

Holiday Park Spring 2010 Holler

HPHA Board News:

Long Range Plan Approved for Holiday Park

In late 2009, Park membership voted to approve a Long Range Plan for HPHA. Developing and approving the LRP is a milestone in the 40 year history of Holiday Park. The LRP provides a road map, insuring the coordinated development of HPHA as we go forward into the next 40 years. The next step is to plan for the implementation and funding for Phase I of the LRP. There will be park-wide votes on each phase of the LRP implementation.

HPHA to Hire a Professional Manager

Managing the day-to day activities of HPHA takes a significant amount of time, averaging about 15 hours per week. Tasks include administration, financial management, grounds maintenance and repairs, pool management, among many others. We are accustomed to Holiday Park running smoothly and efficiently, almost as if it runs itself. The reality is that it does not run itself. A few people have put in a tremendous amount of time so that HPHA has run well and very affordably for many years. And, it is increasingly difficult to find enough dedicated volunteers and hours to "run" the business of the Park for so little cost.

Therefore, the HPHA Board has determined that we need to hire a professional manager to handle the time-consuming day-to-day management and maintenance that makes HPHA the wonderful community it is today. We have undertaken a rigorous research and interviewing process to find the best and most affordable fit in a professional manager as possible. The manager will be funded for part of this year from our budget. However, this change in management means that in 2011 we will need a dues increase to cover the manager's salary. It's likely that HPHA's dues will increase \$20-25 per household. Based on area research, this is a very competitive and reasonable cost for our needed services.

We will continue to rely on HPHA Board and member volunteers for many tasks and special projects such as the ongoing security needs, future planning, or dealing with Shelton School on traffic issues etc. The support of the professional manager will allow the Board to focus on more significant issues and plans going forward.

HPHA members have a chance to meet our selected manager **April 6th at Fretz Park Library Meeting Room, 6:30 pm**. A Board meeting will follow from 7 – 8 pm, Questions? Ask your Circle Rep or an HPHA officer.

Thanks to 2010 HPHA Circle Representatives and Officers for serving our community:

Circle Representatives:

- Mapleview - Donna Buschardt
- Terrace Lawn - Jim Martin
- Covewood - Ivy Gold
- Kingscrest - Cathie Sells
- Havenrock - Tom Greene / Valerie Voges
- Overmead - Nancy Bamberger
- Daleport - Grant & Angela Gassiott
- Regal Hill - Mike Lattman

HPHA Officers:

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

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Spring Park Fix-Up Day** – Sat, May 1st, 8:30-12:00 pm. Free T Shirts for volunteers. And, we'll be prepping the Pool for the Swim Season!
- **Town North Band Concert and Pot Luck** – May 2nd! Watch for details.

Welcome New Residents:

- 15725 Mapleview – Emmanuel & Isabelle Sambuis and their three children
- 15755 Mapleview – Katy Duncan and her two children
- 15745 Mapleview – The Frohbieter's and their new baby
- 15756 Terrace Lawn – Karen Koenig and Jim Mahoney
- 15706 Havenrock – Jessica Sloan and Katie Daehler
- 15705 Regal Hill – Joanna and Mark Maslanka
- 15721 Daleport – Carlos, Alejandra and Victoria Hernandez

Thank You!

- Park Members who have organized celebrations...Maggie Buckner for July 4th, Patty Bressler for Halloween, and Kiron Vasanthkumar for Caroling. Kids of all ages enjoyed!
- To Tom Greene for arranging the garden area clean up.
- Alan Raoufpour, for renovating and filling the vacant house on Terrace Lawn!
- Maggie Buckner of Daleport, and Connie Rogers, of Mapleview, for helping out with the Bowie Carnival last summer
- Vera Stern, of Mapleview, for starting a trend of donating Bunco winnings to Holiday Park!
- Edna & Leo Carrillo, of Overmead, for donating money to purchase a new flag for the flower garden
- Patty Bressler, of Covewood, for donating new basketball net
- Fall Park Fix Up Day Volunteers - Chuck & Karen Armstrong; Edna, Sophia, Anthony Rose; Sue & Lizzie, and Matt Bach; Tony Bennett; Ryan Menard, Tory, and Alexander; Joan Huntley; Trish and Chloe Simpson; Peter, Eric Bressler. Thanks also for donations from Wally Huntley, Alan Raoufpour, and anonymous.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Holiday Park works best when everyone is involved and helps out. Please consider volunteering for some activity in 2010. We need volunteers to help with: The Holler newsletter, HPHA's Yellow Pages, VIP Program, Yard of the Month Coordinator, Ant Control.

