

JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER -- ENCHANTED VALLEY RANCH



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BE A VOLUNTEER

From the President's desk:

Wow! 2020 is now in the past tense. It goes without saying that it was quite a year. We have all had varying experiences and emotions. Each year we lose friends and neighbors but this past year seems to have been especially hard. It has been challenging having to quarantine and social distance, along with dealing with the fear of the unknown. We have set aside our normal daily lives for the sake of safety and respect for others. I also believe that as a result of this experience, we have in many ways drawn closer together. Sharing a common challenge has a way of bringing individuals together in finding ways to cope with the challenges. The year has ended with the most positive news in that we now have a vaccine(s) that will certainly help to bring us back to a more normal life. Let us look positively to the future rather than reflect on the past. I, we, can't change what has already happened. It's done. But we can affect our future. Isaiah 43:18 NAS "do not call to mind the former things, or ponder the things of the past." Let us agree to make this a year of cooperation by making it as enjoyable and pleasant as possible.

I would like to congratulate our two new Board members, Rose Rodriguez and Jeff Reardon. Please welcome them to the Board and thank them for accepting the responsibility of serving the EVR family. They both will be an asset to our community and the Board. We promise to put them right to work. I would also like to thank Gary Gahler and Gary Brickman for their service.

In the spirit of cooperation let me remind you that we are a community that provides the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be involved through volunteering. There will be new volunteer sheets posted on the bulletin board in the mailroom. If there is something you would be interested in doing for the community, then please do not hesitate to sign the volunteer sign-up sheet.

Speaking of volunteers, I would like to recognize Mike Gavigan and his crew of volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the past year to maintain the services in the park. It is impossible to calculate the amount

of money that has been saved due to their efforts. Mike is going to continue on as the maintenance lead, for which we are extremely grateful.

As you are probably aware the annual assessments will remain at last year's rate. There have been some questions about "shouldn't the assessments be lower, as expenses should be lower, since we have closed down a number of activities and the hall has not been open". Unfortunately, the expenses continue! The hall is still heated and cooled, the pool is still heated, cleaned and maintained, and insurance premiums were actually raised again. Without jams, shows, dances, dinners and breakfast there is no income other than assessments. Allow me to reflect on what benefits we receive from our annual assessment. One of the nicest Recreation Hall, in the valley, Shuffleboard Courts, Pool Hall, Card Rooms, Exercise Room with equipment, swimming pool, street lights, gated community, and weekly trash pickup and monthly bulk trash pickup. All this for an average cost of forty-three dollars a month (\$43). That's cheaper than just the trash collection cost in most communities. I receive several calls from potential buyers asking what the HOA dues are. When I tell them the amount, the response is usually, "is that a month?" We really do have a good assessment rate for Enchanted Valley.

Allow me to close with best wishes for the coming year. Be positive. Wake each morning and see how we are blessed. Statistically, we are in the group of retirees that are in the top ten percent as far as the level of lifestyle. We are indeed fortunate! Just look around at what we have. You have to look very hard to find something to really gripe about. Sure, there are always little things that can irritate us, but this too will pass away. Look for the good in all things stay positive. Philippians 4:8 NAS "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things". We love being part of the community at Enchanted Valley Ranch!
Tom

Assessments are out and due in Feb.
Credit cards now accepted.

Please inform the office by making sure emergency cards are filled out as to who is taking care of your yard & who has your house key.

We are leaving all daily activities listed for now. Once things get back to normal we will let you know what changes there will be.

If you're not getting emails from EVR, send an email to evrmission@gmail.com, ask to be added.

++BUILDING PERMIT ++ A permit is required for all structures to be built or remodeled on residential sites. Any changes to drives, patios, awnings, fences or other improvements must be cleared by the Board of Directors under Enchanted Valley Covenants.

Our streets are our sidewalks. Speed limit 15 mph. Please remind your visiting guests.

Remotes are now available for the gate on Western. See Carolyn Emery-Brunk to program your remote.

EVR INTERNET SERVICE - COBA has provided EVR with free Internet WIFI in R#1. The password is posted on the EVENTS bulletin board.

Please be considerate of others. When parking around the clubhouse, please make sure the bumper of your car is NOT over the white line blocking the area designed for walkers. It is not easy for anyone with walker or cane to maneuver in the rocks with no walking space.

Park Garage sales will be Mar 6, 2021 Mark your calendar

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