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Message from the Board President for SVLA Breeze March 2015

I hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful weather we had in February. However, don't bet the farm that Mother Nature still doesn't have a few tricks up her sleeve. I know many of you still remember the snow storm we had on Easter back in 1995.

You will be receiving your ballots in the mail near the end of March for the Board of Directors election. Our election will be conducted by an independent third-party called The Inspectors of Elections (TIE); so please keep an eye out for their envelope containing the election material and ballots. SVLA spends over $10,000 of your assessments every year to conduct our election, and if we don't receive at least 25% of the ballots back to meet our quorum requirement, we get to do it all over again for another $10,000+. Please vote the first time!

The Community Task Force recommendations were accepted by the Board last month to begin the evaluation and assessment phase of the project. The CTF proposed three Rules & Regulations changes to help combat the long-term impact of poor SVL landlords and to control excessive "absentee" landlord and investor issues in SVL. The recommendations will be evaluated by the Board and staff to assess the overall impact to SVLA before final Board consideration.

I occasionally hear comments from members about amenities they would like to see improved or changed. The process to make this happen is our annual budget process; and as we get closer to starting the process around July, I'd like to ask all members to start thinking about what capital improvement projects you would like to see included in the upcoming budget. The board would like to continue our on-going capital improvement program with projects that help improve our common areas and amenities or improve our overall quality of life. Unfortunately, the cost of all the projects we consider every year is always greater than our limited budget allows, but we want to have a list of candidate projects ready as we move into the budget process later this summer. You can provide your comments directly to the Board at *board@svla.com*, to our GM, or during the public comment portion of our board meetings.

As a reminder that the process really does work, listed below are some recent examples of Capital Improvement or Reserve projects approved by the Board and funded by your assessments.

- New bathroom facility at Fishing Area #8 (2015)
- Bear Valley Rd – SV Parkway Road Rehab Project (2015)
- Community Building Improvements (2015)
- Remodel of three additional Fishing Areas (2015)
- Parkway median project (2014-15)
- Fishing area #6 remodel (2014)
- Video camera surveillance system (2013)
- New playground equipment and sun shade for Meadowlark Park (2015)
- New railing for Equestrian arena (2015)

The March Board meeting will be at 6PM, on March 24, and will be the last one before the Board election, so I invite you to attend and help me say thanks and farewell to the three Board members who are completing their current terms - Ilene Bandringa, Kenny Martell, and Jonathon Tasker.

Scott Eckert