

THE MAINSTREAM



Mark your calendars for **Friday, May 25, 2018** for the **Hiddenbrook Pool Open House**. The event starts at **5 p.m.** This event does take several volunteers:

- Shopping
- Setting up
- Grilling
- Restocking supplies
- Cleaning up

If you can assist, please email the area you can help with to:

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PAST DUE

**Unpaid Hiddenbrook
Swim and Tennis Dues
are now overdue!**



April 12th was a proud day for America and especially for our neighborhood. Capt. Gavin White and his wife Karissa returned to their home, here in Hiddenbrook, after it had been generously renovated by the Tunnel 2 Towers foundation based out of New York.

Gavin suffered the loss of his right leg and the use of his left leg after stepping on an IED while on patrol in Afghanistan in 2013. He and Karissa were dating at the time and after Gavin returned to Walter Reed hospital for treatment, Karissa made the move from North Carolina to Maryland to be by his side. Now, together, they continue to fight a totally different kind of battle called “Conquering Day-to-Day Life After A Debilitating Injury”.

In 2015, they purchased their home in Hiddenbrook and even though it is a one-level home, there were still major obstacles in performing the day-to-day activities most of us take for granted. Have you ever tried to get inside your closet in a wheelchair to get dressed, or tried to fix lunch or dinner on a stove you can't reach, not to mention all the hurdles magnified in an ordinary bathroom? An injury such as Gavin's is catastrophic; but the pain involved in a very lengthy rehab, setbacks from infections, frustration in dealing with even state-of-the-art equipment and the disappointment of missed goals and dashed hopes, could be considered by some as a prolonged form of torture.

During the time spent at Walter Reed, Gavin and Karissa were assigned a case worker from the organization Semper Fi. It was this case worker who made the connection with Tunnel 2 Towers for them. Tunnel 2 Towers is so named in memory of Stephen Siller, a New York firefighter who was headed out of the city to play golf with his brothers when he got the call about the planes and the World Trade Towers. Stephen turned his car around and headed back to the city. When he reached the tunnel, it was blocked, and no one could enter this route to the city. He donned 60 pounds of gear, which he had in his car, and literally hiked through the tunnel and back to the towers on foot. Sadly, Stephen lost his life in the collapse of the south tower but only after saving many lives beforehand. Stephen's brother and founder of the organization, Frank Siller, was the master of ceremonies at the dedication of Gavin and Karissa's home.



A procession of local first responders as well as members of the Tunnel 2 Towers organization and Hiddenbrook residents began in the parking lot at our clubhouse and made its way to the White's home a short distance away. At its end, the procession entered into a gathering of organization volunteers, renovation sponsors and workers, local representatives and Hiddenbrook neighbors. There was a 40' American flag covering the front of the home in preparation for a true “HGTV style” reveal. Each of the sponsors, members of Tunnel 2 Towers, and then Gavin and Karissa gave inspiring speeches that left everyone sharing tears of pride and joy. The event culminated in Gavin, from the seat of his wheelchair, raising the American flag up the flagpole installed front and center in front of his home. I have since watched this event on the news and online at WJLA.com but I can tell you for a fact, it was nothing like being there in person. This was a close-up reminder of the price paid by some for the freedom of all. It was a privilege and a gift to witness this goodness and grace among strangers and friends alike.

Although Gavin, Karissa and their service dog, Stewart, will have a much easier path to navigate with the new features installed inside their home, there will forever be adaptations and alterations necessary for them to maneuver in the outside world. From what I saw when I met them the morning of April 12th, I know they have the “muster” to do so. We all need to be as mindful of our freedom, as appreciative of those who sacrifice, and as helpful and understanding as those who made the spirit of April 12th in Hiddenbrook a very special day!Pam Spencer (Hiddenbrook BOD)

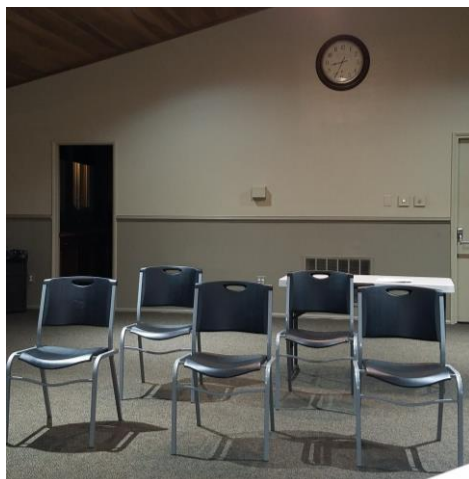
THE ONLY THING CONSTANT IS CHANGE!

