

SUN VALLEY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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SVV BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

ATTENTION SVV PROPERTY OWNERS:

Mark your calendar for the March 9 SVVPOA Special Assessment Meeting when the following will be discussed and voted on:

Street maintenance/repair assessment: Street re-sealing needs to be done. It has been three years and it is time to re-seal again to maintain the integrity of our streets. With the hot south Texas sun YEAR-ROUND, seal coating does not last as long as ‘up north’. When the first sealcoating was done in 2014, it had been let go too long and had to have significant repairs done. If we are proactive and seal this summer, the integrity of the sealed cracks will be maintained. If we do not re-seal this summer, the sealed cracks may separate during the summer heat. If this happens, the blacktop will start to crumble around the crack. When this happens, pieces of blacktop will continue to break apart causing expensive repair. Either it will require cutting out the disintegrating area and putting new blacktop to patch the area, or just put cold patch over. I’m sure you all know these options cause the areas around the patch to continue to disintegrate and there will be bumps and holes. Look at streets outside of SVV to see what our streets may look like if seal coating is not done this summer. The longer between seal coatings, the more maintenance will have to be done and the higher the cost. It is worth \$5 a month to maintain the best streets in the surrounding area! Street and property maintenance is what will attract new owners to our Village.

The Board of Directors has reviewed and updated the Storage Yard Rules, the Property Sellers Guidelines and adopting Rules for Long Term Parking. Copies will be posted at the Post Office and will be included with your April invoice.

SVV WEBSITE (<http://svvpoa.com>) AND FACEBOOK PAGE

Doug Danell, our ‘webmaster’, welcomes content to post on the website. If you have a photo you would like published there, you may send it to him via email (dougdanell1@gmail.com). Include captions if you wish. Properties for sale/rent could be posted with accompanying photos as well.

SVV also has a Facebook page - Sun Valley Village POA. Feel free to use it. Contact Doug if you need help with this.

SVV LADIES' CLUB

The SVV Ladies' Group is a social club. We meet every Tuesday at 1:00 PM at the Hall to play cards and socialize over refreshments and a light snack. There is a business meeting and a birthday celebration the first Tuesday of the month. The meeting starts at approximately 3:15 PM. All Ladies, including renters and guests are welcome to join in the fun.

Our Ladies Luncheon was held at the Golden Corral on February 18, 2020. Thank you to all the ladies that attended. Once again, Diane Coulter made this outing fun and enjoyable.

The Valentine Potluck Dinner was held on February 14, 2020 with 50 sweethearts in attendance. Susan Ketchen won the 50/50 draw.

Pyrogy Making with Lovey was a fun couple of hours learning the art of pyrogy pinching. I truly enjoyed teaching this class of 17 ladies and 3 gentlemen. Each was able to take their 'products' home and some freshly cooked pyrogies were sampled by all.

The Spring Rummage Sale was held on February 29, 2020. Net proceeds were \$1,568.98! Thank you to all residents for donating items, and helping with the setup, manning of tables, and takedown.

Please check the SVV Calendar of Events for March. The SVV finale is our Spring Potluck Dinner on March 22, 2020. The last Ladies' Club meeting will be on March 24. Safe travels. See you in the Fall.

Lovey Netrval, President, Ladies' Club



SVV MEN'S CLUB

We have two weekly Fundraisers:

- **Pancake Breakfasts** every Saturday morning, Come down anytime from 7:30-9:00 AM to enjoy pancakes, bacon, breakfast sausages, and coffee at the hall, all for \$4!
- **Bingo** is held every Thursday at 7:00 PM.

Both Bingo and Pancake Breakfasts are open to the public. Feel free to invite friends from other parks.



The last **Ice Cream Social** will be Sunday, March 8, from 2:00-4:00 PM. Bring your own bowl and spoon. Get-R-Done, one of our SVV resident's band, will be playing (Free Will Donations). They send 100% of ALL donations collected to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. There is no charge to SVV as the band's sole mission is to raise support for St. Jude's Children's Hospital! Come to support this worthy cause as well as help the SVV Ice Cream Social fund raiser while enjoying wonderful music and a dish of Blue Bell ice cream! Members of the Men's Club will be around selling tickets (\$3/ticket). Tickets will also be available at the door.



We have no new projects but will be continuing on with what has been started. Some projects may carry on to next season.

Note that the final Men's meeting for the season will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at 10:30 AM. We were very pleased to have a good number of men attending this week's meeting. Your input and support are much appreciated.

I've reached the age where 'happy hour' is a nap.

