

The

VILLAGE

QUARTERLY NEWS



August, 2024

Holiday Villages of Livingston Owners Association

It's been a while since the last newsletter has gone out so there will be a lot of information that is included in this August newsletter.

WELCOME NEW PROPERTY OWNERS!

Holiday Villages would like to welcome our newest members! If you have not picked up a Welcome Packet yet please stop by the office and see Rhonda. The Deed Restrictions and By Laws are included in the packet as well as many other important documents for your review.

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

School has started so PLEASE keep your eye out for children at the school bus stops at the back gate and in Section J both in the mornings and in the afternoon when they are dropped back off.



STREETS & WASHOUTS

As you all know there has been so much rain over the past few months that has caused an unprecedented amount of damage throughout our community. There has been a numerous number of washouts that are in need of attention and repaired. The monies that were going to be used for new roads and ditch work has had to be put on hold for now until the washouts are taken care of. The major washouts are being addressed

first. The streets that have been affected by the washouts will open back up as fast as possible. Cooke-Jones has been repaired and now is open. Next, the construction crew will move to St. Thomas and then to Lagoon. The culvert under Lagoon is crushed and needs replaced. The plan is to shut down ½ of the road at a time so vehicles can still get by while repairs are completed. These repairs are expected to take a few days. Please use caution while the repair is being done. Once all of the washouts have been completed the Road Committee will reevaluate all of the streets since the streets that were targeted for completion last year may not be the worst streets in the community now due to all the rain, we have had over the past few months. The repairs are costly but the repairs need to be done. We thank all of you for having patience while all of the work is being completed throughout Holiday Villages.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

As always, we want to thank all of you who have volunteered your time, money and donations to make our events fun and successful throughout the 2024 year. These events don't just happen, it takes caring and dedicated residents to make a great community. We noticed new faces stepping up to participate in many of the events that were held this year and we hope to see many more new faces before the year end.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- Halloween Fun Run
 - New Year's Party
- These 2 events need a volunteer to HEAD UP or they may be cancelled!
- Chairperson for Event Committee
 - Contact: Talisa (832) 445-6683 or
 - Laura Morgan bwerbr6313@comcast.net

EVENTS UPCOMING

Labor Day Fun Run

This event has been cancelled due to not having enough volunteers.

Fall Fest

October 5th, 9 AM – 3 PM

- Chili & Pinto Bean Cook-Off,
- Jeep Show & Shine,
- Craft Show
- Washers
- Corn Hole Tournaments

Will take place at the Park & Clubhouse

Get more details at the clubhouse office



Halloween Trunk or Treat

October 26th

Bring the candy for the children and enjoy their costumes

Get more details at the clubhouse office



Veterans Dinner

November 9th

Come out and enjoy a great meal and Honor all the Veterans and all of the Veterans who live in Holiday Villages! Get more details at the clubhouse office



Santa Fun Run for the Kids

December 14th

Get more details at the clubhouse office



New Year's Party w/Band

December 31st

Will be held in the Clubhouse. Come out and celebrate the New Year with your neighbors. Get more details at the clubhouse office



COFFEE & DONUT DAY!

Every Thursday morning from 9am till 11am. Come meet your neighbors and enjoy FREE coffee and donuts. We ask you limit donuts to two please.



SHOUT- OUT

We love giving shout-outs at the Town Hall meetings and in the newsletter. If you know of anyone who has helped out a neighbor or just lent a helping hand. Please send in names and a brief reason why that person has earned a shout-out to hvloa@gmail.com so they can be acknowledged. Big THANK YOU to Shannon Garza for organizing The Car Show. There were over 50 entries and we really appreciate his efforts and all those who helped him!



To all of the neighbors who have been helping Neighbors recover from the many downed trees left by Hurricane Beryl.

RUMOR MILL

We remind everyone that the finance reports are always available for review and that the Road Fund is a dedicated fund, separate from other funds and cannot be used for anything other than road improvements. If you have any questions about where funds are being spent, please reach out to our office manager for answers. If you hear something you don't like reach out to a Board member and they will tell you if it is true or not.

