

SUN VALLEY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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SVV BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The Annual Meeting has come and gone. The Board members for 2020 are:

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| President: | Tony Tribalski |
| Vice President | Mike Soto |
| Treasurer | Lee Guyer |
| Secretary | Karen Mau |
| Maintenance Coordinator | Dave Howard |



Mark your calendar for the Monday, March 9 SVVPOA Special Assessment Meeting – 7:30 PM at the Hall. The SVVPOA Board of Directors meeting on February 4, 2020 dealt with the following issues to be presented, discussed, and voted on by Association members:

- Street maintenance/repair assessment
- Repair/replacement/disposition of the solar panels
- Storage area use/guidelines/updated bylaws for storage area

SVV MEN'S CLUB

We have two weekly Fundraisers:

- **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!
- **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 next **Ice Cream Social** will be Sunday, February 9, from 2:00-4:00 PM. Bring your own bowl and spoon. Members of the Men's Club have been around selling tickets (\$3/ticket). Tickets will also be available at the door.

The **Spaghetti Dinner** was a success once again. We served 104 people and netted over \$700! Many thanks to volunteers and attendees!



We have many ongoing projects; some major ones are listed below:

- Gradually upgrading lighting in the Barn and the Hall
- In the process of renewing signs around the pool and painting the little shed
- Looking into repairing the large shed which is rotting
- Working on measuring out and marking areas in the Compound so that it is more organized
- Have completed double tarping the fence around the pool and along the shuffleboard court so that the wind doesn't keep ripping out the grommets

Note that the Men's meeting is held on the FIRST Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM.

Please attend so that you can have input in planning projects.

Arguing with a woman is like reading the Software License Agreement.

In the end, you ignore everything and click "I agree".

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.



The month of January kept everyone busy as once again our Activity Director, Diane Coulter, had many enjoyable events organized. A good time was had by all at the Donut Dunking with many leaving the site with sugary, sticky faces. The afternoon was topped with lemonade, donuts, and of course, prizes at the Hall.

Thanks to all that attended the HEB Wine and Cheese tasting. It was a nice sociable time and a thank you was extended to the very personable staff of HEB for the goodies.

The Hawaiian Luau Potluck was attended by many residents. Once again thank you to the Village cooks as there was ample delicious food. Activity Director, Diane Coulter, and her committee did a fabulous job in the decorating of the hall, setting up the photo booth, and planning of fun games. The Luau would not have been complete without the Tiki Bar Boys' punch which was intoxicating. Thank you for the time and effort you give us, Diane. We truly appreciate the extra steps you took to plan this Luau and all the other entertaining events throughout the season. The 50/50 draw was won by Pam Buhr, winning \$136. Congrats!



Please check the SVV Calendar of Events for February. A couple of new events this year are the Valentine Potluck on February 14, and a Mardi Gras Pancake Supper on February 25. Further details follow.

This year the Ladies Annual Luncheon will be on Tuesday, February 18 at 11:00 AM at the Golden Corral. Note that this is a change from the Events calendar. The signup sheet is in the Post Office with the details. All the ladies in the park are invited to attend. We return to the Hall for our usual card games.

It's that time of the year to start preparations for the Spring Rummage Sale scheduled for February 29. This is a great money maker for the Ladies' Club, which helps with various Village projects. Start your spring cleaning and bring your treasures to the barn.

Lovey Netrval, President, Ladies' Club

Billion dollar idea.

A smoke detector
that shuts off
when you yell

"I'm just cooking!"



I've got salad for dinner.
Actually fruit salad.
Well, mostly grapes.
Ok all grapes.
Fermented grapes.
Wine.
I've got wine for dinner.

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:

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

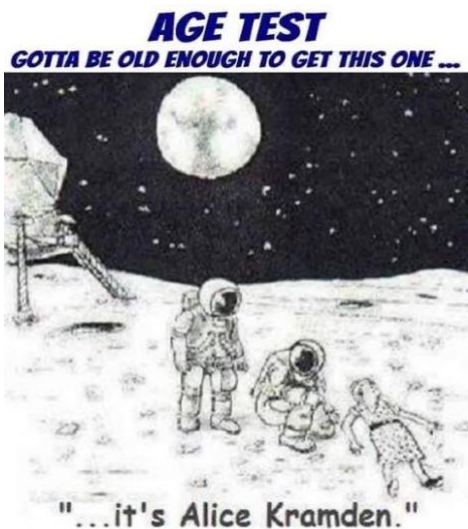
Styrofoam: White Styrofoam only, nothing with color or wording on it (like egg cartons).

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.

Note that we have a recycling bin in the Hall.



What did our parents do to kill boredom before the internet?

I asked my 26 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either.

Billion dollar idea.

A smoke detector that shuts off when you yell

"I'm just cooking!"

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 numbers. For more information contact DEBBIE BATES (956-577-6290).