TRASH & POOL PROCEDURES

(reprinted in each newsletter as a reminder, and for new people)

HOUSEHOLD TRASH

EAST SIDE DUMPSTER: -For residents of Orange Drive and Palm Tree Drive ONLY, who are being charged a fee by the City for this service:

All garbage placed inside the dumpster **must be in sealed or tied garbage bags of any size. Nothing is to be placed outside the bin;** the City will not pick up anything outside the bin. Pick up days are MONDAY and FRIDAY throughout the year. There will be a third pick up added on WEDNESDAY during January, February, and March.

The City has provided the following rules regarding what is **NOT ALLOWED** in the bin:

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| -Propane tanks or cylinders | - automobile tires |
| -Lead-acid batteries (e.g. car batteries) | - paints, solvents, or any liquids |
| -Hazardous materials (e.g. pesticides) | - gypsum (drywall) |
| -Brush or tree trimmings | - animal carcasses |
| -Used oil or oil filters | - TVs or computer monitors |
| -Medical waste (e.g. syringes) | - hot ashes |



WEST SIDE PICKUP: Thursdays – The trash must be placed in front of your house in the brown Waste Management Bags which can be purchased by calling 800-383-0519 and paying online or arranging to leave a check (telephone number found on the first page of your directory). The bags will be delivered to your home. **West Side households do NOT use the dumpster.**

COMMON AREA TRASH and SWIMMING POOL COVERING DUTY

These duties are provided by resident volunteers. The signup sheet is in the Hall, as is a copy of these instructions. If you are able and have not already done so, consider taking a week.

Each week starts on a Thursday and includes putting out the trash. **By 4:00 PM Thursday** evening, the trash should be emptied from the **hall, including both bathrooms, the barn, and the Pool Room;** and along with the trash from the bins behind the office building, placed on the right side of the curb in front of the office building. Only six bags of trash can be placed out at one time. Clean 45-gallon garbage bags need to be put into the emptied garbage cans in the bin. Bags are kept in the narrow cupboard by the kitchen trashcan. **None of this trash is to be placed in the dumpster.**

During your week you are also responsible for uncovering and covering the pool. Remember **two people** must do this and **if the outside temperature is 70 or below, the pool is NOT to be uncovered.**

There are no set times to uncover the pool, so if you wish to use it, you are welcome to take the cover off if it has not been done, **provided the temperature is not 70 or below and there are two of you. PLEASE TAKE CARE AND WIND UP SLOWLY WHEN TAKING OFF THE COVER SO THAT IT WILL LAST.**

REMINDERS: - To all who use suntan lotion while on the lounge chairs – please cover the chair with a towel or pad as the oils and lotions deteriorate the vinyl. Be sure to shower before using the pool, and please do not use soap or shampoo in the shower as the shower drain is not going to a septic tank. As per Article II, Section 2.2, in the Covenants and Bylaws **The use of the pool is restricted to owners, their tenants, their overnight guests, or contract purchasers who reside on the property. – no exceptions, please.**

RECYCLING - TAKING CARE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT!



Please recycle **aluminum cans and their tabs** in the containers provided in the **barn**. This is a fundraiser for SVV. We have had problems with trash being discarded in the containers instead of cans. These are for CLEAN aluminum cans only.

Other recyclables can be taken to the **Harlingen Recycling Depot on Commerce Street**. The workers are very helpful there and will even unload what you bring. Here are the Harlingen recycling guidelines: **Materials We Accept for Recycling:**

Cardboard: Brown corrugated boxes, shoe and food boxes that are either brown or gray on the inside. No boxes that are white on the inside or coated with a wax or plastic. No cardboard (the paper mache type) egg cartons.

Newspaper: Entire paper. Please remove any plastic bags from the papers.

Paper: Letters, junk mail, school papers, forms, computer paper. No tissues, paper towels or napkins.

Aluminum: Cans only. No aluminum foil or single-use pans. *(Note aluminum cans are a fundraiser for SVV so please bring those to the barn.)*

Steel: Tin cans, wire hangers, miscellaneous small pieces of steel, refrigerators, AC units, and washers.

Plastic # 1: This type of plastic has a triangle made of 3 arrows with a number 1 in the middle on the bottom of the bottle. These bottles include soda bottles, sport drink bottles, juice bottles and water bottles.

Plastic # 2: This type of plastic has a triangle made of 3 arrows with a number 2 in the middle on the bottom of the bottle. These bottles include milk bottles and soap bottles.

Plastic Bags: Only grocery type bags and newspaper bags are recyclable. The bags need to be clean. Be sure you remove everything from the bag including the cash register receipt. Please throw all other plastic bags into your trash.

