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# August 2016 Newsletter



## NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

The HOA is sponsoring a neighborhood garage sale the weekend of Sept 16 and 17 from 8 am - 4 pm. Ads will be placed in the Daily Journal and on Craigslist, and signs will be placed at Smith Valley and Sheek Rd entrances. This event benefits both members and non-members of the HOA. Please consider joining if you have not already to help cover the costs.

## BLOCK PARTIES!!

Are you interested in hosting a block party for the neighbors around you? The board would like to support your efforts by helping fund your event! We ask that you invite at least 10 neighboring households (we can assist if you need help with names) and the host needs to be an HOA member. We will reimburse up to \$100 with receipts for your party (no alcohol reimbursed). For each additional 5 households you invite, we can add \$50 to the reimbursement. Please contact the board for more information and to sign up!



## 2016 HOA MEMBERS RAFFLE WINNERS

The winners of the HOA member drawing at our annual meeting this past May were as follows:

- \$100 Visa gift card - Terry & Nancy White
  - \$50 Visa gift card - Gloria Russell
  - 1-year free membership - Larry & Janie Sahm
- Congratulations to our winning members!

## PLANT SWAP

FREE PLANTS! Sept 24 and 25 will be our next neighborhood plant swap. Dig up some of your extra perennials or other starts and pick up freebies from others. Even if you don't have plants to share, you can still pick up some new ones. Try to label your plants and display a Plant Swap sign from the HOA website or make your own. Wander the neighborhood and enhance your garden!

## GREEN THUMB AWARD

Do you have a passion for gardening and enjoy working hard to keep your yard looking great? If so, we want to reward your efforts by recognizing two outstanding yards this fall. Here are some criteria for the award: Is the grass maintained? Are bushes & shrubs trimmed? Are there minimal weeds? Is the exterior clean? Are the walkways and driveways maintained? Are there live flowers?

Gift cards to a local nursery will be awarded at the beginning of October along with a temporary Green Thumb Award sign being placed in the winning two yards. Gift card amounts are as follows:

- 1st prize - \$100 for HOA members / \$50 non-members
- 2nd prize - \$50 for HOA members / \$25 non-members

Please go to the Valle Vista HOA website (see above) to nominate an address that you feel does a great job adding to the curb appeal of the neighborhood. Click on "Contact" from the home page and fill in the requested info, putting "Green Thumb" in the subject line. You can also nominate addresses under the Valle Vista Green Thumb Award Nominations post on Nextdoor. Nominees will be notified via mail prior to the final selection.



## LIGHTS ON



Look around your house in the evening and see how many dark areas might be attractive to criminals. The more lights you leave on outside your home, the less risk for burglars to target your property. Invest in LED bulbs to save money and be sure the back and sides of your home are as well lit as many front porches.

## BUSHES & TREES ON YOUR PROPERTY

Please be sure to check your trees and bushes along the roads to keep them trimmed back for walkers and bikers. Look to see if you're blocking any signs or street lights, too, for safety and better visibility for everyone.

Valle Vista HOA Events	Date	Time
Walk-Ride the Neighborhood	Friday, Sept 2	6:00 - 8:00 pm
VVHOA Monthly Meeting @ Denny's back room	Thursday, Sept 15	7:00 pm
Neighborhood Garage Sale	Fri & Sat, Sept 16-17	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Neighborhood Plant Swap	Sat & Sun, Sept 24-25	All Day
Walk-Ride the Neighborhood	Friday, Oct 7	6:00 - 7:00 pm
VVHOA Monthly Meeting @ Denny's back room	Thursday, Oct 20	7:00 pm
Walk-Ride the Neighborhood	Friday, Nov 4	6:00 - 7:00 pm
VVHOA Monthly Meeting @ Denny's back room	Thursday, Nov 17	7:00 pm

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#### NEXTDOOR VALLE VISTA

Please consider signing up for this free private social network to stay connected with neighbors. Get safety updates and stay in-the-know on what is happening. While not technically part of the VVHOA, we encourage use of this tool for timely information exchange. Find out more at <https://vallevistain.nextdoor.com>

#### NEIGHBORHOOD WALK - RIDE

Get out and walk or ride around the neighborhood the first Friday of each month while the weather is still nice. Try to meet a new neighbor and tell them what you love about living in Valle Vista. If mobility is an issue or you're not up for a walk, grab a lawn chair and sit in your driveway. Participate any way that works for you!

**2016 DISCOUNT CARD:** We still have 2016 discount cards available! Valle Vista HOA membership is only \$25 for each calendar year and you get 2 free reusable discount cards that we hope will more than cover the cost of joining.

**NAME CORRECTIONS** - Is there an error on your mailing label? If so, please contact Sherri @ 997-9911 (call or text) or treasurer@vallevistahoa.org.