

# **SUN VALLEY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

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### **FIRST EDITION IN THE 2018-2019 WINTER SEASON**

Welcome back to the activity-filled winter time!

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

### **IN MEMORIAM**

**Karen Clement left us October 15, but she remains in our hearts. She is dearly missed.**

It is so difficult to put into words how much Karen meant to us and how big a part she played in our lives. She lived out her Christian beliefs every day in her service to her family, her friends, and neighbors; and through her care of so many of God's furry or feathered creatures.

Karen always went over and above the 'line of duty' when it came to her lawn-mowing business and we really appreciated her personal interest in the welfare of our property when we were absent.

She was truly a committed and tireless worker for our park – so outgoing and eager to meet new homeowners – willing to help out at a moment's notice – caring and concerned about all the park's inhabitants and their families – and vigilant regarding the upkeep and security of their properties.

We miss Karen's frequent trips around the park every day and brief stops to chat with us and inform us about the latest neighborhood happenings. We will have fond thoughts about her absolutely delicious baking and will often be reminded about how strongly she supported all the park projects and its volunteers. Most of all, we will miss her excellent administration of the business of Sun Valley Village as its President and her courage to enforce the rules when needed.

We miss her positive outlook every day and hardly an hour goes by that she doesn't come into our thoughts or conversations. That is the true testament to the impact she had on every aspect of our lives and our community.

The Ladies' Club will be hosting a Celebration of Life for Karen. It will take place on January 13, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the SVV Hall. Everyone is welcome.

### **NEWS FROM THE BOARD**

The Board met for the first time this season, December 4, and we miss Karen dearly.

We wish to extend a heartfelt welcome to our new residents and our returning winter Texans.

We are preparing for the POA (Property Owners Association) Annual Meeting which will be held January 21, 2019 at 7:30 PM.

Again, we thank YOU, the volunteers, who keep our park running. There are too many to thank individually, so please accept our blanket thank you. You are very much appreciated.



## 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. Pick up days are

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)                 |
| <b>-Brush or tree trimmings</b>           | - 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.**

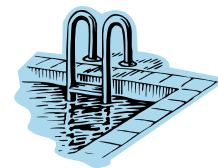
### COMMON AREA TRASH and SWIMMING POOL COVERING DUTY

These duties are provided by resident volunteers. The signup sheet is in the Rec. Hall, as is 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 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 below 70, 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 70 or above and there are two of you.**



**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)

It's fine to eat a 'test' grape in the produce section but you take one bite of a rotisserie chicken and it's all, "Sir, you need to leave."

**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**



Our weekly Fundraisers include **Pancake Breakfasts** every Saturday morning, **except on Rummage Sale dates**. Come down anytime from 7:30-9:00 AM to enjoy pancakes, bacon, breakfast sausages, and coffee at the hall, all for \$4.00! **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.



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

**Note that the Men's meeting will now be held ONLY on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM.** Please attend so that you can have input in planning projects.

### **SVV LADIES' CLUB**

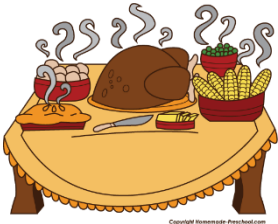
**WHAT IS IT?** SVV Ladies' Club meets every Tuesday at 1:00 PM. We meet at the Hall to play cards and socialize over refreshments and a light snack. There is a business meeting and a birthday celebration the first Tuesday of the month. The meeting starts at approximately 3:15 PM.



**SVV LADIES' CLUB REPORT** Welcome back all. I hope you had a good summer. I also hope the winter will be good to all of us.

Thanksgiving has come and gone, what a feast. We had 57 in attendance. The 50/50 draw was won by Linda Besselle (\$92) and Betty Stevens won the dinner cruise for 2 on a catamaran. Thank you for all the helping hands.

Next on the calendar is our Fall Rummage sale to be held December 8 from 7 to 11 AM. Rummage sale set up is Thursday starting at 10:30 AM (after Shuffleboard). This event proves many hands make light work.



Christmas is coming and so is a new event - Pre-Christmas Happy Hour, December 14. Of course, we can't forget our Christmas Potluck, December 25. Happy Holidays.

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

The following activities are those that have begun. New activities will be announced on the Post Office Bulletin Board and added to next month's newsletter.

### **SVV MEN'S & LADIES' GOLF**

Residents of the Village AND friends play nine holes at Tony Butler Golf Course Monday mornings. The men start at 9:00 AM and the women follow at approximately 9:15 AM. 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 (204-807-8389).



Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?" "No," the second man replied, "It's Thursday." And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."

### **SHUFFLEBOARD**

Shuffleboard has already started. The signup sheet is at the Post Office. We play Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM. The cost is 50 cents. Questions? Call SUSAN KETCHEN (956-230-2143).



### **EXERCISE**

Come along to the Rec. Hall for a low impact exercise workout every Thursday morning at 10:30 AM. Also free to drop in on your own to use the available DVD workout sessions when the hall is free. Questions? Call LORRAINE WILSON (956-536-0075).