Plastic Foam Packing Peanuts: Remove any contamination from the peanuts.

Automotive Batteries: Lead-acid batteries only.

Used Automotive Oil: Household do it yourself oil changers only, no commercial oil. No oil filters! Oil filters may be taken to most auto parts stores for recycling at no cost.

Electronic Equipment: Computers, TV's.

PLEASE NOTE! Remove all bottle caps and throw into the trash. Crush the soft plastic bottles. **Cleanliness is essential. One container with waste still in it can contaminate an entire bale, containing thousands of pounds of recycled material. This can cause thousands of recyclable items to go to a landfill instead of being recycled.**

We have a recycling bin in the Hall for use after events.

Although not changed on the City of Harlingen website STYROFOAM IS NO LONGER BEING ACCEPTED.

No one ever says "It's only a game"
when their team is winning.

Singing in the shower is all fun and games until you get
shampoo in your mouth, then it just becomes a soap opera.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES



SVV LADIES' GOLF

Women of the Village AND friends play nine holes at Tony Butler Golf Course Monday mornings at 9:00 AM. There is no signup sheet. Just drop in at the course. We are always happy to welcome more to our group. For more information contact DEBBIE BATES (956-577-6290).

SUN VALLEY MONDAY MIXED GOLF GROUP – 18 HOLES

(AKA Palm Vista Golf Group) We golf at the Tony Butler Golf Course with tee off times starting at 9:00 AM. Teams of couples and single golfers will be selected randomly each week so you can meet new friends or “old” friends for an enjoyable game of golf. If you require additional information or wish to join the Sun Valley Golf Group, please contact TOM MCCUAIG (956-230-1130).



SVV FRIDAY MIXED GOLF SCRAMBLE



Who – pairs or singles of all abilities and gender;

What – 9-hole, best ball scramble, prizes (low score, closest to the hole, lost ball guess, 50/50 draw), refreshments after, good times;

Where – Stuart Place Golf Course, followed by an awards ceremony at SVV Hall with cash bar, beverages, snacks;

When – Every Friday (weather permitting) - **shotgun start at 9:00 AM;**

How – Sign up at the Post Office **by 3:00 PM Tuesday** and we post team lists Wednesday; For more information, call PAM BUHR (204-807-8389).

Our windup is coming up soon – Friday, March 20. The signup sheet will be posted in the Post Office the week before.

SHUFFLEBOARD

In February we played 7 times with 19 to 24 players. Don Vanalstine was our most frequent winner this month.

Thanks to James Coulter and Don Vanalstine for setting up each morning.

We play Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00. The cost is 50 cents. The signup sheet is in the Post Office. Our last day will be Thursday, March 26. Questions? Call SUSAN KETCHEN (956-230-2143)



EXERCISE



There are currently no scheduled workout times but feel free to drop in on your own to use the available DVD workout sessions when the Hall is free. If you would like to organize a group let us know and we will publish the information in the next newsletter. Questions? Call LORRAINE WILSON (956-536-0075).

Make sure you always tip the people who make your pizza. They knead the dough.

CHAIR YOGA



Thursdays from 1:00-2:00 PM come to participate in this gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting in a chair or standing using a chair for support. No equipment is needed. Flexibility is optional! Last class will be Thursday, March 19. Questions? Call LORRAINE WILSON (956-536-0075).

WATER WALKING

We have classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2:30 PM, WEATHER PERMITTING. All are welcome. You don't need to know how to swim. The last class will be Wednesday, March 11. For further information, contact DIANE COULTER (956-230-1476).



BILLIARD ROOM



Our Billiard Room is available to all. No formal programs are ongoing. Just drop in and shoot a few. If you would like to organize a group let us know and we will publish the information in the next newsletter.

WORK OUT ROOM



Located in the Billiard Room are several machines and weights. There is also a TV with local channels. Please feel free to drop in for a workout, however there is a WAIVER OF LIABILITY on the counter that needs to be signed prior to your initial use of the equipment. Just drop it into the mail slot at the office when signed. Thanks.

'GAMES OF CHANCE' NIGHT

All are invited to play *Pokeno* and *Texas Hold 'Em* Fridays at 7:00 PM at the Rec. Hall. Don't be shy. Lessons are free! For more information, contact JERRY BATES (303-475-0631).

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Bridge is over for the season.



EUCHRE

This card game is played Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. New players welcome! Training available!

