



*Where Flowers Bloom  
And Friendships Grow*

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**SCENIC HILLS COMMUNITY**  
**JANUARY 21, 2025**

The Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom. You can attend this meeting in person or electronically. The electronic link will be sent via email and posted on TownSq during the week before the meeting.

**2025 MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS**

The 2025 budget has been approved. That budget includes a 5% increase (rounded down) to the monthly assessments. The current 2024 assessment and the 2025 assessments, that will become effective on January 1, 2025, are listed below:

	<b><u>2024 Assessment</u></b>	<b><u>2025 Assessments</u></b>
A.	\$149.00	\$156.00
B.	\$317.00	\$332.00
C.	\$327.00	\$343.00
D.	\$338.00	\$354.00
E.	\$350.00	\$367.00
F.	\$361.00	\$379.00
G.	\$406.00	\$426.00
H.	\$423.00	\$444.00
I.	\$439.00	\$460.00
J.	\$455.00	\$477.00

If you are using direct debit as your method of payment, **no action is required**. If you use bank auto pay or credit card auto pay, please remember to **update the payment amount** when you are paying for January 2025. If you write a check, please use the amount as indicated above. Some of you will be paying for January 2025, at the end of December. Even though your check may be dated December 2024, please remember to pay the new 2025 amount. Jerald Sparenberg - Treasurer.

**SCENIC HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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**EDITORIAL POLICY FOR THE SCENE:**

**The Article deadline is no later than 15<sup>th</sup> of each month at 12 p.m.**

EDITORS NOTE: The accuracy of the dates and times of activities and meetings which appear in *The Scene* and on the monthly Calendar are the sole responsibility of the chairperson or organizer of that event. Make sure the office has any changes by the deadline for *The Scene* each month.

**Please submit articles via email to [jerriann@scenichillstx.com](mailto:jerriann@scenichillstx.com)  
All items need to be emailed.**

*Articles by residents and Letters to the Editor will be subject to editing or revision by the Editor to comply with the rules established by the Scenic Hills Board of Directors.*

**CART PATH SAFETY INITIATIVE UPDATE**

We are taking important steps to address the condition of our sidewalks and cart paths to ensure safety, accessibility, and financial stability for our community. Here’s what we’re doing to tackle this issue:

Professional Assessment - We’ve engaged professionals to evaluate the sidewalks and cart paths. They will provide a detailed report on the necessary repairs or potential removals. Once the evaluation is complete, we’ll share the findings with the community.

Prioritizing Repairs - Our focus will be on the most hazardous areas first, addressing tripping risks and steep slopes. Repairs are planned to begin in 2025, ensuring we have adequate time to plan and allocate resources. We be using our limited funds designated in our Reserve for these repairs and those in the future.

Temporary Safety Measures - While permanent repairs are planned, we’ll install warning signs or barriers in high-risk areas to reduce immediate dangers.

Community Updates - We are committed to keeping you informed about the progress and importance of these efforts to ensure safety and accessibility for all residents.

Insurance Review - We’re reviewing our insurance coverage to confirm it adequately protects against potential accidents in these areas and addressing any gaps.

Your safety and well-being remain our top priorities. Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we work to make Scenic Hills safer and more secure for everyone.

Your Board

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: FACEBOOK MANAGER NEEDED!**

Are you Facebook savvy and passionate about community engagement? Scenic Hills is relaunching our official Facebook Page and Group, and we’re looking for a volunteer to help manage these platforms! Working alongside committee chairs, this role involves sharing updates, promoting events, and fostering positive online interactions to keep our residents informed and connected.

Key Responsibilities:

- Post updates and announcements from our committees.
- Moderate the Group to ensure a welcoming and respectful space.
- Collaborate with committee chairs to highlight community activities.
- Time Commitment: 2-3 hours per week.
- Training and support will be provided.

Be part of shaping the online presence of our vibrant 55+ community! If you’re interested, contact Grady Haddox ghaddox58@gmail.com.

**UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR NEW DIRECTORS**

Elections for new members of the Scenic Hills Community Association Board of Directors are just around the corner! Each year the terms of two or three Board members end. Any member of the Scenic Hills Community Association may be nominated or may nominate themselves to fill the open position. This process ensures that we have ongoing community involvement and transparency, and that people with fresh ideas join the Board on a regular basis. In March 2025, we will have two vacancies to fill. Two committees are created when electing new Directors: The Nominating Committee and the Elections Committee. The primary responsibility of the Nominating Committee is to develop a slate of candidates to present to the current Board by

February 10<sup>th</sup>. They also organize and lead a “Meet the Candidates” forum in early March. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee is Suzanne Hill (queenofthehill8@hotmail.com). The primary responsibility of the Election Committee is to accurately and efficiently count the votes during the March Annual Meeting of Members to determine which candidates will become the new Directors.

Our desire is to have a Board of Directors that represents the whole community. It is also beneficial to the community to have a wide variety of skills represented on the Board. That’s where you come in. Would you like to be a part of leading Scenic Hills forward? Do you have ideas that will enhance our community? Do you know someone else in the community who would be a great Director? It’s time to nominate yourself or encourage someone else to become a candidate. Candidates must submit a resume to Jerriann that is no longer than one page. The resume should list your qualifications to serve as a Board member and tell us why you would like to be a Director. These resumes will be included with the March edition of *The Scene* but be sure to get them to Jerriann as soon as possible – we’d like to be able to announce the slate of candidates at our January Public Meeting.

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to talk to the Nominating Committee Chairperson or any Director. We are looking forward to a great slate of candidates.



**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Robert Cowan & Pia Caruso	2
Jerry & Norrene Mallams	3
Charles Cole & Lori Johnstone	7
Charles & Josefina Bell	16
Ed & Joan Lee	24



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Dana Giggy	1
Barbara Pirch	4
Christine Taylor	5
Tracy Hill	5
Joann Ensminger	6
Fred Gipson	8
Gloria Powell	11
Maria Sholtis	13
Lisa Kelley	15
Richard Perry	16
Ed Lee	17
Hazel Cooper	18
Dora Eason	18
Suzanne Dietzel	18
Patti Crawford	19
Sherri Gipson	20
Tina DeSalvo	23
Janet Willson	23
Josephina Bell	24
Skip Glenn	24
Elsie Hanaway	25
David Galloway	25
Norrene Mallams	27
Tommy Knight	28
Jack Rogers	29
Joan Lee	31

**EARLY FEBRUARY 2025 BIRTHDAYS**

Pia Caruso	1
Brenda LaSante	2
Bob Kelley	6

**CARING FRIENDS ♥**

Sandra Amundson	Thinking of you
Marty Danner	Thinking of you
David Hanaway	Thinking of you
Fran Rouchon	Thinking of you
Pat McMaster	Thinking of you
Mike Chachere	Thinking of you
Maribeth Likins	Thinking of you
Rick and Gloria Powell	Thinking of you
Mark Franko	Thinking of you
Shirley Schaecher	Thinking of you



**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**  
**YARD OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER 2024**

**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT** - Scenic Hills is alive with the spirit of Christmas, as our residents did an outstanding job decorating their yards for the holiday. This month's Yard of the Month comes alive at night with lots of beautiful lights. Join us in congratulating Betsy and Mark Bitter at 3648 Fox Run as our December Yard of the Month. We will be choosing the next Yard of the Month on February 10<sup>th</sup>.



**SCENIC HILLS BINGO IN 2025 WILL BE THE FIRST FRIDAY**

Bingo has a new place on the 2025 calendar and it's the first Friday of the month. **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** will lead the way until big prize money will go to someone lucky on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Sharole Beckman was the last big winner, and she won \$500. Prizes are bigger when more participate. Bingo is not just for residents but friends and family (grandchildren) too. Bingo is now under new "management" and so the new bingo bosses are the Activities Committee with Earl and Christine Taylor leading. Mark your 2025 calendar for February 7<sup>th</sup>.

# Just Dancing!

That's all it is!

No theme! No food! No cost!  
*We'll play all kinds of music  
for all kinds of dancing!*

January 23rd at 7pm.

We'll bring the music –  
all kinds of music  
for all kinds of dancing!  
BYOB or snacks if you like.  
(Just remember –  
you bring it, you clean it up!)



Line, Rock-n-Roll, Slow, Ballroom, Country!  
We'll have music for it all!

