



High Valley Country Club
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A Message from your Board of Trustees

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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT HIGHVALLEYCC.ORG

TRUSTEE POSITIONS:

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 & ASSESSMENTS:

DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR!!!! Tucked inside the envelope with the newsletter, you will find the dues statement for the 2007-2008 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!! Remember we will use the honor system for golf this winter.**

Annual Meeting – The annual meeting of the High Valley Corporation will be held Memorial Day weekend as specified in the Bylaws. This year the meeting will be May 25 in the High Valley Club House at 1:00 in the afternoon. The agenda for the annual meeting will include:

- Annual budget: Significant items
Discussion
Vote on approval
- Water System Changes: Requirement
Schedule
Approach
Cost
Assessment
- Improvements to the Club: Implemented
Needed
Suggestions

Improvements to the Club this year

- A new security system is being installed by Rick and Randi. The system consists of four all-weather cameras and a digital monitoring system. The cameras will reduce our insurance costs, the risk of theft and vandalism.
- New windows are being installed in the Club House which will reduce heating expense. A significant part of the cost of the windows is being underwritten by the High Valley Women's Club. Thank you very much Ladies.
- There is now a High Valley Country Club web site (highvalleycc.org). The site covers the organization, facilities, activities, issues, Board/annual meeting minutes, calendar, and a map. The documents governing the operation of the Club including the covenants and bylaws can be accessed from the site.

Issues

- The State of Washington has implemented Water Use Efficiency (WUE) laws impacting our water system. The first requirement is to install cross connection protection wherever the potential for backflow exists. Backflow

into the water system contaminates the system and could result in serious health problems. The cross connection surveys that you received are intended to address that issue. The second and more expensive requirement is to install water flow meters on every High Valley water system lot that has a water use. The meter installation as well as several other requirements must be implemented over the next 10 years. We have a committee in place to develop and implement a plan to address these issues.

- Recent floods have resulted in the loss of land and property of some of our members. There is some risk that the Skate Creek Bridge over the Cowlitz River could be in danger; a loss of that bridge would affect all of our members. Members interested in this issue can get more information by contacting our county commissioner Lee Grose (360) 740-1286.
- Fires have become a major concern in the area. Lewis County Firewise is a wildfire education and prevention project. It aims to promote awareness and participation in local fire prevention projects. Please contact Gregg Pohll (360) 494-2751 or Lonnie Goble (360) 494-2360 to find out how you can protect your property and help prevent fires in your neighborhood.
- A NOAA warning system is scheduled to be operational in February. The system uses NOAA towers to broadcast alarms on radio frequencies. Lonnie Goble (360) 494-2360 is the contact for information on the warning system. He will be scheduling training meetings to educate people on how to use their radios to access the warning system when it is up and running.
- Over the last year, there have been several burglaries in and around High Valley. The Board has contacted the Sheriff's department to see what can be done to address this issue. It is anticipated that there will be meetings scheduled with a Sheriff's department representative some time in the next two months. Measures such as a neighborhood watch will be discussed.

Annual Budget 2008

- The proposed budget for 2008 will be presented for approval at the annual meeting in May.
- Approval of the budget is contingent upon a quorum of 5% of the members being present and that a majority of those present vote for approval.
- It is anticipated that the water system requirements as well as other expenses will require a dues increase of about \$60/year or \$5/month.
- **The dues increase must be approved by mail-in ballot. Those ballots will be sent out in April.**
- If you have questions or input regarding the annual budget, please contact one of your Board members.
- **MEETING @ CLUBHOUSE AFTER THE BOARD MEETING SATURDAY MARCH 15 @ 10:30 AM** to discuss the meters and dues increase.

High Valley Activities

- Ladies Golf League opens in early April and runs through late September. Contact Mary McBride (360) 494-3044 or Evie Pippitt (360) 494-2778 for more information.
- Men's Golf Club opens starts in mid-April and runs until Labor Day. As a kick-off to the new season, the Men's Club is organizing a par three tournament with all holes less than 100 yds; the distance is to encourage the Ladies to participate. The event is billed as a fund raiser; entry is \$10 per contestant. A Calcutta (\$5/entry) will also be a part of the event. Contact is Harry Swift (360) 494-2169.
- Scotch Ball starts in early May and runs until Labor Day. Contacts are Pete or Mary McBride (360) 494-3044.

HELP EMERGENCY PROVIDERS:

All lot owners, please help your emergency service providers – Fire Dept. EMTs, etc. Be sure your addresses are clearly displayed on your property.

REFERENCE NUMBERS: Maintenance Office –Phone (360) 494-8432 FAX (360) 494-8078 EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS OR NO ONE IN THE OFFICE (360) 496-8679

The High Valley Board receives a number of phone calls concerning issues we have very little or no control over. These issues include speeding vehicles, unlicensed vehicles, car hulks, dog problems, trash issues, septic problems, motorcycles,

burning restrictions, ATVs, and more. Following is a list provided in an attempt to steer your concerns in the proper direction.

- **Sheriff: 360-740-1105** -- Issues concerning all traffic problems on county/High Valley roads, dogs, crimes, noise, and violence.
- **County Compliance Officer: 800-562-6130, ext.1261** -- Bill Cavinder, for issues concerning car hulks, or general violations of county codes.
- **County Health Officer: 800-562-6130, ext.1238** -- Tony Barrett is responsible for issues concerning septic systems and other health concerns such as trash.
- **Forest Service: 360-497-1100** -- Issues concerning ATVs or motorcycles on Forest Service land or roads.
- **Packwood Fire Department: 360-494-4123** -- Issues concerning burning restrictions.