As each new year begins, your HOA Board of directors must review the way we operated the year before, eliminate any processes or ideas that didn't help us reach our goals, and decide what best practices need to be implemented or retained for the coming year. This task is different each time as it is driven or limited by input from our residents and Swim & Tennis members, updated laws on a federal, state, and local level, and finally the budget set forth by the Board with recommendations from our finance committee. It can be hard to “govern in a vacuum” and without input from our residents and members; we can only rely on our experiences from the past and our best judgment regarding the future. We polled the Hiddenbrook community regarding a proposed change to our declaration of covenants and our of 393 homes, we have only received 117 responses. This is your neighborhood and your voice to be heard. In order to make a decision one way or another, we need a designated number of responses in order to close out this topic.

We sent a survey out to the Swim & Tennis membership and out of 400 members, we have only received 137 responses. Even though the number of responses was not what we hoped for, there was some very good input that has helped determine the direction of some necessary changes for this pool season. To have your voice heard, whether you are a Hiddenbrook resident or a Swim & Tennis member, you must come to your Board meetings, respond to our surveys, or contact us directly with your suggestions or concerns. We know everyone is busy and this is not to admonish anyone, but instead, to state the fact that if you don't get involved, you may not get what you need or want.

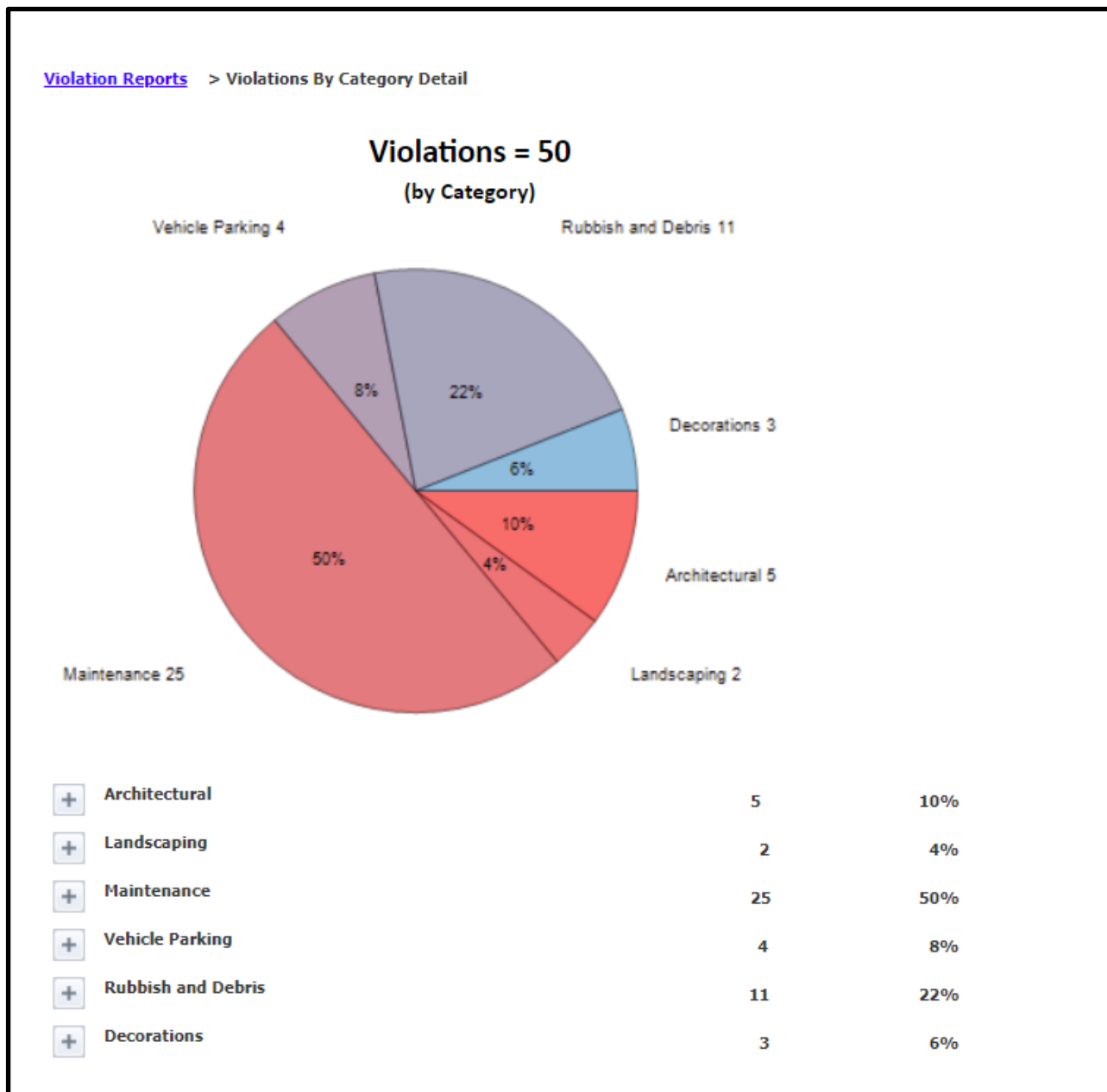
There are some significant changes coming for pool operations this season. We will be detailing those changes in separate communications closer to the pool opening date. Although continuity is good, change can sometimes help us improve, even if it is foreign to us in the beginning.

