

# Enchanted Valley Echo

*Official Newsletter of the Enchanted Valley Subdivision*

*September 2019*

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The first Labor Day celebration was September 5, 1882 in New York City. During this time the average American worked 12 hours a day, 6 to 7 days a week. It wasn't until the Adamson Act passed on September 3, 1916 that the current 8-hour work day was established. Most other countries celebrate International Workers' Day, or "May Day," instead of Labor Day. The concept is the same, but it is celebrated on May 1 around the globe.

In addition to being the three-day holiday at the beginning of September, here are a few tidbits about Labor Day perhaps you didn't know:

- ☆ Labor Day is the official end of hot dog season as recorded on the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council website. Really.
- ☆ Labor Day is the Second most dangerous holiday weekend for highway driving. First place goes to Memorial Day.
- ☆ There is no longer any official fashion rule mandating white is not to be worn after Labor Day but only between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Many theories floated around for years as to why this directive was to be followed, the most often quoted rule being that since Labor Day heralded the end of summer, lighter summery, white clothes were no longer needed. after that date.
- ☆ Yes, Labor Day is the "unofficial end of summer" and the end of hot dog season. But it is also the beginning of NFL season—almost every NFL kick off game has started the weekend after Labor Day. Labor Day is the end of white pants but the beginning of black pants, and it's also, unfortunately, the end of three day weekends until November.

## ENCHANTED VALLEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

August 5, 2019

The General Session of the Enchanted Valley Homeowners Association monthly Board meeting was held on the above date at the Enchanted Valley Clubhouse located at 14910 Enchanted Valley Drive, Cypress, Texas, 77429.

Attending: Lloyd Coker, President  
Krystal Robinson, Vice President  
Carolyn Maniscalco, Secretary  
Cathey Spies, Director  
Gene Tips, Director  
Laura Loving, Director  
Tammi Norris, SCS Management Services, Inc.

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has been removed.*

Absent: Darren Hoyland, Treasurer

**CALL TO ORDER**

At the request of Director Coker Director Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**GUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Andrew Johnson came for an update on his ACC Application and Director Maniscalco told him it had been approved. Cherry Morgan reported her trash cans are at the curb and will remain there while her husband is in the hospital. Alexis Harris repeated her concern of parking on grass and commercial vehicle violations. Driveway is not wide enough to accommodate the Ford F 150 truck and tires do touch grass. Both violations will be cleared and account will be noted Do Not Cite. She also reported property behind her not in EV HOA had chickens and frequently burns fires in backyard. HOA has no authority outside EV HOA and this should be reported to the sheriff office. Mike Havelka reported roof damage from hail and option to use metal shingles material that resembles wood shingles. Director Maniscalco advised him to submit an ACC application.

**MINUTES**

Director Spies made a motion to approve the August 2019 Minutes as presented. Director Maniscalco seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Security Report: Sgt. Lee was not able to attend to present his report.

Neighborhood Events Committee: Swim Team end of year party is August 24, 2019 and National Night out is October 1, 2019.

Beautification Committee: Director Loving reported she has received bids to landscape the entrance beds and after reviewing them needs a dollar amount budgeted for the cost approximately \$5000.00. Nash Lawn recommended two phases planting after the heat of summer. Phase 1 in October 2019 and Phase 2 in Spring 2020.

Pool/Clubhouse Committee: Continued concerns with quality of lifeguards should be improved in 2020 with the contract stating EV residents are not allowed to guard. Discussion of RIFD/electronic pool gate access was discussed and bid requested to review in September 2019.

Communications Committee: Director Spies reported the community newsletter is ongoing. She also recommended a doggie station dispenser and will purchase for reimbursement about \$11.00 each.

Clubhouse Construction Committee: Director Spies bids were well over anticipated cost to build and the scope of work needs to be paired down and solicit more bids. She will post on EV website this will be a topic of discussion at the September meeting and SCS will add 30 minutes at the top of the agenda for discussion.

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## **MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Ms. Norris presented the August Management and Action Items Reports. A brief discussion followed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Money Market and CD options update from Clarke Olendorf was given to Cheryl Williams to present to the Board. Clarke recommends all excess funds be moved to a Money Market and funds can be transferred to the Operating/Checking Account as needed without penalty of cost up to six times a month. SCS Accounting Manager Susan Sarao supports his decision. DR Inspection Guidelines was reviewed an edit made to remove "Commercial vehicles in the subdivision", "Garage conversions" and add "Mildew or algae on structure of home"

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be addressed the meeting adjourn into Executive Session at 8:41 pm.

