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# **“HIDDEN HIGHLIGHTS”**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

Activity Center: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Exercise Room: Open 24/7

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

President: ..... **Jim Bowans**

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Director: ..... **Ed Adams**

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Director: ..... **Scott Edgar**

Director: ..... **Jean Orton**

Activity Chairpersons are listed on the 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**

As of the newsletter deadline (Feb 25<sup>th</sup>), we have received 590 returns of the 783 ballots that were sent out for the Covenant changes. The returns deadline is Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, so we likely will receive more. The good news is that we have already surpassed the quorum number required to have the vote results validated. Previous voting attempts were nullified when insufficient ballots were received to meet the necessary quorum. Thankfully, that is not the case this time, and I want to thank the HVR owners for marking their ballots and mailing them back in.

The Board asked Leisure Park to put together a team to count the ballots on March 1<sup>st</sup>. They will have a Rep from our Park (Kathy Wiens) as an observer.

The 8 separate proposals will each require a minimum 518 "yes" votes for each to pass. The results will be posted in the Clubhouse and online shortly after.

This has been a long and labor-intensive process. Some of these covenant concerns have been bantered around for several years. I want to thank previous committee workers and the current ones for all their work in getting the eight issues ready for ballot consideration.

Thanks also to those who prepared the ballots (printing, folding, filling envelopes, addressing them and attaching stamps) for mailout. That alone was no small task.

Again, thanks to the committees and to you, the owners, for finally helping us reach our quorum. Here's to the Park continuing to join together and progress forward.

*Jim Bowans*

<b>Mar 1</b>	9:00a	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>Mar 9</b>	9:00a	<b>Members Meeting</b>

## FRONT DESK SCHEDULE

March: every weekday 9-11am  
April: Tuesday & Friday 9-11am  
May thru Sept: Tuesday only 9-11am

## SUMMER RESIDENTS MEETING

MAR 25th 9:30am in Clubhouse

Let's share ideas and make plans for some social gatherings and maybe plan some day outings.  
- Pat Hammond (Activities Director)

## NEW DIRECTORY

The 2024 directories are now available at the office for \$ 4.00

Reminder that old directories are accepted as recyclable paper on Thursday mornings.

## NEW RESIDENTS GET-TOGETHER

Mar 7th 10:00am at 7522 Eagle Drive

If you're a new owner/renter in the Park, this is an opportunity to meet others, find out information about what the Park has to offer, where to find things, and/or to get answers (or find out who to contact) for any questions you may have. Bring a chair and beverage and start meeting some nice people!

More info: Cathy Quigley (763) 567-3577

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Newsletters are published November through March  
ALL PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE ON HVR's WEBPAGE.

Co-Editors: John Constable & Kathy Wiens

The deadline for submitting notices of upcoming events for publication in the monthly newsletter is the 25th of the month before.

### **Ways to submit an event notice:**

- \* E-mails: John at [johnconstable852@gmail.com](mailto:johnconstable852@gmail.com)  
Kathy at [kwiens68512@yahoo.com](mailto:kwiens68512@yahoo.com)
- \* Phones: John at 956.607.9642 (Nov-Mar only)  
Kathy at 402.416.7888
- \* In Person: See either of us around the Park.
- \* Pass a written note to the office staff, who will place it in our wall folder. Items submitted must include a legible signature of submitter.

Editors and Board reserve the right to reject some submissions, and to edit notices as warranted for grammar, clarity, and/or brevity. All newsletter content is approved by the Board before publication.

## HVR CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship 8:30a – Service 9:00a

Note: Because Easter is early this year (Mar 31<sup>st</sup>), the last Church Service is extended to April 14<sup>th</sup>.

We are a non-denominational Bible-led group and look forward to having you join us!

Pastor Cliff Stewart (970) 302-7033



"When the time is right I, the Lord,  
will make it happen."  
Isaiah 60:22

Pastor Cliff is also available for consultation and/or visitation.

Church Members Brunch: Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:30am  
Bring a dish to share and your own table service

## INTER-PARK BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays 10 am Leisure Valley Rec Hall

Currently studying the Book of Luke. Everyone is welcome to join us.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE

Remember to change your clocks **AHEAD** 1 hour as you go to bed on Sat Mar 9th. (the "Spring Forward; Fall back" Rule)



## REDUCING THE RISK

Notice the knife marks on your cutting board? Those little gaps are actually spaces where harmful bacteria can live. Using dishwashing liquid to clean the boards is not effective since those microorganisms will simply transfer to the wash sponges and dishes, albeit alive but cleaner germs.

