

# The Hanover Square News

Hanover Square Condominium Association

## Editor's Message

### Learning from the Sims

Are you ever puzzled about rules that are implemented around here?

Ever wonder why our funds don't seem to stretch to do the jobs you think should be done?

Is it a mystery to you why law and order can't seem to be maintained in our neighborhood.

It took me a while but I finally discovered that when I understood why someone made a particular decision, once I understood the logic behind their decision, living with it was much easier. I could handle it even if I did not agree with their position.

You can get a real appreciation for what it takes to run a community and the balancing act that must be performed to keep everything running by playing the Sim City computer game.

In this game you are the mayor of a town and must make all sorts of decisions that would concern a mayor. Issues such as granting zoning to allow different types of property to be build in different areas, setting tax rates for the property and people, locating of police stations, hospitals, parks and utility services.

Build lots of housing but not enough industry and the houses will remain empty because people don't have jobs and thus the money to buy a house.

Ignore police and you may end up with crime areas that devalue parts of the city and cause companies to leave.

Raise taxes too high and people move out so you don't collect the amount of taxes you expected and need.

A few weeks playing this game and you might be well qualified to run the association. At the very least you may get some appreciation for what the Board deals with and besides it's fun.

Larry M. Adrian

## President's Message

We are now a month into the New Year and things are already off to a great start.

### *7601 Repairs:*

Work is going well on the 7601 building. All windows have been installed, garage doors and openers are installed, furnaces are in and installation of the ductwork is near completion. Dry-wall is being installed as I write this report. Barring any further delays all work should be done by mid to late February.

### *Roof Survey Meeting:*

The board members and management met with Style construction on Jan 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the findings of the roof survey of the complex that Style conducted for us last fall. We reviewed the condition of the individual roofs and identified roofs that had critical problems that need to be addressed first. We also discussed what our options are for repairing and replacing the roofs. Please take a look at the roofing project article for more details on this.

### *Resident of the Year Award:*

Dave Banister a renter of 1311A Kingsbury was presented with our first ever "Resident of the Year" award and a gift certificate for Home Depot at the January meeting. The board of directors decided on awarding Dave this honor because of all the volunteer work he has done for the residents of Hanover Square over the last year.



Dave has helped his neighbors with drywall, done electrical work for them and even helped them with their computers. He also helped with many other projects such as repair and replacement of area lights, improving water drainage in the complex and improvements to security for the area. He has done all this work for free, in fact, he has paid for some materials he used for these projects out of his own pocket.

Why? Because he believes you get out of your community what you put in. Even though he is

not an owner here he is proud of his neighborhood and wants to help make it even better. Take the time to say Thank You to Dave and congratulate him.

### *Street Lights:*

Other exciting news is the installation of new street lights. You have heard us mention these in the past, well now they are installed and working. These two street lights have made a HUGE difference in the areas surrounding them that were formerly very dark. We will be attempting to get a few more street lights from the village this year. We also hope to persuade the village to install two new stop signs on Kingsbury near our complex to help slow down the speeding traffic on this street.

### *Property Values:*

Thanks to the efforts of Dave and other dedicated residents of Hanover Square property values have continued to rise over the last year. Two bedroom units are now selling in the high \$90s and three bedroom units are selling for the high \$120s and the signs are that property values will be going up in the future. Keep up the good work guys.

The year is off to a great start and I hope to see many more improvements this year with all your help.

Tom Schaefer

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