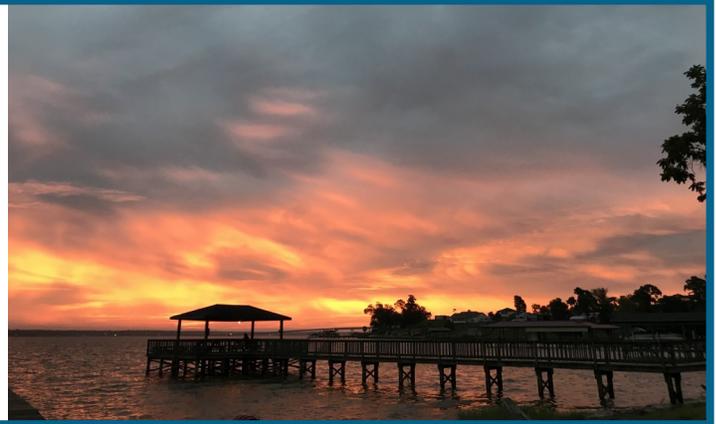


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QUARTERLY NEWS



3rd Quarter - August 2021

Holiday Villages of Livingston Owners Association

All of the Board of Directors and officers would like to thank our property owners for all the support shown around the village since opening things up for events and starting to work on projects again following the COVID shutdowns. Many of you have stepped up with ideas and volunteered your time to work on projects as well as contributions in other ways. We certainly can be proud of our village and its accomplishments.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION



Everyone had a great time at the Holiday Villages 4th of July Celebration! The Golf Cart/ATV Fun Run began about noon at the Clubhouse. The Street Dance and Fireworks topped off the day and continued into the night!

Cart Decorating Contest Winners:

1st Place:

Krystal and
Dennis Legge



2nd Place:

Nick and Rhonda
Pechaux



[Click Here to view the Photo Gallery \(https://holidayvillageslivingston.com/photo-gallery\)](https://holidayvillageslivingston.com/photo-gallery)

Fun Run Winners:

Best Hand:

Christina Baster

2nd Best Hand:

Kevin Carouthers



FREE COFFEE & DONUTS

Coffee & Donut Day is back! Thursday mornings 9am till 11am. Come meet your neighbors and enjoy free coffee and donuts. We ask you limit donuts to two please.

CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

Reservations are being taken for the use of the clubhouse now that the COVID restrictions have been lifted. Reserve your date now! [Click Here \(https://holidayvillageslivingston.com/our-clubhouse\)](https://holidayvillageslivingston.com/our-clubhouse) to view the Clubhouse photo gallery. Contact the HVLOA Clubhouse office for more information and to make your reservation:

936-377-5500

manager@holidayvillageslivingston.com

PETS

HVLOA Deed Restrictions state, "Dogs shall be permitted only if continuously contained by leash or within a fenced area." [Click Here \(https://holidayvillageslivingston.com/deed-restrictions\)](https://holidayvillageslivingston.com/deed-restrictions) to view the HVLOA deed restrictions.

STREET PARKING

We all from time to time may have to park a vehicle on the street for a short period of time. If you have a business that involves trucks, trailers or any other type of equipment that is parked on the streets on a regular basis, **FIND SOME WHERE ELSE TO PARK THEM.** You can rent storage space from the office or move them onto your property before we have them towed. If you do not, you are putting all of your neighbors in danger by limiting thru traffic like a fire truck or ambulance. Please be respectful to the rest of the property owners in Holiday Villages.

NEW RANGER TRUCK

You may not have noticed since the truck that was purchased to replace the oil burner that the Rangers were driving is also white. The truck purchased is a 2006 Ford F150 with 69,000 miles on it. The cost for this truck was \$9,995. The old truck was sold (as is) for \$1,250.

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HVLOA ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Why are the roads in such bad condition and not repaired more than they are?

Holiday Villages of Livingston is over twenty years old and there were no major repairs or investment from the original developer (Tecon Corporation). The Holiday Villages of Livingston Owners Association (HVLOA) took over control of the Village from Tecon in 2015 (date to be confirmed). HVLOA members voted against a special road assessment twice after taking over control from Tecon. A Road Assessment was passed on a third attempt for the year 2018. When the Road Assessment was passed, the HVLOA dedicated a special account for the Road Fund.

All our cross streets, like St. Thomas, are approximately 1,500 feet long. The average cost to dig ditches, have road base put down, and complete the chip and seal process for one cross street is \$45,000 to \$50,000. When the average revenue collected each year for the roads is approximately \$150,000, we can complete three streets a year. Meanwhile, patching of holes is a full-time job. And to make matters worse, heavy rains destroy any repairs to ongoing patching. Since our maintenance guys have other responsibilities, there are many days that work on the roads is not done.

The Current Road Balance is posted on the HVLOA website homepage at www.holidayvillageslivingston.com. Donations are welcome.

DRAINAGE DITCHES

Why is cleaning out ditches considered part of new road construction instead of regular maintenance?

