



THE HBV GAZETTE

Holiday Beech Villas Condominium Association Winter 2007



President's Message

With the holiday season here, I wanted to wish all Homeowners the Merriest Holiday and a Happy New Year. Holiday Beech Villas is decorated for the holiday and looks great! We've come a long, long way.

The New Year is always a time to reflect all that has happened the last 365 days. I am grateful to belong to Holiday Beech Villas as a Homeowner and as your President, and for the friendships made here. I feel that the work done this past year has only improved our quality of living. I'd like to thank the rest of the board: Saul Moore, Yvonne Clay, Jesus Hernandez, Tom Mauldin, Charles Robinson and Claude Chapman for all their contributions over the last year.

I would also like to thank Renée and Larry for their work this past year. You help make HBV a better place.

Right now Holiday Beech Villas is in "down time". Larry Parrish's last day for the season was November 30. He will be back as a full-time contractor on April 1. But, he is always available for emergencies and snow plowing, although Ray the Weatherman isn't calling for a lot of snow this year. If you have work that you would like completed within your unit, Larry is available. Please contact him directly at 828-387-7792.

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Karen Alexander

Time for Winterization and Snow Removal

Even though the weather forecasters are predicting half the regular amount of snow for Beech this season, anything can happen this winter. Larry Parrish will be in charge of our winter program again this year. Larry will plow when the snow fall is excessive to allow for cars to enter and exit the parking areas. Plowing will take place after the main road has been plowed. This may not be first thing in the morning. If the weather is supposed to warm to above freezing plowing may not take place as it will melt naturally. We pay Larry a set fee for each time he plows so the more he plows the more we pay. He will also shovel the snow from the front decks of permanent residents and renters and from anyone who notifies the office that they would like this service. We are trying to save money by not shoveling unoccupied units unless the snow fall is so great that it weighs down the decks.

Each building has a snow station with a shovel, snow melt and a scraper. Please use these as needed and return them to the station. All unoccupied units have been inspected to assure that the heat is on. The crawl


spaces and roof turbines have been sealed. There are heaters in each crawl space to prevent freezing of pipes. This is a good time to check your personal insurance plan to make sure it covers water damage to personal items and unit contents in case of busted pipes.

This has been our major winter crisis in the past. There is a diagram on the office door showing water cutoffs to each building and emergency contact information. In case of broken pipes the first thing is to cut the water off to the building, if possible, then notify Larry of the emergency. If you are using propane to heat, always leave the electric heat on at least 50 degree to serve as a backup in case the propane should run out. Report any windows or doors left open to prevent freezing in units.


Please use caution when walking on HBV roads and decks as ice can be a problem under the snow due to thawing and refreezing. Salt may not be used on gravel roads as it ruins the stability of the roads. Stay off all grounds as there could be plantings and rocks which could be dangerous. Snow sledding is available for children by Town Hall and should not be allowed on HBV grounds. Please report violators to the office.



Park your cars tightly to maximize spaces as winter creates our most serious parking crunches with many renters and visitors on the property. Do not block the trash can areas as the city will not be able to remove the trash. Violators will be towed at their expense. Enter and exit parking areas at low speeds and engage your 4x4, if you have it. Last year we had a car run off the road and break through decking due to excessive speeds. Please pay attention to all handicap signs. Vehicles will be ticketed and/or towed if you are not suppose to park in these spaces.

Trash on the grounds is another big problem in the winter. Please make every effort to pick up your trash and those of others if possible. Do not leave any trash bags sitting on the front decks, even for a short period of time, as the animals will get into them. Do not leave bird seed or other food outside in storage areas as animals will find a way to get into them. Larry will pick up trash periodically when needed. Let's all work together to have a safe and fun winter season. 

Thank You

Kathy Sumpter, F124, contributed boxes of white lights for our Christmas Decorations. Thank you Kathy for helping make HBV look festive for the holiday. 



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Treasurer's Report

There are no delinquents for the October 2007 Special Assessment. That's the first time that has happened for a quarter since the Assessment began in April 2005. And, speaking of the Special Assessment . . . **the last payment for this three-year assessment is due January 1, 2008!**

You will be receiving individual year-end reports at the start of January. Renée will be putting together reports for each homeowner containing how much they've paid in 2007. These reports will be mailed via US Postal Service to all homeowners.


If Holiday Beech Villas has sent you a letter saying that your payment was late, a \$10 late fee was charged to your account. Holiday Beech Villas keeps record of which Homeowner still owe late fees. Also included in the end-of-year report will be late payments owed to Holiday Beech Villas.

All Board Meeting Minutes are on the website. If you do not have access to the website and would like to receive a copy of these minutes or the monthly financial reports, please contact Renée. 

Celebrate the Holidays with Grace and Meaning

Did you know that HBV is becoming a more diverse community every day? We now count homeowners of different races, ethnic backgrounds, nationalities, faith traditions and sexual orientation among many other differences. The winter holidays have special meaning to people of many world faiths. Celebrating diversity does not mean making the holidays generic; instead it means having tolerance that allows for free expressions of the different meanings we attribute to this very important season. If we are strong in our own faith beliefs, acknowledging other traditions can have cultural meaning for us as it helps us to better understand our neighbors who are different from us without taking away from our own traditions.

Christmas is one of the most important holidays for Christians around the world. The Christmas tree, nativity scenes, greenery and lights all have special meaning for acknowledging the birth of the savior Jesus Christ. We have placed decorations in the clubhouse and grounds that help us to remember and celebrate this very special season. Homeowners with children or grandchildren have told us how special the decorations were to them and how proud they were to be owners at HBV.

The season also has special meaning for Jews and Muslims, as well as other faiths. If you, as a homeowner, would like us to place decorations that are meaningful to you around HBV, please let us know what we can do to help bring meaning to this special holiday season for you. Donations of decorations will be gladly accepted or taken on loan. We would like all to feel acknowledged and represented. Celebrating the holidays with open hearts can bring grace and meaning to all. 

Many Languages Wishing You . . .



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year—
English

Feliz Navidad y Feliz Año Nuevo—*Spanish*

Edo bri'cho o rish d'shato brich'to!—*Aramaic*

Glædelig Jul og godt nytår—*Danish*

Kala Christougenna Ki'eftihismenos O Kenourios
Chronos—*Greek*

Mele Kalikimaka & Hauoli Makahiki Hou—*Hawaiian*

Mo'adim Lesimkha. Shanah Tova—*Hebrew*

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo—*Italian*



**Happy Hanukkah,
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year**

**May The New Year Bring You
Health and Happiness. And,
May All Your Wishes
Come True.**

