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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **The office will be closed** Wednesday 11/25 and Thursday 11/26 for the Christmas Holiday, and Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's. From the staff of Second Victorian Village, have a very Merry Christmas and safe New Year!
- **Meet The Candidates Coffee** is on Saturday, January 11, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.
- **SVV Board Meeting** is Wednesday, January 14, 2003 at 7:00p.m.
- **Annual Board Meeting** is Monday, January 27, 2003 sign in at 7:30 p.m.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

Please join us in welcoming Lilly Vergara as a new addition to our staff. She has replaced Julie Mercer as the office assistant.

Lilly has been married for four years and has a very active 19 month old daughter, Gabriela. She has a BBA in Business Administration from the University of Houston, is highly qualified, and is very eager to work with and meet each and every one of you. We are confident she will be an excellent addition to our staff.

Julie Mercer voluntarily left our staff around the Thanksgiving holidays to seek other business opportunities. She wanted us to mention that she will greatly miss all of you and that she will cherish all the memories and friendships she has established along the way.

BOARD MEETINGS

Any resident wishing to discuss something with the board of directors are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. You must sign in by 7:00 p.m. Matters presented to the board are noted in the minutes. Responses may not be made to speakers until the board has an opportunity to investigate and/or consider the issue presented.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Three board positions will be voted on at the annual meeting on Monday, January 27, 2003. Sign in starts at 7:30 pm and the meeting will begin at 8:00 pm.

Owners will receive ballots, proxy forms and the agenda in the mail. Ballots should be taken to the meeting. IF you are unable to attend, send your signed proxy to the office or to the meeting through another owner.

Remember, if you are not current on your maintenance fees, you cannot vote. If you have any doubts as to the status of your account, contact Lilly Vergara at the office 713-467-3550.

The nominees are:

Charles Boardman	David Schnefke
Cliff Dye	Marina Shell
Magda Galvez	Delores Wheeler
Earl Hardin	

THE CANDIDATES

CHARLES BOARDMAN

Charles has lived in the Village since 1970. He served on the board in the mid seventies. He worked for the City Comptrollers office in general accounting and transferred to operations for Federal Grants. He is now retired and is a participant of monthly board meetings and enjoys walking his lab puppy "Lady". He would like to serve on the board with the intent to keep Second Victorian Village a desirable place for families to live.

CLIFFORD DYE

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Cliff received a B.S. degree in geology from the Missouri Schools of Mines. He moved to Fort Worth as a petroleum geologist for a major oil company, after serving in the Army Corp of Engineers.

Cliff has held various supervisory and management positions with oil companies, including district geologist, exploration manager, and vice president. He has worked as an independent petroleum consultant and holds and inactive realtor's license.

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Cliff served 3 years on the board of Victorian Village I, after purchasing a townhouse there where his daughter lives. He purchased a townhouse in Second Victorian Village as an investment and he decided to purchase another to move into, as his tenants desired to buy the investment home. He has served our Village board since 1994 and is currently Vice President.

According to Cliff, "Second Victorian Village and Victorian Village I, are among the oldest townhomes in the city. We have maintained our property value well compared to others." Cliff believes the Village must have an aggressive maintenance program and get good value for every maintenance dollar.

MAGDA GÁLVEZ

Magda purchased a townhouse here in the Village a year and a half ago and enjoys living here. She has an 11 year old daughter, Nannette. She is a single mother, very hard working, and is committed to creating a healthy environment in which her daughter can safely grow and prosper.

As a single mother, she understands that many of us do not have time in our busy schedules to attend meetings. As a concerned resident, she would like the opportunity to represent this group of individuals.

She is eager and more than willing to educate herself and her fellow neighbors of the projects, conditions, and events of Second Victorian Village. She wants to create a more informed, close knit family of this community...much like the large family she was raised in.

Her 19-year professional experience includes the banking industry, legal industry, import/export industry and is currently with a systems integration company. She spent six years in the banking industry where she was recognized for numerous employee of the month awards for customer satisfaction. She spent five years at a law firm where she held a supervisor position and successfully managed a staff of three employees in the data entry department. She was an office manager for an import/export company for over a

year, and she currently works for a systems integration company where she has worked over 6 years.

She feels it is important that all residents be as informed as the board members themselves, and she plans to make this a priority if elected to a position on the board. She feels that her experience as well as her people skills will greatly benefit her in a position with the board.

EARL HARDIN

Earl has served on the Village board for 7 years. He wanted to accomplish two things: (1) develop a long-term program to maintain the Village property and (2) improve the financial reserves to accomplish the goals. He feels that significant progress has been made over the past few years.

Earl worked for the Oil and Gas Division of J.M. Huber Corporation for 35 years before his retirement. Included in his many years of volunteer service to our Village is his management of a youth basketball team. He also served in Little League Baseball for 26 years, working with youth from 7 to 18 years old, as both manager and umpire. He also plays a "mean country fiddle."

DAVID SCHENFKE

David grew up in Granite City, Illinois and graduated from Louis and Clark College with an A.A.S. in Fire Science. He also received a B.S. in General Studies from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.

Following graduation, David lived three years in Copenhagen Denmark, before moving to Houston where he earned a degree in electronics. He works for Southwestern Bell.

David and wife, Nina, have lived in the Village since 1986. Their son Nickolas was born here and is one of the next generation in the Village.

David has been on the board since 1996 and is a member of the Community Enhancement committee. His efforts were instrumental in the purchase of the new benches and picnic tables.

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MARINA SHELL

After acquiring her diploma from Raedel Business College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, her work experience for the past 20 years in Houston has been in administrative and office management for computer integration companies. She currently employed with the United States District Court, Probation Department located in beautiful downtown Houston.

