

President's Message

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Lights on PLEASE:

One reason for vandalism is because the area is darker than most because of its location. This could be changed VERY easily if residents would turn on their garage lights. Last summer I along with another resident spent two days replacing bulbs in all the garage fixtures. While it did help, it wasn't what we had hoped for, because people refused to turn them on. If even half the residents would turn their garage lights on it would dramatically help light up the areas and lessen the risk of break ins. PLEASE, turn on your outside garage lights.

Website:

Due to a computer crash the website had been static, meaning it had not been updated. I completely rebuilt the site and you can see the new look at www.hanoversquare.org.

Dumpsters & Trash:

An unfortunate accident involving a resident's car and the dumpster corral by 7607 destroyed the dumpster corral. According to village building code, because the corral was more than 50% damaged it had to be rebuilt with cinder blocks. This was not a cheap repair. But fortunately because it was a unit owner's fault, it was charged back to him for the repairs.

Another dumpster corral by 1305 that was damaged by our trash collector may also need to be replaced. One option we are looking at is whether we can just place a larger dumpster in the 1304 corral and eliminate the 1305 dumpster corral all together.

While on the subject of dumpsters.. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE make sure your garbage is INSIDE the dumpster. I have to walk the complex with a shovel and clean up the garbage left on the ground. If you are caught not putting your trash in the dumpster you WILL be issued a \$50 fine. Have some pride in where you live.

Driveways:

We are currently looking into several options concerning the driveways. Whether to patch, repave certain parts or repave all and what the costs are. No time line as of yet for this work but we will update when we have more information.

New Board member:

I'd like to say THANK YOU to Denise Mays. She served on the Board from 2000 to 2005 as Vice President. Denise moved and resigned from her position on the Board earlier this year. She was a very important and respected Board member and Hanover Square resident. We wish her all the best in her new home. THANK YOU DENISE.

Let's WELCOME our new Board member, Bryna Schmidt. Bryna was elected to the Board and appointed Vice President in May of this year. She is an onsite unit owner and a very active resident in the community. I'm happy she is on the Board and I look forward to working with her to improve Hanover Square. Please stop and say hello when you see her walking around.

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Manager's Message

by Valerie Hodge

It's spring and if you didn't do it last fall now is the time that all homeowners need to pull any annual flowers they may have planted last year to beautify your home.

Please remember to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. Fire Prevention recommends that you do this every six months.

If you are an absentee homeowner, the management office needs to have a copy of the current lease and emergency numbers on file. If the management office does not have a current lease on file, you could be assessed a fine in the amount of \$50.00 for noncompliance.

All homeowners need to have a certificate of insurance on file in the management office. Notices were mailed out regarding this issue. Failure to comply will result in a fine being assessed of \$500.

We have received numerous complaints regarding trash that was left outside the dumpsters. Homeowners/residents must place all garbage inside of the dumpster. This includes the disposal of furniture. All appliances must be called in for a special pickup. There is an additional fee for this, which the homeowner is responsible for.

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9.1 Miles

by Larry M. Adrian

What did you do last summer?

I've been a bicycle rider for a big part of my adult life. I do most of my riding in the Ned Brown forest preserve (Busse Woods), which is near my house. Lots of people use this trail for running, bicycling, inline skating, hiking and sight seeing. It's fairly easy to distinguish the casual exercisers from the committed.

I've been riding this trail for 25 years, some years more than others. Many times I've had to get back into riding shape after other priorities kept me from riding. The last time I made a comeback from a long layoff I had all I could do to ride 4 miles and average 8 miles an hour on my first ride. But with a steady riding schedule I worked my way back up to an average speed of 12, 15 and then 16.5 miles an hour.

Last year was a good year of riding for me and I averaged over 17.5 miles per hour for the last 1,000 miles I rode. When you consider the top riders in the Tour de France (the Tour) time trials can average around 35 miles per hour over similar terrain you realize there is no way I will ever join the fraternity of bicycling immortals. My longest single ride last year was 40 miles in 2 ½ hours, not even one day's ride in the Tour.

The Gerics & the Big Dogs:

I try to avoid riding during the mid-part of the day to avoid the hordes of people in the park so they don't interfere with my riding routine.

The early shift (7-10am) is the geriatric crowd. This time of the day I am usually the youngest geriatric on the trail and also the fastest. You have to give these Gerics credit they earn the right to have their Cheese Danish and Coffee with cream and sugar without guilt.

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