

The Hanover Square News

Hanover Square Condominium Association

Editor's Message

Hidden Fun in Trash

Recently on a hot day, I pulled into Hanover Square and was greeted by the sight of dumpsters overflowing, so much so, items were left along side of them as there was not enough room in the dumpsters for everything.

I went over to take a look and it seemed that most of the space in the dumpsters was taken up by a few large items, a large cardboard box, a bookcase, a large wicker basket, etc. Outside one dumpster was a bureau about 3' high, 6' long and 2' deep, laid on its back drawers missing and becoming a receptacle for trash itself.

This dumpster appeared full, but on closer inspection you could see space and plenty of it under the bookcase but it was unusable as the bookcase was covering it. If the bookcase had been standing upright the space would have been accessible.

There were a couple of items on top of the bookcase so I couldn't stand it upright. I pulled out my trusty 2 pound hammer and went to work breaking down the bureau. Less than 10 minutes later, I had disassembled the bureau and slipped it's parts into the cracks around the bookcase.

Shortly the refuse service arrived and emptied the dumpsters taking with them the trash that would have been left laying around for a few more days until someone got them in the dumpsters.

Dumpster space is a scarce resource and it is a shame to waste it. We pay to have a full dumpster's worth of trash hauled away and if a dumpster is only 1/2 full we are paying twice what we should for it.

It didn't take me long to reduce a bureau from an object taking up 18 cubic feet to pieces taking up about 3 cubic feet and to top it off, I actually found breaking up the bureau was a bit of fun.

Larry M. Adrian

President's Message

Half of 2003 is now behind us and with the exception of a few setbacks things are going well here in Hanover Square.

Lets talk about the setbacks first and get them out of the way so we can focus on the GOOD things.

Vandals at work:

Two of the new trees planted along Kingsbury Dr. by the village were pulled down by vandals as well as our street signs across from Ranger Park. We also had some kids pull down and destroy a light pole near 1311 Kingsbury. This pole will be replaced and cost charged back to those involved in the incident.

Insurance Premiums:

We got the renewal notice for the property and liability insurance for our complex, and because of the fire at 7601 they raised the premium \$15,000. We are now paying \$59,000 a YEAR for insurance. This is a reason we are SOOOOOO strict with many of the rules here, especially those concerning safety. When we have a claim, the rates go up and WE ALL HAVE TO PAY MORE!

Golden gloves it ain't:

Kids will be kids, and we have had a few major fights in Hanover Square in the past few months. The Management and Board have talked to all parties involved and made it clear to them that this type of behavior will not be tolerated. We have indicated that we will do whatever it takes to make sure it doesn't happen again, assuring that there will be severe consequences if it does.

Hot Rods:

In the last few months I had been approached by several residents not only of Hanover Square, but also of Larkspur concerning the "Car Show" at the McDonalds near the intersection of Bristol Lane and Barrington Road. Specifically concerns of speeding and disruptive actions of the people involved. Many residents are no longer going to this location because of these events.

As you may already know, a large group of younger drivers congregate there every weekend to show off their cars, hang out and have a good time. While many are respectful and don't cause problems, a small group of them do and some very serious problems at

that.

They have been loud, rude to other customers, been caught drinking and partaking in other drugs while there, as well as speeding in the parking lots and down Bristol and Kingsbury. At times they have made it almost impossible for anyone to get into McDonalds to get food when the "car show" is going on. It has gotten so big that it has overflowed into the parking lots of the Tradewinds shopping center and Krispy Kream, causing them to loose business.

August 1st, I along with Larkspur president Shirley Pitsenbarger, Police Chief Ron Moser, Krispy Kream manager Marty Smith, Tradewinds manager, Patrick Campe, and McDonalds operator Thomas Brown and manage James White, had a meeting at McDonalds to discuss the situation and come up with solutions to correct the problems associated with this show.

We all voiced or concerns and feelings and believe we have all agreed to help in any way we can. McDonalds said that they do not sponsor this show and will take steps to help eliminate the people causing problems. Corrective actions will include looking into hiring security and working with the police and setting guidelines for its weekend patrons. Krispy Kream will do the same. The police will do what they can to deal with the issues that come under their jurisdiction such as unsafe driving, disturbing the peace, etc. Shirley and I plan to work closely with all involved and offer any assistance we can provide.

We hope that in the near future you will see the efforts pay off and see a dramatic improvement. We hope you will continue to patronize OUR neighborhood McDonalds.

Home Prices:

We were shooting to get the 2 bedroom units selling for over \$100,000 by the end of this year. Well it's only August and they're already there! We had two 2 bedroom units sell for over \$104,000 and one has a contract pending and two others are on the market. The three bedroom units are now selling for over \$140,000. If we all keep working together, values will keep going up!
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

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Our Mission: to provide a good place to live