ART GROUP



There is always room for one more. If you like to draw or paint, come to the Hall at 9:30 AM on Tuesday or Saturday. You'll find a group of friends working on their own art projects. Bring your own supplies and something to work on. Lots of people will gladly share information, ideas, and methods, even though we say this is a "self-directed" art group. For information, call SUE FISHER (956-423-7314)



Drawing by Cathy Medhurst

EVENTS

SUNSHINE GOOD NEIGHBOR ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This tournament was held at the Sunshine Country Club February 6-8, 2020. Ten SVV golfers participated in this fun event and took home 15% of the total winnings, along with numerous door prizes! Way to go Sun Valley Group! Also, one noteworthy incident was that our very own golfer, Debbie Bates, missed a Hole-In-One by 1.5". So CLOSE and very exciting!

SVV BLOCK PARTIES

ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 NEIGHBORS UNITED!

WEST SIDE

Sun Valley Village "west side county"

Howdy Y'all! A great time was had by all at the West Side Block Party. Our hosts this year were the Coulters, Matthews, Howards, Hermistons, and Danells. Everyone enjoyed a fun afternoon of games, great food, warm hospitality, and camaraderie with our neighbors and friends. Activities included the traditional bean-bag toss, golf ball ladder game, our shuffleboard tournament, and added to the mix - calf roping. In our best costume contest, the winner was "Sheriff" Dave Howard and, country girl, Mara Sandrelli. The shuffleboard champs were Murray and LaRae Knecht. A big thanks and bottle of wine goes to Mike and Hilda for the excellent decorations and photo backdrop. As well, thanks went to Mike Soto for the lasso lessons and Doug Danell for "the steer". We're looking forward to volunteers to host next year's event. (drumroll, please!!!)



PALM TREE DRIVE

The annual Palm Tree Drive Block Party was held on February 22 despite the cool weather. Residents enjoyed playing the bean bag toss game on our new beautifully decorated boards donated by Jim and Char Pearson. The winners on the A side were Jim Pearson and Mary Ann Plahitko, and on the B side, Art Stevens and Suzy Johnson. Guess how many cheese balls in the jar was won by Bill Dilley. Guesses ranged from 79 to 3,020, with the closest number to the actual count being 589. The party held on until 8 PM. We have no volunteers to host next year's party as yet.

ORANGE DRIVE

The Devries get a special thanks for hosting at their place. Pat's recipe for sloppy joes was a hit and her recipe is printed in the Recipe section of the newsletter. Much appreciation goes to all the hosts for their organization and work to make the party a success. Cindy Schuster and Shirley Downey did an awesome job once again managing the games. Winners of the Orange Drive 2020 Block Party Games:

LADDERBALL

1st Sue Fisher/Craig Harkness
2nd Susan Ketchen/Ed Downey;
3rd Lee Guyer/John Culhane

BEANBAG TOSS

1st Susan Harkness/Tony Tribalski;
2nd Lee Guyer/Lloyd Fisher;
3rd Peter Netrval/Mary Ellen Garrett

BOCCI BALL

1st Jack Devries; 2nd Lloyd Fisher; 3rd Susan Ketchen

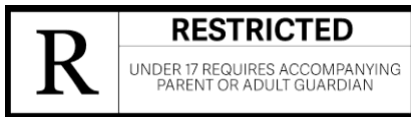
Next year's hosts will be Guyers, Tribalskis, and Fishers.

SNOWFLAKE DECORATING CONTEST

On March 3 the ladies voted for their favorite one and the winner was Cheryl Matthews! They were all lovely and will grace the Hall next winter. Any late arrivals can join the décor as well.



UPCOMING EVENTS:



ADULT NAUGHTY GAMES HAPPY HOUR **FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 4:00-6:00 PM**

Bring a snack and your own beverage and have some fun down at the hall! Games are: How's Your Aim, Poop In The Pot, and Swing Your Wiener. Come and play or watch for a lot of laughs.

SVV SPECIAL MEETING FOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS **MONDAY, MARCH 9, 7:30 PM**

Please arrive at the Hall early to register to vote regarding the Special Assessment for street repair and the disposition of the pool solar system.

TIE-DIE WORKSHOP **SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1:00 PM is cancelled.**

GAMES NIGHT

First and Third Mondays 6:30-9:00 PM

The last Games Night for the season will be Monday, March 16. We are looking for someone to run Games Night December through March for the next season. If interested, please contact DIANE COULTER (431-337-4322).



LADIES POTLUCK LUNCH **TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 11:30 AM**

Note that the date has been changed from March 10 to March 17. Bring your plates and a dish to share to the Hall. We will play cards after. Lunch starts at 11:30 and Cards start at 1:00.

