Finally, after many years, we have an epic year of winter play in Sun Valley and Elkhorn residents have taken advantage of the white stuff. Thank you Mother Nature. We are also very grateful for the bus service in Elkhorn with the Red Route bus buddies taking full advantage throughout the winter months. We have had so much snow the Elkhorn ski lift has been opened and we thank Sun Valley Company for its part in its operation.

SVEA welcomes David Galloway as the new Director to its Board and welcomes back Harry Griffith and Nancy Auseklis who have been re-elected for three more years. Again, I would like to say thank you to Margaret Walker for her valued participation and expertise as she terms out. I would also like to recognize property owners Karen Curry and Dr. Rob Welch who volunteered and ran for the Board. While they were not elected this go around, we thank them for their willingness to give their time and lend their expertise to making Elkhorn a great place to live. I would like to congratulate Elkhorn owner Peter Hendricks, recently elected Mayor of Sun Valley. Also, re-elected to the City Council were Michelle Griffith and Jane Reister Conard. The Board looks forward to continuing the positive relationship they have built over the years with the City of Sun Valley.

While we have seen an epic snow year (it used to be the norm), we need to think back to the past few drought years, which brings us back to a favorite subject - water. In this letter you will find an update on the recent Water Resource Committee efforts in water conservation. I just finished reading an article on water shortage and population growth and it brought to my attention once again why we must pay attention to our usage of this valuable resource.

As spring approaches, our staff is beginning to think about the spring, summer and fall recreation activities. Tennis will soon be in full swing. The pools will be ready and many other recreational activities will again be available. Can anyone say kids fishing derby?? Be sure to visit the Elkhorn website often for all the upcoming details. Our next Board meeting is March 25, 2016. All are welcome to attend. SVEA is our community in Sun Valley. It is up to us, its members, to continue to make Elkhorn the best place to live, participate and use all its amenities.

Peter Petersen
SVEA Board President

THANK YOU TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER

Long time Elkhorn resident Margaret Walker recently finished her second full term (6th Year) on the SVEA Board. Margaret volunteered countless hours serving on various committees such as Communications, Recreation, Nominating, Executive and Tennis. Margaret was always dedicated in her efforts in making Elkhorn the best that it could be and we thank her for her contribution and commitment on behalf of the Elkhorn community. Margaret, we all express our sincere gratitude for your service.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

The SVEA Board and staff extend a warm welcome to new Board member Dave Galloway. Dave was elected by the membership at the recent Annual Meeting and comes to SVEA with a business, personnel and finance background. Dave will be using his talents serving on the Finance, Capital Improvements/Long Term Planning and Tennis Committees. Welcome Dave and thank you for volunteering!
By now many of our property owners have heard the news that SVEA has received over $12,000 in grant funding from the Idaho Department of Water Resources Board. The funds will be used for a pilot irrigation water reduction program around the Harker Center and in the Patty Rosewater Park. The water use reduction program includes an irrigation system audit, landscape irrigation system overhaul, landscape planting modifications, water consumption monitoring and the development of an ongoing educational program. As previously mentioned in the local newspaper, the Sun Valley Institute for Resilience, Sun Valley Water and Sewer and Mountain High Landscapes were instrumental in aiding SVEA in its grant application and success. The Sun Valley Institute for Resilience donated the grant writing services of its staff member Kent Laverty. Mountain High Landscaping, owned by John Balint, donated time and information expertise required for a successful grant application. Mr. Balint has also committed to providing the periodic irrigation consumption monitoring services required as part of the grant approval.

