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Grapevine Newsletter

It is hard to believe that we are already through the first quarter of 2020! It seems the older I get, the faster time goes.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter. We should all feel good about living in the Vineyards. We are a sought-after neighborhood with our home values on the rise. We have a great pool and clubhouse and a team of Board Members that not only keep our community looking nice but are always looking for fun events for all of us that live here.

When reading and looking at pictures in the Grapevine, you will notice some topics could be from the past. This is just what happens with any newsletter that is published quarterly. I try my best to bring up new events coming our way and maybe a feature story in trying to make it current also.

Happy Reading!

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Streetlights	800-392-3709 x4391
St. Charles Hwy Dept	636-949-7500
Code Enforcement	636-949-7346

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Meeting Minutes
JANUARY 14, 2020

Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm

Trustees in Attendance: Keith Ernst, Dee Barnett, Mike Eilers

Board of Representatives in Attendance: Terry Schachsieck, Sarah Claus

Committee Members in Attendance: Bob Isermann

Homeowners in Attendance: Dan and Kristy Hayes, Ray and Lisa Veit

Homeowner Concerns or Reports:

- One of the bike racks is rusted, it was picked up.

Clubhouse:

- Two new patio doors were installed this week. Keyless access for the main door is coming soon.
- Carpet cleaning is coming soon in spring.
- Bob picked up and donated new letters for the signs- thank you!
- New couches are still being looked into.

Social Update:

- The Holiday Take-Down Event was quick, efficient, and fun!
- The Easter Event is on the schedule for Saturday, April 11th.
- The Spring Garage Sale is on the schedule for Saturday, May 2nd.
- Grace Hauling big pickup will hopefully be scheduled for the Monday following the Garage Sale.
- Sue is in the process of booking Lenny Frisch for poolside music on Saturday, June 20th.

Pool News:

- The small lifeguard's chair has been chewed up by squirrels; will be looking into replacements before the season opens.
- The large lifeguard's chair is in need of new wheels.
- New outdoor light bulbs are needed for the pool deck area as well.

Swim Team:

- There may be a new practice time this year, but it will still end before the pool opens.
- Team lockbox will be purchased soon.
- Registration for the swim team will be held at the Clubhouse April 4th from 12pm-4pm.

Grounds:

- We are looking into quotes and times for mosquito repellent for the season.

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Finance:

- The keyless lock on the tennis courts is being replaced.
- Ended the year under budget with a balance of \$142,932.
- The reserves are being built up to a recommended amount. Currently there is \$147,608 in reserve.
- Overall VHOA Annual Assessments came up \$150 short of budget. 12 accounts ended the year delinquent for a total of \$12,295.15 past due assessments.
- Clubhouse rentals fell short of budget with \$4,425 in rentals vs \$5,050 budget.
- Other Income is over \$3,178 due to insurance payout for damaged Napa message sign. There was an unplanned offsetting expense for this.
- City & Village collection and recording fees came in higher due to some 2018 Special Assessment payments occurring in 2018 as well as a long past due account coming current due to the sale of the property.
- There were Federal and Missouri Income taxes this year due to some changes in policy. We will likely see these going forward although 2020 didn't have a line item in the budget for it due to uncertainty. We will need to budget for this starting 2021.
- Keyless entry, adjusted clubhouse hours, staffing transition, and scheduling issues in 2019 prior to Gena resulted in a savings of \$6,952 in payroll and taxes.
- The following categories were over budget due to:
 - Clubhouse Supplies/Office Supplies- mostly due to larger than expected early 2019 expenses due to not reconciling the 2018 gift card on time.
 - Postage over due to the mailing of C&V statements going up in cost.
 - Tennis Court maintenance and repair- due to unplanned replacement of nets and posts as a result of damage caused by neighborhood children. An agreement other than a financial one was agreed to by VHOA and the parent of the children.
 - Pool Equipment- due to unexpected replacement and upgrading of pool filters.
 - Pools Misc- incorrect coded transaction at the end of 2019 that could not be reversed when caught. No correction is planned since this was a 2019 transaction.
 - County Pool Permit- double payment made that is in the process of being corrected as of Jan 2020 but will reflect in 2020 financials.
 - CPA expenses- tax preparations higher in 2019 due to different tax situation.
- Overall 2019 spending vs budget was FAVORABLE by \$7,485.

Meeting End Time: 8:15pm

Meeting Minutes
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm

Trustees in Attendance: Sue Blasé, Dee Barnett, Keith Ernst, Michael Eilers

Board of Representatives in Attendance: Irina Hale, Sarah Claus

Committee Members in Attendance: Bob Isermann, Bob Emery

Homeowners in Attendance: Sandy Prince, Bryan Heaven, Cynthia Moreno, Julie Weissflog, Patti Unterreiner

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Homeowner Concerns or Reports:

- Tennis court lock was not registering the key cards. Keith contacted the security company and it is now working properly.
- Patti is interested in restarting the Beautification Committee. This committee addresses the Clubhouse grounds, the two monuments, the pool deck, and inside the Clubhouse. Funds come from the Clubhouse and Grounds budgets. Sandy, Cynthia, and Julie also expressed interest.

