

SUN VALLEY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM THE BOARD

For your information you can always find the monthly Board meeting minutes posted in the Clubhouse.



The pool and hot tub are now in good repair and are being enjoyed by residents and guests once again.

We need to address the use of the dumpster once again. We have many new owners and renters who may not understand the City/County trash removal situation.

The members who live west of Altas Palmas are in Cameron County and **must** use Waste Management bags for their trash which is picked up curbside.

The Recreation Hall, Pool, and Apartment trash are to be placed in the bins behind the apartment/office building.

The members who live on the east side of Altas Palmas were annexed by the City of Harlingen and should use the dumpster located near the pool. These are the only residents who are authorized to use the dumpster. These residents are billed monthly and pay quarterly for dumpster trash removal. Only household trash is to be put in the dumpster. **No** limbs, trash from shops or building projects, televisions or other small appliances are allowed to be put in the dumpster. It is the homeowner's responsibility to dispose of prohibited items elsewhere.

Please consider taking your recyclable materials (plastic, cardboard, Styrofoam, etc.) to the recycle facility on Commerce Avenue. This practice would alleviate much of the problem with the dumpster being too full for additional trash, on a regular basis. It has been noted that oftentimes people place empty space consuming containers in the dumpster which leaves little room for disposal by other residents of the east side of SVV. It would also help our world.☺

PLEASE RECYCLE!

REMINDER TO SELLERS OF PROPERTY IN SUN VALLEY VILLAGE

Sun Valley Village Covenants and By-Laws, Section 2.5 states:

To occupy a lot within the Sun Valley Subdivision, at least one person must be fifty-five (55) years of age or older. Either *spouse* only may be younger than that age. This covenant shall be *enforceable against any one acquiring title* to the lots within the subdivision after February 1, 1999.

This by-law clearly states that anyone acquiring title to property in Sun Valley Village must be 55 or older if single, and if **married**, at least one of the spouses must be 55 or older, in order to occupy the property, regardless of who lives with them.

SVV MEN'S CLUB

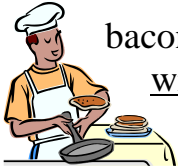
We purchased a new skillet and smoke detector for the hall. A technician from Commercial Kitchens recalibrated, rebalanced, cleaned, and fixed all the controls on the two grills for a cost of \$396. If the grills had to be replaced the cost would have been \$3,000. One new underground line and a sprinkler head had to be replaced on the irrigation system next to the apartment. The lid was replaced on the large trash bin.



Our last **Ice Cream Social** will be on March 6, 2:00-4:00 PM. Members of the Men's Club will be around selling tickets (\$2.50/ ticket) in the coming days. Tickets will also be available at the door.



Pancake Breakfasts are Saturday mornings from 7:30-9:00 AM. Enjoy pancakes, bacon, breakfast sausages, and coffee at the hall, all for \$3! Our last Pancake Breakfast will be on March 19.



Bingo is held every Thursday at 7:00 PM. The last Bingo night will be March 17.



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

There will be **no Men's Club meeting on Tuesday, March 8.** This is the Ladies' Luncheon Day. Due to the Rummage Sale there will be **no Bingo on Thursday, March 3,** and **no Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 5.**

SVV LADIES' CLUB

Our Ladies' Luncheon at Stephano's on February 9 was a big success. Everyone enjoyed the good food and company, along with a couple of games. Thanks to Judy Harkness, Sue Ketchen, and Diane Coulter for organizing and setting this up.



The Apartment Renovation Committee has been busy, trying to do as much as possible before our new renter came in. There is a committee report following to address all that was accomplished. The Ladies' Club would like to especially thank all who volunteered their time. Without their support it would be impossible to undertake such a big project. All who have seen what has been accomplished are very pleased and impressed with their results.

The Spring **Rummage Sale** is this weekend, Saturday, March 5, from 7:00 AM -12 noon. Please come down and join us for a great community event that goes a long way to fund projects for the park such as the apartment renovation. Breakfast tacos, hot dogs, egg salad sandwiches, drinks, and desserts are available for a very reasonable price. Also, come take advantage of delicious items on our Bake Table. Hope to see all of you there.

