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# **VILLAGE** QUARTERLY NEWS



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Holiday Villages of Livingston Owners Association

The Board of Directors would like to thank all the volunteers that participated in our events throughout 2021. Without you many events would not take place and projects would not be completed. It was nice seeing new volunteers coming out and making a difference in our community. Your support is greatly appreciated helping make Holiday Villages a great place to live, visit, and have a lot of fun with neighbors and friends. We hope that the volunteer lists continue to grow in 2022 as we strive to make Holiday Villages the desired community to live in around the lake. There are good reasons why so many people are moving into Holiday Villages. New homes are being built and property improvements are being made that increase property values.

We thank all our residents for having patience throughout the year while projects were being completed on street work and gate repairs too! We know that the dust, inconvenience of a gate not working, and speeders, are all an issue from time to time. If you haven't already noticed, there are many more speed bumps being installed throughout the subdivision. We understand many of you would like them installed faster, but we will make sure all areas will be addressed as soon as posssible. None of us want speeders on our streets no matter if they are a resident or contractor.

We also want to thank the HVLOA Officers, **Mickie Parker, Roseann Irwin** and **Doug Presser** for their time volunteering for this Village. They give up a Saturday morning every month for the BOD meeting as well as time to type up meeting minutes, create financial reports, review reports and whatever is required. "KUDOS" to all our Officers!

Just about all of us will be glad to see 2021 behind us. This was a tough year for many loosing family members, relatives and friends due to the Coronavirus. I know Holiday Villages lost way too many loved ones and our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to you. With new variants of the virus being identified, we all still have to be careful. It is always at your discretion to attend a community social event or meeting so you can be aware of what is going on in the Village. It is completely your prerogative to wear a face mask. At this time, it is not mandated to wear face masks to HVLOA meetings and events.

In closing, the HVLOA Board of Directors want to wish all the Residents and Property Owners,



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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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# HVLOA ROAD IMPROVEMENT

HVLOA will continue to monitor and address drainage as well as wash-out areas in the community. Road work will continue as the budget will allow. Below is a break down of Holiday Village's Road Assessment Expenditures for 2021. These expenditures do not include our normal costs for cold patch and road base used throughout the year to patch holes.

| <u>Road</u>                     | <u>Cost</u>         |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Coco Loop                       | \$ 49,645.44        |
| Canal to cul-de-sac             | \$ 47,736.00        |
| Tortuga                         | \$ 27,417.60        |
| Rum Cay                         | \$ 5,890.00         |
| Amalie                          | \$ 5,569.20         |
| Lagoon Ct                       | \$ 5,569.20         |
| Antigua to Antilles             | \$ 18,396.72        |
| Woodland Shores                 | \$ 41,612.94        |
| Lagoon Dr                       | \$ 6,120.00         |
| Extra Base 313.44 @ \$37.50 ton | <u>\$ 12,506.63</u> |
| Total Road Work Paid 2021:      | \$220,463.73        |

## **ROAD CCOMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Board of Directors is looking for additional volunteers to be on the road committee for 2022. If you have any interest, please contact the HVLOA. Stop by in person, call 936-377-5500 or email <u>HVLOABOD@gmail.com</u>.

# **NON-LICENSED VEHICLES**

The problem continues to grow with speeders, under-aged drivers and guests that think there are no rules to follow in our subdivision. We will be following San Jacinto County guidelines and involving the Sheriff when needed to deal with these issues. We are asking residents to take videos when witnessing reckless driving. The video can be shown to the Sheriff and legal action taken against the driver. Please contact the HVLOA office if you would like to submit video. Your help will be appreciated.

HVLOA Office: 936-377-5500 or email: manager@holidayvillageslivingston.com

## **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 vehicles to Holiday Villages. Do not tailgate. 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.

# **UPCOMING PROJECTS**

### **Retaining Wall**

The Board of Directors has approved a project involving the south side of the pool by the fence that is slowly washing away. A 30 foot retaining wall will be constructed to stop the erosion. The investment for this project will be \$6,500.

#### **New Pavilion**

The HVLOA is considering building a new 30 x 60 foot pavilion near the boat ramp. The pavilion would be located where the swing set is now and will provide additional space to picnic, hang out and party, as well as a space to accommodate bands to perform during events. The VSC (Village Social Crew) has offered to participate in the funding of the pavilion. We appreciate the partnership with the VSC on many things accomplished for our community!

