



Longhills Village Property Owners Association

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LONGHILLS VILLAGE POA EMAIL COMMUNICATION

Most LHV residents are receiving neighborhood Emails communicating important events and current news – anything from missing pets & recent acts of vandalism, to important city meetings regarding topics of interest to our residents. But the POA board only has E-mail addresses for about half of our property owners. We would like to take full advantage of this communication tool, and we need your Email address. Your address will be kept confidential, and you will only receive information that we feel you would want to know.

If you have not been receiving these neighborhood Emails, we don't have your address. Please give us your E-mail by contacting a board member or your block captain by phone or by going to our website at www.longhillsvillagepoa.com and updating your information under directory update from the neighborhood menu.

LHV FLOODING UPDATE – Over the past four years at least 7 LHV property owners have sustained flood damage totaling nearly \$500,000. In 2009 the city authorized a \$46,000 engineering study which determined that three street culverts were undersized. Replacing these culverts along with modifications to the drainage stream and property acquisition was estimated to cost \$1.2M. Earlier this year a city ordinance adding \$.50 - \$3.00 fees to water bills, to help pay for drainage projects, was overwhelmingly defeated. So in August, as an interim measure the city drainage committee approved two \$5,000 projects to be completed by the end of the year to help alleviate street flooding. The project to enlarge the drainage inlets on Crooked Stick and Shadow Creek is scheduled to start mid-September. Another project to re-grade and rip-rap the

drainage ditch downstream from Shoal Creek is scheduled to start by the end of the month. Additional future projects are being evaluated.

LONGHILLS VILLAGE MISC.

Property dues of \$150 are billed on January 1, and are due within 30 days. If not paid on time, late fees of \$15 are assessed on the next two billings. If dues are not paid within 90 days, a registered letter is sent advising that property liens including late fees, filing fees, and interest will be filed.

The following items are the compliance issues or complaints requiring the most frequent attention of your POA board:

- Dogs must be in a fenced yard or on a leash, and the city code limits four pets per household. No pets, including cats, should be running loose in the neighborhood. If you experience a continuing problem of unleashed animals, you are encouraged to call animal control. Cleaning up after your pet while walking is expected.
- All trash receptacles should be stored so they cannot be seen.
- Vacant lots should be mowed and maintained on a regular basis. These lots should remain free of debris, and are not to be used as dumping grounds by residents or builders.
- Boats, trailers, RVs, and other like items must be parked out of view.
- All personal vehicles should be parked in the garage or driveway; not in the street, over the curb, or on vacant lots.
- All off-road motorized vehicles (ATVs, unlicensed motorcycles, etc.) should not be driven on empty lots, streets, yards, or the golf course. After recent damage, residents are encouraged to contact the police if off-road vehicle use on neighborhood streets or the golf course continues to be a problem.
- The golf course is private property – residents are asked to stay off the fairways and not allow their children to play around bunkers or greens.
- Landscaping is to be completed before a new home is occupied.
- Lawns and landscaped areas should be maintained on a regular basis.
- No structure on any lot shall be erected or altered until plans, including landscaping, have been approved by the architectural control committee. A structure includes fencing, basketball goals, swimming pools, and satellite dishes, which in no event shall be placed in front of a dwelling.
- Residents are encouraged not to speed through the neighborhood; talking on cell phones while driving, and not obeying STOP signs are also issues.

We average 6-8 non-compliance issues each month, and after notification, most are usually corrected pretty quickly, and we appreciate that. However, there are always a few compliance issues that are not corrected, even with follow-up over several months. These property owners are then billed \$35 a month until their compliance issues are corrected. And if the issue were to continue without being addressed a property lien would be filed.

What suggestions do you have for your POA?

We'd like to hear your ideas on what you would like to see happen in your neighborhood. On the POA website at www.longhillsvillagepoa.com, go to the neighborhood section under Menu, and click on the "suggestion" button.