

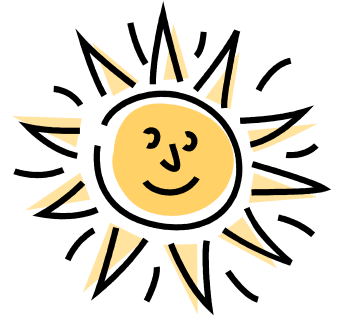
SUN VALLEY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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FIRST EDITION IN THE 2017-2018 WINTER SEASON

Welcome back to the activity-filled winter time!

For your reference, you will find this season's SVV Activities Schedule and the SVV Calendar of Events attached. Entries, however, are subject to change. Notifications of changes will be posted and/or mentioned in the subsequent newsletters.



NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Highlights from the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting – November 7, 2017:

The Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on November 7, 2017. A notice of this meeting was posted prior to the meeting and new members were invited to attend for an orientation to our association and additionally any members with concerns were invited to attend at 7:00 PM to discuss their concerns with the Board members.

Board members present were: President Karen Clement, Treasurer Pat Wyer, Maintenance Butch Beauregard and Secretary John Culhane.

A Treasurer's report was distributed by Pat Wyer. As of 10/31/2017, the Association checking account contained in excess of \$23,083.54. As of 09/30/2017, the savings account contained \$21,511.26.

Butch Beauregard reported on maintenance issues. He said that he completed a check of association fire extinguishers and that they are all up to date. There have been some issues with the swimming pool. The sand filter blew a gasket which is in the process of being repaired. The hot tub heater is out of order. Our pool maintenance company, South Texas Pools has not been responsive in replacing the heater under warranty. Butch will continue to attempt to resolve this matter. The Board discussed the possibility of contracting with a different pool maintenance company.

NOTICE TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

The annual property owners association meeting will again be held this coming January. At this meeting, three board members will be elected to serve a two-year term.

While this may seem like a long way away, it will come sooner than we all can imagine. Talk about this opportunity among yourselves and if you are able, please consider serving on the board of directors. The time commitment is small.

Anyone interested in serving or just looking for information in regard to being a board member is encouraged to contact either Ed Kingma or Doug Danell. Both are on the nominating committee.

There is great satisfaction gained by being a board member. You will have an opportunity to get to know all the other members and you will have input into decisions that are made that affect us all.

NOW FOR SOME TRASH TALK!

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.

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 the brown Waste Management Bags which can be purchased by calling 800-383-0519 and paying online or arranging to leave a check. The bags will be delivered to your home. **West Side households do NOT use the dumpster.**



SWIMMING POOL AND COMMON AREA TRASH

Note that at the time of printing there is no cover for the pool yet, but the common area trash duties will be needed.

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

Each week starts on a Thursday and includes putting out the trash. **By 5:30 PM Thursday** evening, the trash should be emptied from the **hall, including both bathrooms**, the **barn**, and the **Post Office**; 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 responsible for uncovering and covering the pool. 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. **Volunteers are asked NOT to uncover the pool if the forecast is lower than 75 degrees.** Note that the bubble side of the cover needs to sit on the water. The smooth part faces up.



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.

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. (as per Article II, Section 2.2, Covenants and Bylaws)

RECYCLING Taking Care of our Environment! Recycling reduces waste and reduces our ecological footprint. Our grandchildren need us to take up the cause to leave them a better world. (guilt trip or what!)



Please recycle **aluminum cans and their tabs** in the containers provided in the **barn**.

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 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 recycle those in 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.

Styrofoam: White Styrofoam only, nothing with color or wording on it (like egg cartons).

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.**



SVV MEN'S CLUB



Note the following Startup dates for our weekly Fundraisers. **Pancake Breakfasts** take place Saturday mornings **beginning Saturday, November 25**. from 7:30-9:00 AM.

Enjoy pancakes, bacon, breakfast sausages, and coffee at the hall, all for \$3! **Bingo** is held every Thursday at 7:00 PM. The first Bingo will be held **Thursday, December 7**. Both Bingo and Pancake Breakfasts are open to the public. Feel free to invite friends from other parks.



On the attached SVV Events Schedule, please note the dates scheduled for the Spaghetti Dinner and Ice Cream Socials in the New Year.