HEB WINE AND CHEESE TASTING **THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 3.30 PM**

This is an added event not previously advertised. Come on down to the Hall to enjoy HEB's hospitality once again. Everyone welcome.

SPRING DINNER **SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 4:00-6:00 PM**

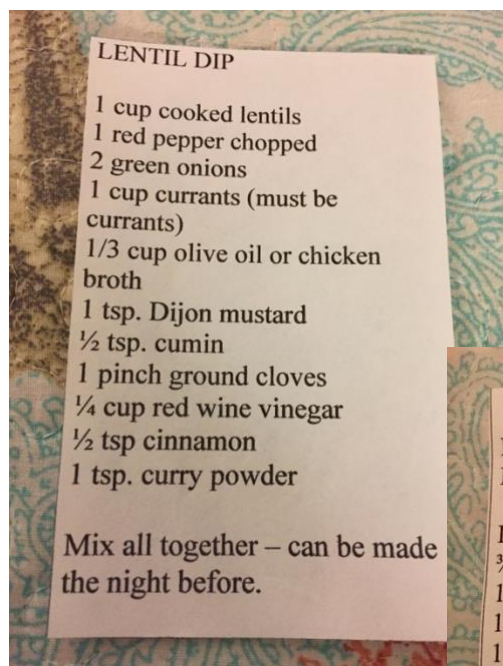
The signup sheet will be in the Post Office soon. Setup will be at 10:30 AM that Sunday morning.

I couldn't work out how to fasten my seatbelt. Then it clicked.

RECIPES

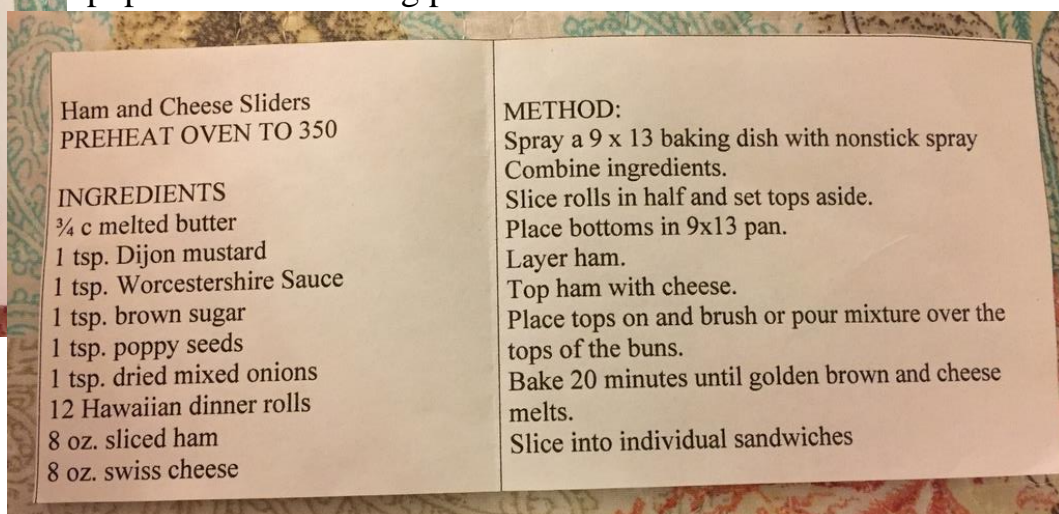
Sloppy Joes – Pat Devries – a hit at the Orange Drive Block Party!

- 1 pound ground beef, 1 chopped green pepper, 1 chopped onion; browned and drained
- Add 3/4 cup ketchup, 3 tablespoons brown sugar, 1/2 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, 2 tablespoons mustard, 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- Simmer, bake, or put in crock pot



Susy Johnson brought this **Lentil Dip** to Ladies' Cards. It is delicious but requires currants that are not available close by. You would have to go all the way to Sprouts in McAllen or get some Canadian Snowbirds to bring them down for you!

Linda Guyer's **Ham and Cheese Sliders** were also very popular for discerning palates!



Fudge Puddles – Bev Howard brought these tasty treats for the Valentines Potluck.

