THE MAINSTREAM





Please note the following events and pool closures:

Monday, July 3 -Pool closes at 4 p.m.*

Tuesday, July 4 – 4th of July Parade 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 4-Pool closes at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 12-Pool closes at 4 p.m.*

Saturday, July 22-Pool opens at 12:30 p.m.

Monday, July 24 – Pool closes at 4 p.m.*

Saturday, August 26 – Crab Feast 7-12 p.m.

*The Kingston Chase Pool may be used due to this early closing

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4th of July Parade

Join us for the annual 4th of July Parade in the main parking lot at Dranesville Elementary School starting at 10 a.m.

Come dressed up and/or your ride on toys decorated.

Popsicles will be provided.

Parking is available in front of the school and on the street.



Follow us on Facebook

We have a page on Facebook called Hiddenbrook Homes and Swim/Tennis. Be sure to follow us as another way for us to communicate and keep you informed on neighborhood and Pool and Tennis happenings!



With the July 4th weekend upon us we want to wish everyone a fun and enjoyable holiday weekend. As many of us gather with friends and family to celebrate and have some summer fun, please remember to be considerate of the safety and enjoyment of your neighbors when having parties and setting off fireworks. Keep in mind the county has a specific list of permissible fireworks which can be found here. In addition, the Fairfax County noise ordinance is now in effect and requires quiet hours beginning at 10 p.m.

POOL REMINDER

Absolutely **NO** glass containers inside the pool fence area. We don't want the potential for any broken glass to require us to close the pool, drain it, clean it, and refill it for safety reasons.

Please visit our website to review the Hiddenbrook pool rules or use this link: Pool Rules

Pool parties/gatherings...

Any reservation for a party at the pool, especially using the picnic area, must be made in advance with the lifeguards and receive approval. Please remember that there must be one adult per every five children in attendance with a maximum party size of 20 people.

Seasonal Snake Safety & Awareness Information

BY FCPD MEDIA RELATIONS BUREAU ON JUNE 28, 2017

With the emergence of spring and summer quickly approaching, many Fairfax County residents will be spending more time outdoors. As temperatures continue to rise, the warm weather will also encourage snakes to become more active and increase opportunities for people and their pets to encounter these secretive reptiles.

Fairfax County is home to an array of snake species, most of which are non-venomous and pose no threat to people. The most frequently observed of our resident snakes are Northern black racers, Eastern rat snakes, Northern ring-necked snakes, and Northern water snakes, common and important predators in our ecosystems. These snakes, and others, are beneficial and provide a valuable service in our communities in the way of pest control.



Northern copperheads, like the one shown here, are living in Fairfax County. Photos taken from VA Herpetological Society webpage

The Northern copperhead is the only venomous snake species commonly found in Fairfax County. Copperheads may be found basking in the sun on trails, in rocky areas and in stream valleys. They are most active between April and October. Copperheads can be identified by their triangular head shape, vertical pupil and an hourglass scale pattern that runs the length of their body. They may be copper-colored or a light brown and tan color. Juvenile copperheads have the same color patterns as adults, except the tip of the tail is yellow. Many of our non-venomous snakes are unnecessarily killed each year because they are misidentified as copperheads. For information on identification of the Northern copperhead and harmless look-a-like species, please visit the Virginia Herpetological Society: (http://www.virginiaherpetologicalsociety.com/reptiles/snakes/snakes_of_virginia.htm).

You are most likely to encounter snakes:

- 1) When they are crossing roads;
- 2) When they are moving through your backyard or through other transient habitats;
- 3) During breeding season (spring or fall) when they are moving to look for mates;
- 4) When they are basking near habitat edges (e.g., water bodies, forest lines).

Most snake bites occur when snakes are handled or accidently touched by someone walking or climbing. Following a few simple tips when outdoors can help you lessen your chances of a snake bite.



Eastern rat snake (juvenile), one of several non-venomous snakes, found in Fairfax County. This juvenile snake is commonly misidentified as a copperhead.

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 so do not handle them.
- 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 the Animal Protection Police. 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.

Additional information on snakes including ways to discourage and exclude them from your property can be found at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond/snakes1.htm.

Lost & Found

The Pool Lost and Found area will be emptied July 5th. Please be sure to check for any items you may have left behind and claim them before they are gone.

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) - Reminders

The ARC would like to remind Hiddenbrook homeowners of several items to keep in mind while maintaining your properties. For a **complete** list of the guidelines, visit our website.

- Any change to the exterior appearance of any house or lot must be approved by the ARC before work is started.
- Exterior color changes will be approved only if the proposed colors are similar to the original color combinations used by the developer on the applicant's home or harmonize with the colors of adjacent homes. This applies to roofing and siding material colors as well as paintwork colors.
- Driveways and extensions may only be constructed of asphalt and must be maintained in good condition (i.e. no cracks). Approval must be obtained for any construction or expansion of existing driveways. When expanding or extending a driveway a matching material must be used. Gravel, stone dust, wood chips or similar non-monolithic material is prohibited.
- Permanent or temporary (other than overnight) parking or storage of motor homes, mobile homes, trailers, boats, commercial vehicles, e.g., buses, taxi cabs, vans, or trucks with commercial logos and related equipment outside the garage or house of any Owner is not permitted. Parking, storage, or driving on the common areas, including the pipeline easement, is not permitted. These prohibited vehicles may be stored in an Owner's garage, provided the garage door is regularly kept closed. Per Fairfax County code, parking on grass is prohibited.
- Hedges, and shrubs shall not extend over the sidewalk. Hedges specifically used for fencing shall not exceed a height of four (4) feet when planted along a sidewalk. The branches or apron of a tree may extend over a sidewalk as long as there is at least 7 feet of vertical clearance. (Please apply the same 7 feet vertical clearance over roadways.)

If you have any questions regarding the ARC guidelines, please email Hiddenbrook homes@hotmail.com

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(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

CLUBHOUSE CALENDAR

July 2017