Our Salad Luncheon is coming up on Tuesday, March 8 at 11:30 AM. All ladies in the park are invited. Just bring a dish to share and your own service. The theme is GREEN, GREEN, GREEN – clothes, nails, shoes, hats, and food. It should be a good time for all the gals.

The Spring Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, March 20. We hope to see all of you who are still in the park, come and enjoy some great punch, turkey, ham, shared dishes, and lots of good conversation. Sign-up sheets to indicate attendance and the dish you will bring will be posted shortly.

Our last Ladies' Club meeting will be on Tuesday, March 29. For all those heading back home, be safe, and we look forward to another great winter season.

Debbie Bates, President, Ladies' Club

APARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The first phase of improvements to the Village apartment is completed and it is now rented for the month of March. An enthusiastic and hard-working group painted, shampooed, scrubbed, hammered, drilled, sawed, and hung art on the walls during the short window of opportunity afforded between renters.

Here's a brief summary of what has been accomplished to date:

- painted feature walls in living room, bedroom and kitchen
- shampooed carpet in living room and bedroom
- installed new five-foot kitchen cabinet with Formica countertop, and new slides in existing cupboard drawers
- installed new backsplash above the existing countertop, a new LED light fixture above the kitchen sink, and new fan/light fixture above kitchen table
- purchased new microwave, wall hangings, bedroom dresser and night tables, living room end table
- hung several donated pictures and pieces of art
- repairs, touch-ups, and plain old cleaning and scrubbing

This is an ongoing endeavor undertaken by the Ladies Club and there are still many other improvements on the docket for the summer/fall. To date we have spent \$1,102 of the two-year commitment of \$3,000 to modernize and decorate the apartment. A hearty thank you goes out to the committee members for rolling up their sleeves and diving into the task – Sue Fisher, Susan Harkness, Lovey Netrval, Jackie Beauregard, and Betty Stevens. Also right in there like dirty shirts were their spouses: Lloyd Fisher, Craig Harkness, Peter Netrval, Butch Beauregard and Art Stevens. A key component of the major transformation of the kitchen was the expertise of Dale Garrett. We are so fortunate to have him on the project. We must not forget some of the other willing workers who just pitched in and gave a helping hand: Judy Berezowski, Karen Clement, Jerry Bates, and Tom McCuaig. They say many hands make light work and that adage certainly proved to be true. We are all collectively proud of the transformation to date and encouraged by the compliments so readily given by the new renter and all who have seen the apartment. Although not a part of the Ladies Club project, kudos must go out to Craig Harkness and his helpers for the new back stairs which provide an easier and safer entrance from the new driveway, and for the refurbishment of the deck which will enhance the overall appeal and enjoyment of the apartment. All in all, we are excited about the improvements to date and look forward to the next phase when time and apartment availability permit.

SVV MEN'S GOLF

Every Monday morning, we play nine holes, best ball, at 9:00 AM at the Tony Butler Golf Course. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the Post Office until Friday each week. After our weekly golf, we go to the SVV Rec. Hall for snacks and refreshments. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call BOB HALSTEAD (428-6904) or ED CLARK (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. We are having our Wind Up on Monday, March 21 at the Olive Garden. For more information, contact DEBBIE BATES (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 10:00 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 (970-1802).

MIXED GOLF WINDUP

Our BBQ Windup will be held Friday, March 18. A signup sheet will be posted Friday, March 11. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. Hamburgers and snacks are provided.

ANNUAL SVV MIXED 9 HOLE BEST BALL CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT: BOYS AGAINST THE GIRLS!



Sixteen men and Seventeen women faced off against each other on February 26. With only a two stroke difference, the Lads beat the Lassies for a third time! Congratulations Boys! The Girls concede that the best 3 out of 5 battle of the sexes ends with the Boys being victorious. Many thanks to Judy Berezowski and Pat Wyer for creating the lovely halter tops for the Male Team Photos, shortly to be posted on the SVV website and the Mixed Golf Victory Wall at the clubhouse.



In a recently held linguistic competition held in London and attended by supposedly the best in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over five minutes.

The final question was: How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand. Some people say there is NO difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.

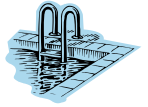
Here is his astute answer: When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED, and when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!!

He won a trip to travel the world in style and a case of 25-

year-old rum.

