

A Message from your Board of Trustees

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TRUSTEE POSITIONS OPENING Please find ballot enclosed and vote! (Green paper)

WATER SYSTEM

Water Meter Status -The water meter installations are still on hold as a result of the Superior Court Judge's decision rendered last June. Conversation with the state water authorities indicates that the State Supreme Court will hear their appeal but that a decision is likely to be at least 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.

Backup Generators for Well Pumps - Last year the Board asked for approval to install backup generators on four of the five wells. The generators would ensure that the HVCC water system remains pressurized during electrical power outages. Unfortunately, the cost of the backup generators far exceeded our estimate. We have developed a new estimate based on firm quotes from three suppliers. The estimated cost is \$20,000 for each generator installation or a total of \$80,000. While that is a big expense, the Board recommends going ahead with the purchase. That recommendation is based on the risks associated with the loss of water pressure including a reduced ability to fight fires. The more critical problem associated with loss of water pressure is the backflow into the water mains. We know the backflow occurs as air, contaminates, and even hot water from peoples heaters is noticed when the water pressure is restored. If that backflow contained something that caused someone to get sick, HVCC could be liable for major damages. This item will be on the next ballot asking for Membership approval. It should be noted that HVCC has sufficient reserves for the water system.

NO ASSESSMENT OR DUES INCREASE IS REQUIRED TO FUND THE BACKUP GENERATORS.

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

SWIMMING POOLS

Solar Heating Panels – We have solar heating panels which greatly reduce the cost of warming the HVCC swimming pools. Last winter's snow damaged those panels so it appears that at least partial replacement will be necessary. The cost of the replacement is expected to be about \$5,000.

Pool Bottom Suction Protection – The federal government has dictated that bottom drains need to be designed so that no one could become stuck by the suction. While our suction is so light that this could not happen, we still are required to spend significant money to protect against the danger. We are trying to find ways to satisfy the government without spending too much money.

WINTER DAMAGE

Golf Course – The flooding damaged 3 of the bridges across the golf course stream, which will need to be repaired. In addition, there is a lot of debris that must be cleaned up and hauled away.

Club House - The rain gutters on the club house were torn loose by the snow and heavily damaged. It will be necessary to replace the gutters as well as some of the fascia boards.

IMPROVEMENTS

New Building – The new maintenance building is now operational. All of the material previously stored in the HV-8 fire department building has been moved. Water system spares, repair material and water meter installation items are stored neatly in the newly constructed shelving. The maintenance security fence and gate will be moved to the front of the new building and a new access road built behind No.3 tee and the safety netting poles.

Playground – A new playground system is on order and will be delivered in April. The system consists of three slides, three swings, two climbs and two towers. Sand will surround the play system for fall protection as advised by our insurance provider. By popular demand, the Merry-Go-Round will be reinstalled near the play system. All of the playground will be located in the area currently occupied by the volleyball court. The volleyball court will be moved toward the No.3 tee with the poles located near the water fountain. Also, the picnic table near No.3 tee will be moved to the playground area.

OTHER ITEMS

Women's Club – The Women's Club recently made contributions to the food bank (\$200) and to the Fire District (\$500). They are able to make these contributions by putting on various fund raising events. The next event is the Memorial Day Bake Sale held on Saturday May 23rd from 8-12 in the morning.

Beginning Fly Tying – Denny Wilson is offering beginning fly tying instruction on Tuesday evenings. Anyone interested should contact Denny at 494-8340.

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:

- **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.
- **County Compliance Officer:** (360)740-1261- Bill Teitzel for issues concerning car hulks, or general violations of county codes.
- **County Health Officer:** (360)740-2745 – Ruth Stezakar for issues concerning septic systems and other health concerns such as trash.
- **Forest Service:** (360)497-1100 – Issues concerning ATVs or motorcycles on Forest land or roads.
- **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.

DUES & ASSESSMENTS:

DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR!!!! To vote 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 23, 24 & 25 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 24 – Annual Meeting at the Clubhouse – Open to all High Valley Members. 1:00 pm. Please come hear about HVCC from your Board of Trustees.

Drinking Water Quality Report 2008

High Valley Country Club

We're very pleased to provide you with this year's Consumer Confidence 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 2008 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 2008 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 2008 we pumped 42,754,327 gallons of water, about 12 million gallons less than 2007. 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