



Community Spirit

Huntington Village Newsletter

January 2006

About HV

With 1621 homes in the subdivision, two swimming pools, parks, tennis courts, and three neighborhood schools, Huntington Village has remained a great place to raise a family in the Alief area. Huntington Village also is one of the few older communities in the vicinity that has an active homeowners association with deed restriction enforcement.

The HV office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday. Any questions about neighborhood issues can be addressed by the HVCA office manager, Dawn Bivens at 281-495-7280 during those hours. Meetings of the Board of Directors is held the third Thursday of every month. Residents are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to be placed on the agenda must put the request in writing and submit it to the office manager no later than the Monday prior to the meeting date. The requestor will be notified of Board approval before the meeting.

Current board members are Gloria Dowiak, president; Luke Taylor, vice-president; Ron Palumbo, secretary; Brad Winkler, treasurer; Greg Barnes, director; Wendell Rawlins, director.

Grounds Talk

A number of things are going on involving the HV grounds. You may have noticed the newly re-covered tennis courts. A key is required to enter and use the courts. The annual cost is \$20 per family and can be obtained at the HV office. Also, new subdivision signs are under consideration. These would be larger and more easily noticed when entering the subdivision.

Beginning in February 2006, we will restart the "Yard of the Month" program. One yard will be selected to receive the honor with an honorable mention also selected.

The Huntington Village grounds contracts will expire April 1, 2006. All bids must be submitted to the HV office no later than March 1, 2006 to be considered by the Board for the upcoming year. (If you are or know of a resident who does business in this area, please contact the office.)

On the Web

Huntington Village has its website, www.huntingtonvillage.net, up and running. Besides the deed restrictions and by-laws of HV, there is other useful information such as a vacation

checklist and some helpful phone numbers. Stay tuned to the website for upcoming events on the monthly calendars.

Things that will be included in the future are homes for sale in the HV community, advertisements, garage sale announcements and neighborhood news reported by residents. We want every one of you to be an active participant on the site and in the community. The email address is also on the Web Site, and is hvca@huntingtonvillage.net. Please keep emails short or attach a word document with your request or other information.

Treasurer's Report

As you may have noted, the HVCA Board has asked for a voluntary \$25 contribution in addition to the annual maintenance fee for 2006. The decision to ask for this contribution was based on careful consideration of the expected costs for coming year. Even with conservative expenditures of the HV budget, it appears the costs associated with pools, security, landscaping, and the community building will very likely be higher than the money that will be collected.

The Board understands that this is only a temporary "fix" to the problem.

Amending the deed restrictions is the most important step to keeping HV a nice place to live. Please make sure that you include your \$25 voluntary contribution when you send in your annual fee.

Deed Restrictitons

Deed restrictions are vital to keep the community attractive and property values above average. If you feel that a residence is in violation of the regulations, contact the HV office. Copies of the deed restrictions and by laws are available on-line at the official Huntington Village website, www.huntingtonvillage.net.

Huntington Village has a third party inspector drive through the neighborhood twice a month to check for violations. When a violation is reported by either a resident or the inspector, a postcard is sent to the resident. It is up to the resident to respond to the notice by calling Dawn at the HV office and letting her know how soon the violation will be cleared up. If special circumstances exist that may require extra time to resolve the problem, the resident should make HV aware of them. Let's work together to keep HV looking good!



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****Special Meeting****

**Saturday, January 14,
10:00 a.m.**

All residents are requested to attend this important gathering at the HV community building, 9511 Cook Road!

The subject of the meeting is one that has been a major source of concern for many years to this community—**proposed revisions to the deed restrictions**. It is most important to the neighborhood to change the current deed restrictions. Without these proposed changes, amenities such as pools and parks can neither remain open nor be maintained. Another service that is in jeopardy is the security that currently patrols the neighborhood. The maintenance fees billed to HV residents have not changed in 20 years! Expenses have increased many times within those two decades. Huntington Village cannot continue to pay higher rates for services without an increase in fees.

Your input and help is needed to make change happen—if you want the pools and parks to open every year and to keep security scheduled, make plans to be at this meeting.

Place Your Ad on the HV Website

Starting today, you can place your own advertisement on the HV website and in the next newsletter. Get your message out to the community for an entire year for only \$50.

Notices of garage sales or homes for sale can also be posted on the site—at no charge to residents.

For more information, contact Dawn at 281-495-7280.