BIBLE STUDY

Ronnie Luman is hosting Bible Study in the Clubhouse every Tuesday evening from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. If you're interested in attending check to make sure the meeting time is correct.

CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

The Clubhouse is available at this time to rent for special events, parties, weddings, or family reunions. If you have any interest please stop in the clubhouse and speak with Rhonda for detailed information.

POOL CLOSURE

Due to hurricane Beryl's storm damage that caused the large tree to fall and damage the pool fence and

land in the pool has caused the pool to be closed. The tree has been removed and the water is back in the pool but the Board of Directors is waiting on bids to replace the damaged area of the fence. Once this is corrected, we hope to reopen the pool as soon as possible.

ACC COMMITTEE REPORT

The Architectural Control Committee continues to compile and organize data in an effort to share with the community. The focus is on serious offenses, like inoperable vehicles, trash, and operating a business in the village. We request you mow your lawns since it has not rained recently. Currently corrected violations out numbering those reported. This is progress in the right direction. Keep up the good work and thank you for doing your part to keep our community looking good! The best way to contact the ACC is by email at hvloaacc@gmail.com.

DEED RESTRICTIONS

Holiday Villages of Livingston 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 designated for your Section. www.holidayvillageslivingston.com. The Deed Restriction Committee is currently working on NEW Deed Restriction that will be voted on May of 2025. These restrictions will be following Texas State Law and be able to be enforced to make our community a better place to live.

CRIME ALERT

We ask all of you to keep a lookout for suspicious vehicles driving around our subdivision at all times. If you see any suspicious activity, please notify the Sheriff's Department when observing suspected crimes. HVLOA also is patrolled at random days and times throughout our subdivision for added security.
Sheriff's Office: (936) 653-4367

SAN JACINTO COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRST RESPONDERS

Classes offered:

- **Stop The Bleed** - FREE Course Donations Accepted
- **BLS Provider** - \$55.00 Per Person
- **Heartsaver CPR AED** – Certified course - \$55.00 per person * Must pass a skills test
- **Family and Friends** - \$25.00 per person

Contact For Classes – sjcfresponders@gmail.com

PAST EVENT INFORMATION

Memorial Day & July 4th vendors:

- Herbert's Cajun Food
- Tarkington Snoballs

Band that played Memorial Day weekend:

- Scott Kerr & the East River Band

Scott and his wife Terri are new owners in the Village. We very much appreciated them jumping in to play for us!

Memorial Day Fun Run: 82 entries

July 4th Fun Run: 71 entries

BBQ cook-off raised \$6,727 after expenses

BBQ event had 15 teams total 58 entries

Car Show had about 50 entries



PAST EVENT WINNERS

BBQ Cook-Off

Dessert

1. Lady Knob Creek Cookers
2. Gold Star Cookers
3. No Name Cookers

Beans

1. Gold Star Cookers
2. Yellow Cat Cookers
3. Choice Cookers

Open Category

1. No Name Cookers
2. Gold Star Cookers
3. Cooking With Jazz

Chicken

1. Choice Cookers
2. L & L Cookers
3. Cooking With Jazz

Ribs

1. Hawthorn Cookers
2. Choice Cookers
3. Knob Creek Cookers

Brisket

1. Country Cookers
2. Choice Cookers
3. Gold Star Cookers

Grand Champion Cooking Team

- 🏆 Choice Cookers



Congratulations to everyone who participated!

RE: Recap of Texas Water Utilities guest speaker at Holiday Villages Annual Meeting

May 28, 2024,

The BOD received a last minute confirmation from Melissa Rich, Vice President of Operations – Southeast division with Texas Water Utilities to attend Holiday Villages Annual Members meeting on Saturday, May 18, 2024. With limited time for preparation, the BOD provided four topics for Melissa to address. Due to time constraints she was able to speak to 3 of the 4 topics.

Concern #1: High Cost – Does Texas Water Utilities have Holiday Villages classified as a resort, and as such, do they charge its residents at a higher rate for water and sewer.

