

THE MAINSTREAM



Hiddenbrook Homes Association

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THE HIDDENBROOK CRAB FEAST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
7PM-12AM

Live music, food, friends and fun!

All Hiddenbrook Homeowners and Hiddenbrook Swim/Tennis adult members are invited. Adult guests are welcome but must be accompanied by a member.

PLEASE RSVP BY NOON ON 9/2 & BE SURE TO NOTE WHICH FOOD OPTION YOU ARE CHOOSING TO ENSURE THERE IS ENOUGH FOOD.

<http://www.evite.com/event/029307B5TVZ2OAIU4EPFIVLRRT5BYA?>

Costs:

Crab & shrimp \$36/person

Chicken & shrimp \$24/person

Chicken only \$18/person

We ask that all attendees bring a dish to pass. For payment and other information, view the link.



REMINDERS

The pool will close at 6:00pm on Saturday 9/5 for the Crab Feast.

The pool hours for the weekend after Labor Day (Sep 12-13) are 11:00am - 6:00pm.

The Dog Swim is on Sunday, September 13th beginning at 7:00pm for one hour.

DEER MANAGEMENT



Each year, deer management is conducted in select Fairfax County parks. It is a program conducted by the Fairfax County Police Department with the Fairfax County Park Authority and NOVA Parks. You are receiving this letter because you live near or adjacent to a park where deer management activity is planned to occur (see attached park list). The purpose of this letter is to provide you with important information about the program.

The Fairfax County Deer Management Program uses the most safe, effective, and sustainable deer management methods as permitted by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, including the use of archery, managed hunts, and sharpshooting. For the park near your residence, archery has been selected as the most appropriate method of deer management.

Why is deer management happening?

The deer population in Fairfax County has grown to a level that poses safety and health hazards in our communities and is not sustainable by the environment over time.

Public Safety Concerns: Serious public safety concerns are associated with an overabundant deer population. The primary concern is the high number of deer-vehicle collisions that occur annually in Fairfax County that may result in injury and even death of residents. Thousands of these collisions occur each year in Virginia.

Human Health Concerns: Overabundant deer pose a human health concern. Deer are the primary maintenance hosts for ticks that can transmit pathogens that cause Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever to humans. High densities of ticks carried on deer may potentially increase the spread of these tick-borne illnesses to humans.

Environmental Impact: Over-browsing by deer has also led to destruction of many of our forests. This has negatively impacted the entire ecosystem including loss of other wildlife species that depend on these habitats for food, cover, and nest/den sites.

The goal of the Deer Management Program is to reduce the current deer population to more sustainable levels to minimize these impacts for residents and wildlife alike.

What do I need to know about deer management happening in a park near me?

Archery will be conducted from September 12, 2015 to February 20, 2016. Archers are permitted to hunt at the approved park locations Mondays through Saturdays, beginning 30 minutes prior to sunrise until 30 minutes past sunset. Sunday hunting is not allowed.

Parks are NOT closed to park patrons during this time. Archery program signs will be posted at park entrances and on trails informing visitors of this deer management activity and asking visitors to remain on established trails, per regular park use requirements. Hunting is conducted from elevated tree stands located at least 100 feet from the park property lines and 50 feet from established park trails.

Archers must comply with all requirements for licenses, permits, and Hunter Safety Education as mandated by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. All archers must also pass a proficiency test to demonstrate superior marksmanship in order to qualify for the program. Archers are required to wear program identification and display visible parking permits to show that they are associated with the Fairfax County Deer Management Program. All archers must pass a criminal background check to participate in the program. **Archers are not allowed on private property without permission by the owner or tenant.**

Residents may give permission to archers to hunt deer that wander onto their property. If you are interested in learning more about this option, please contact Sergeant Earl W. Powell, with the Animal Control Division, at (703) 324-0280.

Public meetings will be held on the following dates to answer any questions you may have.

1. North Fairfax County Government Center: August 13, 2015 – 7 P.M. to 8 P.M.
15000 Government Center Pkwy Fairfax, VA 22035 (Conference Room 4 & 5)
2. Mount Vernon District Police Station: August 18, 2015 – 7 P.M. to 8 P.M.
2511 Parkers Lane Alexandria, VA 22306 (Community Room)

You can also visit the Fairfax County website for more information about the Fairfax County Deer Management Program at:

