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Message from the Board President: November 2014

Let me start off by congratulating everyone for making it through another exciting Halloween. It was another great community-wide event with literally thousands of trick-or-treaters, great ghoulish houses, and superb cooperation between our own Public Safety Dept. and multiple law enforcement agencies. We had outstanding support from SB Sheriff, CHP, County Fire, VVC Police, COPs, and many volunteers. Thanks to everyone for your efforts to keep our residents, visitors, and community safe.

I hope you were able to bring your little trick-or-treaters to the great Halloween Party at the Community Building. I think it was the best one ever and a lot of hard work by our staff and volunteers went into making it happen.

We enter our new Fiscal Year 2015 in excellent overall financial condition. Our GM's financial management and collection efforts have been very successful to date, which will allow us to make some additional investments in our community in the coming year even beyond those already in the 2015 budget. We'll be able to discuss those plans in more detail after we receive our final audited financial report for FY2014 sometime in late January.

The median project is well underway which will provide many benefits to our community. First, it will be environmentally friendly by reducing water use and electrical usage by using low power LED lighting – both of which will save SVLA money. It will nearly eliminate the maintenance effort on the median and free up staff to perform other necessary tasks in our community. Finally, it will beautify the main thoroughfare through our community and make it more welcoming for members, guests, and prospective homeowners. This project is being managed in-house for about half of what it would cost if the entire project was contracted out.

We have several new capital improvement projects planned for the upcoming year that will continue to improve our community and keep it the best place to live in the High desert. These projects are possible only because of our strong financial condition. Every project's goal is to make SVL safer, protect and maintain our assets, and improve our quality of life. These are the things that make a community more desirable, which has the added benefit of higher home values for everyone.

I held my first Open Forum at 5PM before the Oct 28 board meeting which was well attended. This was an opportunity to ask questions on any topic that can't normally be addressed at board meetings. I plan to hold another Open Forum as soon as we can nail down a date and time.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving holiday and is able to enjoy the day with family and friends. However you celebrate Turkey Day, please do it safely.

Please note that because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the next Regular board meeting will be held a week earlier on Nov 18 at 6PM in the Community Building. All SVLA residents are welcome to attend, but only SVLA members and associate members are allowed to speak during the public comment portions of the meeting.