The best way to clean cutting boards is with hydrogen peroxide, not dishwashing soap. Doing so kills the microorganisms, thus removing the threat of food-borne diseases infiltrating your digestive system.

Make sure you keep some hydrogen peroxide handy near your sink.

## HVR LADIES TEA SOCIAL Mar 1<sup>st</sup>

Reminder to all those who purchased the advance tickets, it's on Fri March 1<sup>st</sup> 2-4pm

You'll be served afternoon tea and dainty sweets. Wear your favorite fancy "tea party" attire. Wear a creative hat (prizes awarded).

Proceeds go to the HVR Decorating Committee to buy new clubhouse decor.

More info: Jane (303)913-0646.

## CRAFT SHOW 'N TELL

Mon Mar 18<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:00 Main Hall

Time for our gifted HVR crafters to display what they've been working on this season, and for the rest of us to ooh and aah at their talents!

Displayers are asked to set up at 12:45.

## INTER-PARK CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

Mar 1<sup>st</sup> : Mission Bell    Mar 15<sup>th</sup> : W & I Park

Register: 12:30    Games start: 1:30

Any seasoned players wishing to join in on the fun may play. Sorry, but the fast pace is not suitable for beginners. \$4 per couples

More info: Joe R (847)521-0235

## ATTENTION: HVR DRIVERS

(and delivery truck drivers as well)



**Please** observe posted 15mph speed and the STOP signs throughout the Park. This extends to bikes and golf carts, too. SLOW DOWN.

## BAKED HAM DINNER

Mar 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00-5:30    \$12 (tax incl)

Home-cooked baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, dessert, and beverage. Table service included.

Buy your advance tickets\* at 7605 Bogey Dr (NW corner of Bogey & West Bogey)

Cut-off date is 2-3 days before event.

\* Note: There MAY be a few dinners near the end for walk-ins, but don't bank on it. Best to buy tickets ahead

## MONDAY ENTERTAINMENT 6 pm

Mar 4<sup>th</sup> JUSTIN TERRY 6pm \$8

at the door



Justin terry is a multi-talented artist with a passion for music. His dynamic performances are infectious.

Mar 18<sup>th</sup> Magic Valley A-Chord \$8

at the door



The men and women of this barbershop chorus will entertain you with their perfect harmony.

## THANK YOU

Thanks to those who have supported the Entertainers and Dance Bands this season.

We have heard overwhelmingly positive comments on the earlier start time of 6 pm. It now also gives the clean-up crews and the Bands a chance to pack up and get home before midnight.

We look forward to another great lineup next Season.  
C. & D. Bryant, Co-ordinators

## DANCES

6:00 pm

Mar 9<sup>th</sup> The Castaway \$8 at door



Always a crowd pleaser.

Dennis Craswell has earned 6 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame awards over his life-time musical career.

His 50-60's Rock & Roll, Country, and Island music provides a fantastic dance variety.

Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> : \$8 at door



Enjoy a great night of music and dancing to their wide variety of music.

This will be the last dance for this Season.

### MORE GREAT ENTERTAINMENT:

KARAOKE: Mar 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30p MH

Grab your beverage and come listen to some great Park talent. Better yet, join in!

- Myron W.

JAMS: every Friday starting at 5:30

Come hear some great local singers and players. Always an entertaining evening.

- Jean C.

## CRAFT FAIR Mar 16<sup>th</sup>

7:45-8:30: **BREAKFAST**

Biscuits & Gravy - Cinnamon rolls - Coffee

8:00-12:00: **SHOW & SALE**

11:00-12:00: **LUNCH**

Hot Roast Beef sandwich w/ mashed potatoes  
Sandwiches (egg salad or chicken salad)  
Chicken/dumpling soup – Assorted pies

### FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA

If you missed this presentation the first time on the Israel/Pakistan land conflict, our resident archeologist Phil Silvia will be presenting his lecture at LVR Tuesday Mar 19 at 6:00 pm.