### **WATER WALKING**

Monday and Wednesday at 3:30 PM; Friday at 1:30 PM - as long as the weather is above 70 degrees F. 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 and 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 JERRY BATES (303-475-0631).

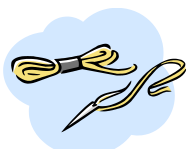
### **POOL ROOM NEWS**

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



### **HANDICRAFTS**

The craft group will not be meeting on a regular basis as we have no projects. If we have something we want to work on we will post a bulletin in the Post Office. FYI - there are 3 sewing machines available to borrow. Please contact DIANE COULTER (956-230-1476) for more information.



### **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)

Did you know Raymond Burr had a brother who was a lumberjack?  
His name was Tim.

## **VISITORS**

**For Susan Ketchen:** Friend, Dianne Blewett visited for 12 days. She helped with the drive from Winnipeg. We followed Lynda and Doug Danell. It was a great trip. Thank you, Doug. Dianne experienced cooler, wet weather, and bug bites, but more importantly the wonderful hospitality of SVV. A return trip bonus was a 24-hour delay in Chicago. Dianne was able to visit an art gallery. Her luggage did show up a couple days after her return!

## **NEW RESIDENTS**

Daniel Gonzales	25425 Goldenrod Lane	408-379-4959 ©
Kevin Frederick	25302 Goldenrod Lane	281-928-4865 ©
David & Beverley Howard	25422 Goldenrod Lane	B 765-667-3459© D 765-618-7590©
Alvin & Mary Ann Plahitko	15757 Palm Tree Drive	317-965-0523©
Ram & Annie Martinez	15729 Palm Tree Drive	R 956-357-6155© A 956-622-2690©
Peter & Cathryn Del	15758 Palm Tree Drive	P 315-729-4430© C 315-730-4583©
George & Rita Green	15748 Palm Tree Drive	573-737-2463©

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

## **RENTERS**

**A big welcome to seasonal renters!**

Terry & Dawn Gates	from Saskatchewan	25464 Altas Palmas Drive	D306-862-7645© T306-862-7929©
Doug & Marilyn Hermiston	from Manitoba	25324 Goldenrod Lane	956-230-2530
Bob Igl	from Wisconsin	25478 Goldenrod Lane	920-574-5651©
Phil & Dawn Moore	from Missouri	15785 Palm Tree Drive	D913-709-9237© P 913-207-9787©

## **PROPERTIES FOR SALE**

Dave Gardner	519-386-3623	25508 Goldenrod Lane
John Hukill	956-245-1983	15729 Orange Drive
Bill & Miriam Boardman	956-423-2270	25335 Goldenrod Lane
Carlos Villareal	956-990-1132	25379 Goldenrod Lane
Daniel Gonzales	408-379-4959	25428 Goldenrod Lane

## **PROPERTIES FOR RENT**

Silvia Thomson	956-226-9267	25420 Altas Palmas Drive
John and Elena Cook	817-683-8263	25330 Altas Palmas Drive
Rusty Truax (Charlyn Elliott)	817-683-8263	25330 Goldenrod Lane
Cheryl Matthews (Office Manager)	989-426-0645	SVV Apartment

## **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](mailto:pambuhr@gmail.com) 204-807-8389

### **DIRECTORY PHONE NUMBER CHANGES:**

Lloyd & Carol Bates	720-318-8076 (remove 303-898-4856)
Pam Buhr & Gord Park	204-807-8389

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

### **SVV OFFICE**

Welcome back to your winter home. I'm looking forward to another fun filled season.

I'm working on the Directory and I will be adding email addresses and updating phone numbers. If you would like your email listed in the Directory, please let me know. I also need to know if your phone numbers are land lines or cell phones, and if it is a cell, to whom it belongs. Some of you have already given me this information, but if not, you can see me on Tuesday or Thursday between 9:00 AM and noon or drop the information through the mail slot. I will need this information by the end of December to have all corrections done by the January meeting.



There will be a sample of the new 2019 Directory available for your review in December. Please make an effort to check for errors or any corrections needed. I need your help to make sure your directory is up to date and all information is correct.