SWIMMING POOL AND COMMON AREA TRASH

The pool is covered and uncovered by residents. The signup sheet is in the Rec. Hall. 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 6:00 PM Thursday** evening, the trash should be emptied from the hall and both bathrooms, 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 in the emptied garbage cans in the bin. Bags are kept in the narrow cupboard by the kitchen trashcan.

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.

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, members of their family, their tenants, and their overnight guests– no exceptions, please. (as per Article II, Section 2, Covenants and Bylaws)

SHUFFLEBOARD

February 2016 – what a great month of weather for Shuffleboard! We played four Tuesdays and three Thursdays. We had a total of seven games and an average of eighteen players.



Our high score team, with 211 points in 3 wins on February 2 was Jackie Beauregard and LaRae Knecht. Our Best Effort team on February 18 was Susan Harkness. and LaRae Knecht.

Let's hope March weather will be just as good as February's was. Don't forget to wear "Green" on March 17! Our last Shuffleboard Game will be on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

Thanks to all the ladies who would play on the men's side when we were short of men, and to all who played both ends, when we were short a player. Thanks also to all who setup and cleanup. Most of all, THANKS to all for the **fun we have!** XO

To play, put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Post Office – cost is only fifty cents!
Winner payouts: 1st - \$1.00 2nd - \$0.75 3rd - \$0.50 Best Effort - \$0.25
Any questions? Contact DON AND BRENDA VANALSTINE (956-230-0008).

CHAIR YOGA



On Thursday afternoons from 1:00–2:00 PM, 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! Our last class will be Thursday, March 17. Questions? Call PAM BUHR (970-1802).

NOVINOPHOBIA – The fear of running out of wine.

LINE DANCING



Line Dance instruction and practice is available Thursday afternoons from 2:00-3:00 PM. No experience is necessary. Come on out y'all! Cowboy hats and boots are optional. Our last class will be Thursday, March 17. Questions? Call PAT WYER (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. The hall is free Sunday, Monday and Friday all morning; and until 10:00 Tuesday and Thursday mornings, however, shufflers gather briefly from 8:30-9:00. It is also available before 9:30 Wednesday. If you are an early bird, you likely will find the hall free every morning before 9:30 except for Saturday. Questions? Call LYNDAN DANELL (230-0265).

WATER WORKOUT

Aquacise has finished for the season. There is still lots of action at the pool most afternoons so come and join us!



'65'/BRIDGE/'500'

On Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 PM, the Ladies in the Park play cards. 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 culinary delights with our coffee afterwards. Come and join us. Our last formal gathering will be Tuesday, March 29.



PEGS AND JOKERS

Monday nights at 7:00 PM come out to the hall to play this popular board game. For more information, call KAREN MAU (254-3510).

'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 JENNA CULBERTSON (970-310-0281) or DONNA COOPER (419-789-0413).



BRIDGE

Bridge is played Saturdays at 7:00 PM. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Post Office. Our last night will be Saturday, March 26. For more information, call VIRGINIA SKEIM (428-5070).



EUCHRE

Join us Sunday and Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM to play the card game, Euchre. It's easy to learn and anyone is welcome to drop in. For further information, contact MERILEE WEBER (230-0313).

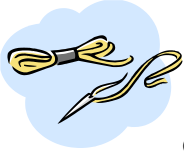
Growing old is inevitable. Growing up is optional.

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 is planning their projects for next year. We are going to make cloth bags to fill with goodies for the homeless. Please save shampoos, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant. We would also like to include a wash cloth and a new pair of socks. If you can find any of these on sale during the summer, we would appreciate the contribution.

We are going to spend a month on card making. Cheryl Matthews has volunteered to help us with making some fancy cards.

After Christmas we are going to make Fidget Quilts. These are small easy-to-sew activity mats that help soothe the agitated fidgeting of people with dementia or autism. Plus, the mats help focus their attention, stimulate senses, exercise hand muscles, and entertain their users. These quilts are about the size of a placemat and can include pockets, zippers, buttons, string beads, keys, bells etc. We are looking for all the materials mentioned plus pompoms, rickrack, and small pieces of fur. We think this will be a very fun and worthwhile project that we are looking forward to working on.

Please feel free to drop in to see what we are working on or drop off any materials you might have for us to use. Our windup will be at Applebee's, Wednesday, March 16, 11:30 AM. For further information, contact DIANE COULTER (230-1476).

