

The High Vista Amenity Association

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High Vista Amenity Association, Inc.

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Social Committee Newsletter

Please look for scheduled events, save the dates, policies clarified and more

The Social Committee and kids committee have been using your feedback from the Survey Monkey and other means to determine what types of events, food and experiences that the membership is looking for. We introduced our first Family style dinner and game night in February with a strong turn-out of over 60 members. Our first game was Family Feud and although there are a few kinks to work out, fun was had by all.

We also proposed having a talent show, initially to be held in March. We learned that there is some interest but it's going to take longer than we thought to round up enough "acts" and coordinate the show. Therefore we are going to postpone the show until May, which will allow us to garner more interest and give us enough time to plan a great show. In the event we do not have enough participants, we will replace it with another event.

All of the activities introduced late last year and this year are growing in participation. Trivia continues to be a popular activity and is held the 1st Friday of every month. This month it will be on Friday 2/7 at 7:00pm: Peter Black and Jay Ford are quizmasters. Beach Bingo continues to grow and has found a permanent spot on the calendar. We will hold this activity the 3rd Friday of every month. This month that will fall on 2/21 and the Gleydura's will be the callers. We will also continue Family style dinners and Game Night, which will be held on the 4th Friday of every month. Lastly, TGIF will start up again in April and will fall on the 2nd Friday of every month. We will continue our theme of having sponsorships for TGIF and therefore, please contact Mary Beth Ford if you are interested in being a sponsor. Information on being a sponsor can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

We are always looking for new ideas, improvements and a helping hand. Please consider joining the social committee, it's ok if you can't make every meeting, we'll take your insight when you are available! The social committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 9:00am. Currently we are meeting in the Laurel room until renovations are completed, but will resume meeting in the Cordell room after that.

Problems and Solutions:

Service standards with large crowds: We've had an event and activity where we ran out of seats and it was difficult for our staff to provide timely and/or quality food service. How can you help? RSVP "yes" to events if you plan on coming, we don't count a "maybe". How can we do better? We have expanded the seating set-up in the Laurel room to accommodate almost double the people and we will have buffets on busy nights to accommodate the crowd. For example, we had 80 people show up our last pull the joker and many couldn't eat or sit due to not having planned for that many. This will be remedied going forward.

Food minimum: There is much confusion on when, how, who etc regarding usage of member's food minimum, and for that we apologize. Please see page 2 for detail how your charged, expiration and when you can use it. It will also explain your options to pay annually or quarterly and the difference and benefits between the two.

Food minimum usage policy

There has been much confusion regarding when you can apply your food & beverage charges to your food minimum so we wanted to re-publish what the current policy is and share a new strategy that will allow some flexibility.

The current policy is that the food minimum can be used when eating in the pub and ordering off the pub menu. If there is an event where there is a special menu or buffet, your minimum cannot be used. Here's why: The minimum was set at it's current rate in order to protect the pub budget. This ensures that members have the pub available to them on the set days and nights with appropriate staffing.

When there is a "special" menu at an event, this means additional food inventory has been purchased and was not budgeted to be covered by the food minimum. This is why separate payment is required for these events.

However, based on member feedback, the social committee has partnered with the board and agreed that we will offer "special events" periodically which will allow members to charge the food to their minimum. To avoid further confusion, every EVITE going forward will list the acceptable forms of payment at the bottom of the invitation and highlight when the food minimum can be applied.

As always, beverages can be charged to your food minimum at any time and at all events.

Food and Beverage (F&B) Minimum Expiration: re-published for clarity

1. High Vista Amenities Association F&B minimum assessments are levied each quarter for the next fiscal quarter. In other words, Members pay into an account in advance for food and beverage they will consume in the future. These minimum pre-payments are designed to encourage Members to frequent our restaurant facilities on a regular basis, thus allowing the ability of management to better forecast staffing and food inventory requirements.
2. Since our Membership is relatively small in terms of the necessary potential patronage to maintain a successful food service business, we must all make a concerted effort to use up our F&B minimums each quarter. In fact, our model shows that if each Member eats in the Pub twice a month, we can maintain reasonable hours of operation while breaking even financially. Additionally, such patronage will necessarily improve our operation in terms of service and product, as the more we critically use it, the better it can become.
3. Therefore, the following policy will govern the expiration of F&B minimums:
 - *Regular Members have two options for payment/expiration:
 - If paying quarterly (\$100/qtr), minimums must be used up within the quarter of their billing; or,
 - If paying yearly (\$400 at the start of the FY), minimums must be used within that year.You will see both of these options April's Statement. If you would like to choose the Quarterly option send in the \$100, if you would like to choose the Annual option send in \$300.00.
 - *Due to the varying "on property" schedules of Part-time Members, their minimums will be collected annually (\$240 at the start of the FY), to expire at the end of that FY.
 - *Members with special circumstances may petition the Board of Governors for variances to the above.
4. Since the fiscal year has already begun, Regular Members who desire to pay annually, and Part-time members, will be billed for the remainder of the FY with their 2nd quarter assessment.