### REBOOKING YOUR ACTIVITIES

Year-round activities do not require rebooking, but winter activity Chairpersons are reminded they must rebook their activities. Do not assume your current time slot will be an automatic "go" next Season. Fill out and submit the proper forms.

Pat Hammond, activities Co-ordinator

### ANDY LANDER'S ADVICE FOR MEN

Dear Andy: I seem to be always struggling to get my wife's attention. Any suggestions?

**Andy here:** Simply sit down, turn the TV on to a sport's game, and look comfortable. That should do the trick.

Dear Andy: I have been going to the gym for years, but it doesn't seem to help my physique. How do other men get their shaped bodies?

**Andy here:** I don't know about others, but I didn't get a body like mine overnight. It took years of moderate neglect. And bacon. Lots of bacon.

Dear Andy: Whenever my wife and I argue, she starts laughing. Is that a normal reaction?

**Andy here:** When a woman laughs during an argument, please know that the psycho part of her brain has been activated. Abort mission. ABORT!

Dear Andy: Do you ever dream of becoming a millionaire?

**Andy here:** I don't want to be a millionaire. I just want enough money to be able to comfortably stare off into the distance while pumping my gas.

## **Last ones of the Season:**

### **MOVIE MATINEE**

Sun Mar 3rd 2:00p Main Hall Cost \$1  
Feature: "Miracles From Heaven" starring Jennifer Garner. Recounts the true story of a young Texan girl's recovery from a near-death experience.  
Bring bev & snacks. Popcorn provided. – Judy H.

### **TEAM TRIVIA**

Sun Mar 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30p MH cost: \$1  
Easy questions " 'cuz we j'es wanna have FUN!"  
Form your own team (up to 6), or come join others  
Sign-up sheets are posted  
More Info: John/Gayle C. 956-607-9642

**Note:** Team Trivia & GC Poker Run have switched Sundays this month, due to family commitments.

### **GOLF CART POKER RUN #4**

Mar 17<sup>th</sup> Check-in 3:00 and we're off at 3:30.  
\$5 + non-perishable food for Penitas Food Bank. Happy Hour Pizza & prizes afterwards.  
Sign up on posted sheet!  
More Info: Dave O. 641-799-6306

### **GOLF CART RODEO**

Sat Mar 30<sup>th</sup> 1:00p west parking lot  
Guide or drive (blindfolded) through the course.  
\$1 + non-perishable food for Penitas Foodbank.  
Sign up sheet will be posted.  
More info: Merle D. 563-799-6306

### **COUPLES GOLF**

Fridays: Tee-time 9:00a (arrive 8:30a)  
Sign-up by Wednesdays on sheet posted in hall by washrooms. New players welcome!  
Pairings will be posted on Thursday.  
Karen (785)633-9261

## **SUMMERTIME YARD CARE**

Residents are reminded that **all lots** should be repeatedly cleaned of palm tree fronds and citrus fruit rotting on the ground. This deters bugs (ants and other creepy-crawlies) as well as rodents (mice and rats), which in turn will attract snakes.

As well, weeds must be kept under control. It is surprising how quickly the summertime weeds will pop up and thrive through the gravel rocks, despite the summer heat.

**Please arrange with someone to check on and maintain your Summer yard cleanup and weed control spraying as often as necessary.**

Complete the office form naming your "yard care" person. Without a contact name on file, you run the risk of forcing the Park to have to hire someone and send you the bill.

There are some yard-care service providers within the Park. Ask around for names, or check the list posted by the front desk.

Be sure to collaborate with any provider regarding what your expectations are versus their actual services.

## **GATE REMOTES**

Gate remotes are available at the Office (\$17.50).

**PS:** Emergency Exit: 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.)

## **OUT-OF-PARK FOOD GET-TOGETHERS:**

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Clubhouse. Remember to make a note on your calendar.

**IOWA BREAKFAST:** 9:00a Mar 12<sup>th</sup>  
Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues monthly at Don Lupe Grille

**NEBRASKA B'FAST:** 8:00a Mar 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
Meet 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues monthly at Don Lupe Grille

**PETER PIPER PIZZA:** 11:00a Mar 21<sup>st</sup>  
Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu monthly. Near HEB/Goodwin

**WISCONSIN B'FAST:** 8:30a Mar 20<sup>th</sup>  
Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed monthly at Denny's Restaurant  
Note: it's the one at 1165 Shary Rd, not in Penitas

## RECYCLING PROGRAM

**When?** Thu 7 – 9 am (All Summer long)

**Where?** Clubhouse Parking lot (north side)

### **Items recycleable:**

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

### **Items NOT accepted:**

Styrofoam, Batteries, Aerosol cans, Scrap plastic and metal.

