

**Sherwin Watson Resigned!**

Sherwin Watson resigned. Although he offered two weeks notice in order to facilitate a smooth handover, the Board told him not to bother coming back. However, before he left, Sherwin made sure that all capital projects earmarked for the next year would be carried out successfully with good contractors. He made sure that there was a viable working access agreement with Hillside Mortuary, & that the system devised to stabilize the wall was the most efficient. He also assured that both the contractor and structural engineer, now in place, were the best in the business.

Sherwin's Appreciation Dinner At Paco's Tacos on Friday, September 29th!

Many homeowners expressed great sadness in not being able to say "good-bye," or to thank Sherwin for all of his money saving efforts on our behalf. As a result, a "good-bye" get-together has been arranged for 7:30 p.m. this Friday evening, September 29th at Paco's Tacos on Manchester near Sepulveda. If you would like to attend also, please call (310) 985-3396.

Marshelle Wilson, Rodolfo Lopez & Herman Iniguez Are Also Gone

Sadly, Marshelle Wilson also chose to leave her job at Heather Village. She holds a Masters Degree and we know that she will be happily employed in any endeavor. We also lost Rodolfo Lopez in Maintenance. Rodolfo served at HVA for 26 years, and we will miss him! Security Officer Herman Iniguez was terminated for reasons the board could not disclose. Herman served at HVA for 6 years. Good luck, Marshelle, Rodolfo and Herman!

Next General Meeting: October 9th

The last General Meeting on September 20 was poorly attended. It is important to attend both general and open board meetings to know what is happening at HVA. The next open board meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27.

No "Financial Irregularities Found."

The new board spent the first 45 days of their term searching for "financial irregularities" of the prior board. None were found.

"Community Relations Committee" Given a Budget To Market to Realtors; Write Newsletter

The board approved a budget, the current amount of which is unknown, for creating a newsletter and marketing materials to help realtors sell units at HVA!

"Official" HeatherVillage.Org Web Site is Up!

Theresa Marino's husband created the web site and, according to Paul Freeman, the cost of the web site (including hosting and the Community 2.0 web template) is \$0. Sign up at <http://www.heathervillage.org>.

Board Tries to Shut Down the Yahoo Group!

The HVA Yahoo Group was founded in 2001 by a homeowner for homeowners to share information. The board paid HVA's lawyer to threaten the Group's moderator. Feel free to join the Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HeatherVillage/>.

Board To Hire A Contractor For Reserve Study, Rather Than Use HVA's "Experts In Residence".

The cost of hiring a Reserve Consultant will cost up to \$2,000. The (former) BFC commenced the preparation of the Reserve Study, but the board voted to hire an outside Reserve consultant instead.

Yahoo Group Looking For Volunteers.

Managing the Yahoo Group is becoming too difficult to manage by one person. The founder needs help verifying that people wishing to join are homeowners. Email heathervillage-owner@yahoo.com to help.

Board Says New Rules To Prevent Homeowners from letting their Cats go outside are coming!

It does not appear that the board is consulting with enough homeowners as to what their opinions might be. Debate on the issue is on the Yahoo Group.

Board Seeks To Put Teeth In 40Lb. Dog Rule

The board stated that they intend to enforce a CC&R provision that has not been enforced in at least 20 years; the prohibition of dogs larger than 40 lbs. The authors have no additional information at this time.

Legal Expenses Paid by HVA Are On the Rise

Legal expenses incurred by HVA for, among other things, the review of the board's new rule enforcement programs, trying to shut down the Yahoo Group, and other documentation, are increasing.

Insurance Premium Lowered, Coverage Increased

Thanks to Sherwin's impeccable record of avoiding claims, HVA's insurance premiums have dropped by \$17,000 and coverage has increased by \$4 million.

Elevators Repaired at 6355 and 6415

These elevators can now be used.

Engineer Says Rear Garage Will Cost Over \$200K

The cost to repair the wall was originally estimated at about \$115,000; but it now will increase to between \$200,000 and \$250,000 (to be raised by a special assessment), due to continuing deterioration. A temporary fix is being made until the repair work can be approved by the city.

Discussion Held On Yahoo Group Re: Converting Tennis Court to 38 Parking Spots

Homeowners held a lively discussion of the pros and cons of converting the tennis court back into parking spots and selling the spots. The original developers converted the parking spots into a tennis court over 30 years ago. 59 owners have only one parking spot.

Who Will Replace Sherwin & What Will HVA Pay?

According to the 2005 Survey of Onsite Property Managers, the average annual salary of on-site property managers for an HOA this size was around \$97,000. (Sherwin's salary was under-market at \$67,500.) The biggest complaint by the Concerned Homeowners Committee was that Sherwin was overpaid. Paul Freeman announced at the General Meeting last week that the board is looking at candidates for the general manager position, and that the new general manager's salary could be possibly up to \$95,000.

Mona's Real Estate Corner

13 HV units are listed for sale today, Sept 21. 7 HV units have sold since August 1, 2006; 6 units are currently in escrow. 32 HV units have sold in all of 2006, as per the MLS. Unit prices have dipped from 1.5% to 3.5% in recent months. Units are averaging 45 days on market, from a low of 20 days on the MLS to a high of 83 days on the MLS.

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