Board Referral: Report was reviewed with one violation going to NNC, one on Board Hold, one to Attorney Lawsuit, one Recycled, eight were cleared, five went to Attorney Demand and three moved to Final Attorney Demand.

Attorney Status Report was reviewed. Three properties with expired Notice of Delinquency were moved to Attorney Lawsuit.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be addressed Director Spies motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. Motion was seconded by Director Maniscalco. All were in favor.

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## **SEPTEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH**

**14519 Enchanted Valley Drive**





## WHAT'S GOING ON HERE

### POOL IS OPEN THROUGH LABOR DAY!

Pool will be open  
Labor Day 12 pm – 8:00 pm

#### BE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR SWIM TAG

To obtain your tags, please complete the Pool Registration Form and mail, email or fax to SCS. The following qualifications must be met in order to use the pool facility:

1. You must be a member of the Association or pay the \$100 membership fee to use the pool.
2. Members must be current on all Maintenance Fees.



### POSITIONS OPEN

**WANTED:** Individuals interested in being a part of a dynamic HOA Board of Directors to serve 2 year term (possibly more).

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Must be a homeowner in Enchanted Valley. Must be at least 18 years of age. Sense of humor beneficial but not required.

**SALARY:** Nonpaying position. Volunteers only will be considered.

**BENEFITS:** Immeasurable satisfaction in helping steer Enchanted Valley through the next two years.

Please see Enchanted Valley Website for more details and contact information. Good Luck!

### ENCHANTED VALLEY CRAFT CLUB

What Fun! Very casual, fun group. Here's what we will be doing over the next few months PLUS what we just did this month.

Sept. 21 ..... Halloween gift bags\*  
Oct. 26 ..... Making Fall Cards  
(rsvp by Oct. 20\*)  
Nov. 23 ..... Christmas gnomes  
(rsvp by Nov. 27\*)  
December ..... *No Meeting*

*\*small fee applies for supplies*

#### August Meeting String Art

Thanks, Jessica Gardner, for sharing your talent!



### September Craft Group Meeting

We're getting ready for Halloween with treat bags.  
Take a look at what you can do!



## Monthly Meetings

**Enchanted Valley HOA Meetings** are held the first Monday of each month and begin at 7 pm with a general session. **The September meeting is Tuesday, September 3rd**, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Visit [www.enchantedvalley.org](http://www.enchantedvalley.org) for a copy of the agenda and join us September 3rd at 7pm for the monthly HOA meeting.

All residents are welcome to attend the monthly EV HOA Board meetings. If you would like to address the board please contact SCS Management at (281) 463-1777 to be placed on the agenda.

The September meeting of the **Water Board** will be on September 10th. Check the Marquee for location to be announced. The meeting begins at 7:15 pm and is open to EV residents.

Enchanted Valley Craft Club meets the last Saturday of each month at the clubhouse. Our next meeting is Saturday, September 21st. It begins at 1pm and finishes up by 3pm.

In September we will make Halloween gift bags. This is one of the few times a small supplies fee will apply. Visit the EV Website for details or call/text Cathey Spies at 713-992-5255 or Cheryl Williams at 281-217-1259 for questions or more information. Join us!



## PET WASTE BAG DISPENSERS

For your and your pet's convenience, there are now waste bag dispensers at several locations along Enchanted Valley Drive esplanades and in the park.

Enchanted Valley is very dog oriented. We walk our dogs at all hours; and why not? Are you going to tell your family pet to hold off taking care of business until you personally want to go outside. Please.

Many of us, though, in our hurry to get to that special spot in the esplanade or the park so Fido can relieve his self, remember too late to take a doggie bag. Oops. Rather than turn around and go home, grab a bag and retrace your steps (poor Fido!), we just...well...let it go for the moment.

Here is an option for both you and your pet. Hopefully using these bag dispensers will reduce the piles of poop that end up along the esplanade and throughout the park and surrounding public areas. This pet waste is not only unsightly, it transmits disease.

Please dispose of used poop bags at home after walking your pet and not leave it behind when you leave the area.



**EV BEAUTY AUGUST 2019**

*Laura Loving*  
*Beautification Committee Chair*

**Laura's Landscape**

Topiaries are quick and easy ways to “dress up” your home entries, whether curbside or at either side of the front door.



Pictured to the right are pruned, flowering bushes with sweet potato vines at the base. Just perfect for the spring and summer.



As fall approaches, the vine base of the topiary can be replaced or supplemented with mums in autumn colors (white, yellow, gold, bronze, magenta, etc.) or combinations of dried or artificial branches of leaves/acorns/pumpkins – anything representing fall.

