

# Hidden Valley Homeowner Association News


January 2019

## President's Message

Dear neighbors,	Happy New Year! Our HOA led up to 2019 with a succession of very well attended holiday events.
Progressive Dinner	The popular progressive dinner was a logistics challenge because of the number of participants (50). So, we began with cocktails at the Falticos and then those south of Snyder enjoyed the main course at the Catrens, those on the north side ambled on to the Jacobs. We concluded the evening with desserts at the Larkins. All our gracious hosts did a marvelous job. Special recognition goes to Ben Jacobs, aka Mr Prime Rib. He prepared enough for both homes and trekked it to the Catrens. Ben <b>LOVES</b> preparing this treat for all of us
Caroling	We concluded December with our annual Caroling event hosted by Richard and Joan Jones. We even had an ugly sweater contest, although there appears to be no pictorial evidence.
We Have Fun!	It is worth noting that all our social events in 2018 enjoyed record numbers of attendees and even some hosts who are new to Hidden Valley. Members have commented about how much they enjoy our community, how friendly people are and what a treasure the park is. If these testimonials aren't enough to get you out of your recliner.....
Wes Miller Park Riparian Area	We are delighted to report that the Nature Conservancy sent glowing comments to Pete Cinquemani, Park Director, about Wes Miller Park. See excerpts from their letter elsewhere in the newsletter.
Firewise	Also, see Penny Larkin's report about our Firewise status. It is critical to the environmental health of our neighborhood that we do all we can to keep Hidden Valley in its' best condition.
A Very Good Year	If you are sensing a theme here, you are right. This has been a very successful year for Hidden Valley. Our park is in the best condition ever thanks to Pete's diligence. Your financial contributions to the park enable us keep it that way.
Membership	Membership levels are steady and this is important because our dues are our only source of revenue.

Social Events	There are many social events planned in the coming months. See the current <a href="#">HVHOA Calendar on the HOA website</a> . Join us, or even better, volunteer to host a Saturday Social!
Board of Directors	I couldn't be more pleased with how well your board of directors works. Each person is fully committed to doing their best for this community.
Tod Coy	<b>Treasurer</b> , is the steward of our finances, files our taxes and makes sure we are properly insured.
Anne Catren	<b>Secretary</b> , keeps scrupulous minutes ensuring our meetings are properly recorded.
Bill Fee	<b>Vice President</b> , is in charge of compliance with CC&R's and takes appropriate measures when required.
Gary Catren	<b>Director of Data Management</b> , has the herculean job of maintaining all our member records, the roster, and manages the missing pet communication.
Pete Cinquemani	<b>Park Director</b> , makes sure the park is maintained in compliance with our agreement with the Nature Conservancy. This includes keeping the dam open and free of debris, keeping non-native plants under control and making sure the park is ready to host our HOA's picnics.
Carole Fee	<b>Membership Director</b> , reaches out to new arrivals and acquaints them with important membership information.
Penny Larkin	<b>Firewise Program Liaison</b> and has been trained to assess resident's property for fire prevention health.
Anthony Body	<b>Director Architectural Review</b> , consults with residents who are considering external modifications to their homes.
Bob Larkin	<b>Area Leader for the Neighborhood Watch program</b> . Bob works with volunteers neighborhood watch block captains to be on the alert for crime. He works with the Pima County Sheriff's department in a variety of ways.
Rich Holladay	<b>Editor</b> , produces our newsletter and maintains our web site.
Denise Mangano	is responsible for <b>By-Laws</b> .
Mary Ann Jacobs	Last, but not least, <b>our Social Director</b> is in charge of <b>FUN!</b>
	As you can see, it takes many people working together to keep Hidden Valley the great neighborhood it is. You are always invited to our board meetings to see for yourself.
Norie Nelson	<b>President</b> , (editor's note: holds everything together). "See you in the neighborhood..."

## Social Activities

<b>Welcome!</b>	<p>It was wonderful getting to know some of the new HVHOA members at the socials in 2018.</p> <p>The Picnics, Saturday Night Socials, Holiday Progressive Dinner and Caroling Party gave everyone an opportunity to socialize and bond, thereby making this one of the tightest communities many of us have been blessed to live in.</p>
<b>Youth On Their Own</b>	<p>I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who placed food in the Youth On Their Own collection box at the Caroling party. The group really appreciated our donation. It's little things like that which make our community special and loving.</p>
<b>Saturday Socials</b>	<p>As we begin our new year I would like to remind you that we are always looking for members to host the Saturday Night Socials. It's the easiest party you'll ever throw.</p> <p>The host provides the home, paper plates, plastic forks, glasses and an appetizer. The guests bring their own beverages and each couple provides a heavy appetizer to share. You don't even have to prepare an invitation.</p> <p>The Social Committee takes care of that! Not much clean up, as everyone takes home whatever plate they had their appetizer in</p>  <p>We would love for the next Saturday Night Social to be in February followed by one in April, June and August. Check the <a href="#">HVHOA Calendar</a> for updated event information.</p>
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<p>We'll have our Spring picnic at the park in March, our OctoberFest picnic in the fall and the Progressive Dinner in December. Additional get togethers will be planned once we know how many hosts we'll have.</p>
<b>More Social Ideas?</b>	<p>Please feel free to let me know if you have an idea for an event that you would like to see take place. Are you interested in going as a group to the Gaslight Theater or the Rodeo? Do game nights interest you?</p>
	<p>Contact Mary Ann Jacobs at <a href="mailto:maryannjacobsvideos@comcast.net">maryannjacobsvideos@comcast.net</a> or call her at 520-349-2772 to inform her that you are interested in hosting an event. We'll do all we can to accommodate hosts with dates that fit their schedules.</p>