Run by the Childress's with volunteer help collecting/driving/donating for gas

## THINKING OF RENOVATING?

HVR owners wishing to CHANGE any of their exterior lot "footprints" (such as add concrete or build/enlarge/raise an awning, for examples) are reminded that they must **first seek approval** of their plans from the 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 meets Tue 9 am. Sign the appointment book by the front desk.

**Over the summer, they only meet on a "need-to" basis. Sign their sheet by the office front desk and you will be contacted.**

### HVR'S Notary Publics

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

Lori LaRose 2403 Lost Greens  
(989)488-9185

If you require someone to **witness signatures** for such things as your Warranty deeds, Affidavits, Deed title transfers, Rental agreements, and/or Medicare enrollments, either one can help.

No service fees, but photo ID is required.

### VEGGIE TRUCK

Fresh produce is available every Friday 12:30 in the north parking lot of the clubhouse.

He has a good variety of items at reasonable prices. Don't be late; he moves on quickly.

### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The official State song "Texas, Our Texas" was written in 1924. To celebrate the song's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and if it interests you, the DMV is issuing special-edition license plates featuring the song's title and the years 1924-2024.

## BEFORE YOU HEAD BACK "UP NORTH"...

... here's a "to-do" checklist before leaving:

\_\_\_ **Sink & shower drains** sealed off with a sturdy baggie full of water as a "plug" and saran wrap over the **toilet bowl** to prevent evaporation.

\_\_\_ **Buckets of water** placed throughout the rooms, to provide humidity during the summer.

\_\_\_ **Batteries removed** from clocks, remotes for TV, fan, CD player, gate, etc.

\_\_\_ **Golf cart batteries** topped up with water, and cardboard put under cart to reduce discoloration damage from potential battery leaks.

\_\_\_ (If your golf cart stays outside), **removal of one tire** or battery to discourage thieves.

\_\_\_ **Hang foil sheets**, towels, and old sheets as extra window shades to reduce curtain fading and on furniture & lamp shades as dust covers.

\_\_\_ Storage of your outdoor umbrella-style **clothes dryer** to prevent sun damage and heat (which rots and stretches the lines).

\_\_\_ **Bug sprayer** called to annually spray around wood foundations. Termites do exist in this area!

\_\_\_ **Rat/mice pellets & traps** and moth balls placed under your skirting and on top of RV tires to deter varmints getting in. That's cheaper than replacing gnawed wires and hoses!

\_\_\_ Arrangements made with someone to spray your yard for **weeds**, and water your plants/trees.

\_\_\_ **Hot water heater** switch flipped off. Why heat water when you're not there?

\_\_\_ Turn off the **water supply** at the curb to reduce the risk of leaking pipe damage inside. Several residents have the tool for doing that.

\_\_\_ If you do keep the water turned on, at least turn off the **toilet water valve** located at the back of the toilet base. Water damage is costly!

\_\_\_ Turn off all **propane**. Store tanks in a cool place (as hot sheds may be risky).

\_\_\_ Consider "**paying ahead**" on the MUDD water bill that comes due while you're gone. Add a few extra dollars for rate fluctuations.

\_\_\_ Put your Internet and cable TV services on suspension.

\_\_\_ **Notify Credit card companies** that you're "heading home", so they can tag any possible local unauthorized card use after your departure.

\_\_\_ **Pray** before you leave, asking for protection over your property, and also for safe travels.

