

Longhills Village Property Owners Association

Longhills Village POA Newsletter

Spring 2012

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LONGHILLS VILLAGE POA ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, MAY 6th

Please plan to attend our 9th annual POA neighborhood meeting set for Sunday, May 6th, at 2:00 PM at the golf course pavilion behind the clubhouse. This year we are planning a big event for the whole family, with special activities planned for the children and barbeque catered by..... We know you will want to meet with your neighbors and to have input into the latest plans for our neighborhood. In the event of bad weather we will reschedule later in May.

We have two board openings to fill this year. If you would be interested in serving please notify one of our current board members ASAP. Members serve a three year term and attend about 8 meetings a year. Officers and Directors are selected in May when the 2012 term begins. You'll enjoy serving your neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES –

This past year due to uncertainty regarding the golf course most of our planned projects were suspended, and this is reflected in the following 2011 Financial Summary. Neighborhood activities were increased with a Fourth of July Fireworks show, an ice cream treat neighborhood night out and Christmas decorations were installed on a number of our light poles. Plans are to continue or expand on these activities in 2012. The board solicits your suggestions on activities and improvements that would be beneficial to our neighborhood.

**LONGHILLS VILLAGE POA
2011 BUDGET/ACTUAL**

INCOME	JAN- DEC	ACTUAL
FEEES COLLECTED	400	185
DUES COLLECTED	37100	38175
TOTAL INCOME	37500	38360
EXPENSE		
ACTIVITIES	400	4895
BAD DEBT	700	
COLLECTION FEES	200	458
COMMUNICATION	300	830
LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE	7500	7596
PROFESSIONAL FEES MAINTENANCE	400	750
REPAIRS	6000	6013
POSTAGE PRINTING SUPPLIES	600	516
SPECIAL PROJECTS	20000	0
TAX PREP	100	0
UTILITIES - ELECTRIC	5800	5210
UTILITIES - WATER	3500	4849
TOTAL EXPENSE	45500	31117
NET ORDINARY INCOME	-8000	7243
ENDING BALANCE	7300	22549

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH –

The Longhills Village Crime Watch was organized in November, 2010. Most of the crimes occurring in LHV involve unlocked cars. Even though these incidents may be considered "minor theft or vandalism" this is "breaking and entering" and it is a felony. Always report these events to the police, even if the value or damage is minimal; the police need a record of these events in order to focus their activity. Also be observant for suspicious activity -write down information (car or personal description, license number, etc.), and immediately call the police and provide detailed information. The Emergency number is 911; non-emergency (dispatch) number is 778-1171.

We also need to communicate criminal or suspicious activity to our residents, so they can be on the alert. We use our neighborhood email system to accomplish this notification, so it is important that the POA has your email address. Our Crime Watch Contacts are Ken Quick, quick_ks@sbcglobal.net or Bob Russell, boblinruss@att.net. A copy of these email notifications are sent to Lt. Russell and Sgt. Tidell as our police department crime watch contacts.

Crime Watch and No Soliciting signs have been installed at the entrances to LHV. Benton requires solicitors to have a permit, which includes a criminal background check, a valid ID, and a \$5 permit fee. Tell solicitors there is no soliciting in LHV, ask them to leave, and call the police non-emergency number 778-1171 for their follow-up. Help make our neighborhood a safer place to live.

LONGHILLS VILLAGE BILL OF ASSURANCE

The LHV Bill of Assurance, which you received and signed for at the closing on our home, details the conditions under which we live in this great neighborhood. This document and the board bylaws establish the guidelines under which the board operates. The Bill of Assurance document, along with other POA information, can be viewed on our website www.longhillsvillagepoa.com.

The following items covered in the Bill of Assurance are the compliance issues requiring the most frequent attention:

- 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!
- All trash receptacles should be stored so they cannot be seen.
- Vacant lots should be mowed and maintained on a regular basis. Owners will be given one notice, and if not mowed within 30 days the board will have the lot mowed, and the owner will be billed. Vacant 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 or adjacent vacant lot.
- 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.

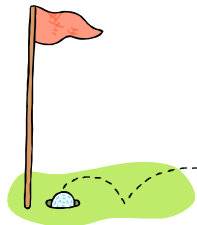
Although not specifically covered in the Bill of Assurance, the most frequent complaints we hear from our neighbors are:

- Residents speeding through the neighborhood (especially in areas where children are playing).
- Residents talking on cell phones while driving and not stopping at STOP signs.
- Residents not cleaning up after their pets while walking or controlling nuisance barking. Off-road motorized vehicles (ATVs, unlicensed motorcycles, etc.) driven on empty lots, streets, yards, or the golf course. Residents are encouraged to contact the police if off-road vehicle use in the neighborhood continues to be a problem.

Most non-compliance issues are corrected pretty quickly after notification, and we appreciate that. However, there are always a few compliance issues that are not corrected, even with follow-up notices. These property owners are then billed \$35 a month until their compliance issues are corrected.

Property dues of \$150 are billed in January, 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 will be filed. Late fees, filing fees, and interest will be assessed when the property is sold.

LONGHILLS VILLAGE GARAGE SALE



Saturday, April 28th, starting at 7:00 AM. Ending at noon.

Will be advertised in local papers.

Signs will be posted at all LHV entrances.

Mailbox balloons will be provided to signify participating homes.

IMPORTANT: Send an E-mail entitled GARAGE SALE to [**campbellj47@yahoo.com**](mailto:campbellj47@yahoo.com) with your name and address by April 22 to signify your participation. Balloons will be available for pick up at 6:30AM at the golf course parking lot.

Habitat for Humanity and Civitan Services will circulate through the neighborhood mid-day to pick up unsold items for donation. Habitat takes furniture, household, building materials only – no clothing. Civitan Services takes clothing and household items only. Sort accordingly. They can provide tax donation receipts.