ART GROUP

We are done for the year but look forward to continuing next fall.

VALENTINE DANCE

Another successful Valentine Dance was held February 27, 2016. Once again Ken Thompson did a terrific job of entertaining us. There were many sweet door prizes handed out. This year Elaine Lynch was the lucky winner of the 50/50 draw. After Ken finished, Gord Park led the Karaoke until the wee hours of the morning! Although Ken is cutting back on his 'gigs', he has agreed to come out for us one last time next year.



FYI: REASSURING RESEARCH:

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age. It just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe. Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so, too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full. Researchers say this slowing down process is not the same as cognitive decline. The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information over time. The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more. Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when

they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

PINK RIBBON CLASSIC (Breast Cancer)

Three teams of four ladies each attended this annual event held at Cottonwood Golf Club on February 18.

Team 1: Debbie Bates, Jan Schryver, Lu Halstead, and Pat Kingma

Team 2: Sue Fisher, Judy Berezowski, Lynda Danell, and Carol Nesbitt

Team 3: Linda Besselle, Linda Pacquet, Pat Wyer, and Betty Stevens



Nine holes of golf, a catered lunch, prizes, raffles, and a silent auction were all part of the day. Jan Schryver won a prize for Longest and Closest to Center line from Tee to Green. Raffle winners were Judy, Pat Wyer (3 times!!), Lynda Danell for Sue Ketchen, Debbie, Linda Pacquet, and Betty. A good showing from our park!! Pat Kingma, Lu Halstead and Pat Wyer (again) won the plant centerpieces on the tables. All in all, we had a great time supporting such a worthy cause that sadly touches most of our lives in some way. All monies donated from this endeavor stay right here in the valley to support Breast Cancer patients. GO PINK LADIES!!!!

BLOCK PARTIES Saturday, February 13

PALM TREE

Our annual block party was hosted by Melvin and Irene Hubbell together with Bruce and Jean Merriman under the Merriman carport. The ever-exciting, nail-biting game of bean bag toss was held and the following winners emerged:

A Side – Marilee Weber and Bill Mau

B Side – Irene Hubbell and Art Stevens

The winner of the door prize was Marilee Weber.

Special thanks go out to Judy Berezowski for making up the bean bags as the original ones went missing, and also to Mike Wyer for keeping all players in line while keeping score as well.

Barbecues were started up at 5:00 and an assortment of delicious side dishes were brought and served.

Twenty-six people attended and a good time was had by all. Hosting next year's party are Dorothy and Bob Winters and Karen and Bill Mau.

ORANGE

The Block Party on Orange Drive was held at Morningstar's home and hosted by Craig and Susan Harkness, and Larry and Donna Morningstar. Pulled pork was served with delicious appetizers, side dishes, and desserts. The Bean Bag Toss was won by Helen Tribalski and Farnon Keeler. Ladder Ball was won by Sue Fisher and Terry Gates. Bocci Ball was won by Joanne Prystupa and Dale Garrett. The weather was spectacular, as was the company. Fun was had by all. Thanks to all for making it a success once again.

WEST SIDE (Altas Palmas, Buttercup, Goldenrod, Poinsettia, Primrose)

The West Side party was hosted this year by Vanalstines, Knechts, Beans, Halsteads, Thomasson and Diner. There were 54 of us who gathered at the clubhouse and enjoyed lots of visiting and games of Ladder Golf and Bean Bag Toss. A very competitive Shuffleboard Tournament was held. It was well organized and run by the Vanalstines. Grand prizes for that went to Bob Halstead and Linda Paquet. Runners up were Don MacLeod and Maria Furlan. All were awarded certificates for a free meal at Mr. Gatti's. Lots of lucky winners got door prizes.

All enjoyed the delicious potluck dinner along with meats that were grilled on the barbeques. Next year's hosts will be Ed and Val Clark, and Yvon and Linda Besselle.

VISITORS

For Pam Buhr and Gord Park: Their daughter, Joey from Manitoba dropped in for a week and totally surprised her Grandma Glenda and Grandpa Glen! Joey and her dad spent a lot of \$.