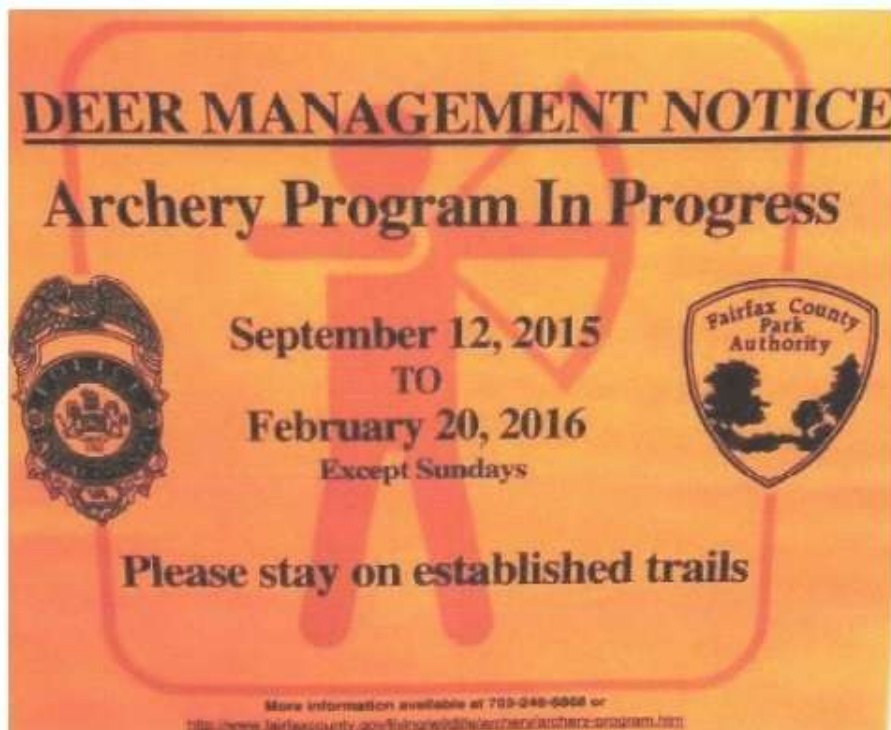
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/wildlife/archery/archery-program.htm>

If you have any further questions, please contact Sergeant Powell at (703) 324-0280 or Dr. Katherine Edwards, Wildlife Management Specialist, at (703) 324-0224.

Sincerely,

Edwin C. Roessler Jr., Colonel
Chief of Police

PLEASE BE AWARE!



Two [Public Information Meetings](#) are being held and residents are invited to attend to learn about the Fairfax County Deer Management Archery Program. The meetings will be held Thursday, August 13, 7 p.m. Fairfax Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Conference Rooms 4 & 5 and Tuesday, August 18, 7 p.m. Mount Vernon District Station, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, Community Room.

The [Fairfax County Deer Management Archery Program](#) begins Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015 and runs through Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016. Under the oversight of the Fairfax County Police Department, in collaboration with the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, the archery program is conducted in [parks and other locations](#) throughout Fairfax County.

The archery program began in 2010 and is part of an integrated [Deer Management Program](#) to reduce and stabilize the white-tailed deer population in Fairfax County in efforts to minimize safety and health hazards related an overabundance of deer. These impacts include thousands of deer-vehicle collisions, potential spread of diseases, and environmental damage attributed to deer that can impact the entire ecosystem. The program was approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 2000 and is recognized as a safe and efficient method of deer population control by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Archery participants are required to meet state safety requirements and must pass qualifications to demonstrate skill and marksmanship, in addition to carrying program identification. All archers participating in the program must pass a criminal background check. They are approved to hunt at assigned sites Monday through Saturday during legal hunting hours, 30 minutes prior to sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. Florescent orange and yellow signs are posted wherever managed hunting activity takes place. Archers must stay 100 feet from property lines and 50 feet from established park trails.

Because of its proven track record of safety, archery is a preferred deer management method in Fairfax County. Virginia began tracking hunting injuries in 1959. There have been no injuries related to archery have been reported by bystanders anywhere in the Commonwealth during this time.

DID YOU KNOW?

A **Hiddenbrook Traffic Calming Task Force** has been established to find a solution to slow down traffic on Hiddenbrook Drive. Some residents who live on and around the road have noticed an increase in traffic and speeding recently and are concerned about safety.

A traffic study was completed in 2013 that qualifies Hiddenbrook Drive for a traffic calming conceptual plan due to the volume of traffic and average speed.

- Total Volume on 5/22/2013: 3806 vehicles
- Eastbound 85th% Percentile Speed: 40
- Westbound 85th% Percentile Speed: 35

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) proposal includes three new traffic-calming devices:

- a speed hump between 1539 and 1540 Hiddenbrook Drive
- a speed hump between 1509/1511 and 1506/1508 Hiddenbrook Drive
- a raised median island at the east entrance to Hiddenbrook Drive from Dranesville Road

There will be a community meeting in October to discuss the traffic calming proposal and the approval process. Officials from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and FCDOT will be available to answer questions. More information on the meeting will be included in the next newsletter.

Please email slowdownhiddenbrookdrive@gmail.com with questions.



DOG SWIM



Hiddenbrook Dog Swim
Sunday, September 13
7-8pm

Please bring a donation for the Fairfax County Animal Shelter

Items needed include:

towels, dog food, blankets, dog toys, flea and tick medicine, paper towels, dog & cat beds, leashes, Dawn dishwashing soap, collars, clay cat litter, small animal supplies, Ziploc bags (gallon & quart)

FALL PRUNING TIPS

School will begin Sept. 8th. Please prune trees and shrubs that are obstructing a clear path for our students walking to and from bus stops and school.

