

HERITAGE VILLAGE MASTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION *NEWSLETTER*

September 2020

Impact of IWV Groundwater Authority Replenishment Fee

The HVMCA uses two sources of water for our grounds irrigation. Most of our small common areas (Heritage North, Norma Street, Ward Ave, etc) along with the smaller park on Roosevelt use IWV Water District water, the same as you use for your household. Additionally, HVMCA has its own production well located adjacent to the pool to provide water for our large park. For the past five to six years, the HVMCA Board of Directors has worked, through our Manager, to design and implement lower water usage landscaping. Ramon, Jaime and Ernesto have implemented these plans in numerous common areas of the Association.

Recently, the IWV Groundwater Authority passed one fee increase and adopted one new fee. A pumping fee increase was adopted July 16th by the IWVGA increasing the rate from \$30 per acre-foot to \$105.00 per acre-foot. (An acre-foot is approximately 326,000 gallons). The second fee adopted on the 20th of August is a Replenishment fee that imposes a fee of \$2,130 per acre-foot. The IWVWD water usage and our production well are subject to both fees. At this time the impact of these IWV Groundwater Authority fees is being assessed by the Association. Preliminary estimates based on historical usage data indicate that we could be facing an annual cost of over \$46,000 for these fees. Spread across 12 months and 289 HVMCA owners this amounts to a cost of \$13.32 per month per owner. This is on top of the IWVWD collected fee increase that you will see on your personal water bill every month (an increase of approximately \$6 per 1,000 gallons used).

At this time we do not know when the IWVGA will start collecting these fees. Our best guess at this time is that they will be imposed no sooner than January 2021; we suggest you read the local media or monitor the IWVGA website to keep apprised of any decisions made.

In response to these fees, the HVMCA is working with our professional grounds crew to devise strategies to reduce our water use. As these plans begin to take shape, we will inform the community and solicit feedback. We all need to use water wisely and these fees will encourage the HVMCA to take a closer look at our water usage.

CLUBHOUSE NEWS

Per the Kern County Health Department we cannot have any gatherings in clubhouse at this time. The manager is watching the website and will update members and resident with any changes. Please check the website at hvmca.org for any updates on COVID-19.

Board meetings are held by electronic means. If any one would like join in please contact the manager for Zoom information.

HOLIDAY DECORATION POLICY.

As the holidays approach, please remember the guidelines on decorations.

The Architectural Committee, offers a blanket approval for the installation of Holiday Decorations within the Heritage Village Community provided the following conditions are met:

1. Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza decorations may be installed beginning the day after Thanksgiving and must be removed no later than the following January 31.
2. Decorations for other holidays, such as Halloween or Easter, may be installed two weeks prior to the holiday. They must be removed no later than one week following the holiday.
3. Homeowners not removing decorations within the designated period will receive a notice of violation and may be fined.
4. Any homeowner in disagreement with this policy and who has received a fine may request, in writing, a Board hearing

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Tennis Court Lights

We have installed a new timer for the lights to automatically shut, but if you are finished before the timer please turn the timer off. We appreciate everyone who reported left on. Any malfunctions with any lights should be reported to the manager.

SHARED FENCES & COMMON AREA'S

HVMCA is reminds members that if they share a common area fence that needs repair please contact the manager. Our grounds crew will provide an estimate and do all the repairs.

GAZEBO

The gazebo is still out of order. Our directors accepted a bid to repair it and repairs are in progress. The metal posts are fabricated and we are waiting to get them painted.

POOL

The pool is currently open from 8 AM till 11 PM and has been busy. The Jacuzzi still remains closed during COVID-19. We will keep you updated on any new nformation we receive.

WEIGHT ROOM

The weight room is closed at this time. We are following the Kern County Health Department and CA websites for reopening.

SAFETY

When entering or leaving Heritage Village off of Norma please remember the speed limit in Heritage is **25 miles per hour**, I have seen so many residents and guests speed by the clubhouse. Children are playing the park and residents are out walking.

PETS

When taking your dog to park please remember to keep them on a leash to avoid any injury to other dogs and other residents. Rules & Regulations 60.00 (B) - Animals are not permitted to run loose in Heritage Village community area. A pet must be on leash with the leash in the resident's hand when outside of an individual residence. Please make sure you also clean up your pet.

POOL BATHROOM

The pool bathroom remodel is scheduled for September 21. The bathroom will be closed for approximately 3 weeks while the remodel is done. The pool will remain open during the remodel.

Our neighbors volunteer to keep HVMCA running smoothly and looking great!

Architect/Landscape Committee members Tex, Roger and Rob work quickly to get your landscape change requests approved so you can complete your project.

RV Parking Committee members Karl & Theresa make sure everyone's vacation toys have a safe place to rest until your next adventure.



Sue Henderson
HVMCA Manager

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We are looking for a few residents to contribute articles about daily life in HVMCA.

HVMCA

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If you have something to share, please email it to heritagevillage@verizon.net.

You can receive this newsletter in your inbox! Just email us and we'll add your address to our list.



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