking so much. It's alright not to know all the answers.
5. SMILE. You don't own all the problems of the world – nor are you expected to solve them!

RECYCLING PROGRAM

When? Every Thursday 7:30 – 9:00am

Where? Clubhouse Parking lot (north side)

Items recyclable:

Aluminum beverage cans, Cardboard (flattened), Newspaper, Other paper, Plastic (squashed, please, to save space), Glass bottles (rinsed), Tin cans (rinsed out & labels removed)

Items NOT accepted:

Styrofoam, Batteries, Aerosol cans, Scrap Metal.

Volunteers to help out and/or occasionally drive trailer to the recycle center would be appreciated.

NOT RECEIVING OUR WEEKLY E-MAILS ?

First, check to see if it's going to your junk mail.

Secondly, do we have your correct or most-recent email address in our files?

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

HVR DANCE LINE-UP FOR JANUARY

Saturdays 7-10 \$8 pp

Jan 15th: Nu Blue



Specializing in danceable Bluegrass music.
“They’ll keep your feet a-tapping”

Jan 29th: Ron Moshier



“His love for music
& people blend together
at every performance.”
If you’re looking for a
fun event, you won’t be
disappointed.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Park needs Volunteers. There are big and small tasks from which you can choose. Some tasks require as little as 15-20 minutes once a week or maybe an hour once a month.

So volunteer a little time
And help with hand and head.
Be more than just a Member;
Take an active part instead!

Yes, YOU! Grab a buddy and share the work!

HVRPOA FEES OVERDUE?

With everything else going on during the busy Holiday Season, did you forget to pay your HVR owner’s yearly \$300 HVRPOA fees? If so, this is a friendly reminder that it’s probably now overdue. Yes, the deadline was January 2nd.

If you hurry, you MAY be granted a few day’s grace and avoid late fees.

Checks made out to *Hidden Valley Ranch* should include a note specifying your lot number(s). Direct deposits or bank transfers are not available at this time.

ANDY Lander’s Advice for Men:

Dear Andy: I can’t seem to keep any New Year’s Resolutions. Any advice to help me?

Andy here: Men, keeping your resolutions is primarily a matter of setting realistic goals.

Try these:

1. Gain a bigger belly pudge
2. Sit around more doing nothing
3. Grow more hair in your ears.

Dear Andy: I recently spent several weeks in the hospital, and my wife never so much as sent me a Speedy Recovery card. I’m not impressed. What do you think of her actions?

Andy here: Unsure what to think. My wife bought me a “Get better soon” card. But I wasn’t sick. She just thinks I could do better.

Dear Andy: My wife is constantly nagging me because I don’t keep my workshop and garage clean and spotless. Do you constantly work at keeping your work area spotless?

Andy here: Nope. Instead of cleaning my garage. I just watch an episode of the Hoarders and think, “Wow, my place looks great.”

Andy here: Hey, Everyone! The Media reported that people in Dubai wouldn’t understand the humour in the Flintstones TV show. But I know for a fact people in Abu Dhabi do.

GARBAGE PICKUP

Since this does not happen until late morning on Mondays, please refrain from putting your bags out on Sunday evening. This will stop the raccoons and prowling cats from tearing the bags apart and strewing contents over your yard.

As well, collect fallen citrus fruit several times a week, so that the rotting fruit does not attract rodents and snakes. Make arrangements with someone to do this if you're not here this season.

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

- Cover the hot tub when done (no matter what time of day) to help reduce heat loss / costs.
- Turn off the fans and lights, if you're the last one out the door of any HVR building. (Exceptions: lights in bathroom hallway and over the front desk of clubhouse.)
- If you notice an HVR item in need of maintenance or repair, please fill out a form found on the wall by the front desk. Let's nip small repairs in the bud before they become big costly repairs. Thanks!
- Park residents in temporary need of crutches, a cane, a rolling walker, potty chair, or wheelchair may borrow them free from the Office (if not already loaned out).
- Please observe posted speed and STOP signs throughout the Park. This includes bikes and golf carts. SLOW DOWN.
- Pick up after your pets. Non-Service Pets are not allowed in any HVR building.
- Consider walking the dog of a less-mobile neighbor a few times a week (if not daily). All three of you will benefit from this.

If you use any Park facilities, clean it up/straighten it up when through. Leave it looking better than when you walked in!

OVERHEARD....

"I used to wake up feeling like a million dollars. Now, it's more like a bounced check!"

CRAFT SHOW JAN 15th 8:00a

Lunch menu: Sloppy Joes * Chicken noodle Soup
Salad * Sandwiches * Desserts

Help is needed to set up tables the night before. Volunteers are asked to contact the chairperson Gary Batten (918) 742-0177

New owners to the Park may not know, but this is also the time when many park-wide yard/garage sales take place. Here's your chance to get rid of any unwanted items that the previous owners left behind! Be prepared to open early!

