



**HIGH VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
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**A Message from your Board of Trustees
January 2010**

See our web site at www.HighValleyCC.org

TRUSTEE POSITIONS

Two new trustees have been appointed by the Board to replace Ed Bennes and Dennis Lofgren. Dave Hill will take over the golf trustee responsibilities. Mike Claus will act as trustee at large. The replacements are shown on the Organization page of the web site. We have one position open immediately due to a resignation of a trustee and three positions to be filled in the regular election in May. Please submit a brief biography to the Board of Trustees at the above address to indicate your interest.

If you are a good listener... a good problem solver... a decision maker... able to work cooperatively in a group... there definitely IS room at the Board of Trustees' table for you. We meet on the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m. We will have three volunteer positions open in May. Are you willing to do your part? To put your name on the ballot for the May election, simply prepare a brief biography and send it to the High Valley Country Club at the address above.

Thank you to all the folks who volunteer to serve. High Valley cannot flourish without people willing to serve in a number of roles.

DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR!!!! Tucked inside the envelope with the newsletter, you will find the dues statement for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Payment is due May 1. Members, who have not paid their dues by May 1, will be denied pool, golf, and clubhouse privileges as of that date. Also their votes in the election of trustees will not count. Accounts not paid by June 1, will be assessed a \$20.00 late fee, and a notice of intent to lien will be sent as of July 1. Liens are filed after August 1. **Save yourself some money and undue stress by paying on time!!**

WATER SYSTEM: Emergency Water Repair 24/7
Phone number for High Valley Country Club is 360-496-8979

Water Meter Status -The water meter installations are still on hold as a result of the Superior Court Judge's decision rendered in June of 2008. Conversation with the state water authorities indicates that the State Supreme Court will hear their appeal but that a decision is likely to be two years away. The Board has decided to install meters when maintenance work is being done since we have the materials and the check valves that are part of the meter assembly will protect against backflow into the water mains. **Note: If you, as a member, do not want a meter installed for your service, you need to submit that request in writing to Rick Jenkins, High Valley Country Club Operations Manager. The request must be received within 30 days of the postmark date of this newsletter**

Please consider that request carefully noting the following:

The HVCC Board has no intention of charging for water unless the State legislates that requirement.

The meter assembly includes a check valve to prevent backflow in the HVCC water system.

The new valves in the assembly provide an easy owner shut off.

The meter can be used to determine if there are leaks in the owner's system.

Coming back to install the meter will cost extra time and money should the state mandate be reinstated.

Backup Generators for Well Pumps - Backup generators are now installed on four of the five wells. The generators will protect all of High Valley against loss of water pressure during power outages. When the power goes out, there is a few seconds time delay then the generators start up automatically providing power to the well pumps.

Cross Connection Program - The program is nearly complete; only a small number of potential cross connections will need double check valves installed by the lot owners. Randi has identified a relatively inexpensive double check valve assembly and certified installers. This is another step in protecting our water system against contamination.

Water Quality - We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. It should be emphasized that safe drinking water does not just happen. We are monitoring the water consistently, fixing broken valves and upgrading our equipment so that you can receive the best water possible. If you have any questions about your water utility, please contact Rick Jenkins at 360-494-8432. We want our members to be informed about their water utility.

2009 HVCC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Backup Generators - The generators described in the Water System section are a major step in protecting our water system against contamination.

Playground - The old playground was demolished (except for the merry-go-round) and replaced with a combination system. The new system has fall protection which was identified as being needed by our insurance carrier. We now have a much safer system which is located where it can be seen from the Club House. The volleyball area is moved toward the No.3 tee.

Golf Course - Winter flooding filled the golf course creek with gravel and damaged some of the bridges. The gravel has been removed and the bridges repaired.

Swimming Pools - The solar panels damaged by snow last winter have been replaced (insurance paid 100%) and are working great. Also, the swimming pools were repainted this spring.

Club House - Insurance also covered the replacement of the Club House rain gutters, which were damaged by snow last winter. The new gutters have been reinforced with wire to prevent snow damage in the future.

Maintenance Facilities - A road and access area to the new maintenance building were constructed using material from the creek dredging as base. The fence was moved to enclose the new building as well.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Our annual meeting and Board of Trustees meetings are required in our bylaws to be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order. While Robert's Rules can be somewhat complex, a few of the key elements are as follows:

Motions - Motions are made and seconded by members. Before a motion can be debated, the chairman (person running the meeting) must state the motion.

Members - At the Annual Meeting members are those lot owners who are paid up. At a Board of Trustees meeting, members are the Trustees. Only members can make motions, second motions, debate or vote.

Debate - Once a motion has been made, seconded and stated by the chair, debate following certain rules takes place. Once a decision is made to end debate, members may vote on the motion.

Speaking - Anyone who wishes to speak must be recognized by the chair. Normally, the speaker will stand to address the meeting.

Guests - Guests are normally given a specific amount of time to speak. Most Boards allow guests two to three minutes to state their case. Guests can make recommendations to the Board. In order for the Board to formally address the recommendation, a Board Member must make a motion; the motion must be seconded stated by the chair. Of course guests do not vote when the motion comes to a vote.

Meeting Minutes - The items that are included are meet summaries of reports from officers, committees, and operations; previous meeting minute's approval; motions, person making the motion and the disposition of the motion. Not to be included are debate, guest's comments and documents referenced. In general, the minutes should include things that are done and should not include discussions.

Chair - The Chairman (Chair) is normally the President or Vice-President in the case of HVCC. The Chair is responsible for running the meeting according to Robert's Rules of Order. The Chair runs the meeting using a formal agenda, recognizes speakers, states motions, and resolves issues. The Chair can be overruled on an issue by a Member motion that is approved by the majority of a quorum.

Email Newsletter – We are still gathering email addresses with the intent of saving postage by emailing newsletters to those interested in receiving them electronically. Just send your email address to highvalley@lewiscounty.com.

Reference Numbers – The High Valley Board receives a number of phone calls concerning issues we have little or no control over. These issues include speeding vehicles, car hulks, dog problems, noise, trash issues, septic problems, motorcycles, ATVs, burning restrictions, and more. The following is a list provided in an attempt to steer your concerns to the proper direction:

- 1 **Sheriff: (360)740-1105** - Issues concerning traffic problems, dogs, crimes, noise, and violence. Illegal parking in cul-de-sac not allowing access for emergency vehicles.
- 2 **County Compliance Officer: (360)740-1261**- Bill Teitzel for issues concerning car hulks, or general violations of county codes.
- 3 **County Health Officer: (360)740-2745** – Ruth Stezakar for issues concerning septic systems and other health concerns such as trash.
- 4 **Forest Service: (360)497-1100** – Issues concerning ATVs or motorcycles on Forest land or roads.
- 5 **Packwood Fire Department: (360)494-4123** – Issues concerning burning restrictions.

Garbage Service: If you would like garbage service for your summer months in Packwood it is available. Set your account up at (800) 525-4167.