Big Thanks to those who helped out in February

A Big Thanks to our Trivia quizmasters for February. Although some feared all the questions would be female centric due to the quizmasters, they were pleasantly surprised to find gender neutral questions. Except for perhaps the sports category, which was called “Sports (ish)”!

Julianne Black and Mary Beth Ford

A Big Thanks to the Bingo facilitators this month. Thanks for contributing to getting this game off the ground. Our participation is growing- we had our biggest turn-out yet in January:

Tammy Robinson & Vicki Glass

A Big Thanks to all those who have continued to help with the pub renovation.

Very special thanks go to **Larry Rich, Grant Sassen, Ricky Sayle, Barry Copeland and Rusty Glass** for their “hard labor” in removing walls and carpet. Also our thanks to members of the Facility & Building Committee for their many hours of work in design, carpet and paint selection for the “soon to be new” Pub and Cordell spaces: **Ron Segall, Debra Campbell, Harry Philip, Lori Gaitley, Paul Lynch, Peggy Everhart, Bill Foisy, Vickie Glass, Sam Secrest and Michael Everhart for taking the lead!**

This month painting began and a big thanks goes out to Joan Higgs, Busy Hartzog and Jeanne Grasperge for their talent and hard work.

Interested in Sponsoring an Event? Here's how:

A sponsor is someone who may not have the time to plan or execute the details around an event but would like to contribute. They can make a donation to cover things such as a keg or entertainment or supplies for an event. Sponsorships generally are \$100. Our most sponsored event is TGIF. Two households generally go in together and buy 2 pony kegs for their fellow members. Members each bring an appetizer or dessert to the event so it can be a cost-free event for members to get to know each other and kick off the weekend in the Spring and Summer months. The social committee and staff will take care of the rest!

We are in need of sponsors for TGIF for the following months:

April	July
May	August
June	September

SAVE THE DATE: March/April

*Pull the Joker	Every Thursday	7:30pm (Laurel room)
*Trivia February Quiz Masters: Jason Ford & Peter Black	Friday, March 7th	7pm (Laurel room)
*Bingo March Caller and Checker	Friday, March 21 st Andy & Terri Gleydura	6 & 7:30PM (Laurel room)
*Sunday Brunch with Guest Chef	Sunday March 23 nd	Details to follow
*Craft beer tasting	Saturday April 5th	Details to follow
*Educational Program	Thursday April 17th	Details to follow
*Craft Show	October 11th	See details below

“High Vista’s got talent” and piano tuner needed!

We are postponing the talent show until May. We have a good start on the number of people interested in participating but not quite enough to put the show on in March. April is sprinkled with Spring Break so we are going to push it until May. Many interested in performing would like to do so on a piano. We have had the use of a piano offered to use, indefinitely, but need help transporting it to the Laurel room and tuning it. If you know how to tune a piano and are willing to donate that task to the POA, please contact Mary Beth Ford at marybethford@yahoo.com.

More details will follow regarding new dates for the talent show preparation and production.

**High Vista POA Craft Show
Save the date and start crafting to prepare!**

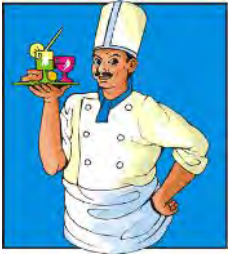
October 11th, 2014

Time: 11am-3pm

Open to POA crafters Cost for tables:

**\$10 members; Plus 5% of booth revenue
(this goes into the social committee for POA member benefit)**

Number of tables will be limited; If you'd like to reserve a table, contact Pam & Dick Moody at dpmoody@bellsouth.net or 828-707-1545

Join us for our monthly LADIES LUNCH**Thursday, March 13th***at 12 noon in the Laurel Room*

Chicken Marsala with fire roasted vegetables and warm chocolate chip cookies

\$12 inclusive of tax

Please make reservations by emailing [James Smoke](mailto:James.Smoke@poa.com) or by calling 891-1986 ext. 102

TEAM TRIVIA**Friday, March 7th***7 pm in the Laurel Room.*

Bring a team, or come by yourself and join a group.
Come have some fun!

Quiz Masters: Peter Black & Jason Ford

Yoga in the Laurel Room

Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 am

Just bring a mat and \$8. You'll really enjoy [Lynn Edgar's](#) training.

Join us for **EUCHRE** on

7 pm in the Laurel Room.

March 10th & 24th



For more information,
please contact
Larry Gaitley at 891-3608.