Stay Tuned For More Info.....



ARC Inspections

In April, some members of the ARC committee and the property manager performed an inspection of all lots in the Hiddenbrook community. Letters were sent out to any homeowners if there were items identified in need of attention on their property. Here is a summary of the topics that were noted on this year's inspections. If you received a letter and have any questions, please feel free to call the property manager.

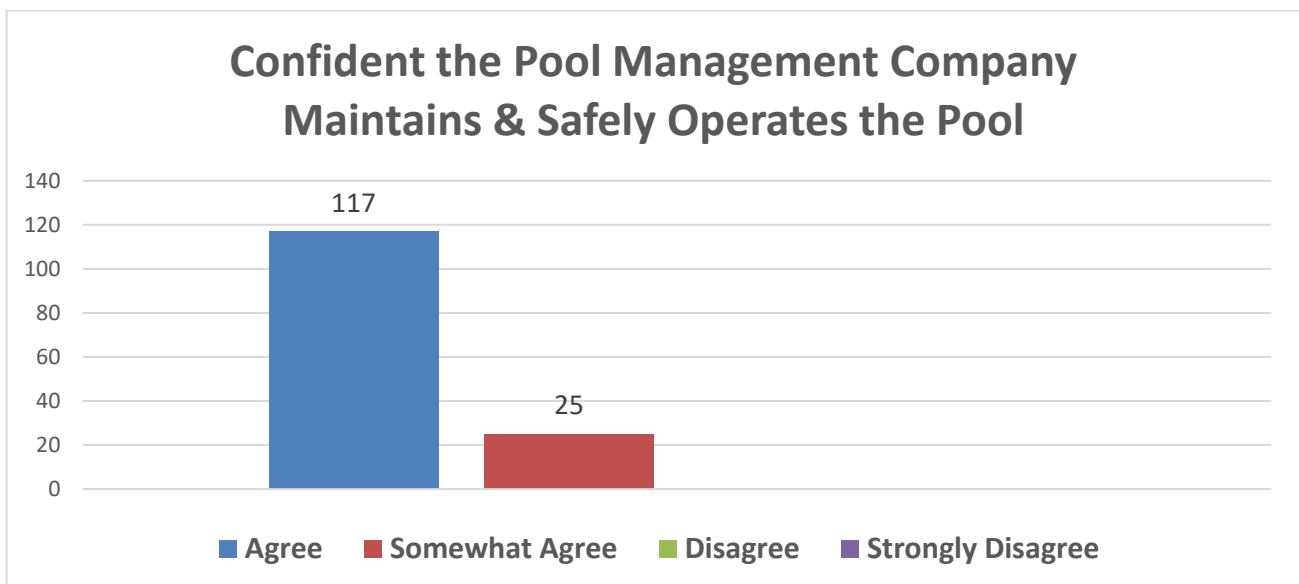
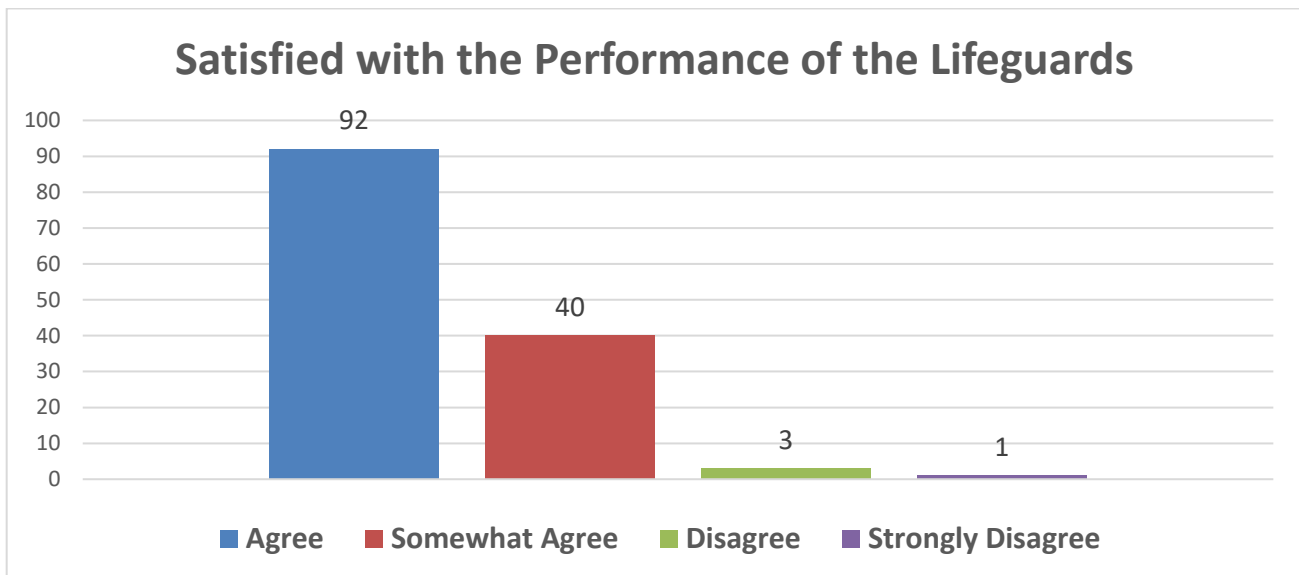
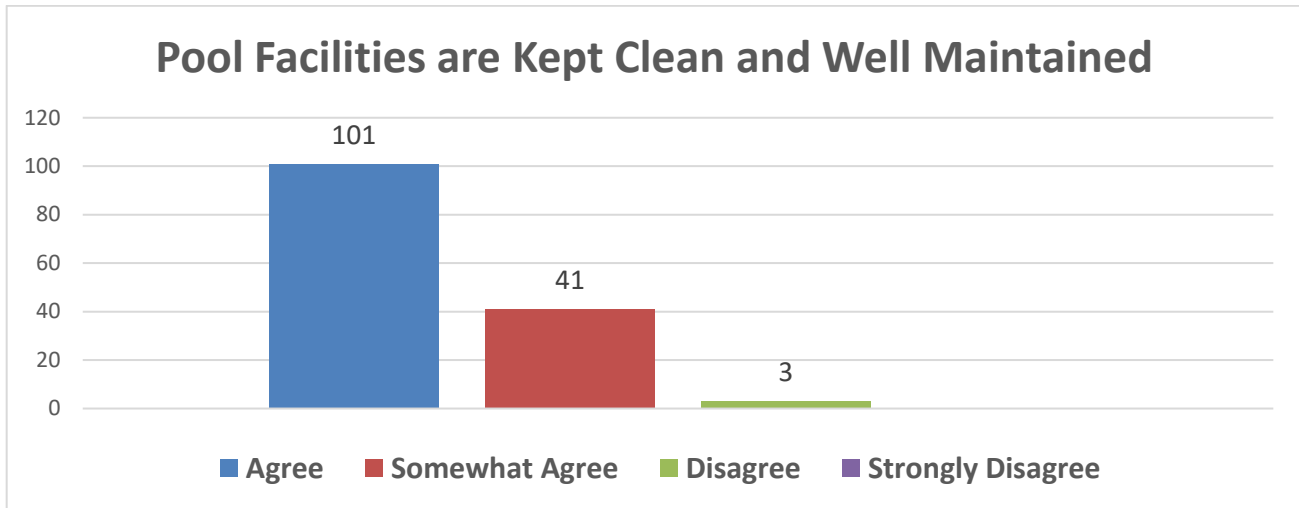