Clubhouse:

- Spring Carpet Cleaning scheduled for Thursday, April 30th at 9am. The Clubhouse will be closed that day to allow for cleaning and drying of both levels.
- Sandy will repaint the Little Free Library by summer.

Social Update:

- Saturday, April 11th – Easter Egg Hunt (in need of a Bunny!)
- Saturday, May 2nd – Spring Garage Sale: 7am with Preview Friday at 5pm
- Saturday, June 20th - Live Music at the Pool with Lenny Frisch: 1pm-4pm
- Saturday, July 4th-Firetruck: 12pm (go online to Cottleville website to reserve the firetruck).

Pool News:

- Pool opens Saturday, May 23rd at 11am.
- We are still in the process of getting new wheels for the big lifeguard chair and replacing the smaller one.

Swim Team:

- Saturday, April 4th - Volcanoes Swim Registration at the Clubhouse: 12pm-4pm

Grounds:

- We are planning on starting spraying for mosquitos earlier this year. We are still looking into quotes.

Finance:

- Reminder that assessments need to be paid by April 1st.

Meeting End Time: 7:52pm

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Meeting Minutes
MARCH 11, 2020

Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm

Trustees in Attendance: Keith Ernst, Dee Barnett, Mike Eilers, Sue Blasé, Greg Greenwell

Board of Representatives in Attendance: Sarah Claus, Terry Schachsiek

Homeowners in Attendance: Lisa Veit, Bob Isermann, Dan Hayes, Kristie Engemann, Andy Zalmanoff

Homeowner Concerns or Reports:

- There was a resident concern about a hot tub in a driveway. Homeowners have been contacted via mail.
- Residents are curious about the requirements for sheds. There is some flexibility and they just need to be cleared with the architecture committee.
- Sidewalks are in the process of being addressed by the county.
- There was a resident concern about a tent-like covering in a front yard.
- There was a resident concern about an object on a trailer in someone's driveway. The homeowners have been contacted via mail.
- The lock on the tennis courts is being replaced by the company.

Beautification Committee:

- Committee reestablished and now had 5 members.
- Members met and discussed flower options for the barrels and the pool deck.
- Members plan to start purchasing and planting in mid-April.
- Committee is requested to address the sign in front of the clubhouse.

Clubhouse:

- Alarms are now on the patio doors. They have also been caulked by Keith- thanks!
- Clubhouse will be closed for carpet cleaning Thursday, April 30th.
- The bathroom floor will need to be replaced sometime; potentially during the summer.

Social Update:

- Lisa booked Kona Ice for the Fourth of July parade.
- The fire truck has been booked for the Fourth of July parade.
- We have a bunny for the Easter Egg Hunt! Hunt is on Saturday, April 11th.
- Garage Sale is Saturday, May 2nd
- Sue is looking into booking two more musical acts for the pool season.

Pool News:

- We received a good quote to fix the pool gate.
- There are recessed posts that need to be filled.

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- Our storage contract ends at the end of the month.
- Lifeguard chair and wheels are being ordered this week. Umbrellas and chairs are also planned to be ordered.
- There will be a meeting with the lifeguard company within the next month or two.

Swim Team:

- Sign-ups are Saturday, April 4th at the clubhouse from 12pm-4pm.

Grounds:

- Fertilizing will be happening soon.
- We are looking into bids for mulching.
- Sprinklers will be on next week.
- The stump by the picnic table has been ground out.
- Mosquito Joe will start treatments within the next month.

Finance:

- We are trending up on clubhouse rentals this year so far.

Meeting End Time: 8:20pm



LET'S GET TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS



Barb & Bob Isermann

I've had several people ask about why I don't write about myself in this part of the Grapevine Newsletter, so I thought I would. So here goes.

First of all, my wife Barb and I have lived in the Vineyards for 22 years on Gallo. We love our neighbors, and for my last three years before retirement, my company was moved to Omaha, NE. We had a very nice relocation package, but we chose to keep our home, and I commuted every weekend. At least I was flying back and forth. We just didn't want to give up our home.

I was a Navy guy first, and then I started working for the Missouri Pacific RR. As many of you all know about mergers, we became Union Pacific. I was a finance guy there. Thirty-eight years later, I retired at 59 and started volunteering.