To fully welcome the season, stack various sized pumpkins, using a pretty pot as the base or simply placed on the floor of your front porch. Position dried grapevine wreathes, in the appropriate size, as filler between the layers of pumpkins. You can help stabilize the layers by using “T” pins (source hobby shops) to hold layers in place.

An additional pumpkin topiary example is shown in picture below. Stack pumpkins and fill in with artificial leaves (which can be purchased from various hobby shops as vines—simply place several leaves from the vines between the pumpkins.) Also, draping



long pieces of artificial plants extends the length of the topiary's appearance. These simple decorations add color and appeal to your entry.

Have fun exploring for those perfect pumpkin shapes, whether at garden centers or hobby shops and enjoy your artistic endeavor while creating your “autumn beauties”.

When stacking, it is best to use the flatter-shaped pumpkins – real or artificial. If using real pumpkins, please DO NOT hollow them out as they will shrink and/or collapse as they age — you want this arrangement to last until it's time for *Jingle Bells*!



## Enchanted Valley

### HOA Board and Committee Heads

President ..... Lloyd Coker  
 Treasurer..... Darren Hoyland  
 Vice President..... Krystal Robinson  
 Secretary..... Carolyn Maniscalco

### Directors

Gene Tips ..... Darren Hoyland  
 Cathey Spies ..... Laura Loving

### Committees

Community Center Rental ..... Carolyn Maniscalco  
 14910 Enchanted Valley Drive  
 Beautification Chair..... Laura Loving  
 Communications Chair..... Cathey Spies  
 Newsletter; Marquee ..... Cathey Spies  
 Website; Social Media..... Heidi Steinhagen  
 Pool ..... Krystal Robinson  
 Security ..... Krystal Robinson

### WD #113 Board Members

President ..... Ken Atchison  
 Vice President ..... Carolyn Maniscalco  
 Secretary..... Darren Hoyland  
 Director ..... Scott McCorkle  
 Director..... David Robicheaux

### Marlins Swim Team

<https://enchantedvalley.swimtopia.com/links>  
 ..... Shane Shoaf

### Enchanted Valley Estates

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

## Important Phone Numbers

### Emergency

Constable, Precinct 4 ..... 281-376-3472  
 Sheriff Dispatch (non-emergency)..... 713-221-6000  
 Poison Control ..... 1-800-764-7661  
 Fire Department Station 3 ..... 281-550-6663

### Utilities

CenterPoint Energy—Gas  
 Customer Service (report a leak). ..... 713-659-2111  
 CenterPoint Energy—Electricity  
 Customer Service (Outage or line down)..... 713-207-2222  
 WCA Garbage Service..... 281-368-8397  
 Water District #113  
 Billing & Water Leaks ..... 281-367-5511

### Harris County

Animal Control (dogs & cats)..... 281-999-3191  
 Wildlife Removal Service. (fee based) ..... 281-292-8866  
 Health Department ..... 281-439-6000

### Post Office

Cypress ..... 281-373-0279  
 Ace Hardware—Jones Road ..... 281-469-8020

### Library

NW Harris County ..... 281-370-2665  
 LSC—Cy-Fair..... 281-890-2665

### Schools

Millsap Elementary ..... 281-897-4470  
 Arnold Middle School..... 281-897-4700  
 Hamilton Middle School..... 281-320-7000  
 Cy-Fair Sr. High ..... 281-897-4600

### My Contact Numbers

Mom.....

Dad .....

Neighbor: .....

## Deed Violation Summary August 2019

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Architectural Control Violations | 5          |
| Clean Up Requests                | 38         |
| Lawn Maintenance                 | 8          |
| Repair Requests                  | 14         |
| Vehicle Violations               | 32         |
| Misc.                            | 7          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>104</b> |

If you receive a violation letter contact SCS  
 Management



Management Services, Inc.

**Tammie Norris**  
 Association Manager


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**SEPTEMBER**

| Sun | Mon                          | Tue  | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat                             |
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| 1   | 2<br>LABOR<br>DAY<br>HOLIDAY | 3<br>HOA<br>MEETING  | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7                               |
| 8   | 9                            | 10<br>WATER<br>BOARD<br>MEETING  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14                              |
| 15  | 16                           | 17   | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21<br>CRAFT<br>GROUP<br>MEETING |
| 22  | 23                           | 24   | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28                              |
| 29  | 30                           |  |     |     |     |                                 |

**WELCOME BACK  
TO SCHOOL**

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SCS Management Association website: <https://enchantedvalleycypress.nabnetwork.com/home.php>

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

EV Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EnchantedValleyHOA>

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