Now, the rest of the story! Sun Valley Water and Sewer General Manager, Pat McMahon, was instrumental in obtaining a cash contribution of $5,000 towards this pilot irrigation water reduction program. Sun Valley Water and Sewer is participating in anticipation that many of the Sun Valley/Elkhorn condominium associations and individual property owners may follow suit after observing actual water reduction through varying levels of irrigation modification and landscape reductions. Sun Valley Water and Sewer also provided SVEA with historical water consumption information. The consumption data allowed SVEA to calculate that a 30 to 35 percent water reduction in Elkhorn, through improved irrigation practices, could result in a 70 million gallon annual irrigation water reduction. The water consumption data provided by SvWS will be the cornerstone in the SVEA owner education and information program. By providing SVEA with ongoing consumption information we will be able keep our Elkhorn community informed on how well we are all doing in our water reduction efforts. Owners interested in knowing their personal water consumption history, and how your usage compares to that of your neighbors, will now have access to this information. The results may surprise many of our owners.

In addition to those groups mentioned previously, SVEA would like to acknowledge and give special recognition to Evergreen Landscaping, Silver Creek Supply and Baseline, Inc. for what will be an incredibly generous contribution of over $9,000 in irrigation equipment. This state of the art equipment was not originally contemplated in the SVEA irrigation modification plans.

SVEA, upon receiving confirmation from the IDWB of our successful water grant application, reached out to Evergreen Landscaping to plan and prepare for the irrigation modifications required as part of the pilot water reduction program. Evergreen Landscaping representative, Mike Koleno, upon learning what SVEA is trying to accomplish, with its pilot program, contacted Silver Creek Supply and Baseline, Inc. forming a coalition which will donate Baseline irrigation control and moisture sensing equipment. This group’s donation will dramatically enhance the planned irrigation modifications virtually assuring SVEA will meet and possibly exceed the 25 percent water reduction goal projections. This top of the line Baseline controller with moisture sensors will automatically monitor irrigation flow requirements calling on water only when needed and dispersing water in intervals which maximizes water use efficiency. “Saving water takes three things; a good design, someone to oversee the (irrigation system) install to make sure it goes in per plan, and someone to set up and run the control system efficiently” said Travis McBride of Silver Creek Supply.

With the generous help of all involved SVEA will lead the way in aiding in the preservation of this vital natural resource. More information will be made available soon as this project progresses. You will learn how you personally can make a positive impact on our available water resources.

Stay Tuned!
**Planning A New Roof This Spring?**

We would like to remind all our owners that the SVEA staff is willing and able to help you through the Architectural Design Committee approval processes for all your home exterior modifications. Items such as roof replacement, repainting, landscape modification, tree removal and many simple modification projects can all be handled administratively and many of these projects do not require a formal review or fees. For a complete listing of all projects which can be approved in this manner and for all of your minor exterior alteration requests, please call the SVEA administrative office and talk with Sue Ahern (208) 622-7420 or visit our website elkhorninsunvalley.com.

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**Japanese Yew Plant Moratorium**

The Sun Valley Elkhorn Board of Directors in their meeting on January 8, 2016 voted unanimously to place an indefinite moratorium on the use of Japanese Yew as a landscape planting material. Japanese Yew is toxic to wildlife and has been the cause of many elk deaths this winter season. Most recently a large number of elk died after consuming Japanese Yew planted in the Hailey Cemetery.

As a result of the elk deaths which have occurred, the Blaine County Commissioners passed a new ordinance which bans the sale, use or possession of the toxic plants and their hybrids in Blaine County. The new ordinance went into effect on March 2.

As a precaution, if you currently have Japanese Yew planted around your Elkhorn home we ask that you consider covering the plants so as not to be accessible to the area wildlife.

*For more information go to the Feb. 26th article in the Mountain Express. [www.mtexpress.com](http://www.mtexpress.com)*

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**Annual Meeting Report**

**Draft Minutes on website**

The 2015 SVEA Annual Meeting was held on January 9, 2016. While only 42 of the 1630 Elkhorn properties were represented in person, a quorum was established in advance of the meeting with approximately 902 owners returning proxies. Thank you to all participating owners! The only official item of business conducted at the meeting was the election of Board members. Of the five candidates running, Nancy Auseklis, Harry Griffith and Dave Galloway were elected, each for a three-year term.