Due to the cost of digging the ditches, they fall under road repairs instead of general maintenance. Materials like cold patch purchased to patch potholes fall under regular road maintenance. It is the property owner's responsibility to keep their culverts cleaned out and weeds trimmed on both ends of their culverts.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

While we are awaiting the arrival of Waters Construction, our contractor for the road maintenance and improvement, we have initiated a program to drop road base material at the larger problem areas and spread immediately, if possible, by Danny and Kevin, our maintenance staff. We recently relieved 27 different locations in that manner, making many problem areas more manageable until we can get them addressed more permanently. The base used in these areas is not wasted as it will be ground up and reused in the final repair process. We expect Waters Construction to arrive in August to begin the next phase of street repairs.



NON-LICENSED VEHICLES

Golf Carts and Side-By-Sides must have a driver at least 14 years old or a parent or guardian must be in the vehicle with them at all times; NO EXCEPTIONS. Over the past July 4th weekend there were so many underage drivers on our streets it was alarming. Some kids think it is a joke when they are speeding and not paying attention behind the wheel. This continues to be a growing problem that is bringing a lot of attention to all of us. There are parents that allow their child under 14 to either drive in front of them or behind them on a mini-bike or small ATV. THIS IS NOT ALLOWED.

We are open for suggestions on how to handle this problem. One of the solutions being considered is to hire two additional sheriffs during busy holiday weekends to specifically monitor underage drivers while they patrol our streets. We are also considering charging parents a hefty fine if they allow their underage child to operate a vehicle within Holiday Villages of Livingston. Changes will be made to address this problem. We are asking all our community members to bring ideas to the Town Hall meeting August 21st at 9am. It may be necessary to register all our golf carts and off-road vehicles at the office and put a HVL sticker on them, so we know what vehicles belong in the village and which do not. There are other ideas that will be discussed at the Town Hall meeting in August. Please attend.

HVLOA MAILBOXES

Why can't I rent a mailbox?

We have added sixty new mailboxes in the last eighteen months. However, due to the increase of new residents, mailboxes at the front gate are only being offered to residents that live in Holiday Villages of Livingston full time. Until you become a full-time resident in the Village, you can rent a PO Box at the Onalaska post office.

[U.S. Post Office](#)

[203 N. FM 356](#)

[Onalaska, TX 77360](#)

[936-646-3313](#)

SWIMMING POOL

Further discussions have taken place with regards to accessing the pool area. We believe we have a good plan to move forward but are waiting on final details. This system will allow us to increase security and limit access to HVLOA members who are not current on their dues and anyone not following pool rules. We are currently having problems with people violating the NO GLASS BOTTLES rule.

When using the pool, please do not move or adjust the sprinkler head. The sprinkler head is necessary to help cool the pool water during these hot temperatures. The pool is monitored with cameras at all times.

BLESSINGS BOXES

Heidi and Troy Campbell, property owners in Holiday Villages have set up two Blessings Boxes. One is located outside our Clubhouse Office, and one is inside the Clubhouse. The concept is helping people that need help while creating KINDNESS...WHAT A CONCEPT! Thank you, Heidi and Troy, for your kindness and generosity.

The blessings boxes contain only non-perishable food items & toiletries. "Take what you need, leave/give what you can" is the slogan. If you need an item or two, please take them. If you can leave an item, please do so. Sometimes it is an inspirational card that is needed. You never know what folks are going through. Heidi's contact information is listed on the inside of the Blessings Boxes if you want to contact her regarding donations. Heidi will be checking the boxes one or two times weekly. Do not leave any items outside the Blessings Boxes.



This is not a HVLOA initiative but neighbors wanting to help neighbors!
[Click Here - https://createkindness.mystrikingly.com/](https://createkindness.mystrikingly.com/) for more information about the Create Kindness Initiative.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

We have had successful events this quarter, including a Community Garage Sale, BBQ Cook-Off & Car Show, Memorial Day celebration, and July 4th celebration. Our events are well supported and have provided additional funds to repair our roads. A big thank you goes out to all our wonderful volunteers that help make our events a success! Holiday Villages POA is still looking for volunteers to help out with events throughout the year. If you are interested, please send an email to hvloadod@gmail.com.

Recap on donations raised for the ROAD FUND from the BBQ Cook-off & Car Show.

Raffle:	\$ 1,000
BBQ:	\$ 2,305
Food:	\$ 1,743
Auction:	\$ 6,219
Koozies:	\$ 596
TOTAL:	\$ 11,863

ROAD PATCH PARTY

It was great seeing all the volunteers come together for such a great cause. You all accomplished mitigating a large area in a short time frame under very hot weather conditions. AWESOME! Afterwards all who took part enjoyed great food as well as a good time socializing. We look forward to the next Road Patch Party and hope we can double the turn out. Thanks, Andrew Dames, for organizing this event!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY CRAFT FAIR

Another successful event! There was \$1,020 raised during this event for the village on July 17, 2021. As we continue to try new events and ideas that are brought up from our residents, Laura Morgan did an outstanding job bringing this event together. Laura spent a lot of time making this happen. It was open not only to the residents of Holiday Villages, but also to the public. We would like to thank Deb Summers for volunteering to sell those tasty sandwiches. Thanks also to Mike Morgan for handling the traffic and parking. If you were lucky enough to be able to stop by, you would have seen a large variety of talented folks displaying their crafts and products. Many thanks to all the vendors for participating!