Pruning is both a regular part of landscape maintenance and a way to remedy problems in your plants. It can also help achieve a special effect, such as determining the form a plant assumes as it grows. Knowing which plants to prune in the fall is important in ensuring a successful outcome.

Blooming Time: To determine the best time to prune a blooming shrub or perennial, first consider when the plant produces flowers. Shrubs or woody perennials that bloom in the late summer or early fall benefit from pruning in fall or winter to improve the overall shape of the plant, control its size or remove dead or broken branches. These types of plants include most ornamental grasses, angel trumpet plants, butterfly bushes, and many other varieties. On the other hand, spring-blooming shrubs such as azaleas and rhododendrons produce new flower buds during the summer and should be pruned early in the summer, shortly after their blossoms are spent. Pruning these spring-bloomers in the fall would remove their new flower buds, preventing flower production the following spring.

Late-Fall Shaping: For non-blooming shrubs where flowering time is not a factor, fall can be a good time to clean up the plants, removing unsightly branches or giving the plant an overall shaping. However, fall-pruning is best done after the plant has entered dormancy and stopped growing; pruning too early in the fall, when the plant is still growing, can encourage tender new growth that is especially susceptible to damage from cold weather. Most non-blooming shrubs such as arborvitae and cypress shrubs respond to late-fall, dormant pruning with a burst of new growth the following spring.

Perennial: Herbaceous perennials that bloom in spring or summer, such as daisies, peonies, phlox, iris and daylilies, benefit from a general pruning in fall to remove stems and foliage before winter arrives. These plants generally die back during winter, leaving dry brown foliage and spent blossoms. Although you could leave these tops in place if your plants are healthy, cutting them back helps remove any diseased or insect-ridden parts, promoting healthy new spring growth. It also removes potential winter nesting areas for rodents and improves the plants' appearance during dormancy.

Perennial plants that grow from bulbs also benefit from a late-summer or fall pruning. These include spring-blooming bulbs such as tulips, hyacinths and daffodils as well as summer bloomers such as hardy lilies. For these plants, the best practice is to leave the foliage in place after blooms have faded, since the plant uses its foliage during summer to produce nutrients it stores for the next year. When the foliage wilts and turns yellow or brown, it can be safely removed by cutting it off cleanly with a sharp knife or pruning shears.

DUMPSTER DAY IS COMING

The Hiddenbrook Board has decided to provide a free “dumpster day” in the month of October for the residents of Hiddenbrook.

The dumpster will be placed in the clubhouse parking lot for one day and approved items will be accepted free of charge for that day only. More details will be provided in the October issue of the Mainstream and via our flash emails from Hiddenbrook News.



DOODY-CALLS

For those dog owners who do not yet know of the Doody-Calls stations near the clubhouse, be advised where there was one, now there are two for your convenience. The station near the tennis courts and the greenway has been in place for over a year. The new station is located just East of the entry to the clubhouse near the sidewalk. These stations have been provided for your convenience in an effort to help you keep our neighborhood free of “doggie do”.



Hiddenbrook Board of Directors

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

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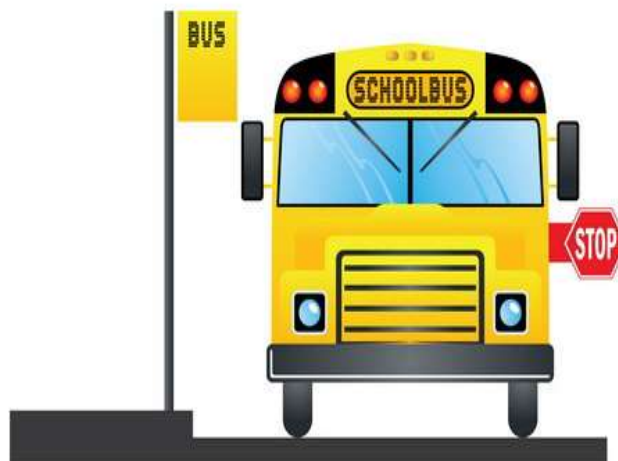
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****If you are interested in joining any of the Hiddenbrook committees, please come to a board meeting or e-mail the respective committee liaison attached to the committee or contact the Property Manager to get more information.**

September Clubhouse Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 7:00p: CRAB FEAST...
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 7:00p: DOG SWIM...	14	15 7:30p: Board Meeting...	16	17	18	19
20	21 7:00p: CB Meeting...	22	23	24	25	26 All Day: Clubhouse Rental...
27	28	29	30	1	2	3



REMEMBER FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOLS START NEXT WEEK: THERE WILL BE BUSES ON THE ROAD AND STUDENTS WALKING TO & FROM SCHOOL AND AT BUS STOPS. GIVE YOURSELF EXTRA TIME & AVOID THE RUSH.