CRAFT CORNER NEWS



Back row: Paula Klug, Renee Darkis, Lila Helm, Sue Arnold, Carla Mewhinney
Front row: Betty Gerritson, Kat Nelson, Jody Terry

The HVR quilting group is beginning our winter schedule of classes and fun. We made Christmas ornamental wall hangings for our first class. We have lost several instructors this season, and so we have an updated schedule of projects (check HVR website) January's projects include the Blue Corn Moon wall hanging, a Geek bag, and a shopping trip. Please join us and bring your quilting friends!

More info: Carla Mewhinney (575)706-1759

STAINED GLASS CLASSES

Every Friday 12-4 in the Clubhouse
\$4 per class for new students (tools provided).
Free for experienced students.

Come try something new and meet others.

Info: Linda Williams sglass4me@yahoo.com

HVR'S TURN TO HOST THE CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

The Mission Area Cribbage Tournament is coming to our Park 1:30-4:30 on JANUARY 20th.

Approximately 120 players take part from Parks all over the Valley.

As hosts, we are asking HVR owners to donate cookies, brownies, bars, veggies or whatever suits your fancy for the event. Please bring items to the hall by 12:00 noon.

January Schedule:

January 6: (none)

January 20: at Hidden Valley

Register: 12:30 Games start: 1:30

Any seasoned players wishing to join in on the fun may play. Sorry, this tournament is not for beginners. Cost is \$4 per couple. Cash prizes are rewarded to the top scorers after 7 games.

Questions? Contact Joe Roberts @ 583-2852

Note: Yahoo will be cancelled that Thurs Jan 20th

BRIDGE, ANYONE?

Looking for bridge players. If interested, call Mary Berger 715 927-4233

GATE REMOTES

For the last time, this will be a reminder to HVR residents needing "after hours" passage through the Park's gate entrance that the "card slot" no longer works, and a remote is now required, available for purchase for \$15 at the Office.

Renters can also purchase the remotes and, at the end of their stay, return them for a \$10 refund.

PS: If you ever need to get out of the Park in the middle of the night for a medical emergency or early flight, and you don't have the means to open the gate, you can **drive over to Leisure's gate**. It automatically opens for any vehicle that slowly approaches it.

(Note: You can get out that way, but not back in.)

J'EVER NOTICE.....

.... all the newfangled terminology they use these days for kids with behavioral disorders? Oppositional defiance, aggressive tendencies, conduct issues,....

When we were kids, they simply called it being a little brat.

HVR BREAKFAST

Jan 6th 8:00-10:00 \$6

Menu choices: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits & sausage gravy, Sausage patty/links, Ham, Toast, Fruit cup, Coffee/Tea

Please sign up on the sheet posted in the clubhouse, so the kitchen staff has an idea of numbers.

It's been a while since Breakfasts were offered in the Park, but the new kitchen committee is willing to give it another try. If attendance is sufficient, it will continue. Otherwise,.....

Let's support our Park and enjoy a great meal!

MEALS FOR FRIDAY JAMS ?

There are still no delicious **Pre-Jam meals** planned (as of the publishing deadline Dec 18th)

A different set of Volunteers are needed to step up to help prepare and serve the Jam meals.

Simply put, no helpers will mean no meals! Contact Vern Fraser if you're willing to help.

KARAOKE

Jan 4th & 18th

@ 7:00 pm

Clubhouse (Main Hall)

Join us, whether to participate or just listen. Bring your munchies!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

This is a viewpoint I read elsewhere. I thought it was something to think about. – Editor

The media continues to bombard us with statistics on the number of daily deaths in the USA due to the Coronavirus. While admittedly the numbers are high, what the Media fails to do is provide a comparison of these numbers with those of other causes of death.

This results in downplaying our perceptions of more serious and prominent health risks. One of the bigger risks in particular is right under our noses, so to speak.

How so? Many North Americans worry about COVID risks, but these same people continue to scarf down two donuts and a coffee for breakfast before possibly lighting up a smoke. The only time they break into a sweat these days is when they swat frantically at gnats.

Statistically, if we're honest here, Folks, **more people died in the USA alone last year from being overweight and sedentary than from the Coronavirus.** Eating too much unhealthy food and exercising too little is a more lethal combination that will lead to an early death than from this pandemic's germ warfare.

While we should take reasonable precautions against Covid, let's also keep our health perspective grounded and **lower our truly biggest health risk.** Let's focus on what we do (or don't do) to our body on a daily basis.

This year, let's eat healthier, put that tobacco butt out, and get our other butt moving!
- J. Dimeache

VEGGIE TRUCK

Fresh produce is available every Friday 12:30 in the North parking lot of the Clubhouse. The truck doesn't stay long, so be there on time.

OVERHEARD....

"I got a new refrigerator for Christmas with a water dispenser in the door. Now I just need to hook it up to my box of wine."

Jes' WONDERIN'...

How do you get a sweet little 80 year old lady to swear?

Oh. I know! Get another sweet little 80 year old lady to yell, "Bingo".

GOLF CART PARADE RECAP

This annual event back on Dec16th was a huge success. Thanks to those who took part in the parade, and to those waving at the end of their driveways, cheering them on.



A fun time for all! Great job, Organizers!