The Friends of Preston Ridge Trail needs volunteers to help with pruning and mulching; men, women, and teens - no lifting, no ladders - just need pruner shears. Please contact Rod Scales, Friends of Preston Ridge Trail, 972 679 8359

General Reminders:

- **Park Curfew – 11:00 pm daily.** However, please be courteous to your neighbors by keeping noise to a minimum after 10 pm.
- Adult supervision - Although we are fortunate that the Park is a relatively safe, children should still be supervised. Random accidents do occur, and unfortunately we do have strangers wander into our Park from time to time..
- Be sure to pick up after your dog(s)...rain, shine, or snow!
- Cars in the common parking areas must be driven regularly, and have current registration and inspection stickers. Otherwise, the city can tow abandoned cars.
- Boats and trailers are not permitted in Holiday park unless housed in a garage
- Homeowner dues are due on first day of the month. HPHA billing statements are mailed quarterly and homeowners are encouraged to pay in advance - on a quarterly or yearly basis. By doing so you will receive a 10% discount on your homeowner dues.
- Holiday Park Directory update is in the works. Your Circle rep will be verifying information by Circle. A final version of the directory will follow soon

Property and Landscaping Maintenance

- Remember that a new or replacement fence needs Architectural Control Committee (ACC) approval prior to being installed.
- With Spring approaching please do your part to keep your yard and house well maintained. If you do receive a letter from HPHA requesting that you undertake needed yard maintenance, we appreciate your cooperation and please understand that we are trying to improve the overall appearance of HPHA, and with it, our property values.
- Please remember that bulky trash to be set out no earlier than Thursday preceding trash pickup week. Trash to be placed at the curb in front of your house, never in common parking areas. Trash pickup dates for 2010: March 1-5, April 5-9, May 3-7, June 7-11, July 5-9, Aug 2-6, Sep 6-10, Oct 4-8, Nov 1-5, Dec 6-10
- John & Sylvia Wancevich, of Terrace Lawn, for all the work done to improve their yard.
- Marshall Lewis of Covewood for putting on a new roof.

Congratulations to all the Yard of Month Winners. We need a new Yard of the Month coordinator. It's easy & fun! Contact Donna Buschardt.

Timely landscape tips are available at: <http://www.calloways.com/>

Congratulations to our neighbors...

- The Frohbieter's of Mapleview on their new baby
- Paulette LaFortune of Mapleview on the birth of her grandson, Archer Broderick Cardenas
- Valerie Voges of Havenrock on the birth of her niece

Our Condolences...

Family of Lorence Miller and Leilani Oana for the loss of his mother and her brother-in-law

Family of Ray Ellis for the loss of Ray

Brad Buckman for loss of his mother last year and healing thoughts for the illness of his father

Family of David Bamberger for the loss of 2 family members

Family of Donna Buschardt for the loss of her father

Family of Bob & Tammy Bos for the loss of his sister

Houses for Sale/Lease:

15741 Regal Hill – Grace Maternity Home

Crime Watch updates:

Recent Crime Activity in Holiday Park area –

There was an attempted break in of a garage on Terrace Lawn in Mid-March. It appears the thieves were also staking out another house to verify if the homeowner was out of town.

A report of thieves following the mail man to steal packages left on porches occurred near the lakes on Campbell Road, west of Coit.

Also, be aware of the recent rash of AC unit thefts, and electronic thefts from Spanish Village stores and a home invasion burglary in Preston Trails area when the resident was home.

2010 Census Forms have arrived –

Our Crime Watch Rep, Carol Drake, offers that at a Crime Watch Meeting, they highly recommended that when you receive the Census forms, that you fill them out in the allotted time and mail them back. If you fail to do so, they will come to your house. If this happens to you, do NOT OPEN THE DOOR. Simply give them the information with the DOOR CLOSED. The reason for this is the opportunity for scam artists to take advantage of your opening the door to anyone who claims to be a Census taker.

- Officer Peck, 972-533-4992 (cell), patrols Holiday Park and is helping to reduce crime and vandalism, however he needs our help...Please consider joining HPHA's VIP (volunteers in patrol) program headed by Allison Simpson, (972- 991-3309) and Carol Drake (972-233-9526). A free training class is all it takes to be eligible to be a VIP volunteer.

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Happy

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