

The Hanover Square News

Hanover Square Condominium Association

Editor's Message

Count to 10 first

Did you hear about the woman who bought a ham and prepared it for cooking. She cut the ham in half and put each half in a pan. Her visiting friend asked why she cut the ham into halves and she replied "that is the way we have always done it".

The woman and her friend decided to call the woman's sister to find out why they cooked hams this way. Her sister said that was the way they had always done it and suggested they ask mother.

They called mother to find out why they cut the ham into halves to cook it and mother said that was the way they had always done it.

So they finally called grandmother to ask her why they cooked hams this way. Grandmother said she cut the ham in half because she didn't have a pan big enough to hold the whole ham.

It's interesting how we apply what we learn, how we accept opinions without question and how this process can proliferate from person to person. Oddly, this seemingly irrational behavior could be just an unavoidable side effect of our learning process.

Now the way I understand it, our minds work on two levels, conscious and subconscious. The conscious level is slower but able to analyze various non-uniform data and draw conclusions from this analysis, while the subconscious mind is faster but cannot do the complex analysis and pretty much does what it has been programmed to do.

When we need to do something we have previously learned, like ride a bicycle, our conscious mind just sends the "ride" command to our subconscious mind and the subconscious goes to work controlling our body to ride the bicycle, leaving our conscious mind free to ponder other issues.

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President's Message

7601:

By the time you read this, the reconstruction of the 7601 building will be complete. Yes, it took ten months, but when you have to deal with insurance companies, fire investigators, village inspectors, etc it takes time. Now it is all done and looks great.

You may notice a few changes were made to the 7601 building during reconstruction. The siding is vinyl instead of aluminum and any face brick siding was replaced with vinyl siding. The windows were replaced with clad windows, so now there is no exposed wood to maintain. Also the garage windows were removed and replaced by siding. These changes were made to help reduce future maintenance cost and to give a much, needed facelift to the building.

7601 along with 7603 now make our complex look a bit nicer. Take a walk by this building and have a look. During the reconstruction all 6 garage lights were on and that made a HUGE difference in the look and feel in the area. The more lights that are on the better the complex looks and the less chance of any crime being committed. Simple fact, criminals don't like being seen, when lights are on there is a greater chance they would be!

Future Plans:

After we finish the roof replacements and reconstruct the drives we plan on re-siding all the remaining buildings.

Personally, I think the siding would be a much more noticeable upgrade to our complex and will increase the values more than the roofs and driveways, but sadly these two projects must be done first as the roof and drives are in desperate need of work. Over the coming years you will see progress being made on these projects. This work is going to cost quite a bit, but it will improve the functionality and looks of our complex and will greatly increase the property values.



Garbage:

Well I hate to bring it up again but it must be said, PLEASE make sure your garbage goes into the dumpsters. Do not just toss it over the top of the dumpster corrals. Not only does this make the neighborhood look bad, but it costs ALL of us. The garbage men do not get paid to pick trash up off the ground so we end up hiring someone to clean up the mess. This is money we need for other things such as improvements to lighting and security. Please make sure all your garbage goes into the dumpsters.

Street Lights, etc:

We had two streetlights installed and some trees planted in the easement by the village. These are improvements to our complex that were installed at village expense. We sent letters to the village thanking them for these improvements and hope they will be willing to help us with other improvements such as a few more street lights and stop signs at the corners. These should further improve the look and safety of our complex.

Neighborhood Watch:

Well spring is on its way and with it comes the start of our neighborhood watch program. This year we are lucky to have Troy Farmer of 7606 C and Dave Banister of 1311 A as co-heads of this program. Please contact either of them to find out about joining the program. You will be surprised to find out how much difference this program and you can make in our neighborhood. Along with the security we hire, the neighborhood watch is a great way to keep our neighborhood safe.

Spring Cleanup:

During the winter garbage just lays on the ground because of the snow and ice and because its just plain cold and no one wants to take the time do pick it up. So I am asking that when the weather warms up, PLEASE take the time to pick up your front yard. Take some pride in our neighborhood and help make it look nice.

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