The unapproved “draft” minutes of the meeting are available for viewing on the Elkhorn website (look under Resources – Minutes). These draft minutes will be considered for membership approval at the next Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, January 7, 2017.

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**Reminder:**

**Next Board Meeting**

Friday, March 25th

2:00 P.M.

Harker Center
HOLIDAY LIGHTING TURNS OFF NEIGHBORS!
We would like to remind our owners that holiday lighting season expires on March 15th. Owner cooperation in dowsing those holiday lights after March 15th would be greatly appreciated by your neighbors and we can then all look forward to the next holiday lighting season.
Thanks Everyone!

Five More Weeks of Outdoor Soaking!
Where has winter gone? While the end of ski season is fast approaching, it is not too late to enjoy a wonderfully relaxing soak, sauna or steam at the Village Hot Tub facility. Continuing through mid-April or until the close of the ski mountain, daily hours for this great amenity are 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. ENJOY!

In the summer of 2016 SVEA will be installing a memorial sundial in the Patty Rosewater Park. If you have not visited the park, located immediately behind the Harker Center in the past couple of years, you will be surprised at the many improvements made for our owners and their guests. One of the final touches contemplated is the installation of a memorial sundial in tribute to Patty Rosewater. The sundial will be situated in the park to be fully functional. The tiles inlaid in the grass represent the hours of the day and the months of the year. Each tile will have a three inch by five inch recessed space available for a personalized memorial plaque affixed to the tile. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque in memory of a loved one, please call our office at (208) 622-7420 and make your reservation request. The cost is $250. Proceeds will be used to offset the cost of the sundial installation and park improvements. Plaque spaces are limited to the number of tiles used to create the sundial. If there are more owners wishing to participate than space available, a drawing will be held. Call us today.

It may be hard to think of tennis in March, but before we know it, the snow will melt, the courts will be dry and eager players will be waiting in line to use the tennis facilities. The actual tennis playing season commences in mid-May. For our early bird players, nets will be placed on 2 to 4 courts at the Harker Center as soon as the snow is completely off the courts allowing them to be washed prior to play. The Har-Tru clay courts will be ready for use as weather permits and temperatures remain above freezing. Our Elkhorn Tennis pro, Bill VanDeinse, will be returning in late May for his 25th season. Bill and his staff have lots of ideas for exciting summer programs for both adults and children. See you on the courts!
To keep our owners better informed on those matters within the City of Sun Valley directly affecting you, our Elkhorn owners, we will begin regular reporting of City activities.

In this issue of our newsletter we will report on an ordinance currently in the process of being adopted by the City of Sun Valley. The first of three scheduled readings has occurred and this ordinance could affect all our Elkhorn owners to differing degrees.

Ordinance 479 – Encroachments within City owned Right-of-Way: The City of Sun Valley is currently in the reading process for an amended ordinance which places limitations on street right-of-way encroachment. For new construction, or remodels, property owners will be required to apply for an encroachment permit. Excavating, digging, paving, landscaping, fencing or any other alteration within the street right-of-way bordering an owner’s property must be approved by the City and a permit obtained. In addition to the permit application, the property owner must sign and have notarized a “revocation agreement” in which the City of Sun Valley may revoke a right-of-way alteration permit previously granted if deemed necessary at the sole discretion of the City. All costs to restore the right-of-way shall be at the sole expense of the property owner.