Contact Janie Elliott or Sandy Hovatter with questions or suggestions.



**AUTHOR'S  
CORNER FOR  
JANUARY 2025**

Come on in and enjoy the books that have been added to your Library. We hope we have something for everyone. Enjoy!

We appreciate someone leaving a suggestion in our basket. If anyone else has a suggestion, fiction only, please take a moment and put it in our basket on the table in the library.

Donna Ireland - Library Committee

**CHRISTMAS SEASON WAS BRIGHTER  
BECAUSE OF VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you community volunteers who made Scenic Hills a special 2024 holiday neighborhood. First thanks to the hosts of our Progressive Open House event: Nancy Harwell, Mark and Betsy Bitter, Gary and Joann Ensminger did an outstanding job. We appreciate Neil Sorenson and Brad Weberg for organizing the Scenic Hills Chorus for Christmas Carols. Thank you, Suzanne Dietzel, for leading our 12 days Christmas skit and the line dancers. Thank you, Maxie Bailey, for the art show participants. Most of all, thank you Activities Committee workers: Gloria Powell, Kari Flanagan, Mary Lewis, Othann Warner, Nancy Harwell, Sandy Hovatter, Bonnie Galloway, Janie Elliot, Maria Sholtis, Dora Eason, Linda Ward, Amelia Courser, and others such as all who donated cookies. **Christine Taylor - Activities Committee Chair**



The Staff here at Scenic Hills would like to take this opportunity to give a huge thank you for the kindness and generosity of this wonderful community that we love working for. We are thankful and feel extremely blessed Jerriann, Christie, and Alan.

**RENTING SCENIC HILLS FACILITIES**

The Board has explored various strategies to generate additional revenue through facility rentals. After thorough evaluation, the Board has chosen to maintain the current resident-exclusive rental model. This approach ensures operational costs are covered without generating a surplus, aligning with SHCA's commitment to affordability and accessibility for all residents.

While the possibility of renting facilities to external parties was considered, it was ultimately deemed impractical due to significant legal, financial, and staffing challenges. These challenges include liability risks, substantial program setup costs, and increased strain on limited resources, which collectively outweigh the potential benefits.

The Board remains dedicated to identifying alternative revenue opportunities that align with the community's values and operational capabilities. Our focus will continue to prioritize efficiency, transparency, and the well-being of our residents.

For additional details on this decision, please visit the Resident Portal under Board Initiatives.

**The Scenic Stumble**

In Scenic Hills, the views are grand,  
But watch your step where you might land.  
The sidewalks slope, the grades are steep,  
And trip hazards lurk where shadows creep.

A crack, a bump, a sneaky ridge,  
Turns a casual stroll to a balancing bridge.  
The cart paths twist, the curbs incline,  
It's like an adventure, but less divine.

So, lift those feet, don't drag them low,  
Or you'll meet the pavement, toe to nose.  
Stay sharp, stay steady, and heed this rhyme—  
Because tripping's no fun the second time!



## **IRRIGATION**

During the Public Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, December 17, 2024, SPP 4.11, Requesting Additional Irrigation was approved. As noted in a recent email blast, enhancements were made to the program. Participants will receive priority for resident system repairs. Due to these changes the submittal date has been extended from December 31, 2024 to January 30, 2025. For questions text David Prestridge at 512-658-0804.

In December we had 23 work orders put in with 22 completed. That's 662 for the year with 42 open work orders.

## **FALLING LEAVES AND A LITTLE PATIENCE**

Good news, Scenic Hills neighbors! With most of the leaves still clinging to the trees, there's no need to rush out with your rakes—our lawn care contractor has it covered. The big leaf cleanup will happen after the majority have fallen, likely late December or early January. In the meantime, let's take a moment to enjoy the beautiful fall colors gracing our community. Nature's putting on a show, so sit back, relax, and let the pros handle the hard work. Sometimes, patience really is the best yard tool!

## **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Each resident needs to secure ACC approval before making any changes to the exterior of their property. You may reach out to Ann McMaster ann.scenic hills@gmail.com with any questions.

Applications are available online on the SHCA website or in person with Jerriann. All applications must be submitted in person or via email to Jerriann with samples and detailed description.