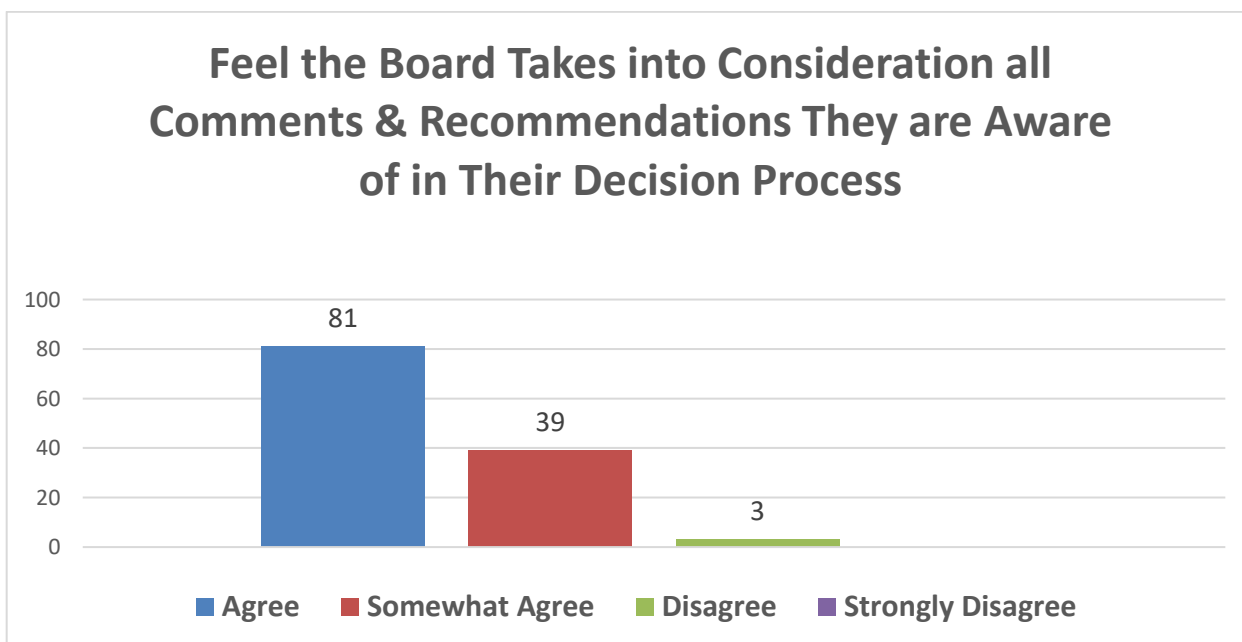
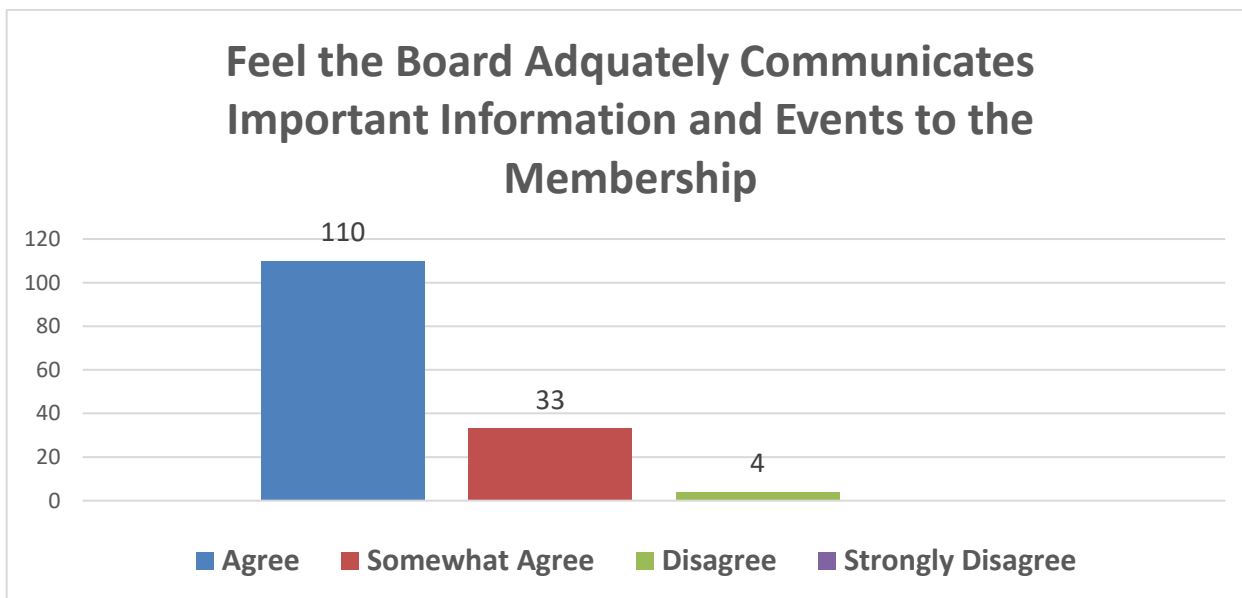