A guy found a bottle, and picked it up. A genie popped out and said, "Thanks for letting me out. For your kindness I will grant you one wish." The guy said, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I can't because I'm afraid to fly and ships make me deathly sick. My wish is for you to build a highway from here to Hawaii." The genie replied, "I'm sorry, but I don't think I can do that. Just think of all the work involved. Think of the huge pilings and how long they would have to be to reach the bottom. Think of all the cement for that long span, not to mention the permits that would be required. No, that's just too much to ask. Impossible! Think of another wish." The guy thought for a moment and said, "Well, there is one thing I've always wanted to know. I'd like to be able to understand women - you know, what makes them tick?" The genie thought for a second, then asked, "Do you want that highway with two lanes or four?"

SVV LADIES' CLUB



We have two major events coming up in the next two weeks.

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Our dinner will take place on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23. All residents and overnight guests are welcome to attend. Signup sheets are posted at the Post Office. Please indicate if you are attending and what dish you wish to bring. The cost is \$4 per person to be paid to Cheryl

Matthews either before, or at the door. Don't forget to bring your own plate, cutlery and glass/cup for set up at 10:30 AM. Everyone contributes to furniture moving and table setting. If you are unable to make it to set up, you can bring your place settings when you arrive for the dinner.

Complimentary punch is served for Happy Hour beginning at 4:00 PM. You also may bring your own wine if you wish. Buffet dinner begins at 5:00 PM.

The Fall **Rummage Sale** is Saturday, December 2, from 7:00 AM -12 noon. If you have any items to donate to the sale have them down to the barn no later than the Thursday before. Please take note of the Presale Policy following. As well, a document with guidelines for leaving items in the barn was distributed last spring. It is reprinted for your reference following this report.



Everyone is asked to contribute to the Bake Table. Cookies! Squares! Pies! Cakes! Bread! Buns! Whatever your specialties are! Drop off donations that are **priced** at the Rec. Hall on the morning of the sale. Donations for raffle baskets are gratefully accepted by any of the executive members.

Thursday, November 30 at 10:30 AM is scheduled for set up, and we need volunteers to help. We also need volunteers to work during the sale on Saturday. Signup sheets for both days are in the Post Office.

Please attend a great community event that goes a long way to fund projects for the park. The 'SVV Café' will be serving breakfast tacos, egg sandwiches, jumbo hotdogs, desserts, and drinks. Come up and socialize while having a delicious meal.

Our next Ladies' Club meeting will be on Tuesday, December 5 at 3:15 PM.

Presale Policy:

If you are interested in an item left in the barn for the rummage sale, contact our Vice-President, Pat Wyer, at 956-425-6186. She will set a price and the transaction can be conducted immediately. This policy will work on a first-come, first-served, 'take it or leave it' basis (NO HAGGLING). All profits go to the Ladies' Club. This will be in effect until midnight the Wednesday before the sale.

On Thursday, purchases can be made by placing an IOU or the correct cash in the appropriate float box. This shopping is allowed during set-up (10:30 - noon) **for workers only**. Sealed bids on any large item may be submitted to the Vice-President of the Ladies' Club during this time and the item will go to the highest bidder.

GUIDELINES FOR LEAVING ITEMS IN BARN FOR RUMMAGE SALES

First, the Ladies' Club thanks you for your donations. Money received from the 2 Rummage Sales we hold during the winter season is used to help the Sun Valley Village General Fund to pay for various projects that improve our park. However, the following guidelines must be followed to ensure that we have successful sales and to aid in the set-up of these sales.

THERE WILL BE NO SALES BETWEEN APRIL 1 and NOVEMBER 1. After November 1, if you wish to purchase an item that has been donated, please contact the Vice President of the Ladies' Club to assist you. Also, we are not a swap meet. Example: if you donate a lamp and find one in the barn that is better, it is not allowable to just swap the items.

PLEASE PLACE DONATED ITEMS ON THE TABLES UNDER THE PLASTIC SHEETS. Plastic sheets are provided to cover the items that are on the tables throughout the summer to prevent dust and animal droppings from collecting on the items donated. Large items such as furniture should be placed on the pallets in the middle of the barn to prevent water damage should we have heavy rains. Water does seep onto the barn floor.

