

A Message from your Board of Trustees

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OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS

1. A permit is required for all fires, except recreational fires. Recreational fires are under 3'x3'x2' using charcoal or seasoned firewood (not lumber). A responsible person must be in attendance at all times. Water and a shovel must be on hand. Only enough paper to start the fire can be used. An acceptable ring (rock or metal) is required around the fire.
2. Burn barrels are banned. Prohibited burning materials include garbage, tires, appliances, treated wood, dimensional lumber, dead animals, plastic, paper, cardboard, and any substance that emits obnoxious odors. The only material that can be legally burned in an outdoor fire is dry, natural vegetation. The size of the fire is on the permit. Permits are free for residential burning and can be obtained at the Packwood Fire Dept. (360) 494-4123 Mon-Fri, 8-5pm or online at www.co.lewis.wa.us. Burn bans typically null and void all fires.

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

We are now setting up our web site at www.HighValleyCC.org

TRUSTEE POSITIONS OPENING

Please find ballot enclosed and vote! (Green paper)

DUES INCREASE AND ASSESSMENT EXPLANATION

There are four main areas of need for these moneys:

SAFETY

- The playground does not meet safety standards. This leaves HVCC potentially liable for injuries. Our insurance company advises us to bring the playground up to accepted safety standards.
- The safety netting that protects the playground and swimming pool needs to be upgraded. New netting and support cables are required to allow the net to be in place year round.
- We need to install back-up generators on four of our wells. This will greatly decrease the risk of contamination of our water system due to depressurization and back flow. Fire risk is also reduced. Estimated cost is \$16,000.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS

- Over the next eight years, water meters must be installed on all lots that have water usage. The estimated cost of installing these meters is \$200,000. This is the most significant driver for the assessment and dues increase.

MAINTENANCE & COST ESCALATION

- The clubhouse and maintenance building need to be repainted. This will protect against deterioration and enhance the appearance.
- Overall cost of operation is escalating with the predicted cost substantially exceeding revenues.

PLEASE VOTE (yellow ballot) and enclose with the trustee ballot (green) in the ballot envelope enclosed.

DUES & ASSESSMENTS:

DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR!!!! To vote for the trustees you must have your dues paid in full. They can be mailed in or you may drop them off in the Golf Box @ the Clubhouse

PERMISSION SLIPS:

If **any** minor child is going to be swimming in the pools, they will have to have a Permission Slip filled out and on file @ the Club House. This has to be done at the beginning of each season. These forms are available at the Clubhouse.

COMING EVENTS

May 24, 25 & 26 Memorial Day Flea Market & Firs Association Saturday & Sunday Breakfast

The whole town will be bursting with vendors selling a wide variety of foods and everything imaginable. The market runs Saturday through Monday starting at 9 a.m. daily until approximately 6 p.m. A Saturday & Sunday morning pancake breakfast will be available to the public at the Packwood Fire Hall from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

May 25 – Annual Meeting at the Clubhouse – Open to all High Valley Members. 1:00 pm

Drinking Water Quality Report 2007

High Valley Country Club

We're very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Quality Water Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our water source comes from six community wells that vary in depth from 50 feet to 140 feet. For security reasons we do not publish their locations. If you would like to inspect the well serving your area, call (360) 494-8432 for an appointment.

I'm pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Rick Jenkins at 360-494-8432 with any of your questions, or attend one of our regular board meetings held at 9:00 am on the 3rd Sat. of every month except December. We want our members to be informed about their water utility.

High Valley's Water Dept. routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This report covers the 2007 calendar year in which we did required testing for the presence of substances that the EPA has listed as potential health hazards. They included monthly coli form tests and nitrate tests. We are pleased to report to you that all our tests met federal and state requirements for purity. Our water meets the same requirements as those for bottled water. Because of our rural location, our water is not subject to contamination from industrial waste-water discharges; oil and gas discharges; or urban storm water runoff. However; as water travels through the ground it dissolves naturally occurring minerals which do show up in trace amounts in our water tests.

Copies of the 2007 test results are on file at the High Valley maintenance office. You can see these records or obtain additional information on your water system by calling the water manager. In 2007 we pumped 54,528,191 gallons of water, about 15 million gallons less than 2006. 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.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

Please call our office if you have questions.

In our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and dependable water supply it may be necessary to make improvements in your water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the dues structure. Dues adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. And thank you for your help and understanding.

We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

Emergency Water Repair 24/7 phone number for High Valley Country Club 360-496-8979