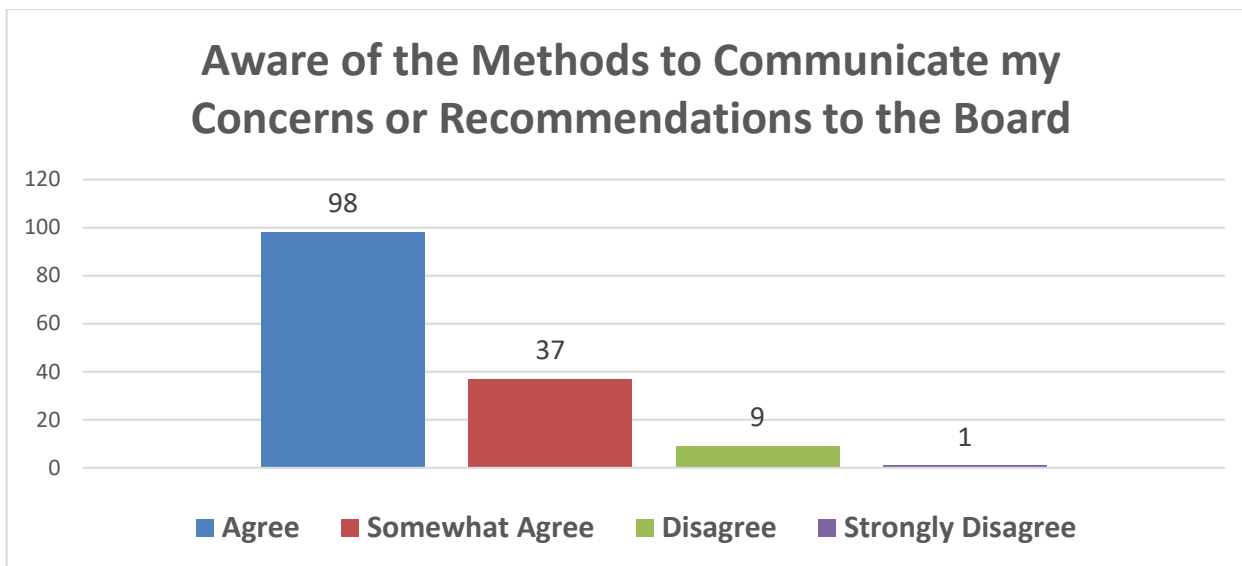
Friendly Reminder

