

Holiday Park Holler – Winter 2008/2009

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Board News

Notes from the annual meeting:

-The 2009 budget and new circle reps were approved. Thanks to everyone who voted.

The circle reps for 2009 are:

Grant and Angela Gassiott - Daleport Circle
Valerie Voges/Tom Greene – Havenrock Circle
Ivy Gold – Covewood Circle
Donna Buschardt – Mapleview Circle
John Kelley – Terrace Lawn Circle
Vas Vasanthkumar – Kingscrest Circle
Nancy Bamberger – Overmead circle
Paul and Malia Irby – Regal Hill circle

HPHA Officers:

Matt Bach, President
Melissa Santucci, Vice President
Dave Santucci, Treasurer
Joan Huntley, Secretary
Sue Bach, Pool Chairperson
Valerie Voges - Property Maintenance Chairperson

Many thanks to the outgoing circle reps, Tony & Bo Bennett and Bea Aton, for their service.

Deputy Peck, HPHA's security patrol officer who drives the big white truck you may have seen cruising very slowly around HPHA, spoke at the Annual Meeting. His words of wisdom: "Keep garage doors down, cars locked and all valuable out of sight. Keep your outside lights on at night."

Please call 911 if you see any suspicious activity and be sure to notify your Circle Rep.

Thanks to those who put up the bows and ribbons on Holiday Park's street signs for the holidays.

The master Plan for HPHA

Soon we will start work on the long-range master plan for HPHA. Look for the kick-off general meeting sometime in the first quarter of 2009.

A Master Plan –

- Enables us to reach a consensus on what we want the park/HOA to look like
- Establishes priorities for HOA (future administrations)
- Provides consistency when future HPHA Boards makes decisions about the park and HOA.
- Provides some certainty as to the future of the HOA for members such as how the park will look & what the focus/goals will be for the HOA
- Assures that as physical enhancements take place they will work together and compliment each other, i.e. widening the walkway, drainage, and park lighting as well as establishing a common look to the borders of HPHA
- Addresses the deterioration along Arapaho road and the desire to create an identity/common look throughout HPHA

HPHA's January Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 6th. Any HPHA member is welcome to attend. We'll be discussing our goals for 2009 and the master plan for Holiday Park.



Homeowner Dues:

Please note that homeowner dues will not go up in 2009. Dues are \$165.00 per quarter. There is a 10% discount if dues are paid three months in advance. For those paying monthly, dues are \$55.00 per month and **due on the 1st of the month**. For those paying quarterly (or annually), dues are due on the first day of the first month of the new quarter, (or year), i.e. January 1 for the first quarter or entire year.

Direct Debit Your Dues:

Don't forget that you can have your homeowner dues automatically debited from your checking account! It's still available! It's fast, it's easy and it's fun! It is convenient and guarantees you will never get behind on your dues. For more information, check out www.hpha.org and click on "HOA Dues."

VIP Program Updates:

Thanks to Allison Simpson for doing VIP with Carol Drake. All VIP volunteers must undergo a brief training session (it's free) run by the Dallas Police. Carol will go through the training with you. Please call Carol Drake at 972-233-9526 if you are interested.

Solicitors:

The holiday season brings out the scam artists. The solicitors selling overpriced magazine subscriptions, candy, fruit, or collecting money for a trip etc. etc. All of these are almost always to some degree a scam. Per HPHA policy, HPHA members can go to their friend's houses to sell girls scout cookies or for school fund raisers provided you know them firsthand and they know you

firsthand. If you do not recognize the person at your door, they should not be there regardless of their purported connection to you or others in HPHA.

Home Improvements

The Allsup's (Mapleview) are under going major renovations to their house
The Fleming's (Havenrock) put up a new fence
The Pond's (Havenrock) put up a new fence

Kyle Moore (Mapleview) had his side and rear fence posts boxed in
Chuck Armstrong (Covewood) is restoring the house
Cesar & Diana Peralta (Regal Hill) are under going major renovations to their house

Congratulations to Calloway's Yard of the Month Recipients:

September : 15745 Daleport- Kay Martin

October : 15712 Kingscrest - Carol Drake

Ever wonder about when and how to maintain your trees? Spring? Fall? Crepe Myrtle versus Evergreen? Want to know more? Don Popken of Overmead Circle offers up this article from Howard Garrett, the Dirt Doctor.

http://www.dirtdoctor.com/view_question.php?id=2341

Also, Calloway's Nursery is offering two **FREE soil tests** to every customer during January and February, 2009. A soil test takes the guesswork out of fertilizing by analyzing the nutrient content of your soil. Pick up your **FREE Soil Test Forms** from your nearest Calloway's store. The results should be returned to the store in 2 to 3 weeks. The soil specialist will notify you and will explain the results. Take advantage of these limited free tests! (A \$30.00 value for two tests) This **FREE** offer is good only until February 28, 2009!

Congratulations:

Alberto and Angela Greca's (Daleport) new baby is due this January!

Welcome new neighbors:

- Ohad & Yifat Shemmer, 15706 Havenrock
- Tim & Retta Morris, 15705 Daleport

- Cesar & Diana Peralta, 15725 Regal Hill
- Maria Pingo, 15745 Regal Hill

Resident Nancy Bamberger (Overmead) is collecting used books for the RISD Council of PTA's Used Bookfair. The Bookfair takes place in early February at Valley View Mall and benefits the JJ Pearce Scholarship fund for college-bound high school students. Anyone with used books to donate can contact Nancy for pickup (214-662-3300). Thanks!

Jenna Bamberger (Overmead) will be acting the part of Ethel in the upcoming Pearce High School Production of *Footloose*, playing the last weekend of January and the first weekend in February. Break a leg!!

Thank you to Mark Buschardt the gift of Christmas flamingos to the Ellis' on Havenrock.

Reminders:

- The open west end of the park is not a "dog park". Please remember to always have your dog on a leash when in the park & clean up after your dog. Dog feces do not help fertilize the park as it is unsanitary waste that is likely to get stepped in.
- Walkway maintenance: In late January / early February HPHA will clear the rear walkways. Please note the walkways are to be clear of vegetation from 18 inches on either side of the concrete sidewalk including overhanging vegetation, upwards to a height of 8 feet. For security and ease of maintenance, HPHA keeps the walkways clear of most vegetation except grass or other ground cover.
- Motorized vehicles, including scooters, are not allowed in the park.

Trash Collection and Recycling:

Please remember that normal trash & recycling pick-up is Tuesday. Roll-carts are to be out no earlier than 6:00 pm the night before and no later than 8:00 am the day after trash pick-up. **Next bulk trash pick-up will occur on January 5th-9th (trash is not to be set out before January 4th)**

Calling all volunteers:

Please find an area where you can help with our Park. Call your Circle Rep or Matt Bach for suggestions! Some openings include:

- Ant Control
- Park Maintenance
- Crime Watch / VIP Volunteer
- Flower Garden Coordinator
- Welcome Person

Have you lost your pool/tennis court key? Matt Bach found one on Dec. 26 at the tennis court. Please contact him at Matt@bach.cc to claim.

Have any questions about HPHA? Please check the website: www.hpha.org Thank you Thuy Tran, Regal Hill, for maintaining our website!

The Holler is intended to serve, inform and support the HPHA community. If you have information, updates, good news, etc, to share, please send it to Paul & Malia Irby at paulandmalia@yahoo.com. Thanks!