Ingredients: 1/2 cup butter, softened, 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar, 1 large egg, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour, 3/4 teaspoon baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon salt. - Fudge Filling: 1 cup milk chocolate chips, 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, chopped peanuts

Directions: In a large bowl, cream butter, peanut butter and sugars until blended. Beat in egg and vanilla. In a small bowl, whisk flour, baking soda and salt; gradually beat into creamed mixture. Refrigerate, covered, 1 hour or until easy to handle. Preheat oven to 325°. Shape into forty-eight 1-in. balls. Place in greased mini-muffin cups. Bake 14-16 minutes or until light brown. Immediately press a 1/2-in.-deep indentation in center of each cookie with the end of a wooden spoon handle. Cool in pans 5 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely. For filling: In a microwave, melt chocolate chips; stir until smooth. Whisk in milk and vanilla until smooth. Fill each cookie with filling; sprinkle with peanuts. (If desired, refrigerate remaining filling; serve warm with ice cream.)

Message on the outside sign of
Faith Temple Church, Sioux Falls,
SD: "We welcome all denominations
— \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100."

VISITORS



To Pam Buhr and Gord Park: Three-year-old grandson, Jack, will bring his parents, Dorian and Cory Dzikowski, to the Valley for a visit. They will be leaving the chilly Manitoba weather behind for over a week. We are hoping for much better seaside weather than it has been for their last two years' journeys south. Gramma and Grampa can hardly wait!

To Susan Ketchen: Friend, Dorothy Froman, is visiting from Manitoba. She calls this her happy place!

To Jerry and Betty Bean: Jerry and I had visitors in February. His twin brother Larry and wife Kathi Bean visited from February 18 thru 25. They surprised us by bringing our youngest daughter, Kristen Anderson along. They are all from Iowa.

To Al and MaryAnn Plahitko: are excited to have their grandchildren, Ashi and Jared Hill and 7 month old great-granddaughter, Harper, visit for a week, arriving March 8. Then arriving March 28 for a week is their daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Kevin Hill, and their 15 year old granddaughter, Gracie.

To Betty and Art Stevens: Granddaughter, Amber, and her fiancé, Devin, will be thrilled to get out of the cold in Thunder Bay and visit the RGV for Spring Break. Amber is looking forward to a mini family reunion and showing Devin how much fun seniors have.

To Judy and Lorne Berezowski: Their daughter, Lori, and her husband, Rory (Betty Steven's son), and their children, Anders, 15, and Jayla, 13, have been counting the sleeps until they get to come to warm Texas. This has become their annual Spring Break destination and they always take full advantage of the pool, shopping, golfing, and fun family times.

To Sue and Lloyd Fisher: Their oldest daughter, Denise, and her two sons, Owen and Griffen, are coming down for their first Texas visit. They are from Niverville, Manitoba. Then Sue and Lloyd's youngest daughter, Jodie, and her two children, Eric, 17, and Reice, 15, will also visit the third week of March.

To Jerry and Debbie Bates: Their grandson, Lee, was here for a quick surprise 23rd birthday trip. We enjoyed the Island, butterfly parasailing, the Basilica, wine, and good food!

"Don't ever
question the
value of
volunteers.
Noah's Ark was
built by
volunteers; the
Titanic was
built by
professionals."

DAVE GYNN

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Trees are corrupting
our parks. They
should be arrested
for loitering.
For deciduous trees,
add littering and
indecent exposure to
that list of offenses.

THE VILLAGE GREETERS

They are the Welcome Wagon for SVV! The current greeters are Lorraine Wilson for the West side, and Pat Devries for the East side. New owners and seasonal renters will enjoy a visit from one of them. They can help you get oriented with the life of the Village. Thanks for being our ambassadors, Lorraine and Pat! Please help them by keeping them informed of new people arriving.

NEW OWNERS

Jim & Barb Herbert

25354 Goldenrod Lane

J620-249-8835

B620-249-2595

Fred Cheney

25464 Altas Palmas Drive

We are pleased to welcome you to our Village and look forward to seeing you around!

Note that there are a couple of more purchases pending. We will include them in the December newsletter.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE OR RENT

FOR SALE:

15498 Altas Palmas Drive	Ed & Pat Kingma	219-964-1533
25311 Goldenrod Lane	Jan & Lyle Schryver	956-230-3537
25324 Goldenrod Lane	Jerry & Debbie Bates	956-577-6290
15739 Orange Drive	Rosie & John Culhane	715-441-4077
15799 Orange Drive	Larry & Donna Morningstar	306-528-4531
15729 Palm Tree Drive	Ram & Annie Martinez	956-357-6155
15758 Palm Tree Drive	Harlingen Homes – Paula (contact)	956-337-1442
15638 Primrose Lane	KW Realty – Carl (contact)	956-423-8877