SHUFFLEBOARD

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

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 the lighting.

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

Contact: Jim Pierce (641)295-9957

GOING OUT WITH A BANG?

A cowboy told his grandson the secret to a long life. He said, "You gotta sprinkle a little gunpowder on your oatmeal, see? If you do, you'll live to a nice ripe old age."

The cowboy did this religiously every day, and sure enough lived to the nice ripe old age of 103.

When he died, he left behind 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and a 16-foot hole in the wall of the crematorium.

HVR REGULAR SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Please inform Editors of errors, omissions, and other updates needed to this list

Location code: MH = Main Hall BH = Back Hall A1 & A2 = Activity Center rooms

SATURDAY

8:00a MH Craft Show 3rd week
 9:00a MH Park Meeting 2nd week
 6:30p A1 Dominoes
 7:00p MH Dance (monthly)

TUESDAY

8:00a MH Exercise/Dance
 8:00a BH Bike Club Coffee
 8:30 NEB Breakfast 1st/3rd weeks
 9:00a Pool Water Aerobics
 9:00a BH Quilting
 9:00a Mens Billiards

THURSDAY

8:30a A1/A2 Ladies Billiards
 9:00a MH Senior Aerobics
 9:00a Iowa Breakfast 2nd week
 9:00a Pool Water Aerobics
 9:00a BH Lose it Gals
 12:00p PP Pizza 3rd week

SUNDAY

8:40a MH Fellowship
 9:00a MH Chapel
 3:00p BH Pokeno
 4:00p Pool Water Volleyball
 5:30p A1 Poker
 6:30p MH/BH Open Games

11:00a Sodbusters Golf
 12:30p BH May I
 1:00p Pool Water Volleyball
 5:00p A1 Poker
 6:00p A2 Elevens
 6:00p Ladies Billiards
 6:30p BH Open Games
 7:00p MH Karaoke 1st/3rd weeks

12:30p A2 Mah-jongg -
 1:00p MH Yahoo – open to public
 1:00p Pool Water Volleyball
 5:00p A1 Poker
 6:00p BH Elevens
 6:30p MH Euchre

MONDAY

8:00a MH Exercise/Dance
 9:00a MH Senior Aerobics
 12:30p A1 Mah-jongg
 1:00p Mixed Billiards
 6:00p A1 Sevens
 6:00p A2 Elevens
 6:30p BH Hand/Knee/Foot
 7:00p MH Entertainment – open to public

WEDNESDAY

8:00a Pool Water Aerobics
 8:30a Shuffleboard
 9:00a Pool Water Aerobics
 9:00a Mens Billiards
 9:00a BH Creative Sewing/quilting
 9:30a A1/A2 Dulcimer Class
 1:00p A2 Cribbage
 1:00p Mixed Billiards
 3:30p MH Choir Practice
 6:00p A1 Sevens
 7:00p MH Bingo-open to public

FRIDAY

8:00a Pool Water Aerobics
 8:30a Shuffleboard
 9:30a A2 Dulcimer Class
 9:00a MH Board Meet.2nd wk
 10:30a Couples Golf
 12:00p MH Stain Glass
 1:00p MH Garbage Poker
 1:00p A2 Bridge
 1:00p Mixed Billiards
 4:00p MH Food Served: pending
 5:30p MH Jam Session – open to public
 6:30p BH Hand/Knee/Foot

Garbage pickup: Mon am Recycling: Thu 7:30-9:00 am Propane Delivery: every Mon, Wed, & Fri

There is also a Monthly Calendar printed which highlights “Special” or significant Activities that are happening, so that they stand out more and are less likely to be missed. For examples, events such as Park meetings, fundraiser meals or a Christmas concert or ice cream social would be shown on the calendar, whereas an event which occurs each and EVERY Wednesday, for example, is in the REGULAR LIST.

Residents can then personalize that monthly calendar by filling the day’s blocks with whichever events concern or interest them. Alternately, grab a highlighter and mark up the above list!

JANUARY 2022 SPECIAL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR for HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH

NOTE: Regularly scheduled events are listed on the flip side. You can personalize this calendar by adding into the spaces below those regular events which involve/interest YOU.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 7p Entertainment (Jeff Gordon)	4 9a Board Meeting	5	6 8-10a Breakfast	7	1 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> 8 9a Park Meeting (Elections)
9 9a Memorial Church Service	10 7p Entertainment (TBA)	11	12	13	14	15 8-12 Craft Show & Lunch Park-wide Yard Sale 7p Dance (Nu Blue)
16 9a Friendship Church Service	17 7p Entertainment (Jamie Layton)	18	19	20 8-10a Breakfast? 1:30 HVR hosts Crib Tournament (YAHOO cancelled)	21	22
23	24 7p Entertainment (Rick McEwen)	25	26	27	28	29 7p Dance (Ron Moshier)
30	31 7p Entertainment (Adam Pope)					

Mon am: Trash pick-up

Thur 7:30-9:00a : Recycle program

Mon, Wed, & Fri: Propane Deliveries