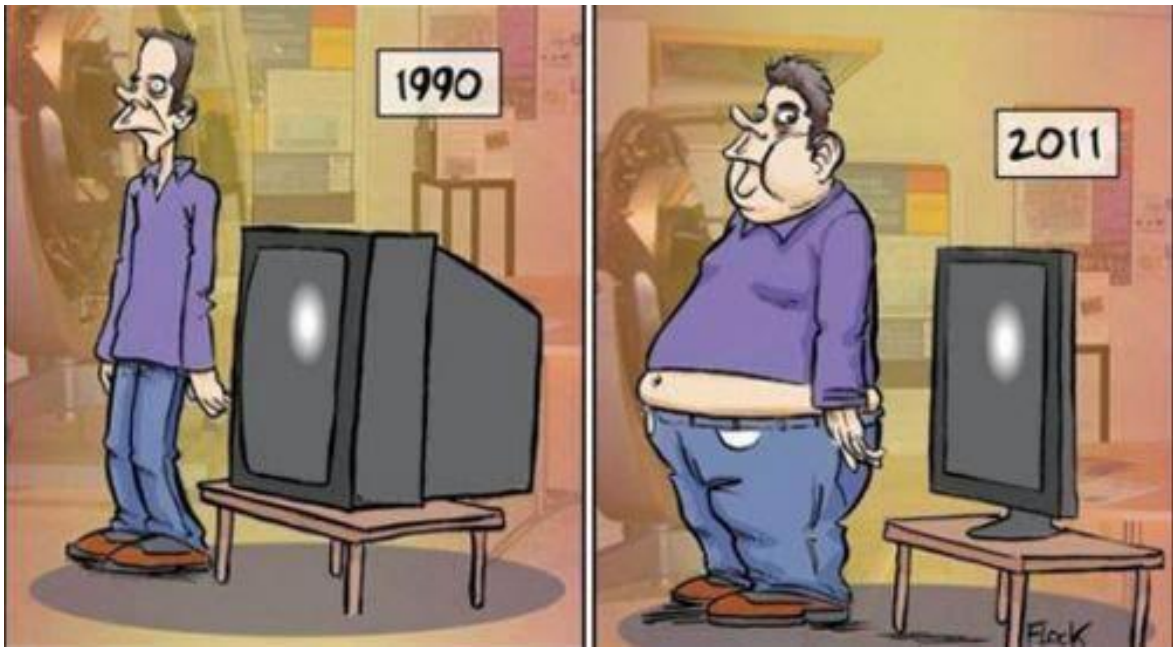
If you had your house keys with Karen they are now in the office. If you would like them back, you can pick them up on Tuesday or Thursday. If you do not pick them up they will be kept in a lock box in the office. If you need someone to check your home in the summer, there will be a designated person to have access to those keys.

Thank you,

Cheryl Matthews

SVVPOA Office Manager





## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

On behalf of the family of Karen Clement, we would like to thank all our friends and neighbors who sent cards, stopped by for visits or brought food items during this difficult time. Karen loved Sun Valley Village and always wanted to do what was good for the park, so everyone could enjoy themselves while here. We miss her dearly.

Jack, Kelly, Brent, Dale, and Mary Ellen

## **THE WAY WE WERE** (Excerpts from Past Newsletters)

From December 1994, Volume 14 – IMAGINE - WE ARE NOW ONTO VOLUME 100!

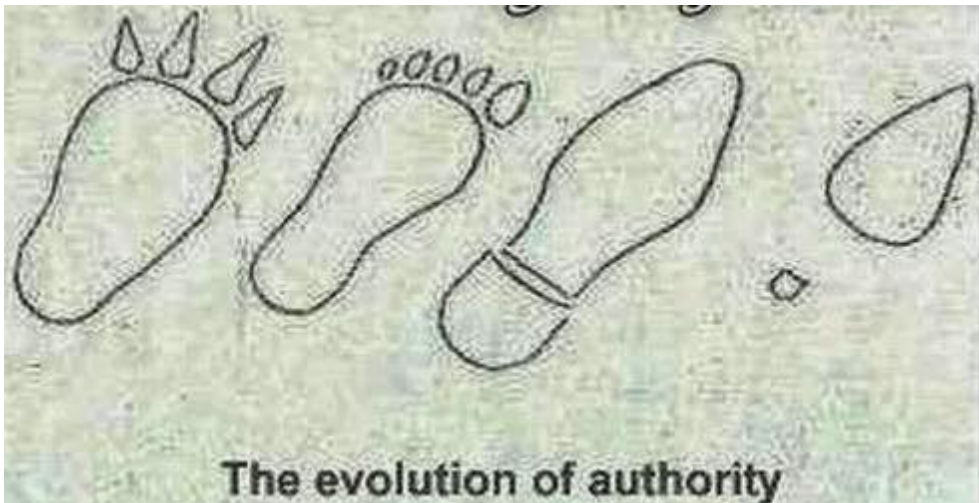
*The Men's Club has had two pancake breakfasts and sad to say, the second was very poorly attended. We NEED customers! Ask yourself, your friends, your neighbors, your enemies, any and all to 'support this Saturday morning project. The food is good, and as Bob Barker says, the price is right! Hey – 2018 and we can say the same thing. See you at the next Pancake Breakfast on December 15!*

## **EDITORS' NOTE**

To all our Village People - say hi and introduce yourself to strangers you meet on our Village streets. They will certainly be residents and renters who are new in town or else you are new in town and you're getting to know longtime residents! Neighborliness rules!.



for fancy street signs, clean pool chairs and buildings, fresh paint, lush green grass, organized amenities and activities, and more - the efforts of so many people behind the scenes helping to make our community a beautiful and enjoyable place to live!



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