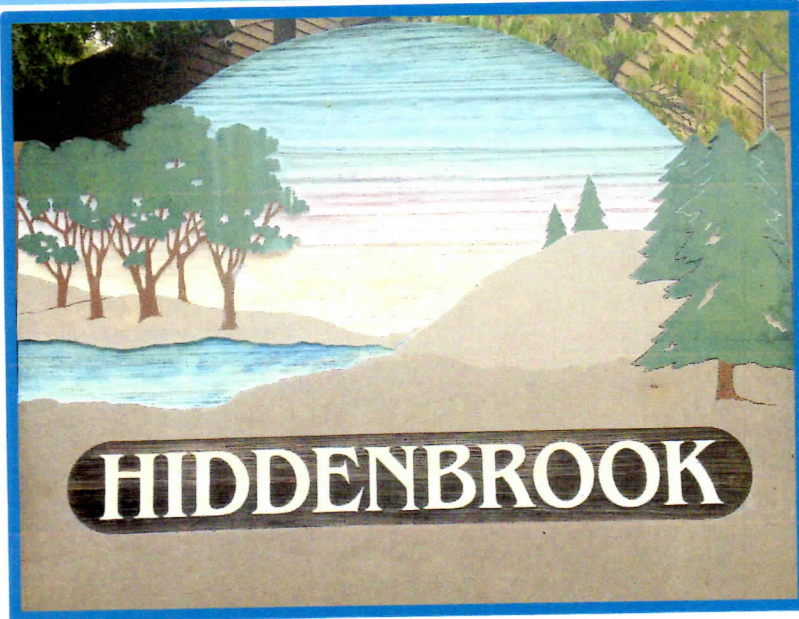


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Swim and Tennis Members:

You should have received your Swim and Tennis Dues invoice in the mail. Please pay by April 15th, 2014 to avoid late fees.

There are still a few Swim and Tennis Memberships available. Please Contact Lisa Cornaire in the office for more information.

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(Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the clubhouse)

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No Mystery in this Message.....

As our weather is finally beginning to improve, and people are eager to get outside and enjoy some sunshine, this renewed sense of freedom can bring with it a danger that seems to increase this time of year.....*distracted driving due to texting and using other electronic devices in the car.*

Spring weather can be intoxicating but drunk, drugged and distracted driving is responsible for thousands of fatalities and accidents each and every year with distracted driving now leading the pack as one of the biggest contributors to vehicular fatalities. Distracted drivers and excited children for warmer weather can lead to catastrophic events. Children running in the streets to get a ball or chase someone is abundant in the warmer months. Let's work together to keep our neighborhood out of the statistics.

Though driving under the influence poses a threat to everyone on the road, drunk driving is no longer the biggest risk behind the wheel. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says driving a vehicle while texting is six times more dangerous than driving while intoxicated; although neither method is a good one. The agency reports that texting while driving has now replaced drinking while driving as the leading cause of accidents and deaths of teenage drivers. It's not a problem reserved only for young adults, people of all ages admit to texting while behind the wheel of a car. Our neighborhood mornings and early afternoons are full of people walking, jogging, and waiting at bus stops. A quick distraction to check that last text message could have a long lasting consequence that just wasn't necessary. According to a Harvard Center for Risk Analysis study, texting in cars and trucks causes more than 3,000 deaths and 330,000 injuries per year.

Car and Driver magazine performed experiments by setting up cars with a red light to alert drivers when to brake. The results were surprising. Sober, focused drivers took an average of 0.54 seconds to brake. Legally drunk drivers required four additional feet to stop. An additional 36 feet was necessary when reading an email and an additional 70 feet was needed when sending a text.

Under a new Virginia law, it is now a primary offense to text while driving. For the first offense, there is a fine of \$125. For second and subsequent offenses, the fine doubles to \$250. This law applies to the operator of a passenger vehicle in motion. Driver's licenses can also be suspended for one year and jail time of up to 10 days could be mandated under certain conditions for a first offense.

The message is simple.....don't do anything but drive when you're driving!



Folly Lick Stream Cleanup

Saturday April 5, 9am-Noon

Are you ready for spring?! With all the snowfalls and then snowmelts, our favorite park has received plenty of runoff carrying the usual load of trash. So, come out and help us clean up the park on Saturday, April 5, from 9:00 a.m. - noon (or earlier if we work hard). Gather at either the Milliken's Bend park entrance or at the Kingston Chase clubhouse. Trash bags and gloves will be provided to those who need them. This year there may be a little bit of bigger trash to pick up due to the storms, but most of it will be the usual suspects of plastic bags, bottles and cans. There will also be a group from Herndon High working on the end of the park near Dranesville Road, so we should be able to do a really good job to get our park looking great for spring. Come help us clean up our neighborhood!

