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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Tuesday, August 12th 7:00pm** – Board Meeting will be closed
- **Monday August 18th** – School starts for SBISD
- **Monday September 1** – *The office will be closed for Labor Day*

BOARD MEETING

The Board of SVV will meet in a closed session on Tuesday August 12th. The past meetings that have been closed have proven to be very successful in conducting business for the Village, therefore, the Board has decided to have another closed meeting until the more pertinent and important decisions are finalized. It is necessary that these discussions move forward without interruption. Among the topics to be discussed will be the roofing contracts. Also on the agenda will be our insurance policies and a plan of action. Following the meeting, a special 'Board Notes' letter will be distributed to all homeowners to inform you of the meetings progress.

PARKING

Contractors

Several homeowners have recently undertaken repairs or remodeling to their town home. Contractor's vehicles are parked in driveways, other resident's carports, in fire zones, etc. If you are having such work done...it is the homeowner's responsibility to see that parking is compliant with SVV rules so that other homeowners are not inconvenienced. Please respect your neighbors.

Non-compliant vehicles

Section 12.5 of your Resident handbook clearly describes those vehicles which are non-compliant and are subject to be towed. We have had numerous complaints from homeowners of non-compliant vehicles parked in common area parking. Because of these complaints, the Village has instructed Security to tag any vehicles that are in violation of current registration or inspection stickers. If you have received a tag on your vehicle, we ask that you bring your registration and inspections up to date if

you are going to continue parking in common areas or your vehicle will be subject to fines and be towed.

INSURANCE

A letter was sent out to all the homeowners regarding the refund on the 2002-2003 Insurance premiums of \$41.85. Please remember to send a letter via fax, email or leave a voice mail for Lilly at the office if you would like your credit applied to something other than maintenance fees (given that you have no current arrears in any other accounts) before Monday, September 1st.

COMMON WATER USAGE

The office has had several complaints of high common water charges and residents over using our common water for personal use. Some owners have gone so far as to bring the hose from the front of the house to the back of the house for personal use. Other homeowners have left their common water running for over one hour for their personal flower beds. The purpose of common water was intended to be used for watering common area grass and Village landscaping. The common water bill is split evenly among all 179 units. We ask that you please be considerate and help in not increasing your neighbors water bill. Some residents have requested that the board take this over usage into consideration.

GUEST EDITORIAL

A Point of View in Question

A month ago on this newsletter, I urged congeniality. The one person whom most of us know read my comments urged in response that we all "move back from 'C words' to 'B words'". My goodness, I had never thought of congeniality and business as mutually exclusive. Through decades of counseling heads of major corporations, community leaders and public servants, I have witnessed firsthand the enormous value of congeniality in reaching meetings of the minds on issues that might otherwise have been both inflammatory and

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divisive. Is it really unthinkable that we might try being nice to one another?

Bill Welch

SECURITY

A friendly reminder to all drivers in the Village...the speed limit is 15 miles per hour. Several homeowners and their guests use excessive speed while driving through our Village. School will be starting next week – please watch out for our children.

POOLS

SVV has established hours for the use of our two pools. Please reference your Resident Handbook Section 6.2. The pools open at dawn and close at 10pm. There have been several incidents recently that the West pool has been the scene of vandalism and late night/early morning swimmers, some of whom are not SVV residents. The restrooms of the pools have been defaced and they are being used for other activities that should not be allowed. Please call Security if you see someone in either pool area after 10pm. The cost of repairing the damages to the restrooms should not be necessary if we follow the pool hours. All resident's cooperation is appreciated.

PETS

Some homeowners continue to allow their dogs to roam the property unleashed and unaccompanied by the homeowner. One resident was recently challenged for the right to the sidewalk by a small white and brown dog who had been wandering loose. Other loose dogs have been recently seen on our property. These animals are subject to being picked up by the City of Houston's Animal Control Division.

GARAGE SALES

Permits for garage sales are available from the office. SVV allows each homeowner to hold two sales per calendar year. Please remove your signs advertising your bargains at the end of your sale. This will help reduce casual traffic in our Village.

MAINTENANCE TIPS

Work Orders

Should you need a work order to be completed for your home, please submit it in person at the office, or send a request by mail or fax, or leave a voice mail at the office. There have been several people who have *told* the staff to do work orders on their house and wonder why they have not been done. This is not procedure. A work order must be submitted to the office in order for it to be filed and completed. Please call, write or fax the office with your request so it can be done promptly and properly.

Electric Bills

In this summer of high heat, a few points to remember:

- Set your thermostat at 78 degrees – for each point lower, you can expect a 9% increase in your electricity bill.
- Use a high pressure hose to wash off your condenser to remove dust from the coils. This should be done twice yearly.
- Change your filters regularly

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NEW NEIGHBORS

Please join me in welcoming our new homeowner Murray Scott at 10538 Hammerly. Welcome to the neighborhood! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lilly at the office 713-467-3550.

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME

The Village Voice shares suggestions and solicits your comments. Written comments may be in the mailbox at the Village Office at 10500 Hammerly.

Important Telephone Numbers



Courtesy Patrol	713-932-8894
Village Office	713-467-3550
Village Fax	713-935-0848

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