ALL ITEMS DONATED MUST BE CLEAN AND WORKABLE. We are not a dump site for items that are not useable. Electronic items need a small sign taped to the item that says it works. All old-style TV's are not acceptable. You may dispose of these by taking them to the recycle center. They are not a saleable item.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY CLOTHING OR LINENS TO THE BARN UNTIL THE WEEK OF THE SALE. They get moldy and musty from the humidity in the barn. Please keep them at your home in a back bedroom or closet until then. Also, they need to be clean and wearable.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS ON THE FLOOR BETWEEN THE TABLES. Full access must be available to all surfaces of the tables. Again, items must be in good working order and clean and placed under the provided plastic.

The Ladies' Club would like to thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



SVV MEN'S GOLF

Monday Men's golf has not started yet because of dwindling numbers. As more start migrating south and, provided we have enough players, we will start up. For more information, call ED CLARK (956-412-3667).

SVV LADIES' GOLF



Ladies of the Village AND friends play nine holes at Tony Butler Golf Course Monday mornings at approximately 9:15 AM following the SVV Men's Golf League. There is no signup sheet. Just drop in at the course. We are always happy to welcome more to our numbers! For more information, contact DEBBIE BATES (956-577-6290).

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 Rec. 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 (956-970-1802).



Jesus and Moses are playing golf and they're on the tenth hole. Moses hits the ball and it heads straight for a pond. Just before the ball hits the water, the pond parts and the ball rolls up onto the green.

Jesus winds up and hits one about to the same spot. Jesus' ball hits the water and skips across.

Suddenly, lightning flashes and a ball drops from the sky. A fish swallows it, a bird picks up the fish and drops the ball onto a turtle, that walks over to the hole and drops it in.

Moses turns to Jesus and says, 'I hate it when your dad plays!

I'll always remember the day I broke ninety. I had a few beers in the clubhouse and was so excited I forgot to play the back nine - Bruce Lansky

Do not fall for this! A golfer has a 60-foot breaking putt and makes a bet stating that he has a dollar that says, 'I can make this putt.' Everyone takes him up on the bet. He duly misses the putt by 5 feet and says, 'You all owe me a dollar.' Of course, his golf mates all think he is crazy until he produces a dollar upon which he wrote, 'I can make this putt.'

SHUFFLEBOARD

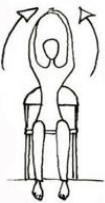
On November 14, 2017, we began another shuffle boarding season in SVV. We will again gather in the activity hall and begin games at 9:00 AM each Tuesday and Thursday. Fifty cents will get you three games and the money will be used for prizes.

There is a sign-up sheet on the post office bulletin board for the week's games.

If anyone is interested in organizing the Village shuffle boarding, or would even like to take charge for a month, please contact JUDY HARKNESS (956-230-8613).



CHAIR YOGA



On Thursday afternoons from 1:30–2:30 PM (note that this is a new time), please 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! We will be starting the first week of December – Thursday, December 7.

Questions? Call PAM BUHR (956-970-1802).

LINE DANCING

Line Dance instruction and practice is available Monday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 PM. No experience is necessary. Come on out y'all! Cowboy hats and boots are optional. Startup week TBA – keep an eye on the bulletin board in the Post Office. Questions? Call PAT WYER (956-425-6186).



EXERCISE

Come along to the Rec. Hall for a low impact exercise workout. No formal classes are held, but feel free to drop in on your own to use the DVD workout sessions available when the hall is free. You can check out the Activities Schedule attached to find out when it is available. Questions? Call PAM BUHR (956-970-1802).

WATER WALKING

Every Monday and Friday at 1:30-2:10 PM and Wednesday from 3:30 – 4:10 PM come join us to walk in the water. We exercise our legs, arms, and mouths all at the same time! We will be starting Monday, November 27. For further information, contact DIANE COULTER (956-230-1476).



'65'/BRIDGE/'500'

On Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 PM, the Ladies in the Park enjoy coffee, company, and card playing. Some play Bridge and some play '65', and some play '500'. So, you have lots of choices. Each week the ladies take turns, and we are treated to a light snack with our coffee afterwards. Come and join us.



'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 DONNA COOPER (419-789-0413) or JERRY BATES (303-475-0631).



POOL ROOM NEWS

Our pool hall is available to all. No formal programs are ongoing. Just drop in and shoot a few.



HANDICRAFTS & ADULT COLORING

Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 PM

Work on your own craft project or bring your coloring and spend a relaxing time with ladies of the Village. Ideas for group projects are welcome. We will be starting up Wednesday, November 29. Questions? Contact DIANE COULTER (956-230-1476).



