

Hidden Valley Homeowner Association News

March-April 2014

President's Message

Dear neighbors	How fortunate we are to live in one of the few places in the country experiencing a warm winter! There is a possible downside in that winter house guests may never leave, but that is a small price to pay
Spring Picnic Save the date	April 5 at 3:30 in Wes Miller Park is our annual spring picnic. More details will follow in future emails to you, but plan to attend. Last year we had 50 folks – new residents and long time neighbors. If you'd like us to plan activities for children let Pat Packard our social director know.
Park Vandalism	Our beautiful park continues to suffer from vandalism. The "permanent" tables are now in such terrible condition we won't be able to use them for the picnic. At some point we will remove them and then rent tables for our special events. What a shame. If you see any suspicious activity in the park or anywhere in HV please call the Pima County Sheriff's department immediately.
Annual Meeting	The by-laws of our association stipulate that we have an annual meeting. Last year we conducted it during the spring picnic. What are your thoughts about that? Would you prefer we have the annual meeting concurrent with a board meeting or do you like the idea of combining it with the picnic? Let me hear from you at nelson2772@comcast.net .
Board Member Candidate Nominations Needed	At this time of year we also develop a slate of candidates to run the HVHOA. There are many opportunities to serve your community. You may want to run for an elected position or serve on a committee. Any of the board members will be happy to share why they serve. For me personally, I've formed lifelong friendships, had fun while at the same time accomplishing work which improves our community. Why don't you come to the next board meeting and find out more about how you can become a more active participant in the business of Hidden Valley?

<p>Proposed High Density Development</p>	<p>The developer and property owner of the proposed high density development at Sabino and Cloud are having a public forum at Ventana Canyon on March 18 in Ballroom A & B. All interested residents are invited to attend.</p> <p>Also, the Planning and Zoning meeting regarding this subject has been scheduled for March 26 at 9 AM at 130 W Congress St. First Floor hearing room.</p>
	<p>See you in the neighborhood.</p> <p>Norie Nelson President, HVHOA</p>

<p>Recent Events</p>

<p>Garage sale</p>	<p>Our neighborhood garage sale was held on Feb 22-23. Five families participated. It was a big success in terms of the number of bargain hunters that showed up, early. Most of the goodies were gone by 10:00.</p>
<p>Neighborhood Watch Block Leader Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday, February 27th. Block Leaders Kathi Houghtaling, Ben Jacobs, Joy Gurgevich and Karla Gutierrez were present, as were neighbors Mike Gollon and Bob Kamilli. Thanks to Jacqueline Chu-Montell for her organization and leadership.</p> <p>The entire presentation and discussion reaffirmed for us the importance of supporting and maintaining our Neighborhood Watch.</p> <p>If anyone has questions or would like to become involved, we welcome the participation.</p> <p>Sheriff Ten Elshof, whose regular patrol area -- amazingly, the approximate boundaries of which are Sunrise Drive (N), Sabino Creek (E), Tanque Verde Road (S) and Campbell Ave. (W) -- includes Hidden Valley, came to speak to the group.</p>
<p>The Sherrif's key points:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The best security measures: Lock your doors/windows, know your neighbors, be aware and alert, listen to your instincts when you see or encounter strangers in the area. ● Photograph/document valuables in your home, making it easier for the Sheriff's Department to identify stolen items and associate them with their rightful owners.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you go out of town, let your neighbors know so they can keep an eye on your home. • If you go out of town for longer than a week, you may contact the Rincon District Sheriff's substation (520) 351-4511 to request a patrol of your home a few times/week. • Phone/Internet scams and identity theft are the most prevalent crimes affecting Tucsonans right now. Be vigilant, inform yourself. The sheriff has been a victim of identity theft himself. Companies like LifeLock can help protect against ID theft.
Vandalism at Wes Miller Park	The Sheriff commented that most of the vandalism is being committed by youth from within our community. It was noted that Fenster School is under new management and has drastically reduced its admission rate for students who are academically underperforming and/or have been in trouble with the law.
Burglaries in Hidden Valley	On average, one burglary/week occurs in the above mentioned patrol area of which HV is a part. If you see a suspicious vehicle, try to write down the license plate number and vehicle/driver description and don't hesitate to contact the Sheriff's Department to alert them.
Hidden Valley Annual Neighborhood Watch Meeting	Thursday, March 6, 2014 7:00 pm, Canyon View Elementary School Pima County Sheriffs Deputy Cheryl Berry present
	<p>We had an outstanding showing for the annual Neighborhood Watch (NW) meeting, with more than 60 Hidden Valley neighbors in attendance. Thank you all for your participation! Deputy Berry presented to us and graciously answered our many questions.</p> <p>We need 9 (of 29 – not bad!) Block Leaders, but I can't tell you where, as my master Block Leaders map went missing tonight after I set it down on the sign-in table. If you picked it up, you'll know because it's colored with pink and yellow highlighter markings and lists the Blocks that are without leaders. Please call me if you picked it up (520) 918-1614. I would be happy to get a copy to you later, but urgently need it!</p>
Burglaries	Three daytime burglaries have occurred during the past 6 months in the Hidden Valley area. While alarming, it's a relatively small number and the incidents seem to be isolated. In certain Tucson communities entire blocks have been burgled.
Prevention &	Simple and effective home security measures: install