(Ordinance excerpt) “D. Permitted landscaping improvement will require regular maintenance by the property owner. Trees and shrubs in, or adjacent to, the right of way shall be pruned to keep clear of the roadway to a distance of fourteen (14) feet above the road surface. Grasses shall be maintained in such a manner which doesn’t obstruct visibility, access, or parking. E. New driveways and approaches within the city owned right-of-way shall require a permit. 1. Paver driveways shall not be extended to meet the roadway; the first three feet of the driveway approach must be concrete, asphalt, or similar material to that of the adjacent road. 2. Existing paver driveways as of the date of adoption of this code, with or without a permit, are grandfathered under this section. 3. New or reconstructed driveways and approaches shall meet the intent of E.1 of this section. F. Snow from privately owned properties shall not be placed or disposed of in the right-of-way. Disposal of snow which originates on private property, and which obstructs the right-of-way or impairs the ability to store snow within the right-of-way (by the City), will result in a citation to the offending party.” The ordinance places additional restrictions requiring standardized identification on utility boxes, junctions, meters and other utilities located in the right-of-way to be easily identifiable by City and Emergency crews. The cutting of pavement within the city right-of-way is limited to the months of April to November 15. Cutting newly paved roadways is not permitted at any time within the first 5 years unless boring under the roadway is not a feasible option. The ordinance goes on to state “Prohibited Acts; A. No irrigation or watering of the property shall be done in such a manner as to cast, spray or flood water upon pavement or pavement shoulders within the city right-of-way, easement or property. B. Loading, unloading or operation of vehicles equipped with metal tracks or lugs on paved areas of city right-of-way, easement or property is prohibited.” Abatement, and all costs for abatement, for existing encroachments deemed a hazard or safety issue is the responsibility of the property owner. If owners are notified of a safety concern they will have 90 days to remediate the encroachment issue before the city takes action to abate the problem at the property owner’s expense. Enforcement of this ordinance could result in fines issued to the property owner for non-compliance.

We hope you have found this article informative. Look to future issues to keep you informed on what’s happening in our local government.

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

Mark your calendars and plan on joining your Board Members, friends and neighbors for the 2016 owners’ summer picnic.

With the great success in 2015, we will again be offering a relaxed, traditional, barbecue-style event. Your Board members will be donning aprons, wielding spatulas and grilling burgers and hotdogs for all. RSVPs and obtaining tickets in advance will be a must for all owners wishing to attend.

Please watch for more details in our e-blasts and June newsletter.
Arrow points are distinguished from dart points by their generally smaller size and by the narrowness of their stem or neck.

The process of projectile point manufacture begins with chunks of a raw stone-obidisan or siliceous rocks-broken into relatively large flat flakes with the use of a hammerstone or a piece of antler. Obsidian, or natural glass and ignimbrite, may then be shaped into triangular preforms by pressure flaking with a pointed bone tool. Siliceous rocks, such as chalcedony and jasper, required heat treatment before they could be easily flaked. The preforms were then fitted to arrow or dart shafts, a process that apparently involved adjusting the width and thickness of the stem of the point by notching.

If a stone broke during use, it could either be re-sharpened by further flaking or be replaced. Among many historic tribes, it was common practice to discard any point, broken or not, that had been used to kill an animal or another person.

Weapons were not the only tools made of stone. Many others requiring sharp edges or durable surfaces were also made of the same material. Hide scrapers, cutting implements and hammers were produced in the industrial center, each by a somewhat different process.

The forms and orientations of the working surfaces of stone tools are the basic clues to their use.

Hammerstones, for example, are characteristically heavy and have a battered appearance on both ends. Hide scrapers usually are relatively small and have a very steep edge flaked in one direction. They are commonly made of tough siliceous rock. Awls and drills are sharp and narrow and have nearly parallel sides.

The culture of the people of Elkhorn was clearly that of the Northern Great Basin People, not that of the Columbia Plateau. In form and materials, the tools found in Indian Springs are typical of such implements found in southern Idaho and in southeastern Oregon. This would imply that much more of their culture than that simply indicated by the stone tools was comparable to the Shoshoni and Paiute tribes of the Great Basin.

Historically, the people in this area were called Tukudeka, or sheep-eaters. The name was applied with reference to their probable activities at the time so that the same people, when fishing on the Snake River, might be called Agaiduka or salmon-eaters.