Mark your calendars - The next Craft Fair event will be October 16th so reserve your space now!

Contact Laura Morgan - bwerbr6313@comcast.net

BOAT RAMP IMPROVEMENTS

Another noticeable improvement for our events this year was adding parking space near the boat ramp. A new location was made for the bands that play at our events. These improvements should allow events to continue more efficiently and with less burden on private property owners around event locations.

Gates have been installed at both the entrance and exit ramps. The gates are intended to stay open and only close, when necessary, like during the fireworks display this past July 3rd. To clarify the rumors regarding the gates... the gates were closed to stop vehicle traffic, not to stop foot traffic. The pyrotechnics folks establish the setback where we all must stay behind during the fireworks display. Anyone can set up chairs behind the taped off and in the area behind the closed gates during the firework show. The vehicles that were allowed behind the gates on July 3rd were either members of the fireworks crew or the band members, not residents.

These changes and other improvements will provide a safer environment, which is the #1 concern when having events.

SHOUT OUTS!

We love giving shout outs at the Town Hall meeting to property owners who have helped out in the village or has given a neighbor a helping hand. Please send in names and a brief reason the person has earned a shout out to hvloadod@gmail.com so they can be acknowledged.



AUGUST 21ST TOWN HALL MEETING

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting starts at 9am at the Clubhouse. Bring your ideas and suggestions! Don't let a bad experience from the past prevent you from helping us move forward now with positive solutions to common problems. Changes are happening. If a proposed change makes sense for everybody and it can be budgeted, then there is a good chance it will happen. Come help us find solutions. Please attend the HVLOA Town Hall meetings.

REMEMBER – All of us have an investment in Holiday Villages of Livingston and we all need to work together to make it a better place.

SURVEY RESULTS ON TRASH PICKUP

The HVLOA Board members are continually looking for ways to help preserve our roads. One suggestion is to limit the number of heavy trash trucks that access our roads on a weekly basis. Changing to one trash company will reduce the number of trash trucks using our roads. The results of a survey conducted by HVLOA are as follows:

Question 1. What trash company do you currently use in Holiday Villages?

Piney Woods: 47 residents
ProStar: 29 residents
Morris: 16 residents
Other: 33 residents
(Usually take it home when they leave.)

Question 2. Do you think it would be a good idea to only have one trash service company in Holiday Villages?

Yes: 92 residents
No: 57 residents
Undecided: 2 residents
Other: 2 residents

Thanks to all who contributed to the survey. This information is helpful and will be considered if this issue is put on the ballot in May of 2022.



GUESTS

If you have friends or family visiting you throughout the year, remember that you as the property owner are responsible for their actions while inside Holiday Villages of Livingston. Please remind them of speed limits, stop signs, pool rules, etc. The last thing all of us want to see happen is to have a family member or relative getting seriously hurt while visiting. Taking five minutes to explain rules and expectations could prevent a trip to the emergency room.

WELCOME NEW PROPERTY OWNERS!

A number of properties have recently sold in Holiday Villages of Livingston over the last few months, and we are happy to welcome our new members!



There are many ways to get out and meet new people: fun runs, street dances, chili cook-off events, etc. Consider becoming a community volunteer. Take the time to visit our website at www.holidayvillageslivingston.com to see scheduled events and view our Photo Gallery of memories. There is no other nicer website around the lake. We are all proud of the work Pam Miller has done with it!

DEED RESTRICTED COMMUNITY

Holiday Villages of Livingston (HVLOA) is a Deed Restricted Community. Deed restrictions exist to maintain standards so that everyone may enjoy the community. If you are not familiar with the community deed restrictions, please visit the HVLOA website to read the restrictions.

[Click Here \(https://holidayvillageslivingston.com/deed-restrictions\)](https://holidayvillageslivingston.com/deed-restrictions) to view the HVLOA Deed Restrictions.

The deed restrictions include keeping your grass cut on a regular basis. No appliances should be seen outdoors. If you have one in your yard, please move it. If you have a broken-down car, truck, boat, ATV or other vehicle with a motor on your property that does not run, have it towed away. If your yard has trash and junk piled up in it, you need to clean it up and have it removed. If not, you will receive a violation.

ENTERING HOLIDAY VILLAGES FRONT GATE

Remind your guests and contractors that if they pull up to the Ranger Station and the Ranger is away from the office, they must backup and park off to the side to allow other property owners access to Holiday Villages. Do not tail-gate. The average cost to repair a damaged gate is \$1,000. If you damage the gate, you will be responsible for the cost to repair the gate plus the cost to repair your vehicle.

RANGERS ADDED TO WORK BUSY WEEKENDS

We are now scheduling two Rangers per shift on busy weekends to prevent the gate from backing up when one Ranger is called away to the back gate or Section J.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

The Village could really use a few serious volunteers to get involved with working on violations throughout the subdivision. You can make a difference and help our community continue to improve by volunteering. We are also looking for a chairperson to head up the Architectural Control Committee. If you have interest, please send an email to HVLOABOD@gmail.com.