She been a resident of the Village since 1997 and has enjoyed the hospitality and security that Second Victorian Village has to offer. She recently refinanced her townhouse and plans to continue to live here for many more years to come. She is a proud mother of a 31 year old daughter, who has a BBA from Texas Wesleyan. She wants to be an active participant in maintaining and developing the high standards of our community.

If elected, her main goal is to be able to maintain the level of security and uphold the image of Second Victorian Village. And to ensure a 5-10 year goal plan to maintain the quality of life for the community.

DELORES WHEELER

Delores was born and reared in Sedalia, Missouri and moved to Houston in 1972 with her husband and daughter, Lisa. Lisa is now grown and married and Delores is now a single homeowner. She purchased her townhouse a year ago this month and loves living here.

Delores holds a BBA in Accounting from the University of Houston and now works as a tax accountant for PM Realty Group LP in downtown Houston. PMRG is one of the largest managers of commercial property in the U.S. They have locations in 25 states.

Delores loves to read, play card games and paint. She also enjoys cooking and entertaining her family and friends. She is very proud of her townhome in Second Victorian Village.

Delores would like to serve on the board because she is very interested in the day to day operations of maintaining the property. She would like to assist in making cost conscious decisions for maintaining as

aesthetically appealing complex where the residents are not just comfortable living here but glad to be living here in the village.

THE POOPER SCOOPER

Remember cleaning up after your dog is:

- **Good for the environment**
- **An act of consideration and respect to your neighbors**
- **And a great way to monitor your dog's health.**

MAINTENANCE TIPS

COLD WEATHER

Remember that cold weather is heading our way, and there are several things you will want to check to prepare for any possible freezes. Be sure and always protect your plants and pets from weather below 30 degrees. Plants should either be covered or placed indoors as well as pets. The maintenance crew will wrap your pipes should our temperatures drop to freezing levels.

FIREPLACES

Be sure and have your chimney swept if you plan to light up your fireplace this winter! It is very important to keep up with your fireplace as a regular maintenance reminder every winter season. **TIP:** There are now products on the market that you can buy to clean your chimney as opposed to paying for chimney sweep services.

WINDOWS & POWER WASHING

We have received a few complaints regarding the power washing and water leakage into the units. Pressure washing is considered regular townhouse maintenance and there is routinely a 24 hour notice of pressure washing around the property. If you wish to cease from direct power washing on your unit, we ask that you please call the office and speak with Lilly Vergara, the new office assistant, as a reminder to not have the workers pressure wash your house.

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As a maintenance note, the majority of the windows in the units are original windows and we recommend routine maintenance cleaning of window tracks. Because these windows are old, most have not been properly cleaned and water trash/debris buildup in the tracks and the pressure from the water overflows into the inside of the window. There are drain holes on the sides of the tracks that when clean, should properly drain the water when heavy rains or pressure washing occurs. However, because of the intense pressure of the water, on occasion there will result a small amount of leakage around the window, but not a significant amount to cause damage if the window tracks are clean.

GARAGE SALES

Those residents who wish to have a garage sale, please remember that you **must** obtain a permit from the office prior to your set garage sale date. The handbook states that residents can have up to two garage sales per calendar year, and the permit must be visible during the sale. A garage sale may not exceed a three day period. You can reference your Resident Handbook section 9-2 for further information.

SECURITY

Larry Fletcher, our Security Patrol Officer for the Village, has informed us that the Dodge vehicles are "high risk" vehicles for theft. Please take extra precautions if you own a Dodge.

Be sure and call courtesy patrol for a *Vacation Watch* if you are leaving for the holidays for longer than a 24-48 hour period so they can keep a close eye on your home and/or vehicles.

THE GRAPE VINE

This is a new section that we are looking to include in the newsletter and I would like to welcome any comments, suggestions or notes to add for this section. The goal of this section is to inform you of any upcoming City or community events as well as a "bragging" corner for those who wish to share any birthday wishes, wedding news, baby news, garage sales or just to say thanks to fellow neighbors/staff.

I would also like to add a welcoming section for all of those residents who are new to the neighborhood to introduce you to the community.

I am asking that any renters please contact the office at 713-467-3550 to update files and so we can send you a welcoming packet.

CITY BUZZ

- **A Tuna Christmas** at Grand 1894 Opera House in Galveston from 12/17–12/22. Call 409-765-1894.
- **A Christmas Carol** Alley Theater 12/17 - 12/29 tickets through Ticketmaster.
- **The Nutcracker (Ballet)** Wortham Center 12/17 – 12/29 tickets through Ticketmaster.
- **Martin Burniston's Annual Christmas Sing-a-long** at The Mucky Duck on 12/19 at 8pm 713-528-5999.
- **Trans-Siberian Orchestra** at the Verizon Theater 12/22 – 12/23 tickets through Ticketmaster.
- **Sing-along Sound of Music** in Galveston at the Grand 1894 Opera House 12/26 - 12/28 tickets through Ticketmaster.
- **Festival of Lights** Children's Museum 12/16–12/25.
- **Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol** at Stages Repertory Theater 12/16 – 12/18 tickets \$32 - \$42.
- **The x-Mas Show** at the Great Caruso Dinner Theater 12/16-12/25.

For more info. visit www.houston.citysearch.com

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE STAFF

From all of us at Second Victorian Village, we would like to extend our warmest wishes for you and your families this Holiday Season. May your Holiday season be joyous, merry and safe. And best wishes for the New Year and many more to come!

From: Perry Barlow, Clifford Dye, Dee Ellison, Earl Hardin, Bill Malcomson, Linda Niels, Matthew Pour, Gooley Rivera, David Schnefke, Lilly Vergara, and Gerhard Zacharias.

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.

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