The horse, the bow and pottery were introduced relatively recently to these people. The bow probably appeared no more than 2,500 years ago. Pottery came into general use within the last 1,000 years; and the horse, less than 500 years ago.

A large number of myths have appeared concerning the aboriginal Americans, largely because they left no written history and thus are open to the wildest speculation. Stories of hibernating Indians, people with long Dracula-like fangs, thick body hair or prehensile great toes, are utterly false.

The people living in North America have always been specified Homosapiens (modern man). Their tools have been interpreted with a great deal of imagination. Small projectile points for example are often called “bird points,” as if to imply that they would be ineffective against such animals as bison.

One wonders, though, why so many birds were hunted among the great heaps of bison bones on the Great Plains.

The old tale of Indians flaking stone tools by heating them and applying cold water seems to be the most common misunderstanding. Flaking was done by striking with another stone or a piece of antler or by applying pressure with a hard, pointed bone.

The tools found at Indian Springs represent only a fraction of the implements the people of Elkhorn used. Objects of wood, leather, antler and bone have long since been destroyed by the ravages of nature.

Thus, the story of early man in Elkhorn at Sun Valley can never be known in its entirety. But the very fact he was here and was able to cope with his surroundings is a testimonial to the adaptability of mankind.

With the most meager material possessions, by our standards, those people thrived and, in doing so, they left examples of their art in material so durable it may well outlast even our own civilization.
Welcome to the Neighborhood

Crown Ranch
Lisa & Stephan Turnure

Elkhorn Springs
Teresa & Russell Pharris

Elkhorn Village
Stefanie & Christopher Jafay
Sherri Chessen

Fairway Nine One
Olga & Curt Dyckman
Johanna & John Russell

Meadowridge
Jeff & Virginia Holloway

Ridge
David Gladish
Rochelle & Charlie Wright
Kaylyn Petersen

Sagecreek
Sibyl & David McWalters

Sagehill
Defna & Michael Duval

Sunburst
Joan Rubin

Highlands
Andrew Weil

WHAT ARE THE OWNERS ASKING?

Can I pay my dues with a credit card?
Yes. Owners can pay their dues with a credit card. If you have access to the internet please go to www.elkhorninsunvalley.com. On the home page a menu item “Payments” is listed as one of the options on the menu bar across the top of the page. Just click on the menu item and fill in the payment information form. Owners also have the option of arranging for automatic withdrawal with the ability to set the date for the automatic transactions to occur. Contact the SVEA administrative office at 208-622-7420 to find out more about these payment options. A 3% processing fee applies to all credit card payments.

Can I call SVEA and make a credit card payment over the phone?
No. For your protection, and that of the Staff, SVEA does not accept payment with credit cards over the phone. No credit card numbers are collected or stored in the SVEA administrative offices. This policy eliminates any concern about credit card abuse or fraud should the computer systems of SVEA ever be compromised. Computer check-in services provided for owners at the various amenity locations exposes SVEA to a very small possibility of cyber-attack. While SVEA has firewall protections in place, even the very small risk of losing owner personal information is more than SVEA is willing to accept. For your convenience, if you do not have internet access and want to pay by credit card, a computer station outside the company network is available at the administrative offices for owners to use. Staff will be happy to assist owners through the credit card payment process.

Is there Wi-Fi access at the SVEA amenities?
Yes, however, limited at this time. Wi-Fi access is available at the Harker Center and open to our owners for use in the lounge area. The range of our transmission equipment is limited and very weak out into the Harker Pool facilities. There is also Wi-Fi at the Village pool limited to the extent of our current router capabilities. SVEA will continue to improve its Wi-Fi capabilities as existing equipment is replaced when obsolete.

Summer Swim Opening Dates
~ Harker Pool ~
Opens on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 28th

~ Village Pool ~
Opens on Saturday, June 11th
## FUTURE EVENTS

**Board, Membership, and Sub-Association Presidents’ Meetings**

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