

# Enchanted Valley Echo

Winter 2021



Official Newsletter of the Enchanted Valley Subdivision

January, February, March 2021

**2020 was a hard year, but we made it!**



**Hello, 2021!**



Due to unforeseen circumstances our Winners were not announced until after Christmas. But the beautiful displays of the season were enjoyed throughout December!

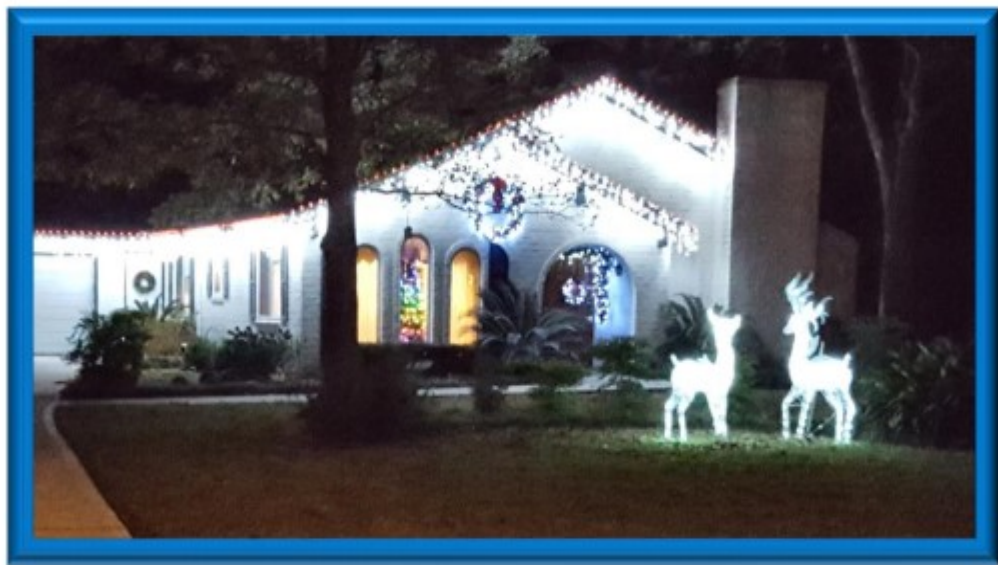
## **Christmas Lighting “Winners”**

**December 2020**



**14623 Honeycomb**

**Juan Diaz & Maria DeLosangeles Family**



**13006 Cricket Hollow**

**William and Alice Jackson Family**



**12814 Rolling Valley**

Darrell Ludwig Family

[effective use of light & shadow]



**ENCHANTED VALLEY SAFETY**

*Sargent Jeff Lee  
Harris County Constable  
Precinct 4*

Happy New Year, and I hope your holidays were spectacular, with you and yours all safe and healthy. New Years' resolutions are a common topic these days, and perhaps it's time to add safer and more patient driving to the list of self improvements. Most of us move through our days, out on the road in our vehicles, without incident; no accidents, not being pulled over for a traffic violation, as we drive all across Harris County.

So imagine the disappointment to receive a traffic citation for running a stop sign in your own neighborhood.

As one of your public safety providers for Enchanted Valley, it's my experience that around 85 percent of all drivers I contact about running a stop sign in EV are residents, with an EV address on their driver's license and EV swim team sticker in the window. A ticket is the least of the issue.

Chances are, the accident occurring from running a stop sign at Cricket Hollow and Pleasant Grove will involve one of your neighbors. The beloved pet you injure by impatient or inattentive driving will be one of your friend's. Or, worse things could happen.

Take the time to be courteous and patient while driving through EV. The citizens at the Board meetings complaining about traffic might be complaining about YOU.

Be safe!

Sgt. Jeff Lee

**WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?**

*Activities and updates for Enchanted Valley  
Winter 2021*

**Park and Amenities**

- Bids are being taken for repairing central marquee and constructing 2 more. If you would like to bid, let the HOA Board know!

**Events**

- Santa 2020 Enchanted Valley Tour was fantastic--well attended.

**Beauty/Landscaping**

- Christmas decorations placed at subdivision entrances.
- Flag replaced at park entrance.
- Sadly due to unforeseen circumstances the HOA was not able to announce Christmas Lights winners this year. just wait and see what is planned for Christmas 2021!

**Board**

- Continuing review of By-Laws for updates.
- Recycle Program began with delivery of bins the last week in December. This program has been eagerly awaited by most of the neighborhood, so if you see a Water Board Member, tell him or her thanks for organizing it and getting it to us! Good Job, WB!

Your help is always welcome with any of these activities!

Know of something that should be improved or repaired or landscaping/beautification that you feel needs some help?

Don't just complain about how the neighborhood is "going downhill"! Come out and lend a hand.

Got a suggestion? E-mail us at [enchantedvalleyhoa@gmail.com](mailto:enchantedvalleyhoa@gmail.com)

Working together we can get things done faster.



## Here to Help

Hello, my EV neighbors,

I'm Cheryl Williams. I have served as the Treasurer for your HOA since August 2019 and want to talk to you about a budget line item; actually, two - Postage and Printing.

These two accounts have cost you:



\$3,520.27 in 2018

\$2,672.08 in 2019

\$1,057.80 in 2020

These are two expenses that the Board has been working to reduce. Let me use a real-life example from this past year that is a perfect example of one of the cost saving adjustments the Board has made.

Did you know that by the Board electing to manage the distribution of pool wristbands last summer, Board member Krystal Robinson volunteering to hand them out and you picking them up at the pool, the neighborhood saved \$1,100.00 over what SCS would have had to charge to manage the distribution of these wristbands. What a savings!

