The

VILLAGE

QUARTERLY NEWS



3rd Quarter - September 2020

Holiday Villages of Livingston Owners Association

LIFE WITH COVID

Despite COVID, our Village has been blessed to have put on a few events with great success. First, we were responsive to tornado disaster victims with all sorts of provisions to assist with their daily lives while dealing with the tragedy. Then we put on a community-wide fundraising event which included a BBQ cook off, car show and silent auction which raised over thirty thousand dollars to help victims with restoring their homes and other needs going forward. The proceeds were distributed by a local church which had taken the lead helping victims recover. THANK YOU ALL for contributing! Visit the photo gallery on our website to view photos of the event:

https://holidayvillageslivingston.com/photo-gallery

The next event was our annual fireworks show and street concert which also had great success and was enjoyed by many in our community.

Villagers organized what has now become the Annual HVLOA Blood Drive. The blood drive was held on Saturday, August 8th at the Clubhouse. Successful donors received free COVID-19 antibody testing and a pint of Blue Bell ice cream. It was a successful event. Thanks go out to all who were able to donate!

2020 ROADWORK

Roadwork began and ended in this quarter. Just over 1¼ miles of road were completed and approximately 3¾ miles of ditch and drainage improvements were made putting us in a good position for more roads next year.

Speed bumps will be added to the new roads soon.

MAINTENANCE

You may have noticed a new maintenance vehicle/cart that has been servicing the Village. We have also hired an additional maintenance worker, JD Roman. Please maintain a safe distance when passing Danny and JD while they are working in the Village. They work so hard for our community and we appreciate all they do for us.



VILLAGE POOL

Last year, we had a resident donate seven umbrellas so all of us could benefit from them. We only have one remaining. Not because they were damaged by the weather, but because residents or guests broke them. This year we wanted to start adding chairs and tables to the pool area. We invested around \$500 for the chairs and within a few months, one of them has been broken. These chairs have ratings of 300 pounds. There are cigarette butts being put out on the concrete, even though we have an outdoor ashtray that should be used. Adding to that, food is being eaten in the pool area, even though two picnic tables outside the pool area are designated for this purpose. Food is getting in the pool filters and causing issues. Our pool is cleaned every morning and detailed cleaning takes place on Mondays. We cannot continue spending money on improvements for shade and comfort for the pool area if folks are going to abuse the facility. If you see this happening, say something. If things continue being broken and abused, decisions will have to be made regarding the use of the pool.

EASTEX TELEPHONE FIBER OPTICS UPDATE

Eastex says their target date for installing Fiber Optics in the Village is the end of this year. Construction in Section J still needs to be completed.



SPECIAL THANKS TO ONE OF OUR OWN

When we are enjoying one of our annual holiday street dances some of you may not know who the property owner is that always allows the bands to set up in his driveway and use his electricity. It's our own San Jacinto County Sheriff's Department, Chief Deputy Dan Todd. A very nice article in the San Jacinto News Times was printed back in March about Chief Deputy Todd. Todd decided after retiring from a career with the Houston Police Department that he wanted to continue to serve the community he loves and joined the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Department. Here's a link to the story:

https://sanjacnews.com/index.php/communities/3150-say-hello-to-chief-deputy-dan-todd

We have another street dance this weekend. If you see Dan, thank him for his service and countless hours keeping us all safe!

NEW FACE AT THE RANGER STATION

You may have noticed a new face at the Ranger Station. Please welcome our new Ranger – Gloria Billingsley who affectionately goes by Scooter!

KEEP OUR HOLIDAY VILLAGES CHILDREN SAFE

Please be vigilant and keep an eye on your children. We need to make sure our children are safe and do not wander off out of our sight or are driving golf carts, side by sides or 4-wheelers without an adult present if the child is under the age to operate one of these recreational vehicles.

CHILDREN'S PHOTOS REMOVED

We have taken measures to protect the confidentiality, security and integrity of all children in our Village. All children's photos have been removed from our website. Going forward we will need a MINOR PHOTO RELEASE FORM filled out for consent to post any pictures. The form will be posted under Permits / Forms on our website. Forms will be available at community events as well.

CRIME ALERT

We continue to address crime. Recently a few crimes have been reported. In one case a thief was caught stealing a kayak and the incident was handled by Sheriff's Deputies. Please be vigilant and report incidents of crimes you see to the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Department. Unfortunately, no one but the witness can be effective when reporting such events. This may include incidents of theft, vandalism, drug use, wreck less driving or any other crime you may witness. We must all do our part to maintain a safe environment. Again, please secure your items with locks. Cameras and security lights at your properties are also encouraged.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Volunteers Are Still Needed

The POA is still looking for volunteers for a committee made up of a group of people that will be on hand to help out with our POA events throughout the year. An example of some of the events are the Easter Egg Hunt; the Horseshoe, Cornhole & Washer Event that includes cooking Hot Dogs and Hamburgers; the Halloween Hay Ride; Meeting Santa Claus, (this is just to name a few). If we can get enough volunteers we can share the duties so the same people aren't having to work every event. If you are interested, please send an email to hVLOABOD@gmail.com. Once we have a group of people that are interested, we will arrange a meet and greet and start planning our next event!

CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

The Clubhouse is not available at this time to rent for special events, parties, weddings, or family reunions until the Emergency Order for San Jacinto County has been removed.