Now that Spring is here, please be sure to keep sidewalks clear by trimming back bushes that are encroaching over the walkway and pruning overhanging tree branches that are lower than six feet high.

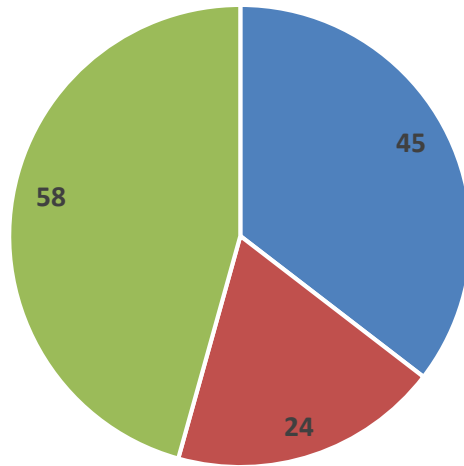
Survey says...

Thank you to the Swim and Tennis club members who participated in the survey. From 400 members, we had 137 completed surveys submitted. Please refer to the following charts depicting the results.





Preference for New Break Schedule



■ No breaks ■ 15-min break everyone ■ 15-min lap swim everyone

Thank Goodness the Pool Opens This Month!



POOL MEMBERSHIPS

The Swim & Tennis Club currently has only **one** membership for sale. The price to purchase a membership is currently \$500 plus the current annual dues amount of \$460.

Contact Lisa Cornaire, Property Manager, at 703-318-7159 or Hiddenbrook_Homes@Hotmail.com

Hurricanes Swim Team Yard Sale



The Hurricanes Swim Team will be holding their annual yard sale fundraiser on **Saturday, May 5th** at the Hiddenbrook Clubhouse parking lot beginning at 8 a.m. If you have any items you'd like to donate, the Hurricanes will be accepting donations at the clubhouse on May 4th, 5-8:30 p.m. Your support is appreciated.

Hiddenbrook HOA Dumpster Day is also scheduled for **May 5th!**

If you have anything to discard, we will have a dumpster in the far end of the parking lot during the same time the yard sale is going on. Please take note that the following items **cannot** be placed in the dumpster:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| - Tires | - Mattresses | - Aerosol Cans |
| - Computers | - Medical Waste | - All Liquids |
| - Contaminated Oils | - Microwaves | - Batteries |
| - Radioactive Waste | - Fluorescent Tubes | - Monitors |
| - Railroad Ties | - Antifreeze | - Food Waste |
| - Motor Oil/Oil Filters | - Solvents | - Asbestos |
| - Hazardous Waste | - Paint (unless dried) | - Televisions |
| - Barrels | - Herbicides | - Flammable Liquids |

Hiddenbrook Board of Directors

(Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the clubhouse)

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If you are interested in joining any of the Hiddenbrook committees, please fill out the 'Committee Interest Form' from the documents page of the www.hiddenbrookhomes.org website and send it in to our property manager, Lisa Cornaire at Hiddenbrook_Homes@hotmail.com

If you are interested in receiving a printed copy of our monthly newsletter, please email your request to hiddenbrook_homes@hotmail.com.

CLUBHOUSE CALENDAR

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
					Swim Team Event	Swim Team Yard Sale
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Clubhouse Rental				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		7:30 pm Board Meeting				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					Pool Open House 5 p.m.	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

Are you interested in helping the community? We could use a **volunteer to compile this monthly newsletter**. (Any needed training can be provided.) Email Joan Koss at joanekoss@outlook.com for more details.