There are 427 homes in EV. Of those 427 households 128 have registered their email address to receive EV information via email - that's only 29% of the subdivision. Think of what could be saved if you received your annual assessment statement, notices of the annual meeting, pool wristband distribution, by email instead of US mail. And this is just a partial list. Everything that is printed and mailed to you could be emailed and those two account costs would be reduced even more.

All you have to do is go to the EV website ([www.enchantedvalley.org](http://www.enchantedvalley.org)) and sign up for the

newsletter and then tell both your next door neighbors to do the same. The wonderful lady, Cathey Spies, who handles EV's website and newsletter, will forward your email address to SCS and we can eliminate some printing and postage costs.

It's simple math: lower expenses equal lower increases to your annual assessment.

I am here for any questions and welcome hearing from you to talk more about how your dollars are spent.

Cheryl Williams

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## Readers Want to Know

**Q:** What authority does the HOA have to enforce the community Covenants?

**A:** Enchanted Valley is a deed restricted community with binding contractual rules and regulations, otherwise known as our “Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions” (CC& Rs), or “Covenants “ for short. These Covenants serve as a contract between individual homeowners and the rest of the association members with the explicit purpose to foster and maintain the best possible living environment for the well-being of all homeowners and to protect our property values. In addition, there are community By-Laws which outline the responsibilities of the governing body of the HOA--the elected Board of Directors. These By-Laws stipulate the Board of Directors is responsible for enforcing the community Covenants.

This process of enforcing the HOA Covenants varies by type and magnitude of the violation. It should be added here that some Covenant violations are also violations of County code. The HOA defers to the County to address these matters.

Next time we'll discuss what penalties can be assessed and how violations are resolved.

**Q:** We see the poo-bag dispensers around the neighborhood and signs asking to clean up after our pets, but aren't their waste considered natural and organic?

**A:** Here are some points to consider about the waste your precious leaves behind. Many dog owners think the “poop just goes away”. In truth, dog poop doesn't biodegrade like wild animal poop. Because we feed our dogs food that's very different from the food wild animals eat, dog waste does not biodegrade quickly like wild animal waste.

- Dog waste contains multitudes of bacteria and parasites and contain harmful organisms: salmonella, E. coli, hookworms, roundworms, etc. These can be passed on to people and other pets. In addition, our pets can spread or contract parvovirus or coronavirus through contact with infected feces.
- Many dog owners are unaware of the dangers of pet waste in their yards as well as common areas of Enchanted Valley. Since bacteria and viruses can linger in soil, a

single gram of dog feces (about the size of a dime) contains about 23 million fecal coliform bacteria which can cause serious kidney disorders, stomach cramps, diarrhea, and intestinal illnesses.

- Pet waste is protein based and not grain based like cow manure, making it unsuitable as fertilizer for yards and plants. Left unchecked, pet waste will inhibit growth and can eventually kill lawn and plants.
- Pet waste pollutes groundwater and whatever other bodies of water it washes into: creeks, bayous, rivers, and wetlands. Humans who come into contact with creek water can also face health hazards.

Bottom line, our pets are unlikely to give ordinances and regulations a lot of thought especially when trying to sniff out that choice place to leave last night's culinary masterpiece of Kibble 'n Bits. As much as we owners might try to persuade Precious that there's a better place to make a deposit, Precious just might disagree; also known as “accidents happen”, or “oops”.

When at all possible, carry a doggie bag on your walks. If not possible, we have additional poo-stations on the main esplanade and into the neighborhood park to use when the family pet leaves his signature calling card. Treat it like toxic material because, well, it is.





## ENCHANTED VALLEY

### 2021 HOA Board and Committees

President ..... Krystal Robinson  
 Treasurer..... Cheryl Williams  
 Vice President..... Shane Shoaf  
 Secretary.....Charlotte Zornes

#### Directors

Jeff Foreman..... Cheryl Williams  
 Cathey Spies..... Jovena Sanders  
 Charlotte Zornes ..... Krystal Robinson  
 ..... Shane Shoaf

#### Committees

ACC.....Shane Shoaf  
 ..... Darren Hoyland  
 ..... Rick Nickerson  
 Communications Chair..... Cathey Spies  
 Security ..... Krystal Robinson  
 Governing Documents Updates.....Shane Shoaf  
 ..... Cheryl Williams  
 Tennis Court Upgrades Chair ..... Jeff Foreman

#### WD #113 Board Members

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 Secretary..... Darren Hoyland  
 Director .....Scott McCorkle  
 Director..... David Robicheaux

#### Enchanted Valley Estates

evehoa.cypress@gmail.com ..... Sheli Moore



### Monthly Meetings

The Enchanted Valley HOA meets on the First Monday of the month at the clubhouse.

Join the meeting at 7 pm with social distancing observed.

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The **Water Board** meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Due to the pandemic, meetings are held remotely commencing at 7pm. Log-in instructions are posted on the website as well as the Marquee. These are terrific opportunities to find out what's going on in the neighborhood. Take an hour and invest it in yourself and your family. See y'all there!



Every effort is made to keep the poop-bag stations stocked with bags. Please e-mail the HOA at [enchantedvalleyhoa@gmail.com](mailto:enchantedvalleyhoa@gmail.com) if you come across a bag station that is empty.

**UPCOMING DATES****January 2021**

January 17  
January 18  
January 22

Ditch Your New Year's Resolutions Day  
Martin Luther King Day  
National Answer Your Cat's Questions Day

**February 2021**

February 14  
February 15  
February 17  
February 18

Valentine's Day  
President's Day  
Ash Wednesday  
National Drink Wine Day

**March 2021**

March 2  
March 14  
March 17  
March 28

Texas Independence Day  
Daylight Saving Time  
St. Patrick's Day  
Palm Sunday



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EV website: <https://www.enchantedvalley.org>

NEW SCS Portal: <portal.scsmgmt.com>

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