

THE MAINSTREAM



Hiddenbrook Homes Association

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IMPORTANT NOTICE !!

- **There is a scheduled swim meet at the pool on Saturday July 4th. The pool will NOT open until 12:30.**
- **The Hiddenbrook Clubhouse, pool, tennis courts and parking lot will be closed beginning at 9:00 pm on Saturday July 4th.**
- **It is prohibited to set off any type of fireworks on the grounds of our facilities. There is 24 hour surveillance on property and the police will be contacted to address any violators.**

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE!!

The annual 4th of July parade will be held in the clubhouse parking lot on Friday July 3rd starting at 10:00 am.

Decorate your bikes, wagons, scooters, rollerblades or any other mode of transportation you wish to bring. Colorful and patriotic outfits are always fun too.

After the parade in the parking lot is over, we will all share popsicles and water will be provided as well.

Hope to see you again this year!



VACATION DO'S & DON'TS

It's Summer time! Time to head to the pool, BBQ, and go on vacation! In order to have peace of mind during your vacation, before you hit the road, take a few precautions so your home isn't enticing to thieves or susceptible to fire and other disasters.

Here are some tips to keep your home and property safe while you enjoy some much needed time away:

- Call on friends for help. If you're going to be away a week or more, ask a trusted friend to check on your house every day or two – or better yet, housesit – while you're gone. Not only will they make sure nothing happens to your home, but you might also ask them to bring in your mail and newspapers, water plants or even feed Fluffy. Of course, it's a good idea to let your neighbors know a friend is monitoring your property so they don't call the police to thwart a perceived "break-in."
- Set your lights on a timer. Leaving your house unlit for days on end is a sure sign to burglars that it's empty, but so is keeping the lights on 24-7. A good way to handle the lights on/off conundrum is to set them on a timer that's scheduled to simulate your regular routine. However, if the lights seem a bit too simulated, that can be another telltale sign, so it's a good idea to set the timers in individual rooms on staggered schedules to make the light coming from your home seem more natural.
- Stop your mail and newspaper. Nothing screams "nobody's home!" like a pile of newspapers strewn about your doorstep or an overflowing mailbox. So, if you can't get a friend or neighbor to collect them for you, it's best to have your mail and paper stopped if you're going to be out of town for awhile.
- In a world where it seems everyone is blabbing about their business on social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter, it's important to stop and think: Who exactly is reading this stuff? The anonymity of the Internet can encourage us to share personal information without fully realizing that there may be hundreds of complete strangers receiving our daily musings. Would you announce to a crowd that you will be leaving your house unattended for two weeks this December? If not, then you should think twice about posting your detailed vacation plans on Twitter or Facebook -- especially if that information is visible to Internet users other than your friends and family (and it probably is).
- Be careful what you say on your answering machine or voice mail too. Callers don't need to know that you're not home -- they just need to know that you can't come to the phone right now.
- Don't leave the spare house key lying around. That fake rock where you keep the extra house key isn't as discrete as you think. Whether you keep a spare under your welcome mat, above the door frame or in a hide-a-key contraption, chances are it will take the burglars five minutes flat to find it and gain easy entry to your house. So take it with you, let a friend hold onto it, or put it in a safe place inside your house.
- Make a last-minute checklist. Are all the windows and doors locked? Stove and oven turned off? How about all the faucets? Are the electronics unplugged and valuables secured? Take five minutes before you leave to ensure your house is vacation-ready. Another run-through of the house may seem unnecessary if you did it earlier in the day, but knowing you've left your house as safe as possible will help you kick back and have a great vacation.

The Hiddenbrook HOA Board of Directors hopes you have a wonderful and safe summer!

SNAKE SAFETY & AWARENESS

The photo below shows a Copperhead snake recently seen on the walking path through the woods in our neighborhood. The Northern Copperhead is the only venomous snake species commonly found in Fairfax County. Copperheads may be found basking in the sun, on trails and in rocky areas, or in stream valleys. They are most active between April and October.

Copperheads can be identified by their triangular head shape, vertical pupil and hourglass scale pattern that runs the length of their body. They may be copper-colored or light brown and tan color.

Most snake bites occur when snakes are handled or accidentally touched by someone walking or climbing. The venom of a small or young snake is more potent than that of a larger adult.

Safety tips to Reduce Chances of a Snake Bite

- If you see a snake, stop and keep a safe distance. Give the snake room to move away on its own.
- Do not try to handle any snake. Any snake will bite if provoked.
- When walking or hiking, stay on trails, sidewalks and cleared pathways
- Wear boots or closed shoes and long pants when working outdoors or walking in wooded areas
- Wear leather gloves when handling brush and debris
- Use a flashlight if walking at night in areas where snakes might be present
- Keep dogs on leashes and pet cats indoors to reduce chances of them encountering a snake.

If you find a sick or injured snake, contact the police non-emergency line at (703) 691-2131 to be connected with Animal Control. If you are bitten by a snake you believe could be venomous, seek emergency medical attention immediately.