Today, I have volunteered at St. Joseph Hospital in St. Charles as a Patient Ambassador for the last 12 years. Also, I am on their Ethics Committee along with the Patient Safety and Quality Control Committee. If you are ever in the hospital on a Thursday, I may have seen you. I am also

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involved in model railroads, photography, and I just ended my stint as president of the Route 66 Corvette Club.

After a while, I started going to all the Board Meetings here and volunteered to write the Grapevine Newsletter. I also wrote the St. Joseph Hospital monthly newsletter for a few years. One more thing is that I'm the guy that you may see changing the signs as you exit the neighborhood.

My wife says I have a problem with not using the 'NO' word. I think she is right. But I enjoy it, and it keeps me busy.

As I said earlier, Barb and I sure love our home and neighbors and the whole Vineyard atmosphere. We have a great social committee here that comes up with many great activities. Our clubhouse is always nice in which many of our residents take advantage of in having parties. We find there are so many activities here that we are not planning on moving anytime soon. We always say, when we can no longer handle the steps, that will be the time to start looking. □

As the editor of the Grapevine, please send to me about yourself or your experience living in the Vineyards. Tells us about your neighbors or the good times you have at the pool with one another. I see large groups getting together. If you are new to the area, send me an email telling me about yourself and how you found us here.

Bob Isermann – Editor
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Interesting Facts Living in the Vineyards

If you are new or have been around for years living in the Vineyards, here are some interesting items that may interest you:

- **You can rent the clubhouse for parties. \$75 (plus a refundable damage deposit)**
- **Meet Gena, our Clubhouse Hostess. She is in the office five days a week.**
- **Pool access requires pool passes. See Gena at the Clubhouse.**
 - Don't wait until the last minute to get your passes renewed
 - If you've never gotten pool passes before, you'll need a small headshot (say 1" x 1") of each family member.
 - Pool passes are issued after confirmation of payment of your annual assessment.
 - There is always a rush right when the pool opens. Don't wait until the last minute to get your passes renewed.
 - each lot gets two permanent GUEST PASSES for your use.
 - we do have a program where you can buy DAY PASSES for a very low fee.
- **We work with City & Village tax office to handle our neighborhood financials.**
 - C&V collects our assessments, pay our bills, etc.
 - the 2020 assessment letters very soon, and those fees will be due by 4/1/2020.
<http://cityandvillage.com/>
- **With your paid annual dues, you get access to the tennis courts and clubhouse via a key card.**
 - Clubhouse amenities include
 - Exercise Facility

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- Sauna
- Pool Table
- Foosball
- Social gathering/meeting space available to residents

These are just a few items listed here. More will be coming

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Kid's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11th
At the Vineyards Clubhouse
Two Sessions
9:30am and 11:30am
Open to all Vineyards Kids
Age Birth to 10 Years Old
Sign Up Required—No Charge to Attend
Craft Stations ~ Snacks & Drinks



Vineyards Spring Garage Sale

Saturday, May 2nd—7:00am
Preview Friday, May 1st at 5pm

To Participate
Email Lisa Veit
lveit@bhhsselectstl.com
or the Vineyards Clubhouse

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The advertisement features a background image of a white signpost with a purple sign that reads "BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HomeServices" and "Sponsored by". The sign also has a circular logo with "BH HS" inside. The text is overlaid on a blurred background of green foliage.



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE



Hello Fellow Vineyards Residents! The Vineyards Beautification Committee is looking for a few new faces to join us in making the clubhouse a beautiful and fun place to hang out. Our committee's main responsibilities are to plant flowers around the clubhouse and the pool deck, and tend to those flowers throughout the season (watering the flowers also-anyone can water flowers!!) We also decorate the inside and outside of the clubhouse for Christmas (and undecorate!).



GOOD DEEDS
FROM VINEYARD RESIDENTS

J Jill Aul, The Vineyards

Trash Pick-up a Big Success!

Thanks to all who showed up this morning to pick up trash along Towers Road. I think there were 9 of us out there, and everyone had full bags of litter. There were some very interesting items found...someone's high school photos, a pool noodle, a bouncy ball, a full can of whipped cream, lots and lots of liquor bottles, vape pods, cigarette butts, a hypodermic needle, food wrappers, a rubber bracelet from a FHC student club and lots of other stuff. If only that trash could talk, I'm sure there would be lots of interesting stories to tell!

Oh, you bet. If only the trash could talk. Actually, I bet we may not want to know what they have to say. 😊

Photo's Around the Vineyards



Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Know How it Spreads

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is characterized by mild symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, and fever. Illness can be more severe for some people and can lead to pneumonia or breathing difficulties. More rarely, the disease can be fatal. Older people, and people with other medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease), may be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill.

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

Take steps to protect yourself

- Clean Your Hands Often
 - 20 seconds
- Avoid Close Contact

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

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