ART GROUP



We have just started to meet and there is always room for one more. If you like to draw or paint, come to the hall at 9:30 on Wednesday or Saturday morning. 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)

VISITORS

For Donna Cooper: Her daughter, Donna Lyn and son-in-law, Bob, are visiting from Ohio.

For Duncan McKenzie: His daughters Janice and Heather are visiting from Thunder Bay.

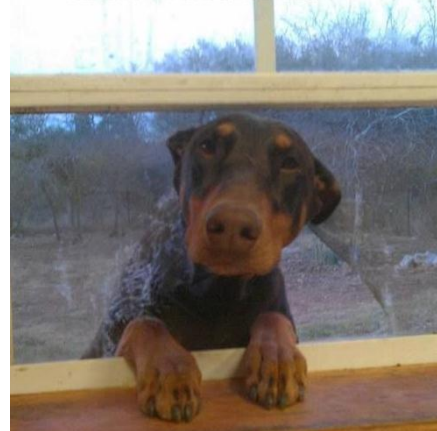
NEW RESIDENTS

Silvia Thompson	25420 Altas Palmas	956-551-4898
Don and Marty McCallum	25412 Goldenrod Lane	956-357-6012
Carlos Villarreal	25379 Goldenrod Lane	811-909-4286
Gary Troupe	25478 Goldenrod Lane	
Rocky Roblado	15863 Orange Drive	956-551-4898
Dr. Michael Davis	15702 Orange Drive	956-203-9854
Ray Lynn Romero	15689 Orange Drive	720-626-7590
Christine Rogers	15788 Orange Drive	405-225-7440
Robert and Nancy Hulett	15701 Palm Tree Drive	319-759-1546



We are very pleased to welcome y'all to our Village and look forward to seeing you around!

Hello neighbor! Do I smell bacon?



RENTERS

A big welcome to seasonal renters!

Doug and Marilyn Hermiston from Manitoba 15804 Palm Tree Drive 956-230-4538
Phil & Dawn Moore from Missouri 15785 Palm Tree Drive
Dawn 913-709-9237, Phil 913-207-9787

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

Euriste Family	361-793-9285	25498 Altas Palmas Drive
Dave Gardner	519-386-3623	25508 Goldenrod Lane
Loren Ward	417-294-2542	25425 Goldenrod Lane
Bob and Claire Groombridge	807 577-1925	25392 Goldenrod Lane
Dan Blais	430 605-3242	25302 Goldenrod Lane
Jody Busing	515 290-9309	25373 Goldenrod Lane
Deborah Farrer (Mohler)	765-210-0141	25422 Goldenrod Lane
Clare and Rolande LeFave	705-487-2768	15738 Palm Tree Drive
Floyd and Linda Ruch	956-244-0603	15729 Palm Tree Drive
Tony and Helen Tribalski	574-549-2430	15757 Palm Tree Drive
George Osterhout	316-448-0014	15748 Palm Tree Drive
Bob and Dorothy Winters	920-407-2837	15758 Palm Tree Drive

PROPERTIES FOR RENT

John and Elena Cook	817-683-8263	25330 Altas Palmas Drive
Rusty Truax (Charlyn Elliott)	817-683-8263	25330 Goldenrod Lane

ARE YOU MISSING?

If we have missed a new owner or a renter or a property for sale or rent, we apologize. Please call or email Pam and she will get the information into January's newsletter.
pambuhr@gmail.com 956-970-1802

Sorry for getting a little personal here, but ain't it the truth!



IN MEMORIAM

Bob Halstead, a longtime resident. of Sun Valley Village, passed away this summer. Our condolences to his wife, Lu, and their family. We celebrate his life through the many memories we have of him.



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

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 (ddanell@shaw.ca). Include captions if you wish. Properties for sale/rent could be posted with accompanying photos as well.

THE WAY WE WERE (Excerpts from Past Newsletters)

From March 1994 – Volume 12

Does anyone miss the trees at the pool? I'm sure our pool volunteers do not. Now if we could only control the burning of the sugar cane, we'd have it made! We certainly don't have to deal with leaves in the pool, thank goodness!

It sure is nice to see so many for sales coming down, with new owners moving in and making so many improvements. We look forward to seeing you at our organized activities.

Déjà vu all over again if you read on!



EDITORS' NOTE

So many new people to get to know in our Village! Exciting times – please come out to some of our events so we can get to know you.☺ Maybe we'll see you for Thanksgiving...



to all our year-round residents for watching over our seasonal residences!

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