Answer: Melissa explained rates are charged based on TARIFF's and brought a copy of Water Utility and Wastewater Utility Tariff Control No. 55876, filed on February 13, 2024. These documents are located at the office if you would like to stop by and review them. Additional related concerns that she addressed are:

- **Cost of water:** Water meter reading and size. The size of the meter you have contributes to the cost. You can call and request a smaller meter, and the water company will review your records to see if they could give you a smaller meter. Water meters will be changed out to AMI meters. They will start out with the hand read meters first. Melissa explained if you feel your meter is faulty, please call and they can come out and change it. She said most faulty meters read lower volume so don't be surprised if your bill goes up after a meter change.
- **Separate meter for irrigation:** They don't usually provide separate meters for irrigation because it will throw off the capacity with TDECQ. It would show double capacity. TDECQ demands so much capacity through each meter that is set and if everyone had a separate irrigation meter by TDECQ standards it would take the population and double it. Melissa said she will check to see if anything can be done with water for irrigation.
- **Discounts for filling pool:** Your water usage also determines your sewer usage. When having a pool filled, you will need to contact the water company for an adjustment on your sewer bill.

Concern #2: *Quality of Water* - On a regular basis, the water is discolored and/or red with very visible dirt and minerals in the water. Residents are concerned about drinking, bathing, brushing their teeth, doing laundry and cleaning. Many homes with filtration systems go through filters in a fraction of the time the instructions say to change them out due to the amount of “trash” in the water. On the flip side of that, sometimes residents complain of strong bleach smells, and some have shared pictures on social media showing that laundered cloths have bleach spots.

- Melissa discussed the effects of iron and manganese naturally occurring in the water supply in our area and explained that she is recommending “Ice pigging” to help improve water quality. She brought a sheet of “Frequently Asked Questions” to pass out to attendees. Attached is a copy. Melissa also advised that water quality concerns may be emailed to her at Melissa.Rich@nexuswg.com and she will address them.

Concern #3: *Ongoing project to upgrade the sewer plant in Holiday Villages* - The Preserve, a new RV park on Hidden Cove has its own aerobic systems, however they have asked to be tied in with the plant located in Holiday Villages. Melissa advised that due to the growth rate in Holiday Villages over the last few years, the sewer plant is not able to accommodate The Preserve as well.

- There is currently an ongoing project to expand the wastewater plant. It will replace blowers with quieter ones, and they will increase the bays to process additional waste. The expected completion timeline is one year.

Concern #4: *Washouts* - Our area has been hit with large amounts of heavy rain this year resulting in numerous water and sewer line breaks and washouts. Several of the washouts now have exposed water and/or sewer lines. Is there anything Texas Utilities can help with on the washouts that have exposed water and/or sewer lines?

- Due to time constraints, Melissa did not have a chance to address this topic during the meeting, however the BOD sent her pictures of multiple washouts which have exposed water and sewer lines, and she is looking into them. The BOD will continue to reach out to Melissa regarding this matter.

LOOSE DOGS!!

All dogs **MUST** be kept on a leash at **ALL TIMES** for the safety of our residents. Bag their poop. It's disrespectful to allow your dog to poop on someone else's property and not pick it up.

THE NOT SO SERIOUS SIDE

Riddle 1: I'm tall when I am young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Riddle 2: There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow, yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What color are the stairs?

Riddle 3: What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?

R1: Candle
R2: There are no stairs it is a one-story
R3: Promise

Kids Jokes

Why was the math book Sad?
It had a lot of problems.

Why did the student eat his homework?
Because his teacher said it was a piece of cake.

How do you make a tissue dance?
Put some boogie in it!

RECIPES

Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share? Let's see if yours gets picked and posted. Send it to manager@holidayvillageslivingston.com.

Willis Jones gets this one! From Facebook Granny's Tasty Cajun Shrimp Deviled Eggs

1 dozen Eggs
2 dozen Fresh Shrimp medium sized
1 tsp Cooking Oil
1 small Lemon
2-3 tb Mayonnaise
½ -1 tb Hot Sauce
1 tb Sweet Relish
1-2 tsp. Old Bay Seasoning
¼ tsp Garlic Powder
2 tb Fresh Chopped Dill
Salt & Pepper to taste



Nothing Better Than Cajun Cooking!

SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

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Thank you,

HVLOA Board of Directors