A Message From The Architecture Review Committee

With Spring approaching, we know that often means taking on exterior projects around our homes. We want to remind everyone that most architectural changes to the exterior of your home require prior approval. This can include but is not limited to: installing new siding, roofing, doors, windows, fencing and decks as well as changing the colors of your trim, shutters, gutters or front door, and removing trees. We have worked to make information easy to obtain through our website www.hiddenbrookhomes.org regarding the process and specifics on what is, and isn't, permitted. You can also easily print the guidelines and application from the website.

As was mentioned in the August 2013 Mainstream, new ARC guidelines have been drafted. They are currently under review by our attorneys, and after they are returned to us, they will be posted to the website and time will be set aside most likely in the March or April Board meeting for homeowner input; we will make an announcement in advance. The new guidelines will also be more encompassing to include the responsibility of each of us as homeowners to ***maintain*** our homes. As the weather warms, please take a good look at your property and home. Do the shutters or wood trim need a fresh coat of paint? Is your siding green from algae and in need of a power wash? Are your gutters, siding, shutters securely attached to your home? Are the bushes overgrown or does your landscaping need some 'freshening up'? Once the guidelines have been approved by the board and provided to the community, the ARC committee will begin the process of inspecting all homes and enforcing the new guidelines. It is our hope that everyone emerges from this cold and snowy winter with a renewed ambition to take care of their homes and do their part to keep our community looking nice!

New Date for the Easter Egg Hunt



Due to a change in schedule, the Easter Egg Hunt will now be held on Sunday, April 6th at 1pm at the Hiddenbrook Clubhouse. We'll be searching for eggs filled with goodies and then enjoy some springtime fun and crafts. If it rains, we'll move all the activities indoors.

Please RSVP to hiddenbrooksocial@gmail.com with the number of egg hunters who will be joining you. All children must be accompanied by an adult. If you are able, we are also looking for volunteers to bring a snack, dessert, or beverages. Please let us know if you are able to bring something share with your fellow egg hunters.

Also, on Thursday, April 3rd, we'll be meeting at the Clubhouse at 7:30 to stuff the eggs. If you are able to come, please let us know at hiddenbrooksocial@gmail.com. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you on the 6th!

Neighborhood Watch Forming

A new Neighborhood Watch is forming in Hiddenbrook. If you would like to be a member of this committee, please email us at _____ for more information. This is a great opportunity for walkers to help the neighborhood. Thanks!

Clubhouse Rentals

Planning a graduation party, birthday party or other special event? The clubhouse rental dates are filling up, so check the calendar on the website for available dates. Reserve your date now by contacting our facilities manager, Lisa Cornaire. If you'd like to stop by and see the space, feel free to stop in during Lisa's office hours 2:00-5:00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Swim and Tennis News

Pool Memberships:

Hiddenbrook Pool Memberships are available for purchase through the Swim & Tennis club. Contact Lisa at 703-318-7159 or Hiddenbrook_homes@hotmail.com.

Important Information About Selling Your S&T Membership:

Please be aware, the Swim & Tennis club cannot assist you in selling your membership other than to place your name on our available membership list. We give out this list to potential buyers *only if* the club sells out of it's own memberships this year. In the past, members have had luck in selling their memberships by placing an ad on Craig's List or in other local free listings such as store community bulletin boards. If a home on your street recently sold, we suggest you stop by and ask the new owners if they're interested in purchasing a membership. Once you have found a buyer, please refer to our Hiddenbrook website for important information regarding the process and forms for transferring a membership. This information can be found under the 'Swim & Tennis' section.

Pavilion Project:

As mentioned in the 2014 annual meeting, the Board is currently considering the addition of a covered pavilion over the picnic area at the pool. As with all expenditures, the Board must consider and weigh all aspects before making a final decision to move forward. In our March meeting, the Board voted to earmark some money to potentially fund this project. The Board will review multiple proposals/bids in the coming months for a possible installation timeframe of fall 2014 or spring 2015. As there are still many aspects of this project to review and consider, we encourage anyone interested in learning more about it, to come to any board meeting the third Tuesday of the month. We welcome input on this topic from all Homeowners' and Swim & Tennis members. This pavilion installation will not result in increased dues nor will it impact the health of our reserve (savings) accounts, which to date, remain fully funded.

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Garage Sale

1505 Millikens Bend Rd.

Hiddenbrook

Sunday, April 6th 10 AM - 1:00 PM

Patio furniture, 6 chairs, umbrella (new cushions)

Weber Grill with propane tank

Lawn mower (1 season old)

Kitchen incidentals

Garden tools (electric and manual)