



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Warmest greetings to all my fellow residents old and new. I hope you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

Thank you to everyone who cast a ballot in the November 26th members vote. Thanks also to Carol Najarian for chairing the election committee and those who volunteered to assist with that particularly vital role of assuring integrity in the voting process.

We are fortunate to have Jerry as our treasurer. Your Board and I are incredibly grateful to have someone with his talent and expertise managing our finances. Although I was out-of-state at the time, I was told that his financial forum on Thursday the 7th was attended by 60+ people and well received.

Unfortunately, the ballot measure to fully fund our community's 2025 budget did not achieve the 2/3rd majority necessary to pass. There will be a 5% increase in assessments effective January 1, 2025. The lack of additional funds will again force us to revisit the budget and make cuts where possible. Fair warning, there will not be enough money in the budget to move forward with many of the projects the board planned to improve our infrastructure and aesthetics of the community. All major recurring service contracts for 2025 have been completed. No change in providers will occur for next year. This will put undue pressure on your future Boards and cause you more in future assessments to play catch-up.

Because of the need for a Special Members Meeting to increase assessments, the 2025 budget has not been officially adopted. Per our Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2 (c), the budget will be adopted this month after it has been redone and approved by the Board. It will be available on the website and in the office. The Board is faced with many complex decisions to contain costs that are not already obligated by contract or in the reserve. However, with the costs of everything rising out of our control, we find it necessary to increase monthly assessments by 5% rounded down effective January 1, 2025.

A big thank you to Christine Taylor and all those who helped put together a successful Veteran's Day program. A special thank you also to all our veterans and their families for your service in preserving and protecting our country and the freedoms it provides.

Thank you, congratulations and much appreciation to Suzanne Hill for organizing, promoting, and producing a successful Holiday Market. It was well received by all who attended.

Thank you to Lisa Kelley and the Lodge Committee and everyone that participated in their hard work in planning and providing the community with a lasting memorial and recognition of our community's veterans.

Craig has resigned as chair of the Social Committee effective at the end of December. Many thanks to Craig and Carolyn who have chaired this committee for 2024. We received multiple offers to volunteer to chair the Social Committee, our thanks to all. The Board has selected Gloria Powell to chair this committee. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Gloria.

The social programs that are available to residents here are the culmination of efforts by a substantial number of volunteers. If volunteering to chair a committee is a bit too much for you, perhaps you could serve as a committee member. We have many committees in our community and maybe you could find a good fit for your talents or interests within one of them. The Board is actively recruiting for a Lawncare Chairperson to aid in maintaining the beauty of our neighborhood. Please contact Grady Haddox if interested.

We are also seeking a Chairperson for the Irrigation Committee. Please contact David Prestridge if interested. As a reminder, the Board is responsible for appointing the chairperson of all committees, but the chairperson is responsible for selecting their committee members.

He came into our world as humble and poor, the King of Kings, so we could have more.
Please love one another as you love yourself, was the message He spread and our
greatest wealth.

Christmas is a season for sharing and caring, for being with others and ugly sweater
wearing.

Christmas is a time for family and fun, a time to be joyous about errands we run.
Let us never forget those who are just one, as this time of year for them just may not be
fun.

Be kind. Be thoughtful. Be safe. Be well. It's time to help others out of their shell.

Every one of you are treasured, so let's work and stick together.

And this joining of forces will help us through all kinds of weather.

May hope of heart, and peace of mind, beside you ever stay,

And that's the wish we have for you, this Blessed Christmas Day.

I pray that you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. If you travel during this holiday period, I pray that you return safely.

God bless you all and God bless our Scenic Hills Community,
Greg Sebold, President