SUN VALLEY MONDAY MIXED GOLF GROUP – 18 HOLES

(AKA Palm Vista Golf Group) We have started our new season 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).



SHUFFLEBOARD



Special thanks to Betty Clark for facilitating shuffleboard since November. In January we played 8 times with 14 to 23 players. Shirley Downey went home with money 6 out of 8 times. On January 30, Ed Clark and Shirley Downey won 3 games with a total of 312 points - the highest score I could find in our records! The signup sheet is at the Post Office. We play Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM. The cost is 50 cents. All are welcome. 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).

CHAIR YOGA



Thursdays from 1:00-2:00 PM (Note that this is a change in time) 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! 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. For further information, contact DIANE COULTER (956-230-1476).



POOL HALL



Our pool hall 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

Did you know that SVV has a workout gym? Mike Soto has begun to organize the pool room to become a combo pool hall/workout area. Some machines and weights are already in there ready to use. There is even a TV with local channels. Please feel free to try it out.



'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).

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Anyone interested in joining us at 7:00 PM on Saturdays, let VIRGINIA SKEIM know (956-428-5070).



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)

I can tell my great grandchildren that I am older than the Internet,
and blow their minds forever.

EVENTS

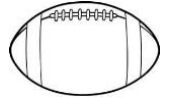
ANNUAL MIXED GOLF TOURNAMENT

It was an unusual golf game! We could improve our game by kicking the ball and using ribbon pieces and we had to hit in unison on the fairway – balls flying everywhere! Team scores ranged from 6 to 14 under par! Two teams faced off against each other – the Possums VS the Armadillos. The Armadillos were the undeniable winners! The winning team will have the honor of being acknowledged on the plaque in the hall and by having their team photo hung on the ‘wall of fame’.



SUPER BOWL POOL WINNERS:

The Super Bowl was held February 2, 2020 and of course SVV had a pool. We only had 5 winners this year! Reverse Scores paid \$25 while final scores paid \$50. You do the math! Thanks to the organizers. Congratulations go to these guys!



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| 1st Quarter Reverse Score | Val Clark | 1st Quarter Final Score | Yvon Besselle |
| 2nd Quarter Reverse Score | Pat Cummings | 2nd Quarter Final Score | Pat Cummings |
| 3rd Quarter Reverse Score | Pat Cummings | 3rd Quarter Final Score | Pat Cummings |
| 4th Quarter Reverse Score | Marilyn Hermiston | 4th Quarter Final Score | Ed Clark |

Go buy a lottery ticket Pat!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



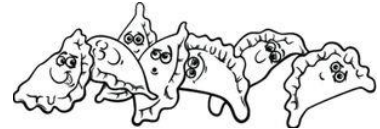
VALENTINES POTLUCK DINNER

Friday, February 14 - Happy Hour 4:00 PM - Dinner 5:00 PM - Bring a dish to share and bring your own place setting. The 50/50 draw covers the expenses.

PEROGY MAKING WITH LOVEY

Sunday, February 16 – 1:00 PM at the Clubhouse

The cost is \$8.00 per person. Make some, eat some, and take some home for dinner. Sign up on the sheet at the post office.



GAMES NIGHT

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

Come and try a new game, we have many from which to choose.

Monday, February 17 and March 2 are the next two dates



LADIES LUNCH OUT

All the Ladies of the Village are invited to come out for lunch on February 18 at 11:00 AM at the Golden Corral. The cost is \$10 which includes drink, tax, and tip. Please sign up at the Post Office and pay Betty Clark, Ladies’ Club Treasurer (778-838-2580 - 25370 Altas Palmas Drive).

I accidentally got ketchup in my eyes and now I have 2020 Heinz sight.

SVV BLOCK PARTIES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 (time to be determined by hosts)

NEIGHBOURS ROCK! Our traditional annual Block Party afternoon is coming up fast. For those new to the Village, this is a chance to meet and enjoy the neighbors in your immediate vicinity. Please make an effort to join the Party that is **designated for your street.**



You will be receiving 'party' details from your hosts shortly.

- HOWARD, COULTER, DANELL, HERMISTON, and MATTHEWS are the hosts for the WEST SIDE.
- PLAHITKO and MERRIMAN are the hosts for PALM TREE DRIVE.
- GARRETT, GUYER, DEVRIES, and KETCHEN are the hosts for ORANGE DRIVE.

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE TUESDAY SUPPER

Tuesday, February 25, any time between 4.30-6.00 - \$5.00 per person. The men will serve pancakes, bacon and sausage.



SNOWFLAKE DECORATING CONTEST

On March 3 bring the snowflake that you were given last year to the Ladies meeting. We will hang the snowflakes this December in the Clubhouse.



CHOCOLATE FACTORY TOUR

On Thursday, March 5 you can tour the Mozna Chocolate Factory for a cost of \$8 per person. It is located at 115 E Brazil Avenue, Hidalgo. Signup at the Post Office and we will try to carpool.