For information on managing wildlife interactions and resolving human-wildlife conflicts, the Virginia Wildlife Conflict Helpline is available toll-free at (855) 571-9003, 8:00AM - 4:30PM Monday through Friday. This helpline is a collaborative effort between the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Services.

Information Source: Fairfax County Police Department News



SWIM CORNER

The Hiddenbrook Hurricanes are currently undefeated in the NVSL having won their meets the last two Saturdays!

Please show your support by attending a home meet this month on the 4th of July at 9am or on Monday June 13th at 6pm. You can also support the swim team when you are at the pool by purchasing snacks from the SNACK SHACK on the pool deck next to the guard office. It is open whenever a swim parent is there to be on duty from quarter of to the top of the hour during breaks.



JOIN THE HIDDENBROOK TENNIS LADDER

Do you play tennis? You're invited to join the Hiddenbrook Tennis Ladder for Summer 2015! We welcome players of any skill level. The tennis ladder runs June 1 - August 31.

How do I sign up?

Send an email to hiddenbrooktennis@gmail.com. You will be given instructions to register.

Who can join?

Hiddenbrook Swim and Tennis members 18 and older can join. We will have 2 ladders: Men's singles and Women's singles.

How does it work?

Once you join the 2015 Tennis Ladder, you can challenge other players in the ladder to a match. Contact another player to schedule and play a match. The winner enters the results in the ladder. Players are ranked based upon games won and other factors.

See you on the Tennis Court!

The Hiddenbrook Tennis Committee



Margaret Hinders
Hiddenbrook HOA Bookkeeper

Meg has been living happily with her family in the Hiddenbrook neighborhood since 2002. With a business degree from the University of Mary Washington, she has worked in many areas of accounting, including federal, corporate and non-profit. Meg has been our bookkeeper for the Hiddenbrook HOA since April 2011, and says she has really enjoyed working for, and with, our community.

POOL NEWS

Hiddenbrook Pool Guest Pass Policy

No member family shall have more than four (4) guests (or one guest family) at one time.

Birthday parties or other such gatherings are permitted. The member family may have a maximum of 20 guests and there must be one (1) adult present for every five (5) children. Up to three picnic tables can be reserved. It is very important that the event is scheduled at least 48 hours in advance with the lifeguards. The lifeguards have the right to limit the number of parties at the pool for safety and occupancy reasons. If you are planning a party, it's best to contact them well in advance to ensure your spot on the calendar. Persons not in swimwear will be allowed to enter the pool without paying a guest fee. For more information on the Hiddenbrook pool rules and policies, please visit the Swim and Tennis section of the Hiddenbrookhomes.org website.



We Need Your Help!

During the first two months of our pool season we often experience an overload of trash when we host the home swim meets here at Hiddenbrook. We have added extra trash receptacles but there is still an issue with putting the trash in the proper receptacles. We ask that you help us deal with this situation by doing the following:

- When you are finished with your meals, snacks or treats, please deposit all remaining disposable items in the proper trash receptacles
- Separate all recyclables and put them in the receptacles marked for that purpose
Note: pizza boxes and any materials with food residue on them are not recyclable
- Break down any large boxes or items that will take up a lot of extra space in the receptacles
- Keep restrooms clean by putting all trash in receptacles provided
- We purchased a diaper pail for diapers only and it is located in the changing space in the ladies restroom. Please do not put diapers in any other receptacle
- Please notify one of the lifeguards if you notice a full trash receptacle that needs to be emptied
- Do not put loose trash in any receptacle that does not have a liner in it



Hiddenbrook Board of Directors

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

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****If you are interested in joining any of the Hiddenbrook committees, please come to a board meeting or e-mail the respective committee liaison attached to the committee or contact the Property Manager to get more information.**

July Clubhouse Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 Pool Opens at 12:30p Swim Meet
5	6	7 All Day: Office Closed...	8	9 All Day: Office Closed...	10	11 10:00a: Clubhouse Rental...
12	13 4:00p: Swim Team B Meet- PO...	14 7:00p: CB Meeting...	15	16	17	18 1:00p: Clubhouse Rental...
19	20	21 7:30p: Board Meeting...	22 6:30a: Swim Team Divisional...	23 6:00p: Swim Team Paper Plat...	24	25 All Day: Swim Team A Meet, Di...
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 All Day: Rental...

Take note



Yard Signs

We recently had a visit from Fairfax County personnel who were removing illegal signage from residential yards. Examples of items being removed were advertisements for yard sales and missing pets taped to street signs and light poles.

At least two of the yellow "SLOW DOWN" signs that were placed in the grass strip on the street side of the sidewalk were removed. These signs are permissible but only for short periods of time. They should be placed in homeowners' yards only and removed frequently then set out again in another area in order to have the intended effect on speeding drivers.

We ask that residents be courteous and remember to remove temporary signage in a timely manner. For any long-term signs, please do not place them on county property or in areas that may block a driver's line of sight. (i.e., corners / curves)

Thank You!