## Treasurer's Report

Membership	As of 12/31/18 the HVHOA had 131 renewals and/or new members. And those 131 members donated a total of \$2210 to the maintenance and improvement of Wes Miller Park.
Investment Account	The downside of last year was the volatility of the stock market which resulted in a loss of slightly over 2% of the HOA's investment account. However since the market was down almost 6% we were relatively unscathed, and hopefully that loss will be fully recovered and in positive territory in 2019.
Tod Coy	HVHOA Treasurer

## Wes Miller Park

Water in the Creek!	Sabino Creek is flowing through Wes Miller Park! What a beautiful sight. If you have an opportunity, take a stroll through the park and visit the creek and dam.
Nature Conservancy	<p>November 8, 2018, The Nature Conservancy made their annual visit/inspection of all 12 acres of Wes Miller Park. After their visit and inspection, they sent a written report of the parks condition, along with a few comments.</p> <p><i>"The property is being well-maintained. Trash and vandalism problems are being controlled. The creek was flowing through the entire length of the property. The vegetation appeared reasonable healthy."</i></p> <p>I was particularly pleased with their, "Over-all perceptions, comments, questions....."</p> <p><i>"A beautiful creekside property; a great asset to the neighborhood and the community in general. Recreational trails are being maintained and are in excellent condition".</i></p>
Special Events	If any member is interested in using the park for a private function, please contact me to make arrangements.

Respectfully, Peter Cinquemani - [fivehands@theriver.com](mailto:fivehands@theriver.com) - 520.749.5850

## Firewise

Assessment Status	I will begin assessing properties for their FireWise preparedness for the 2019 first quarter. 75 members have had home assessments since the beginning of the program in 2016 when I was certified by the Arizona Department of Forestry after completing a two day course. In 2017 HVHOA was certified by the National Forestry Service to become a FireWise community.
Your Turn	My goal is for all members of HVHOA to invite me to their property to assess its readiness in case of a wildfire or other natural disaster. Please email me or call me to set up a convenient time for me to assess your property.
Evacuation Plan	We are now at the point where we need to create an evacuation plan for residents in case of a Natural or National emergency.
Documentation	We also have to document quarterly, dollars spent by homeowners, and hours worked improving and making their little piece of heaven safe from wildfire and other disaster. Each hour you spend outdoors doing maintenance or each time you hire a professional to do work for you we will document and in turn apply for grants to use on Wes Miller Park.
The Team	Working with me are, HOA member Richard Flores who is a retired Navy Fire Commander and Metro Fire Chief John Walka.
Self Evaluation	<p>Here are some questions you can ask yourself to keep your property FireWise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do you have a tree that is brushing your roof or vines that are covering your windows or worse growing into your eaves and roof? Is your wood for your fireplace located a safe distance from your home? Are you storing kindling that could ignite easily?</li><li>• Can bees or hornets get in your exterior and create nests that can easily ignite. I can show you how to address those issues.</li></ul> <p>The best way for you to be safe is to take an active role in maintaining your property and keeping me up to date on your efforts.</p>
Be Safe	Penny Nickles-Larkin - FireWise Director <a href="mailto:nickleslarkin@gmail.com">nickleslarkin@gmail.com</a> 760 -7736

## Neighborhood Watch

Block Leaders	Your new roster coming soon will list new Neighborhood Watch Block Watch Leaders. The boundaries will remain the same as in the past two years. We can always use new block leaders and backups for those people who travel.
Crime	Our neighborhood continues to have very little crime compared to areas surrounding HVHOA. If you are a dog walker or an avid walker consider becoming a Neighborhood Watch block leader. The most serious crimes have been unlocked vehicles being vandalized. If you leave valuables in your car you are inviting crime.
See Something Say Something	Please continue to inform your block leader of suspicious persons or unusual activity in your area. Always call 911 if you suspect a crime is being committed or has been committed.
Stay Alert	If you have concerns email call or text me: boblarkin49@gmail.com 760-7736 or 499-0003. Bob Larkin - Neighborhood Watch

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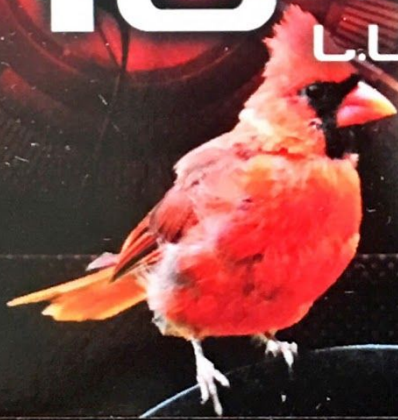
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Newsletter Advertising	Another benefit of HOA membership: Free Advertising for your business! We will include your ad in our regular newsletters - Free of charge! Just send your copy to Rich Holladay - <a href="mailto:rich.holladay@gmail.com">rich.holladay@gmail.com</a> .						
New Neighbors Welcome	New arrivals in HV receive a welcome packet and a personal visit from New Member Development Director, Carol Fee. If you notice a new arrival let Carol know at <a href="mailto:carolejfee@yahoo.com">carolejfee@yahoo.com</a> or 760-6080 and she'll take it from there.						
Next Board Meeting	Our next board meeting is at 7pm on January 28th at the home of Gary and Anne Catren, 8305 East Sandstone Dr. As you know, members are always welcome.						
HVHOA Web Site	We have a website. Visit it at <a href="http://www.hvhoasite.com">http://www.hvhoasite.com</a> . You will see the latest information about what's going on, who's who and more.						
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