"Ask anything in My name; I will do it." John 14:14

Have a great Summer, Everyone! - Your Editors

## HVR REGULAR SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Location code:	MH = Main Hall	BH = Back Hall	A1 & A2 = Activity center rooms
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### SATURDAY

7:45a MH CF Breakfast (3rd wk)  
 8:00a MH Craft Fair (3rd wk)  
 11:00a MH CF Lunch (3rd wk)  
 9:00a MH HVR Meeting (2nd wk)  
 1:00p G C Rodeo (last wk)  
 6:00p MH Dance (bi-weekly)  
 6:30p A1 Dominoes

### TUESDAY

8:00a Neb. b'fast (1st/3rd wks)  
 9:00a Iowa b'fast (2nd wk)  
 9:00a MH Architecture Meetings  
 9:00a BH Quilting  
 11:00a Sodbusters Golf  
 12:30p BH May I ?  
 1:00p pool Water Volleyball  
 1:30p A1 Texas Hold'em  
 2:30p BH HVR Dulci Group  
 5:00p A1 Poker  
 5:30p PH Ladies Billiards  
 6:30p BH Mexican Crazy Eights  
 MH Karaoke (1st/3rd wks.)

### THURSDAY

7:00a Recycle Collection  
 9:00a BH Lose it Gals  
 9:30a PH Ladies Billiards  
 11:00a P. Piper Pizza (3rd wk)  
 12:30p A2 Mah-jongg  
 1:00p MH Yahoo  
 1:00p pool Water Volleyball  
 5:00p A1 Poker  
 6:30p MH Euchre

### SUNDAY

8:30a MH Church Fellowship  
 9:00a MH Chapel  
 2:00p MH Movie Matinee (1st wk)  
 2:00p A1 Blackjack  
 3:00p BH Pokeno  
 3:00p MH GC Poker Run (3rd wk)  
 5:30p A1 Poker  
 6:30p BH Open Games  
 6:30p MH T team Trivia (2nd wk)

### WEDNESDAY

8:30a Wisc. b'fast (3rd wk)  
 8:30a Shuffleboard  
 9:00a BH Creative Sewing/Quilting  
 9:00a PH Mens Billiards  
 9:00a A1/A2 Begin. Dulcimer class  
 10:00a A1/A2 Adv. Dulcimer class  
 1:00p A1/A2 Cribbage  
 1:00p PH Mixed Billiards  
 3:30p MH Choir Practice  
 5:45p BH Samba  
 6:30p MH Bingo

### FRIDAY

8:30a Shuffleboard  
 8:45a A2 Mtn Dulcimer Class  
 9:00a MH Board Meeting (2nd wk)  
 9:00a Couples Golf  
 12:00p BH Stain Glass Class  
 1:00p MH Garbage Poker  
 1:00p PH Mixed Billiards  
 1:00p MH Elevens  
 1:00p A2 Bridg  
 5:30p MH Jam Session  
 6:30p PH Mens Billiards  
 6:30p BH Hand/Knee/Foot

### MONDAY

12:30p A1 Mah-jongg  
 1:00p PH Mixed Billiards  
 6:00p MH Entertainment  
 6:30p BH Hand/Knee/Foot

Garbage pickup: Mon am

Recycling: Thurs. 7:00-9:00a

Propane truck: early Mon, Wed, & Fri (seasonal)

# March 2024 SPECIAL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR for HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH

**NOTE: Regularly scheduled events are listed on the flip side.**

You can personalize this calendar by filling it in with those regular events which involve/interest YOU.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i><b>Chapel</b></i> every Sun 9a			<i><b>Bingo</b></i> every Wed 6:30p	<i><b>Yakoo</b></i> every Thu 1p	<i><b>Jams</b></i> every FRI 5:30p	
					1 9a Board Meets 2p Ladies High Tea	2
3 2p Movie Matinee "Miracles from Heaven"	4 4p Baked Ham Dinner 6p: Entertainment (Justin Terry)	5	6	7 10a New Owner/Renter Get-together (7522 Eagle)	8	9 9a POA Meeting 6p Dance (The Castaway) <small>Set clocks ahead 1 hr tonight</small>
10 6:30p Team Trivia	11	12	13	14	15	16 7:45a Breakfast 8a-12 Craft Fair 11:00a Lunch
17	18 1p: Craft display 6p Entertainment (Magic Valley A-Chord)	19	20	21 11a PP Pizza	22	23 6p Dance (Smokin' Gun)
3p: G C Poker Run		6p Repeat Presentation: River To Sea at LVR				
24	25 9:30a Summer Res Activities Meeting	26	27	28	29	30 1p G C Rodeo
31 Blessed Easter <small>"He is Risen"</small>						

Mon am: Trash pick-up

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

Mon, Wed, & Fri: Propane Deliveries