

MERIDIAN VALLEY MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Mike Rucker

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Meridian Valley is one of the few gated communities of its size which is managed primarily by the voluntary efforts of its Board of Trustees and the Architecture Committee. There is a definite satisfaction that comes from keeping Meridian Valley the attractive neighborhood that we all expect and appreciate. But in recent years it has also presented a challenge when it comes to finding residents who are willing to invest their time and energy as Board members. I would like to encourage any of you who would like to help maintain the quality of life we have here to consider running for the Board in the December election. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact me or any of the other Board members.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE – Frank Wisdom

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This time of year is a busy time for the Architectural Committee. If you are planning any landscaping changes, exterior home painting, remodeling, roof replacement, driveway revisions or installation of a satellite dish, you must request and obtain approval from the Architectural Committee before starting the project. All requests need to be written and can either be delivered to the MVCC Clubhouse to the attention of the Architectural Committee or emailed to the Architectural Committee Chairperson.

Along with the nicer weather, shrubbery and weed growth seems to kick into high gear and if not dealt with can quickly overrun our planters and landscaping. Please take a look around your yard, remove all weeds and trim back any overgrown shrubs or trees with special attention to limbs extending past the curbing which may pose a risk for pedestrians or impede the sightline views of drivers to oncoming traffic. Also, each of us is responsible for the weed removal along the street curbing in front of our properties. All yard debris should be picked-up and deposited into a green waste or waste container. Clippings and leaves should never be blown into a neighbor's property or onto the streets. For those who contract out your landscape maintenance to a company or individual, please advise them for proper disposal of all yard debris. Also, all dogs are required to be leashed and the owner is responsible to remove all deposits and dispose of them in trash receptacles.

ALL MVCC RESIDENTS ARE INVITED

The "2nd Annual Rally in the Valley" car show will be held Saturday August 17th from 4:00 – 7:30 pm at the Meridian Valley Country Club. All residents are invited to come down to the golf course and take a look at the classic and collectable cars that will be on display on the eighteenth fairway. If you have a car that you would like to show off, contact the Country Club office (253-631-3131) for more information.

SECURITY – Eric Zerr

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Well, the warm rain is here so it must be summer! Families, kids, and a higher volume of golf carts are out on our roads so please not only slow down, but pay attention to all of the driveways and side streets people could come out of. I'd also ask that we look out for each other as neighbors take off on vacations, day trips, and long golf outings. Being a little nosy, asking question of unknown people, and being outgoing with people walking by your home can keep would-be criminals looking for easier targets outside the area and make our community feel more proactive, safer, and tighter knit. Having short conversations with people walking by, can lead to neighbors sharing information and therefore better understand the happenings around them. I love waving, saying "Hi" to those walking by my yard while I'm weeding (good times!??), and getting to know my neighbors. People living in Meridian Valley came here to experience something different and that is embodied in our vibrant community. Enjoy the summer.

MVMA WEBSITE – Robert Steiner

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The MVMA web-based resident database allows residents to personally update information which is currently on hardcopy at the security gatehouse and MVMA Office without a trip to the MVMA Office or gatehouse to complete hardcopy paper forms (guest list, automobile information, alternate address, etc.) The information is password protected and available only to the resident and those who currently have access to the hardcopy of information (Security, MVMA office staff and Board). In order to utilize the MVMA website, the resident(s) must have a functional e-mail account. **Please send an e-mail to webmaster: Robert Steiner rlsteiner@comcast.net requesting that your password be sent to you. When that request is received, you will be sent your password (which can be changed) and instructions on how to update the personal information in the database.** If you choose not to take advantage of this on-line capability, you will still be able to submit changes to your personal information, guest list and planned absences, etc., using the existing forms.

The MVMA website and e-mail distribution list remain the most expedient means to efficiently contact MVCC residents. The e-mail distribution list is used almost exclusively for items of security and for general information which the Board feels will be useful to residents. On occasion residents have objected to e-mails. You have the option to remove your name from the distribution list if you do not wish to receive e-mails. Send your request to be added or removed from the distribution list to mvma@qwestoffice.net or rlsteiner@comcast.net.

FACILITIES & COMMON GROUNDS – Jack Ottini

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The City of Kent will inspect our storm drain system in July. After we receive their report we will clean and repair any drains that need work. MVMA survived the 4th of July Fireworks. Thank you to those who cleaned up the mess that was left.

The main entrance gates have been power washed and painted. Landscaping has also been upgraded. The north and south gates will be done by the end of summer.

All common ground areas are being maintained on a more frequent time frame. More plants will be added this fall.

MERIDIAN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB: Amanda Brunaugh, Membership Sales
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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED MEMBERSHIP at Meridian Valley Country Club? MVCC is offering a Summer Membership Opportunity with deferred initiation payments and free first month's dues. Monthly dues for Equity Golf Proprietary I (age 21-39) are \$334.75, and for Proprietary II (age 40+) are \$515, there is also a monthly range fee of \$21.90 and quarterly food minimum of \$150. Membership allows for involvement in all social and golf events for the Member, Spouse/Significant Other and Dependent Children under the age of 23.

We also offer a MVMA Homeowner/Resident Social Membership with the special initiation price of only \$50. Monthly family dues are \$20 for the first six months, \$55 thereafter and a quarterly food minimum of \$150. The Social Membership allows for involvement in all social Clubhouse activities and Twilight Golf events for the Member, Spouse/Significant Other and Dependent Children under the age of 23. All memberships include full access to our locker rooms, dining areas and Member's only lounge with unlimited use of the Tennis and Fitness Facility.

MVCC has exciting events for both Golfing Members and Social Members to look forward to! Sunday themed dinners in the month of July are "Burgers and Bordeaux," with French and Washington Bordeaux Blends and Burger Specials every Sunday. Jimmy Buffet Night on Saturday, August 3 starts with a 5:30 pm Shotgun followed by a Beach Party at 7:30 pm. Members are welcome to invite Guests to play.

For more information, please contact Amanda Brunaugh at 253-631-3131.

BARKING DOGS can be a problem. Many dog owners are unaware that their dogs are barking during the day when they are at work. This can be a great disturbance for your neighbors trying to enjoy their backyards. Please be considerate.

REMINDER: The speed limit on our streets is **25 MPH** and please stop at all stop signs.