For Bruce and Jean Merriman: Their daughter, Patti, and their granddaughter, Corrie, from Thunder Bay, will soon be visiting. They arrive in Harlingen on March 12 and leave on March 28. They have made many friends in the Village during their yearly visits here and look forward to seeing everyone. They can also hardly wait for some of the warm Texas weather which will be a great improvement over Thunder Bay's cold winter. You will see them both at the pool or drop by and say "Hi!"

For Art and Betty Stevens: Their granddaughter, Amber, a recently-hired teacher in Thunder Bay, will be spending her Spring Break here. She is counting the days until her well-deserved vacation and is looking forward to hitting all the 'senior' hotspots. Their daughter, Andrea, will be visiting for 12 days of rest and relaxation, April 16 - 28. She is looking forward to warm weather and having no fixed schedule of events. Art and Betty are happily anticipating both visits.

RENTERS

A big welcome to a newly arrived seasonal renter!

Eileen Cameron from Ontario is renting the Apartment. 807-936-0333

FOR SALE

Lorne and Eleanor Vaillant
John Hukill
Bill and Miriam Boardman
Marilyn Smilski
Bob and Lu Halstead
Barry and Dianne Johnson
Melvin and Irene Hubbell
Clare and Rolande LeFave
Tony and Helen Tribalski
Glen and Glenda Buhr

25335 Goldenrod Lane
25379 Goldenrod Lane
25478 Goldenrod Lane
25496 Goldenrod Lane
25508 Goldenrod Lane
15690 Palm Tree Drive
15701 Palm Tree Drive
15738 Palm Tree Drive
15757 Palm Tree Drive
15638 Primrose Lane



For further information,
look for postings outside
the homes or on the Post
Office Information Board.

CONDOLENCES



Our sincerest sympathies to Susan Ketchen on the passing of her husband, Graham. Graham will be sorely missed in our Village. We celebrate his life through the many fond memories we have of him. He will live on through those memories.

IN OUR PRAYERS

George Mohler, Rolande LeFave, Larry Harding, Peter Netrval, Lynda Danell



SVV OFFICE

If you haven't filled out the email information slip and wish to have your bills sent via email, please come to the office and fill one out. I will only email the bills to those who have confirmed or updated their information on the slips. I will be in the office Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 AM to Noon. Thank you.

Cheryl Matthews, Office Manager

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 could be posted with accompanying photos as well.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to Karen Clement and Mary Ellen Garrett for planning and carrying out a party for my 75th birthday. Thanks to all who helped in any way and to those who attended, to make it a truly 'surprise' party, as I had absolutely no clue. Your kindness is so appreciated.

Bruce Merriman

We would like to thank all the ladies at Tuesday cards that signed a greeting card for my mother, Agnes Sojak. It really made her smile. Thanks so much. Also a big 'thank you' for the cards and well-wishes for our anniversary (35 years).

Dale and Mary Ellen Garrett

THE WAY WE WERE (Excerpts from Past Newsletters)



From November, 1993 – **Volume 8** – first time Volumes are recorded on the Newsletter front page! We are on **Volume 92** this month!

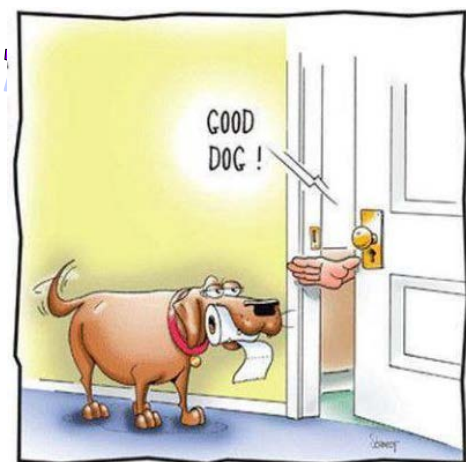
We think Harlingen must be entered in a contest to see what city can get the most palm trees in the smallest space. We'll bet on Harlingen! Still true! Especially where the Interstates meet – It's a jungle out there!

One of three new couples welcomed to the park – *Barry and Dianne Johnson* – That was 22 years for them!

EDITORS' NOTE

Getting close to time to go for some, and time for quiet for others... It's been an amazing season – wonderful weather so much like it used to be. Safe journey to the travelers, and gratitude to the summer 'Keepers of the Village'!

to all for an enjoyable winter!



PERHAPS THE MOST NOBLE OF ALL RESCUE ANIMALS: THE LAVATORY RETRIEVER

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