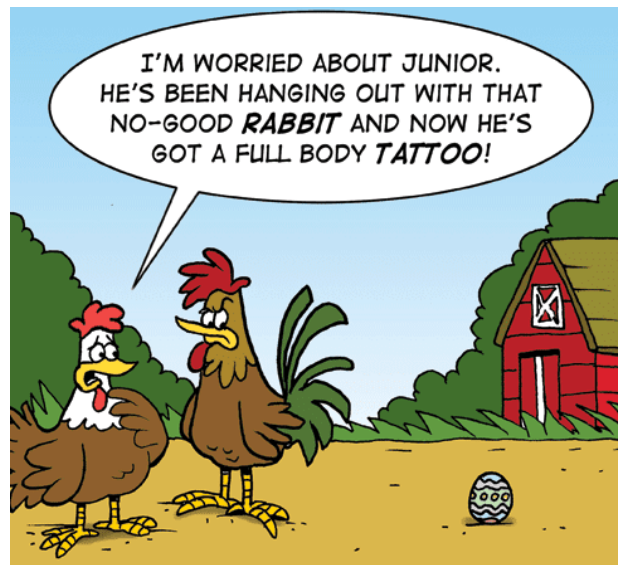
If you wish to advertise sale or rental property in the newsletter, let us know:

PAM - pambuhr@gmail.com 204-807-8389.

ARE YOU MISSING?

If we have missed a new owner or renter, or property for sale or rent, please contact Pam

and she will get the information into the December newsletter. pambuhr@gmail.com 204-807-8389.



FROM THE OFFICE

Unfortunately, my February letter from the office didn't make it into the newsletter so I would like to, better late than never, welcome two new Board members Lee Guyer and Dave Howard, and welcome Karen Mau back for a second term. I am looking forward to working with them and the continuing Board members, Tony Tribalski and Mike Soto, this season.

DIRECTORY: If you didn't come to the January 20 meeting you can pick up your directory from the office Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9:00 AM and noon.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS: If you haven't already updated your information to include emergency contact numbers, please stop in or call me (989-426-0645) to do so. This will be for Office use only and will not be in the directory.

COVENANTS AND BY-LAWS: It is important that all residents/renters have a copy of Sun Valley Village P.O.A. Covenants and By-laws. If you need a copy you can download and print them from our website svvpoa.com or a replacement copy can be purchased from the office at a cost of \$3.00. We can be proud of our community and need to keep it in good standing. Rules and regulations are needed to accomplish this.

METER BOX LIDS: The Company from which I ordered the meter box lids have discontinued them. I have found another source and placed an order on February 27. The lids should arrive on or around March 5.

BILLIARD ROOM: The Billiard Room is now officially the Billiard/Exercise Room. We have sold, thanks to Mike Soto, one of the billiard tables for \$250 which will help pay for the new air conditioner/heater that is in the process of being installed by Village volunteers. There is a WAIVER OF LIABILITY on the counter that needs to be signed prior to your initial use of the equipment. Just drop it into the mail slot at the office when signed. Thanks.

SECURITY LIGHTS: If you have a security light on or near your property and you notice it is not working (not coming on or staying on) let me know and I will call AEP to have it fixed.

MAILBOXES: Don't forget to help our postal carrier get mail in the correct box. Make sure your information is on the bottom of your box by the door. You can use a return label with your name and street address. The end of the season is rapidly approaching. If you are a seasonal resident, make sure you put in for a temporary change of address or a forwarding request. Cardboard inserts to let your mail carrier know that you have left for the season are available in the office for pick up. Make sure your address is on the insert along with the dates you do not want mail to be delivered.

*Have you heard of Murphys
Law?*

No, what is it?

*If something can go wrong, it
will go wrong.*

*That's interesting. Have you
heard of Cole's Law?*

No, what's that?

Thinly sliced cabbage.

STORAGE YARD: There is a handicap hitch hauler and a pile of wood in the storage area, the owners unknown. If you are the owners or know of the owners contact the office. **If no one claims the wood by the end of March, it will be removed. If no one claims the hauler it will be sold at the fall rummage sale.**

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support throughout the season. We have accomplished a lot but still have several projects in the works.

Safe travels to everyone heading north and to all have a great summer. I will be looking forward to next season. Sincerely, Cheryl Matthews, SVV Manager

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Get-eR-Done's Charity (*playing at the Ice Cream Social Sunday March 8*)

FYI: I think Red said last year the band raised \$10,000 for St. Jude's (it might have been even more, can't remember for sure). That is their charity of choice. They really love playing but want to make a difference in children's lives.