Pull the Joker

Every Thursday in Laurel room (during construction) at 7:30 pm

The High Vista POA Ladies Book Club

March 20th at Noon

A Short Time-by Terry Roberts-Sue Kamerick

Any questions, please call

Jeanne Ockers at (828) 490-4629

Beach BingoBingo- 3rd Friday of every month. Game at 6pm and 7:30pm

This month: March 21st

Andy and Terri Gleydura are the callers

Save the date: 10/11/14

High Vista POA Craft show

See page 4 for details

**Family style dinner and
Game Night**

Friday March 28th 6:30 pm

Game: TBD

Game Host: Gordan Steinberg

Details to follow in an evite

**Check out our Website
(click here)**

The current "place holder" on the POA website for Members is not currently active. As soon as it goes active, we will email or mail the login information to all active Amenity Members.

“Pull the Joker”

POA weekly fundraiser & activity: Thursday nights at 7:30pm

“Pull the joker” is a fund raiser for our POA. The funds that are kept will go into the social committee account and be used for activities and events for the benefit of the members. For example, the funds may offset costs for an event by sponsoring the music, drinks, decorations, other supplies. The split is 80/20; 80% of funds raised during the duration of that game go to the winning player. 20% goes to the social committee fund.

Instructions: The purpose of this game is to pull the joker out of a deck of cards. Each game will begin with a brand new deck of cards. Participants will purchase a raffle ticket each game night (every Thursday). The game host will draw a ticket and the holder of it will roll a pair of dice. They will then pull the number of cards that the dice equaled. The game host will then turn the cards over and if the joker was pulled, the ticket holder wins the pot. If the joker was not pulled that game is still in play and will continue the following week. Each participant will buy in again the following week and try again. The game will continue until the joker is pulled, allowing the pot to grow throughout the game. Once the joker is pulled a new game, with a new deck of cards will begin.

Details: The cost to buy-in each week is \$10 per adult for which you will receive a raffle ticket. Only one ticket per adult may be purchased. Ticket sales will begin at 7pm and the drawing will occur at 7:30pm. Once the ticket is pulled it will only take 5mins or so for the ticket holder to roll and pull the cards. We will hold this activity in the pub unless the number of participants outgrows it and/or renovations begin on the pub. In either case we will then hold Pull the joker in the Laurel room.

Rules:

*80% of pot goes to winner and 20% goes to the social committee account

***Members only (friends, guest or even non High Vista resident family members are not permitted to participate, they are welcome to come to the pub with you but are not eligible to purchase a ticket– this is for both legal reasons and to avoid conflict.)**

*the pot rolls over to the next week if there is no winner (if the joker is not pulled)

*The cards that are pulled each week are destroyed and discarded following the game; the balance of the deck is then used the following week and so on

*Must be 18 years or older to buy a raffle ticket

*Only one raffle ticket per adult

*Must be present to buy a raffle ticket (no pre-sales)

*Must be present to win

**Children may roll the dice for an adult but are not eligible for a raffle ticket or to win money*

Beach Bingo Rules and Instructions

***A minimum of 6 players are required for each game set**

*We will hold 2 game sets; the first at 6:00pm and the second at 7:30pm

***Each set cost \$10 to buy-in; this will serve as your entry fee to the game, additional sets of 6 sheets can be purchased for \$2 and can only be used those who have also purchased the original \$10 packet**

*Each *game* (6 games in a set) will pay-out *\$10 for a total of \$60 per set. In the event more than one person gets BINGO, they will split the prize

this amount is mandated by law with Beach Bingo (see below)

***You must be 18 years or older to play in the cash prize Beach Bingo game; children may play for free in the early game and with the “kid’s card” and will receive a non-cash prize if they get bingo.**

*Each game will have a “caller” and a “checker”. When someone calls out “Bingo”, the checker will come and validate the numbers

***The caller will choose 6 games to play and there will be copies of the games on the tables or overhead.**

*You may bring your own dauber or purchase one for \$2 which you can keep for future Bingo games

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9	10 9 Yoga 11 Tennis	11	12 9 Yoga 11 Tennis Noon—Mah Jongg Member Social Night	13 11 Tennis 12—Ladies Lunch 7:30 - Pull the Joker	14 11 Tennis Noon—Mah Jongg	15
16	17 9 Yoga 11 Tennis	18 6:30 pm Board Meeting	19 9 Yoga 11 Tennis Noon—Mah Jongg Member Social Night	20 11 Tennis 12 Book Club 7:30 - Pull the Joker	21 11 Tennis Noon—Mah Jongg 6 & 7:30— Bingo	22
23 Brunch with Guest Chef	24 9 Yoga 11 Tennis	25	26 9 Yoga 11 Tennis Noon—Mah Jongg Member Social	27 11 Tennis 7:30 - Pull the Joker	28 11 Tennis Noon—Mah Jongg 6:30 Family Style dinner and Game Night	29
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