

# What do my HVLA Dues get me?

Many people have asked this question; most often when problems arise.

Following is a beginning attempt to answer that question. It is an incomplete attempt. Please give your input, to make it more thorough.

It is Not meant to bash HVLA staff. Most of them try hard to do a good job. It is primarily meant to: (1) Help Members see actually what they DO get and, (2) To give notice to the HVLA Board/Admin. as to what members see as missing in a more adequately functioning and desirable dues benefit package.

Some have previously commented that members should be happy-with-what-they've-got and that our dues are much lower than many other HOA's. Regarding the first, HOA's Nationwide have had a very long, well established history of mismanagement and corruption. So, to take a passive approach with-what-we've-got, likely means being easily taken-advantage-of. This does not seem to be a self-protective or assertive position. As for the point about our low dues, this is true, but, again, a passive approach would seem to say leave-it-alone.

The amount of our dues is not the point. **Are we getting our dollars-worth, is the point.**

On that score, and considering HVLA's long, well established history of mismanagement and corruption, it is very clear that HVLA members have NOT been getting their dollars-worth for a long, long time. With respect (as in recognition) to the latest round of HVLA governance/administration, since April 2015, it is getting better. But there's still a long way to go till owners are getting their full dollars-worth. Plus, there are still members who want only their desires fulfilled, and expect the rest of us owners to just be quite or go away. The "Golf First" and "Reclaim Our Community" folks want a return to "their" good-old-days when mismanagement and corruption were rife: Free golf was given-out willy-nilly, inventories at the restaurant and bar were not monitored, contracts for construction and services were given to "buddies", friends and relatives were typically hired on staff, amenities (except the golf course) were on a regular delayed-maintenance "plan", elections were fixed and they rule without serious opposition. Again, lovely for them, but we get a royal screwing!

So, think seriously and reasonably about what you see as the current benefits we derive from our dues. Then, think seriously and reasonably about how you want to see that change.

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## Your HVLA Dues Buy

Paved roads  
A Security Staff  
Partial upkeep of common areas  
Pool  
Gates  
Lake  
Tennis courts  
2 lake beaches  
Good fishing  
Parks  
Campground  
Restaurant  
Bar  
Concert events  
Fishing events  
Fireworks  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Locked mailboxes  
Use of rooms for clubs  
Use of BBQ area (Hartmann)  
Golf course  
Association website  
Association FB site  
Association Twitter Page  
Splashy Magazine  
A "Self-Managed" HOA  
Gate UPC sticker for owner  
Variable Environ. Control Enforcement  
"Oversight" by Board of Directors  
Horse Stables  
Impaired Flood-Control systems  
Inadequate Fire-Prevention systems  
History of Mismanagement & Corruption

## Your Dues Do NOT Buy

Consistently Working Gates  
Secure Perimeter  
Control over where \$\$ goes (better)  
Separation of business from politics  
Amenity card (extra \$10)  
Well trained/experienced staff (better)  
Sidewalks  
Dog catcher (strays)  
Consistent upkeep of common areas  
Lake sediment removal  
Well managed restaurant (better)  
Well managed bar (better)  
Well managed Golf Course  
Adequate Reserve Funds  
Fiscal accountability (better)  
Member-Friendly magazine  
User-friendly website - consistently  
Community Internet  
Good member input system  
Well developed, maint. drainage system  
Well developed fire-prevention systems  
Well developed fire-response systems  
Progressive, Business-minded Mgmt.  
Consistently, Well-Maintained Facilities  
Welcome services (new owners)  
Well trained/educated Directors  
Mgmt. consistent with Size/Complexity  
Adequate Personnel Standards (better)  
Acknowl. of Past Mismgmt./Corruption  
Balanced/Rational Rule Enforcement  
Real Transparency  
Correction of unkempt properties  
RV parking site(s)

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