When we lived in east Tennessee on Norris Lake, we had a couple children in our area who were treated at St. Jude's Children's hospital. All treatment there is FREE to the children's families! It is a great institution. St. Jude's also does much research on children's cancer! I for one am glad this band has chosen St. Jude's as their charity! – Karen Mau

GLASS RECYCLING

Even though we cannot recycle glass at the Harlingen Recycling there are 2 other options:

1. Target

Target stores have a guest recycling station located in the front of each store. The station is available for bottle and can recycling (aluminum, glass and plastic beverage containers), plastic film (high and low density such as plastic bags and bubble wrap), and small device electronics recycling (think MP3 players, GPS devices and ink cartridges).

Cans, bottles and glass are taken back to distribution centers in trucks already making trips, and recycled at local recyclers. We don't add additional fuel or energy consumption as part of this program.

Plastic bags and plastic film are sold to multiple vendors who recycle and reuse the material. Some vendors convert the plastic into composite decking.

Electronics waste (e.g., mobile phones, small electronic devices, media devices and ink cartridges) is collected by Target's vendor who resells some product for reuse or refurbishing and recycles the rest. Anything that can't be reused is recycled by certified companies that maximize the recovery of the materials. Additionally, we assure you that all personal data is wiped from all devices or the device is destroyed so data is unrecoverable and our vendor provides proof of data destruction.

Note that these bins are not large and are often overflowing – so it is a good idea not to save up too many glass containers before you drop off.

2. City of McAllen Recycling Center 4101 N. Bentsen Road [956] 681-4050

HOURS: Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

They accept the following recyclable items:

Cardboard, Paper, Plastics (code #1 & #2), Aluminum Cans, Tin, and Glass.

Other items can be recycled there but they only accept from McAllen residents.

Crushed glass is available for purchase by residents and non-residents. The cost of the shredded glass is 2 cents a pound. Containers are not provided.

It is a fair distance to go but you can save up and take a big load. They have large outdoor bins. You have to offload yourself. I went a little too close to 4:30 once (4:10) and the gates were already closed so fair warning. I did not realize that they sold crushed glass and will be looking into that for landscaping. For your interest here is some information about personal uses for crushed glass beyond concrete, countertops, fiberglass insulation products, blasting agent, filtration products, bedding for pipes, etc.

Some outdoor areas are enjoying a little extra sparkle — with assistance from old beer bottles and other recyclables used as landscape glass. Bits of repurposed glass, in jewel-like nuggets, provide a decorative accent at the base of hedges, potted greens, and other types of landscaping.

The repurposed glass is formed by grinding various types of recycled glass. Sometimes referred to as “glass mulch,” the pebbles are tumbled to round off sharp edges. They are sold as “glass pebbles” at some landscape shops around the nation, and via online retailers. In Austin, Texas, the solid waste department gives away free repurposed glass. Depending on the supplier, glass pebbles are available in an assortment of hues.

The array of available colors allows gardeners to create beautiful customized designs. For example, a football team ordered a truckload of green and white glass to place a sparkling team logo on the ground near its stadium.

One of the most interesting aspects of recycled glass granules is that they are not sharp. Although the broken bottles and other items used for the raw material can be exceptionally dangerous to handle and require protective equipment the granules produced are not sharp. This is due to the nature of the glass crushing and grinding process, which not only reduces the size of the particles to that required but also takes off all the sharp edges. The glass can therefore be used in many places where sand would normally be the first choice. For example, crushed glass has been used to finish children’s play areas where it provides a soft surface to cushion the inevitable falls that occur when children are playing.

REMARKABLE!

As always remember to REMOVE LIDS and CLEAN containers thoroughly. – Pam Buhr

THE WAY WE WERE (Excerpts from Past Newsletters)

February, 1995 (Volume XVI) Our barn is 25 years old! This is a passage from the Men’s Club Report: *I don’t think I have ever seen a group of men from every aspect of life work so hard together. A few started working on the barn and others started on the shed behind the laundry. The roof leaked so badly...it was getting the stored sale items wet...and most of it had to be replaced by new plywood and roofing... New lights, plugs, and switches were installed. All that remains is the clean-up and painting. Back to the barn – we invite all to come and see how it is progressing. When finished it’s going to be a place to be proud of. Can you imagine only having the shed to store the Rummage Sale things in? We can be grateful for all the MAN hours that went into that Barn project!*



A man walks into a library and asks for a book about lubricants. The librarian points him towards the non-friction section.

Did you hear about the kidnapping at school? It's ok, he woke up.

A pastor was speaking to a group of second graders about the resurrection of Jesus when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?" The pastor explained that the Gospels do not tell us what He said.

The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said: He said, 'Tah-dah!'"