

HUNTER VALLEY NEWS

Hunter Valley Townhome Owners Association Newsletter

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Be a Good Neighbor

Owners are responsible for the upkeep of the back yard of their home (fenced area). This becomes a problem if it is neglected causing large weeds which dry out and become a fire hazard for you and your neighbor's home. There are drip lines in the back yard areas that are easily damaged during gardening and construction projects. Please be careful when doing work in the back yard area because damage causes expensive water loss. If you need assistance maintaining the turf in your personal yard, or see a leak in the irrigation, our landscape provider, The Lawn Firm, can assist for a reasonable cost. Tom Monks is the contact and can be reached at 817-545-6396.

Trash—Please remember that trash should be bagged and tied so it doesn't blow around out neighborhood. Boxes should be empty, flattened, and put under a bag to anchor them. See the Irving website for more information about trash pick up at <http://tx-irving.civicplus.com/542/Refuse-and-Garbage-Collection>

"If the human mind was simple enough to understand, we'd be too simple to understand it"

- Emerson Pugh

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6 (Tuesday) In conjunction with National Night Out, Hunter Valley will have a pot luck get together at 6 PM. Please join us and bring your favorite dish to share.

October 13 (Tuesday) Annual Homeowners Meeting. Annual Board Elections will take place at this meeting. Expect an official notice by mail.

November 17 (Tuesday) Quarterly Board Meeting. Owners welcome to attend



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2015-2016 SEASON

A MUSICAL CELEBRATION

 **IRVING**
symphony orchestra
Hector Guzman, Music Director

Irving Symphony Begins New Season

Whether you enjoy great classical music, or you want the opportunity to audition to play in a professional group, the Irving Symphony Orchestra is our local masterpiece. Organized in 1961, it has flourished under the baton of Maestro Hector Guzman for the past 23 years. Maestro Guzman holds degrees from the Conservatory of Music in Mexico City, SMU and UNT and has studied with many illustrious conductors. Maestro Guzman has guest conducted in the United States, Mexico, Japan, Italy, Dominican Republic, Korea, Poland and Spain.

The Irving Symphony proudly performs the 2015-2016 Season: "A Musical Celebration". The first concert of the season is the **ALL TCHAIKOVSKY FEST** featuring Elena Baksht at the piano, beginning October 10th. The Irving Symphony has eleven performances this season, including six concerts in its subscription season, for multi-media free youth concerts for more than 6,000 fifth and seventh graders, as well as free family, community and educational events. To see the remaining concerts in the season, go to <http://www.irvingsymphony.com/concerts-tickets.html>.

All subscription concerts will take place at the Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. Macarthur Blvd. Irving, TX 75062. It is definitely worth the trip! To order tickets by phone please call the ISO at 972-831-8818 or Irving Arts Center Box Office at 972-252-2787.

Who Remembers Ring around the Rosy?

Connections to the Bubonic Plague (Black Death)?

The words to the Ring around the rosy children's ring game have their origin in English history. The historical period dates back to the Great Plague of London in 1665 (bubonic plague) or even before when the first outbreak of the Plague hit England in the 1300's. The symptoms of the plague included a rosy red rash in the shape of a ring on the skin (Ring around the rosy). Pockets and pouches were filled with sweet smelling herbs (or posies) which were carried due to the belief that the disease was transmitted by bad smells. The term "Ashes Ashes" refers to the cremation of the dead bodies! The death rate was over 60% and the plague was only halted by the Great Fire of London in 1666 which killed the rats which carried the disease which was transmitting via water sources. The English version of "Ring around the rosy" replaces Ashes with (A-tishoo, A-tishoo) as violent sneezing was another symptom of the disease.



Ring around the Rosy

DANGER: Children Playing

What a wonderful place we have in Hunter Valley! Clean and well kept, and enjoyed by many young families who are living in their first homes. In the time since we have been built, many children have been born and now are grown enough to be outside playing. Though they play on the sidewalks and lawns, I have seen them dart into the streets to get an errant ball or a playful puppy. What a tragedy it would be if one of these beautiful children would be struck by a car. **PLEASE BE CAREFUL.** The speed limit on the streets is 30 MPH and 10 MPH in the alleys, but please limit your speed to what is safe for the children. If you have to slam on your brakes, or dodge into the lawn to avoid a collision, you are going too fast even if your are within the limit. ***Parking on the street also is a danger because it may hide a playing child!!***

INSURANCE CONCERNS

Should I get earthquake insurance? Do I need special insurance because I live in a townhome with an HOA? These are questions coming up again and again during the year of the earthquakes. Of course, everyone needs homeowners insurance, even if they rent.

For owners, another policy that is recommended is “Loss Assessment Coverage”, which will reduce personal risk in the event of a major problem, such as a hail-storm that requires roof replacement for our 17 buildings. Our HOA insurance has a deductible portion which must be paid by homeowners if the HOA is not sufficiently funded to pay it. Loss Assessment Coverage may reduce your risk. Regarding earthquake insurance, the best bet is talk to your insurance agent about what

Hunter Valley Townhomes, A Great Place to Call Home!!

A man is flying in a hot air balloon and realizes that he is lost. He reduces his height and spots a man below. He lowers the balloon farther and shouts, “Excuse me! Can you tell me where I am?” The man below says: “Yes, you’re in a hot-air balloon, hovering 30 feet above this field.” “You must be an engineer,” says the balloonist. “I am,” replies the man, “How did you know?” “Well” says the balloonist, “everything you have told me is technically correct, but it’s no use to anyone.” The man below says, “You must be a politician.” “I am” replies the balloonist, “but how did you know?” “Well” says the man below, “you don’t know where you are or where you’re going, but you expect me to be able to help. you’re in the same position you were before we met, but now it’s my fault”

Why not Recycle? Like the man in the balloon, we don’t know exactly where we are going because of climate change and overuse of natural resources, but we know it’s our fault. We all know that our natural resources and our trees are being used up, and that without a change in the way we live, future generations may have a devastated world to survive in. We can slow the inevitable, hopefully until science finds alternate materials which do not deplete our planet.

That’s why good citizens of the Earth recycle. All it takes is a receptacle with a blue bag in it. Put paper, unbroken glass and metal cans in it, and put the blue bag out beside the trash on Tuesday morning. If you recycle boxes, flatten them and put them under the blue bag (boxes out on Fridays are not recycled). Isn’t that an easy way to be a good patron of our planet? Blue bags are available in all rec centers for a nominal fee. Boxes containing materials are often left by the trash crew because there is not time to check if the contents are recyclable. See more details at <http://tx-irving.civicplus.com/546/Recycling>.

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HOMEOWNER WEBSITES

Primary Website:

www.huntermvalleyhoa.com

Used for community specific info such as events, notices, etc. Will be seeing updates soon. See a board member for login instructions if you can’t log on.

Management Website:

www.sbbmanagement.com

Used for management info such as assessment accounts, financials etc.