#### **Swimming Pool**

During a recent inspection we discovered the HVLOA community pool has numerous cracks and plaster is coming off the bottom. The pool will be repaired as soon as possible. Budget priorities may be reexamined depending on the cost of the project.



# **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.

## **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.



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## **PROJECT CONTRACTS IN THE VILLAGE**

If you are a contractor that is bonded & insured and would like to be considered for future HVLOA projects, please send an email to <u>HVLOABOD@gmail.com</u> or contact the HVLOA office to get on the HVLOA vendor list. Make sure you let us know what type of work you want to be considered for like concrete, dirt, retaining walls, boat slip repairs, new construction wood or metal, tree & stump removal, etc.

## **MOWING CONTRACTS**

If you have any interest in bidding on Holiday Villages mowing contracts for 2022 you should submit your bids as soon as possible to the clubhouse office. If you have any questions, contact the office in person or call 936-377-5500. To qualify to submit a bid, you must have had a contract mowing a subdivision in the past two years.

# 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 i | t 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.



## PETS

If your dog is not on your property, it needs to be on a leash. HVLOA Deed Restrictions state, "Dogs shall be permitted only if continuously contained by leash or within a fenced area." <u>Click Here (https://</u>

holidayvillageslivingston.com/deed-restrictions) to view the HVLOA deed restrictions.

### **HVLOA MAILBOXES**

If you are a permanent resident in Holiday Villages you are eligible to rent a mailbox in the

mailroom outside the main gate. Due to limited space, HVLOA is not offering property owners a mailbox that do not live in the community full time. Please contact the HVLOA clubhouse office if you would like to rent a mailbox.



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Contact the USPS to rent a PO Box at the Onalaska Post Office.

<u>U.S. Post Office</u> 203 N. FM 356 Onalaska, TX 77360 936-646-3313

#### **BETTER COMMUNICATION**

There are many times that residents say they wished we did this or did that so they knew more of what was going on in the village. Laura Morgan will be making a 2022 calendar of events that will be available to anyone who wants one. There are some things that cannot be done or posted for legal reasons, but we know we can work on communicating with the community better. At all Town Hall meetings there are profit & loss statements available to take with you. You don't have to stay at the meeting, just pick one up and leave if you like.

#### **DEED RESTRICTIONS**

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.

<u>Click Here (https://holidayvillageslivingston.com/deed-restrictions</u>) 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.



# WELCOME NEW PROPERTY OWNERS!

A number of properties have recently sold in Holiday Villages. 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 <u>www.holidayvillageslivingston.com</u> to see scheduled events and view our Photo Gallery of memories.

## **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 you kindness and generosity.



The blessing boxes contain only nonperishable 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!

<u>Click Here - https://createkindness.mystrikingly.com/</u> for more information about the Create Kindness Initiative.

## **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 <u>hvloabod@gmail.com</u> so they can be acknowledged.



**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.

## **CLUBHOUSE RENTALS**

Reservations are being taken for the use of the clubhouse now that the COVID restrictions have been lifted. Reserve your date now! <u>Click Here (https://</u>

<u>holidayvillageslivingston.com/our-clubhouse</u>) to view the Clubhouse photo gallery. Contact the HVLOA Clubhouse office for more information and to make your reservation:

HVLOA Office: 936-377-5500 or email: <u>manager@holidayvillageslivingston.com</u>

## **COMMUNITY SOCIAL EVENTS**

We are excited to announce that **Daniella Maria Key** will be heading up our Holiday Villages POA events with assistance from **Mickie Parker. Laura Morgan** will be heading up events for the VSC (Village Social Crew) with assistance from **Brenda Presser**. They have already started planning events! Many of the same events from 2021 will be planned again for 2022. 2021 events included:

- Community Garage Sale
- Barbecue Cook-off, Car Show & Silent Auction
- Memorial Day celebration, Street Dance & Fun Run
- July 4th celebration, Street Dance & Fun Run
- Labor Day celebration, Street Dance & Fun Run
- Trick or Treat in the Park for Kids
- Witch Hunt Fun Run largest participation ever!
- Veterans Day & Thanksgiving Dinner
- Chili & Bean Cook off, & Craft Show, Games in the Park
- Easter Egg Hunt in the Park
- Cookies with Santa

The POA and the VSC welcome ideas from residents. Next Halloween the Trick or Treat in the Park event will include a costume contest!

#### **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.

## **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.