<p>Safety</p>	<p>interior/exterior/motion detection lighting at your home, use your security alarm, get a dog, lock your exterior doors. Most burglars are opportunists, so take as many of these actions as possible.</p> <p>Do not open your door to any stranger, as it leaves you vulnerable to home invader pushing him/herself in to your home.</p> <p>Write down or take a photo of the license plate number of unfamiliar vehicles in the neighborhood, even parked service vehicles. Keep the home and mobile phone numbers of your neighbors, NW block members, so you can reach them if you see a suspicious or unfamiliar vehicle/person at their homes.</p> <p>When you witness suspicious behavior or vehicles or are a victim of a crime, don't hesitate to call 911. The sheriff's department can't assist you or help prevent crimes if they're not informed.</p> <p>Avoid vigilante-type behavior – we're not looking for someone to patrol the neighborhood or act as our community law enforcement official; leave that to the trained professionals. Rather, be a conscientious and aware community member. It's much safer to be friendly to strangers. Wave, say hello, let them know you're aware of their presence. Criminals may be dissuaded from committing a crime if they know they've been seen.</p> <p>Most burglars are looking for jewelry, because it's easy to carry and can't easily be identified by a serial number, for example.</p> <p>Take photographs of your valuables alongside their retail receipts. This can assist both your homeowners insurance company with your claim as well as the sheriff's department with their investigation. They make a concerted effort to recover stolen items within 21 days of a burglary/robbery, checking local pawn shops for example.</p>
<p>New Neighborhood Watch Leader</p>	<p>Finally, at month's end Jacqueline will be going out of town for several months and transferring the NW Area Leader duties to Leland (Montell). Contact him with any questions/comments about NW and if you're interested in filling one of the Block Leader positions.</p> <p>Leland's contact information: (520) 918-3739 lelandm@longrealty.com</p>

Upcoming Events

Spring Picnic	One more reminder to save the date for our Annual Spring Picnic. April 5th at 3:30 in Wes Miller Park. More details coming soon.
Board Meeting	The next HVHOA Board Meeting will be held on Monday March 31st at 7:00 PM. We will meet at the home of Pete Cinquemani - 4535 N Rockcliff Rd. Please notify Pete at fivehands@theriver.com if you plan to attend.

Announcements

New Architectural Review coordinator	We appreciate those of you who are complying with the CC&R's by submitting your plans for remodeling, fencing or other architectural changes to your property. As a reminder all of us who live in any of the subdivisions of HV are subject to the regulations outlined in the CC&R's. You must submit your proposed changes to Brian Baumer who is handling requests to the Architectural Review committee. County zoning is also required, but separate from the HV architectural review. Brian's email is divebaumer@yahoo.com .
Rezoning website	<p>The following is a note from the Sabino Joint Neighborhoods Committee.</p> <p>Hello Concerned Neighbors!</p> <p>We now have a website to help spread the word regarding the rezoning of the Sabino Canyon Rd/Knollwood Dr/Cloud Rd parcel. Please spread the word by passing this website on to concerned friends and neighbors. If you have not already done so, please voice your concerns to the county officials/ supervisors.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>http://sabinojointneighborhoods.weebly.com/</p>

Attachments

	<p>The following attachments should be included with this newsletter. If something is missing please contact Rich Holladay at rich.holladay@gmail.com</p>
HVHOA March-April News	<p>This newsletter as a pdf file. This edition is a rather large (3.5M) file. We will work on including smaller images next time.</p>
Trees for Tucson	<p>Long Realty Company and Leland Montell & Jacqueline Chu-Montell are joining Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild's campaign, in partnership with Tucson Electric Power, to plant 10,000 trees in local schools, neighborhoods, businesses and homes for 2014.</p> <p>Please see the attached doc file for additional information.</p>
Calendar of Events	<p>The HVHOA Calendar of Events is attached as a pdf file.</p>
The Housing Report	<p>January 2014 Housing report provided by Leland Montell as a pdf file.</p>
Hidden Valley Housing Report	<p>A current Hidden Valley housing report brought to you by Jacqueline Chu-Montell attached as an html file.</p>

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