

December 14, 2010: Here is a note from the village that I would like to pass along. Take a look at it. Hope all is well with everyone, stay warm and enjoy the holiday season. Don't get suicidal when you receive your gas bill, it's only temporary....I think. -John

November 18, 2010: Here is the latest contract for snow plowing to Vallecillos. Prices remain the same as last year, so I signed it and put it into agreement. By now, we should have seen our own contracts from them. Again, prices have not increased so if you haven't signed and delivered it, you're playing with fire (or snow). We've been real lucky not having to deal with snow yet this year (usually it's already hit us by now). Otherwise, all is status quo on the street. Hope everyone enjoys their turkey day!

September 13, 2010: Just paid the latest insurance premium which went up \$30 from last year. Hmm...must be all those claims we had against them :-). Here is a scan of the declarations and if you're really bored with life and have lots of time on your hands, take a look at the insurance policy. 42 pages of legal blathering...Hope all is well with the neighborhood. I AM WAITING for your kids' pictures so I can post to the web page.

August 19, 2010: Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Yeah, I know, the mosquitos ruin it for us. Maybe the government should declare all mosquitos illegal.

I just received a letter from State Farm regarding our liability insurance. Looks like they're about to hit us for more \$\$\$. Hmm...we'll wait and see what great surprises await us with the newly "revised" policy.

July 19, 2010: Our roadway will be seal-coated on MONDAY, JULY 26. The project will start early morning (around 7AM) so be prepared to park at the end of the street Monday afternoon. Also, if you have any service or contractors that visit on Mondays, let them know the road is closed for the day.

Here is the latest budget that Helen has put together.

Helen writes: I've revised our summary spreadsheet so that hopefully it's a bit easier to understand. In a nutshell,

- Annual Operating Expenses are ~\$4,400 plus ~\$2,500 every other year for seal coating the street

- Annual Assn fees allow us to save ~\$1,000-\$3,000 a year for future street repaving

- o except for this year, \$1,500 budgeted for entrance landscaping and light post

- Assuming we can delay repaving till 2015 and expenses don't dramatically rise, we would have enough to cover \$28,500 without a special assessment

- o Current estimate for overlay paving (NOT complete rip up and repaving) from Northwest Asphalt was \$25,000

- o If road needs to be repaved in 2013, expected special assessment would be \$500 per family

Hopefully everyone agrees with the projections. If so, we're in pretty good shape.

June 7, 2010: I received this letter from a concerned neighbor regarding the village's insistence on securing Lake Michigan water for Long Grove. I replied to this letter and received these comments. Take a look at these. I believe this is something we should be very concerned about, since it has the potential to adversely affect the values of our homes. And remember, if we do somehow get Lake Michigan water, we will be required to cap off our private wells and use the very expensive lake water exclusively - even for our landscaping. Send me any comments or concerns please. -John

June 3, 2010: Just got this message from the village, sent from the sheriff's department, regarding "ruse" burglaries. Check it out, it could be useful to know about these scumbags that look for opportunities.

May 16, 2010: NOTICE:

Our annual HOA Meeting will be held at Eda and Ali's house (5602) on June 10th. at 6:30PM. Please be there as your input is important. We will discuss further beautification to our street entrance and future replacement of the light post and sign.

I am planning to get the roadway seal-coated and will schedule it on a Sunday, preferably late May or early June. At this time, we'll get all the cracks filled. Look for an email with the details. As long as there aren't any major parties or gatherings on the street, we'll shoot for it and plan on parking at the end of the roadway for 24 hours. See you in June! -John

April 22, 2010: Check out our new fence. It's pretty much the same as the old one, built with red cedar and stainless steel hardware (my favorite stuff). It should last for many years. Next is our street light, which I plan to replace with something that fits our street better, and will set it closer to the street so we can place our "Edgewood Pond" sign on it. The current sign post is pretty tired as well. All about beautifying our street...Oh, did I mention JUNE 10 will be our annual neighborhood meeting?

March 20, 2010: Greetings all and happy springtime - I think. Looks like 5604 is up for sale so I'll attach a link to the realty post once it hits the 'net. I am also going to get that ugly fence replaced this year - I promise. Now on to landscapers: I have in the past and continue to recommend Rico Landscaping as a few of us on the street have used its services for years now. Here is a link to the recent contract I have received along with a contact to call. I think we should consider all using Rico for landscaping as it would involve less heavy truck traffic on our street and they usually visit on Friday. Also, we are going to have Rico maintain the entrance landscaping.

Jan. 22, 2010: Welcome to the "teens". Hope all is well with everyone. I was out of the country when the question arose regarding the diagonal trees in our entrance; thanks to all who were involved in getting

them taken out. I have just paid the Vallecillos bill for snow removal and I noticed they added two "salt" treatments. I never saw any salt on the roadway and unless I'm missing something, we were incorrectly charged. I scratched it off the bill and paid the remainder. Now I gotta watch them...I was a bit disappointed that there was a layer of compacted snow on our street early January when every other street in the neighborhood was completely clear. I will take it up with them. Anyway, stay warm and we'll see you all outside before long. -John

NOTE: Mark your calendar, our annual homeowners meeting will be on THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2010.