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If we assume the project will cost \$250,000 today we can roughly calculate that it would take a 1-time payment of \$1,736.12 from each unit to raise this amount. The monthly payment would be \$144.68 if we spread the payments over 1 year, \$48.23 if we spread the payments over 3 years and \$28.94 if we spread the payments over 5 years.

If we were paying off a loan the monthly payments would be higher because we would have interest to pay. If we were saving, the monthly payments would be lower because we would be getting interest but we would have to adjust the project cost to compensate for inflation because we would not be doing the project until 1 to 5 years from now when we have the funds. We would also have the cost of maintaining the streets until we accumulated the funds for the project (1 to 5 years down the road).

Thanks for your help:

I would like to thank our residents who volunteered their time and energy to help us with some important projects in the neighborhood.

Thanks to Dave from 1311A, he seems to be on this list quite often. In his spare time and at his own expense, he numbered all the light poles for the complex. These numbers will help to correctly identify the light when maintenance needs to be performed on it. Dave also contacted the village to get information concerning several issues the association had.

Rick Zochowski from 1313B is interested in being "The Guy" to see in Hanover Square if you are buying or selling your unit here. Think about it, who better to have as a Realtor then someone who lives in and knows the community? If you are thinking of selling or know someone looking to buy a unit here feel free to contact him at 708-456-2626 x208 or 630-830-1448.

Parking problems have decreased dramatically! THANKS to all of you! When we all respect each other's parking spots and don't park in the fire lanes everyone is happier and it also makes the complex safer and look much better.

WOW! If you have the chance, walk by 7603E. They did a FANTASTIC job on the flowerbed in front of their unit. GREAT JOB! I hope that this will inspire others to take the

time to spruce up their front yards and add to the beauty of the neighborhood.

Association fees complaints:

A few people have come to me complaining about the association and violation fees. So I thought I would address them here.

Larkspur has 221 units, no pool, no tennis court and no clubhouse. Each unit pays 2 association fees every month of approximately \$75 each, that's around \$150 a month. Village of the Sun Condos in Palatine has 88 units, a pool that hasn't been filled in 3 years and association fees of \$265 a month. So you see, our association fees are not bad. In fact, as Larry pointed out in a previous newsletter, fees are lower percentage-wise to unit value today than they were 17 years ago.

There are newer associations (2 to 5 years old) with pools and other nice features that have lower association fees than us, but they are NEW and have little or no maintenance issues right now. If they are short sighted and don't set their fees at appropriate levels today, when their buildings get to be 20 or 30 years old, they will be in the same situation we are in, not enough money to pay for all the repairs.

Thomas Schaefer

Summertime is just around the corner. This is

**State of Illinois revises
"Parental Liability Law"**

a time to enjoy nature's splendors, barbecue chicken on the grill, family gatherings, and evening walks with our loved ones. God Bless America for the privileges we have today. Along with these privileges come responsibilities we must uphold in order to ensure that our privileges are not taken away.

Last January the state of Illinois revised what is known as the Parental Liability Law. Basically this law makes parents and guardians legally responsible for the actions of their minor children.

What does this law mean to you? It means that criminal charges can be brought against you as a parent or legal guardian if your minor child is caught with contraband or behaves illegally at school or on Hanover Square property.

There are two versions of the law, the State of

Illinois version and Hanover Township's version. One remedy the state of Illinois version allows is the suspension of the parent or guardian's driver's license! The Hanover Township's version carries even stiffer financial penalties than the state version.

A few examples of contraband are cigarettes, knives, marijuana and other illegal drugs while racial slurs, harassment, loitering, breaking curfew, trespassing and vandalism are examples of illegal behavior. January's changes have expanded the types of juvenile offenses included in the law and increased fines for violations of the law.

Parents and guardians who are convicted of violating the Parent Liability Law repeatedly could be faced with supervision of their children by the Department of Children and Family Services (D.C.F.S.). I'm sure no parent wants their family to be subjected to court ordered family counseling or to have their children placed in foster care.

If you know someone who is not living up to their responsibilities as a parent or would like more details about this law you can contact the village attorney at 630-372-4400.

Dave Banister

P.S. Do you KNOW what your children are doing when you are not watching?

Goodbye & good luck to:

On the Move

Steve Jorgenson and his family of 1305B

Welcome new owners & residents:

Willie Mitchell of 7607F

Final Thought:
*Seen on a Sear's service van:
"Courtesy saves lives"*