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## HOWDY NEIGHBORS!

Been awhile since my last email, that's a good thing.... No News Is Good News!

Hard to believe Christmas is upon us already, man that went by fast. Here's a couple of items of note:

-Having lived here for 50 years, I have never seen such an outpouring of Love and Support for anything like we all saw for the Hilgert family at the tragic loss of their son, John. Nichole, Chris and Elizabeth were covered in prayer and support from our entire Community and it is much appreciated during this difficult time. The green ribbons that sprung up spontaneously overnight all across our area were an awesome public display from John's Memorial High School friends and classmates. With the family's approval, we have taken down most of the ribbons in the public areas, though we have not removed from private property, leaving that decision up to the individual homeowners. Know that your Love, support and prayers have been coveted by the Hilgert family during this incredibly difficult time, so keep them coming.

-Thursday Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3pm to 7pm there will be a special Christmas Farmers Market at the usual spot. There will not be a market on Christmas Day. Come out and enjoy Carolers, Cider, Hot Chocolate and Cheer, unless it's in the 80's again, then we'll have iced tea....

-City Hall lights are up and beautiful.... great place to take a family photo or Christmas card photo without going to Disneyland.

-Our Pavilion and Playground are open and a great place to gather, cook out or have a party without messing up your house, so go use it.

-This Thursday is the Bunker Hill Village fourth annual "Twinkle light parade". Starts at 6pm at Frostwood Elementary and ends at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. Always a fun event for all, and our Police and Fire Dept's really put on a great show.

-Voss Road beautification has been delayed due to last year's freeze and inability to get quality plants. Work should begin shortly on the project with plantings of quality plants in the Spring. Sorry for the delay.

-Our beautiful new Village Fire Station is open and operational and it's magnificent! Our Firefighters and First responders love it and are very happy with their new home. Kudos, Congratulations and many Thanks to our own City Councilman Jay Carlton for spearheading this 3-year long (under budget) project for a job well done!

-Good news is that there are dozens of kids riding their bikes to school and back and all over the neighborhood, it's awesome.... Bad news is the kids are not always being the safest on the road. Please remind your kids to be ever careful while riding around as there are not always the most attentive drivers out there and to assume they're not seen by cars. Hate to get preachy here, but I see them all day on my street flying around the corner and we just need to keep them careful.

OK, that's all I got. The world is on fire all around us, but we're good in the 'hood. Our coffers are full, our projects are funded with no debt and we're taking care of our stuff for now and in the future, thanks to a Frugal and Attentive Council and Staff. Big upcoming elections both local and State wide, so please educate yourselves on the issues and get to know your Candidates! As we are seeing all over our Nation, State, and County, elections have consequences and these upcoming elections matter greatly.

Sit tight, I'm working on my Christmas Poem.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all,

Jim Pappas

Mayor Hunters Creek Village