In 2024, 61 ACC applications were received and processed with only 4 being declined. Thank you to all our residents for providing such

detailed information on your application. It made the decision process a smooth one.

As always, our next meeting is Monday, January 6th. Applicants are welcome to attend.

## **UPDATE ON SCENIC HILLS - FACILITIES PROJECTS**

The attached project list gives account of what has been done, in consideration of pursuing, and essential repairs required to maintain operations.

1. Installed gazebo light & outlet (NO cost to community).
2. Installed new "Welcome" sign to the lodge (NO cost to community).
3. Repaired & ensured all exterior electrical boxes are functional.
4. Pursuing insurance settlement for Mimosa. Need to get new proposals for an updated repair plan.
5. Discussed expansion of storage in enclosed area behind the kitchen for better use for decorations, furniture, etc.
6. Discussed possible expansion and inclusion of storage containers within the RV lot.
7. Discussed possible change of lights at the RV lot and guardhouse.
8. Informed that work has started repairing support posts on the shuffleboard shelters.
9. We are pursuing bids for attic insulation at the lodge.
10. Discussed a plan of action for getting electric resolution at the gate entry walls for new lighting.
11. Getting sidewalk assessment on condition and essential needs to pursue for safety.
12. Getting bids for sewer line repairs from kitchen out to main line.
13. Getting GVEC electrical to run new power lines to Ballroom A/C units (currently these lines are destroyed from shorting out).

Facilities Committee



## **COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT**

**POTLUCK** – There will be no Potluck in January! We look forward to seeing you all in February.

## **GAME NIGHT EACH WEDNESDAY AT 6:00**

We meet in the poker room. Everyone is welcome. Some games we are currently playing are 42, Spinner, Mexican Train, Rummy Cube, Cribbage, Hand and Foot, and Pinochle.

No matter the number of people we have there is always room for more. No experience necessary. We can teach you the games you are interested in, or bring a new game idea, as we are always open to new games. Come out to mix, mingle and enjoy snacks.

**GAME DAY EACH MONDAY AT 2:00** - We are meeting at a new time! We meet in the poker room, there is no weekly commitment. We play all types of cards, and games to include board games. Come out to see what we are playing each week. Multiple tables mean multiple games to choose from. We are always open to learning new games if you are willing to teach, stop on by. We always have plenty of room for you. We play for fun, laughter, and bragging rights.

## **ACTIVITIES AT THE LODGE** **ONGOING ACTIVITIES:**

**42 DOMINOS** – Starting in January 2025, 42 will be played more mornings and not just Fridays. Come to the game room at 8:00 a.m. to join in.

**BUNCO** – Come play on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Carol Najarian (210) 651-3880 or Donna Ireland (210) 918-0086, if you are interested in playing, learning, and/or substituting, by Wednesday afternoon. This way there will be a place for everyone.

**CHICKEN FOOT** – Chicken Foot every second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

**DINE-OUT** – 2025 is going to be a year for changes. Dining Out has been switched to the fourth Tuesday of each month. In January we will be mixing things up completely. We will be dining out at Grumpy's located at 18817 FM 2252, San Antonio, for BRUNCH at 11:00 a.m. Meals are priced between \$10 to \$18. Let me know if you need a ride. Please RSVP by either calling or texting Debbie Gnuschke at (361) 492-9547. Make sure you bring your appetite!

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** – Come join the Ladies Bible Study that is reconvening on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Tea room.

**Meditation** - We will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the exercise room on Monday's. Just wear comfortable clothes, chairs will be available, and if you have a meditation cushion(s) feel free to bring them. Any questions, please TEXT Bonnie at (956) 286-6531.

**SCENIC HILLS ARTISTS** - This group will now be meeting in the art room every Monday at 9:30 a.m. Artists come and paint with us! Questions call Maxie Bailey (210) 861-7624.

**SCENIC HILLS WINE AT 5:00** – For an evening of fun, laughter, and great company, come and join us on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Scenic Hills Ballroom. Come to enjoy what wine reserves we already have or feel free to bring your choice of beverage (tea, water and lemonade will be provided). Please bring a dish you would like to share. Donations would be appreciated!

**STAINED GLASS** - Every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Call Maxie Bailey (210) 861-7624 if you have any questions.