ADULT NAUGHTY GAMES HAPPY HOUR

Bring a snack and your own beverage and have some fun Friday, March 6 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Hall!

VISITORS



To Pam Buhr and Gord Park: In-laws Judy and Peter from Winnipeg made the trek down once again. You can find their RV parked on the tiny RV park on Altas Palmas when they aren't spending a few days parking by the ocean on South Padre. They will be continuing their winter journey along the east coast beach areas this year.

To Craig and Susan Harkness: They welcome Sherry and John Fogolin from Thunder Bay, Ontario. It is their first visit to the Valley... Also, Steve and Ann Flundra from Chilliwack, British Columbia will be staying before and after their vacation to South Padre Island.

To Bruce and Jean Merriman: Their daughter Patti, and granddaughter, Corrie, from Thunder Bay, were here visiting from January 23 to February 1. Their granddaughter, Martika, from Winnipeg also spent the week here. Time went by all too quickly with shopping, tanning, shopping, Mexico, and more shopping! The weather co-operated which made for a good time.

To Lorraine Wilson: Her granddaughters, Margarita and Sasha Wilson from Thunder Bay, will be visiting her on their Spring Break February 15 – 21.

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

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

NEW RENTERS

A big welcome to newly arrived seasonal renters!

Margaret Thomasson & Alex Diner 25341 Goldenrod Lane (Ontario) 807-632-4426
Betty & Doug Hoard 25327 Goldenrod Lane (Ontario) 807-630-5582
Lucille Halstead 25476 Altas Palmas Drive (Saskatchewan) 306-528-7740

PROPERTIES FOR SALE OR RENT

FOR SALE:

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| 25464 Altas Palmas Drive | Jerry & Debbie Bates | 956-577-6290 |
| 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 |
| 25488 Goldenrod Lane | Jackie Beauregard (contact) | 956-793-0565 |
| 15739 Orange Drive | Rosie & John Culhane | 715-441-4077 |
| 15799 Orange Drive | Larry & Donna Morningstar | 306-528-4531 |
| 15710 Palm Tree Drive | Marilee & Jack Weber | 956-230-5774 |
| 15729 Palm Tree Drive | Ram & Annie Martinez | 956-357-6155 |
| 15758 Palm Tree Drive | Harlingen Homes – Paula (contact) | 956-337-1442 |
| 15638 Primrose Lane | Pam Buhr & Gord Park | 204-807-8389 |

FOR RENT:

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|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 25464 Altas Palmas Drive | Jerry & Debbie Bates | 956-577-6290 |
| 25327 Goldenrod Lane | Sam Korciakoski | 705-522-7995 |
| 25341 Goldenrod Lane | Albert Breukelman | 807-628-5644 |

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

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

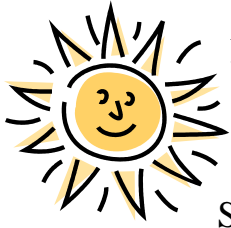
ARE YOU MISSING?

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 March newsletter. pambuhr@gmail.com 204-807-8389.

Not to brag, but I just went into another room
and actually remembered why I went in there.

It was the bathroom, but still...

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). Did I get it right, Doug? I’ve put in the wrong email 3 times, I think! 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.

A few of us have joined this community communication network for SVVPOA. If you want to look at it go to **nextdoor.com** and search for svvpoa.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS:

Judy and Lorne Berezowski 15804 Palm Tree Drive – changed phone number - 956-230-0957

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Our HP 6700 printer will no longer print and had to buy a new model. We recently bought number 933 XL color cartridges (all 3 colors) for the HP6700 which will not work on the new model we just purchased. These 933 ink cartridges (according to the internet), will work with HP Office Jet models 6100, 6600, 6700, 7110, 7510, 7610, and 7612. If anyone can use these 933 color ink cartridges, please contact Bill or Karen Mau at 956-254-3510.

Valley Morning Star January 21, 2020 edition – Our own Carol Bates was interviewed at the Winter Texan Expo *Carol Bates, from Denver, Colorado, has been living in Harlingen for 15 years. This was her second time attending, as well as her husband. “It’s good. You find out about events close by that are free and having a great time,” she said. “My children’s great-grandfather used to live here, and he was a mailman on horseback. We like it very much,” Bates said.*

THE WAY WE WERE (Excerpts from Past Newsletters)

February, 1995 (Volume XVI) This message from the Board is worth reprinting as it is just as relevant now as it was then, 25 years ago. *We, as Board members, want to extend to all the families of our Village an invitation to join in with the activities of your desire. This is to all, whether you have been here for years or have recently moved into our Village as an owner or as a renter. Please feel welcome to join in. We are open for ideas and suggestions for improvements for our Village, so let’s all pitch in and get involved. Ask not what I can get out of this Village but what I can do to help and improve it?*



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