

# The Hanover Square News

Hanover Square Condominium Association

## Editor's Message

by Larry M. Adrian

### Dog Poop Electricity

Dog owners in Hanover Square for the most part seem to do their part to keep Hanover Square clean & sanitary.

But a few and it only takes a few to make a really bad impression are very disrespectful of their neighbors the way they just let their dogs out to do their thing and then don't pick up after them. Then the kids end up playing in the same area.

When you call these people on not doing their part to keep our complex clean and sanitary you can hear the lamest excuses you've ever heard. The dog got loose and did it's thing. I don't own a dog. It's my kid's fault. It was someone else's dog. My dog would never do that. I wasn't home at that time and on and on.

I can't wait until DNA testing is simple, cheap and fast then we'll see who's dog it was. We will get these polluters to live up to their responsibilities.

The only problem with this approach is someone has to enforce it. I for one would endure digging up samples of someone else's dog poop if it would lead to apprehension of these perpetrators.

I just heard that someone around San Francisco is testing a system to recycle pet waste by using it as fuel to power electricity generators. Apparently they figure the San Francisco area has enough waste to create electricity for 3 towns.

If this recycling plan turns into reality we might expect pet waste to actually have a market value in the future. We won't have to worry about poop in the yard any more.

You've heard of the gold rush back in the Wild West days well, we may have a "Poop Rush". They will be fighting over the stuff.

Then I guess we may end up mediating claims on the stuff. It looks like there may be no perfect solution until everyone learns to respect others.

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## President's Message

by Tom Schaefer

It's been a while since we've been able to get a newsletter together so we have a bit to tell you, so here goes.

What's happened since the last newsletter?

### New Management Company:

We have a new management company, American Community Management (ACM). The move to the new management company was necessitated when Horizon Management dropped all their clients and shut down. Unfortunately when this happened, Horizon Management did not return the records they were keeping for us so we have not had important information we need to run our association. We are now fighting in court to get these records returned to us.

Valerie Hodge our property manager at Horizon Management left Horizon and joined ACM so our property manager is the same and this has been a big help because she is very familiar with Hanover Square and we did not have to bring a new manager up to speed on our affairs.

### Revised Association Rules:

We have revised quite a few of the association rules and these new rules are now in effect. Please be sure to read them. Everyone was sent a copy of the updated rules when they were adopted. It's very important to be aware of the rules to help you avoid being fined for an unintentional rules violation and also to make living in Hanover Square a safer and more pleasant experience for everyone.

Hanover Square is a community with a concentrated population, where the buildings are close together and our homes share common walls with our neighbors. This close proximity presents certain issues that are not a concern for those living in single family homes with a larger buffer space between them. We can't increase the buffer space so we have to handle these issues with rules to maintain safety, security & order in our community.

We could replace many of these rules with one simple rule, "Respect your neighbors" but we have discovered from experience that

some residents just don't understand this so we have to get specific and thus we are faced with an ever changing and expanding list of rules.

### Help us "Respect our neighbors":

If you see someone doing something unsafe, damaging the property or just not following a rule, please let us know. We can not correct a problem if we do not know about it.

You can let us know about rules violations by any of several means,

- by letter to Valerie Hodge at ACM's office address
- by email to Valerie
- via the Hanover Square web site at [www.hanoversquare.org](http://www.hanoversquare.org)

Remember, we do not release the name or unit number of the person reporting a violation unless you give us permission to do so.

Squeamish about "ratting out" your neighbor for a rules violation? You are protecting other neighbors from the offenders disrespect for them. By turning in one neighbor for playing loud music you may be saving three or four families from having to endure this disrespectful neighbor's actions.

ACM's address and all email addresses are available at the Hanover Square web site. You can also download the newest rules, newsletters and much more info from the site.

### Insurance Rates:

Our property insurance premiums which have been astronomical due to our property casualties caused by fire have been reduced dramatically.

Two factors account for most of the reduced premium. First Valerie worked with the insurance manager at ACM to find an insurer with better rates. Second we have managed to go for three years without a major claim.

While the rate is still not a "preferred customer" rate it is much better than it was and the important thing is it is headed in the right direction, down.

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