



**HIGH VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB**  
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*A Message From Your Board of Trustees*  
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See our website at [www.highvalleycc.org](http://www.highvalleycc.org)

**Announcements, Reminders & Acknowledgements**

Are you on **Facebook**? We currently have over **350** friends! Send us a friend request – *HighValley Packwood!*

There are two ways to get your HVCC Newsletter - email or traditional mail. By signing up for your newsletter to be sent electronically you are saving HVCC money in printing and postage costs. Send your request for electronic newsletters to: [highvalley@lewiscounty.com](mailto:highvalley@lewiscounty.com) or [hvclubhouse@lewiscounty.com](mailto:hvclubhouse@lewiscounty.com).

The minutes of each monthly meeting of the HVCC Board of Trustees is available on our website. Stay up to date on what is happening in High Valley!

What changes/upgrades would you like to see at High Valley Country Club? ? Let the board know your ideas at the monthly board meeting or by sending a letter or email! Your input is important!

Three (3) Trustee positions will be open in the regular election in May. Please submit a brief biography to the Board of Trustees at the above address to indicate your interest. The board meets at 9:00am the third (3rd) Saturday of every month, except December. No meeting in December. If you can spare the time, we wish you would consider running for the Board. The term runs for three (3) years. All property owners are members of this corporation and have a voice in the operation. Please take the time to come to the Board Meetings. Your input is important.

At the April 2011 Board Meeting, the Board adopted the following policy regarding a member's request for a copy of the addresses of the High Valley Country Club Members: "The member must request a copy of the addresses in writing, along with a statement that the addresses will not be shared with anyone other than HVCC members". A fee of \$30 will be charged to defray the cost. If you receive correspondence in the mail, please be aware, it could be the opinion of the sender and not sanctioned by the HVCC Board. Official information can be located on the HV Facebook page, in the HVCC quarterly Newsletter, via monthly meeting minutes or on our web page. Use of the HVCC logo or corporate name is prohibited, unless sanctioned by the Board.

The Board has been discussing the possibility of paving the golf cart paths. The cost could be lowered if the paving company has several jobs in the area lined up. If you are

interested in possibly utilizing the paving company please let the Board know by calling 360-494-8432 or emailing highvalley@lewiscounty.com.

**DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR!!!!** Tucked inside the envelope with the newsletter, you will find the dues statement for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. **Payment is due May 1.** Members, who have not paid their dues in full by May 1, will be denied pool, golf, and clubhouse privileges as of that date, and 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 if full payment is not received by July 1. Liens are filed after August 1. Save yourself money and undue stress by paying on time!!

### **Message from your HVCC Water Dept.**

Brrrrrr... it's cold outside! We hope your water pipes are covered and insulated. Or, at the very least, that you have your water turned off when you are away for extended periods of time. There have been several times in the past years that water usage spikes up after a cold snap and into the "thaw". At that point all we can do is take a tour around and look for signs of water line breaks. The break may be an outside faucet or hose bib, or worse, a water line in an empty home with water running out the front and or back door. All we can do at that point is turn the water off and notify the owners that they are going to have an expensive mess to take care of. That is "IF" we can find the break. So, **please** take some time to find your water shut off, AND make sure that it works. Some of the old valves may not turn the water completely off, and when you have broken pipes in your house is not the time to find out the valve is stuck or doesn't work.

At this time we are at a standstill on meter installations. When there is snow on the ground and the dirt frozen like concrete it makes for some tough digging! We installed about 10 meters in HV-9 before the snow hit and we have about 40 to go. We hope we can get those soon and then on to the other sections. We are trying to work so we will have the least amount of water interruptions for the least amount of people at the time.

Our yearly water totals are in. For 2012 we used 43,564,289 gallons of water, compared to last year's 37,298,675 gallons, our all-time low. Our highest usage year since 2002 was 79,563,842 but I think we were using some of that for the Bike Path work in High Valley.

This brings us to the new Water Use Efficiency Rule. The rule requires us to have a Water Use Efficiency Planning Meeting. This meeting will be in the HVCC Clubhouse. We will have a potluck lunch at 1p.m. and the meeting at 2 p.m. on March 16<sup>th</sup>, which is the same day as the Board meeting. Mark your calendar!

### **Updates:**

#### **Clubhouse:**

- ✓ The Automatic Defibrillator that was so generously donated to us by Kathryn Healy has been mounted in the clubhouse. Hopefully its use will never be needed

but what a great asset if we do. Throughout the United States this piece of safety equipment has saved countless lives. Training will be set up for this unit in the future. Hopefully the schedule will allow us to open the training up to all members of HVCC.

- ✓ A new sign has been designed and ordered to replace the aging wooden signs outside the golf door and above the after-hours sign in area.
- ✓ Thanks to Rick, our Operations Manager, knobs have been installed on the kitchen cabinets and drawers making them much easier to access.
- ✓ The Clubhouse has new chairs generously donated by the HV Women's Club!
- ✓ Bids have been requested for making our storage area larger. The current storage space area is too small and extra space is needed to store chairs & tables. We also need an unobstructed path to the electrical panel.
- ✓ The women are still meeting during winter months on Tuesdays to play Mah Jongg at 11:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Lois Enz at 360-494-5084.
- ✓ If you enjoy a game of poker the men meet on Wednesday evenings at the clubhouse (women are welcome to join, also). For more information call Pete McBride at 360-494-3044 or Ernie Enz at 360-494-5084.
- ✓ Stay tuned for more exciting things to come.

#### **Pools:**

- The pool is in status quo for the winter. We have a cantilever type umbrella for the upcoming season. This is a commercial grade umbrella and can hopefully withstand our weather conditions. If this umbrella works the plan is to either build or purchase several more.
- We have had a contractor look at our pool area and its condition. He is formulating a proposal for repairs and maintenance. He is also pressure testing our pool plumbing. We anticipate some changes in next year's operations. We will keep you posted!

#### **High Valley Women's Club:**

- ❖ The High Valley Women's Club, which usually meets on the first Monday of each month, will not meet again until May 6th. All High Valley women are encouraged to join and attend the meetings. We have fun while accomplishing many things.
- ❖ Thank you to all who contributed to the very successful Christmas party.