

What's Happening in HSV – 7/15/19

Description

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This is what happened in Hot Springs Village

If you're looking for **proof the POA leadership has been acting contrary to the best interests of its members**, look no farther than [Judge Robert Herzfeld's](#) ruling last Monday in Cooper's case to gain access to Village information.

The Saline County circuit court judge slammed the POA and its arguments for secrecy, something frustrated property owners have been saying for as long as the last few boards and the general manager have been taking us on their misguided "corporate" adventure.

There is good news

There is good news. The POA board (led by the three new members) decided not to appeal the court ruling. An appeal would have no grounds to stand on and be another legal expense the POA does not need.

The judge's ruling also demonstrates the **POA needs a new law firm**, one with the gumption to tell POA leadership when it has a losing hand.

Tomorrow will be the eighth day since the ruling was handed down. That's when a POA eblast last week said what Cooper was seeking will be made available. Will there be a stampede of property owners to the POA Building asking for a copy of the CEO's contract and a list of member email addresses?

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It's not too soon to **begin thinking about the next board election**.

Director Mike Medica is term-limited and can't seek re-election.

Board chair Cindy Erickson's two-year term is expiring. She may run again but would have difficulty winning re-election because she's embraced the "corporate" direction of the Village despite her campaign pledges to do otherwise. Her unwavering support of an unpopular CEO also makes her a liability on the board.

We need two strong candidates willing to join the three elected earlier this year so we can begin rolling back the "corporate" changes imposed in the last three or four years.

Good links to bookmark

For those who like to **know what's going on in the Village**, check out and bookmark these websites:

- For excellent news and commentary about our Village, click on Cheryl & Joe Dowden's superb website.

[hotspringsvillagepeople.com](https://www.hotspringsvillagepeople.com)

- The most complete and accurate weather forecasting for the Village is Weather Underground. (See link below) I particularly like the "10-day" forecast showing what's coming hour-by-hour over the next 10 days. It's easy to customize the chart to show cloud cover, dew point, feels-like temperature, humidity, rain chances, temperature and wind speed. And the site's Wundermap is the best radar view around.

<https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/ar/hot-springs-village/71909>

Speaking of weather

Speaking of weather, everyone's talking about all the rain. For the record: In the first half of this year, we had 45.55 inches – 16.75 inches above the 28.8-inch average for the six-month period, or 58.2 percent. The total is the most we've seen in the quarter century we've lived in the Village.

Rain has impacted golf revenue



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The wet weather has had an impact on Village golf, our biggest asset and second largest source of revenue behind assessments. But **rain can't be the only reason golf rounds were down 12.7 percent** in the first half of the year. The number of days our courses were open for play were down 5.0 percent.

Are we doing enough to attract golfers to our courses? Are we trying to lure Little Rock golfers to the Village after two of their courses were closed last month?

Highlights of What's Happening in Hot Springs Village

Some highlights of what's in the attached What's Happening in Hot Springs Village package covering the first half of the year:

- The state's 2018 crime stats are out and the Village continues to be a relative island free of bad happenings.
- **Capital spending** in the first six months was **down 37.6 percent** from the same period last year. That's money we didn't spend repaving roads and doing other improvements. Also down: Assessment revenue (-1.0 percent) and operational revenue (-6.9 percent).
- **Good news out of the Recreation Department:** Use of the Fitness Center and revamped RV park, and attendance at the Woodlands are all up.

- **Home sales are good** and sales prices are up. The decade-long flatline in new home construction continues, a sign we desperately need a new marketing program to tell the world what a great place the Village is.

To see more on the weather, golf and what's happening in Hot Springs Village, click on the attached PDF file.

Click on the PDF below & scroll down to read Frank Leeming's July 15, 2019, What's happening in Hot Springs Village

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