

THE MAINSTREAM



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Be courteous to your neighbors!



School functions are at an all time high this time of year. This leads to very tight parking on Powells Tavern Place. Residents that live near Dranesville Elementary School often find it difficult to get into or out of their driveways. Please be respectful of their property and leave them space to safely navigate. This is important throughout our community. Fairfax County offers guidelines on the space to leave next to driveways. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/parking_restrictions.htm Thank you!
Hiddenbrook Board of Directors

REMINDER:



Don't forget to pay your Swim and Tennis Dues, late fees are assessed May 1st!

IT'S SPRING.....TIME TO "FRESHEN UP"

On Sunday, April 26, the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) joined the facilities manager and HOA board president in a complete drive-by review of all 393 homes in the Hiddenbrook Community. This review was long overdue and will be completed on a more frequent and timely basis in the future to ensure that our community always looks its best.

We noted dozens of home owners out mulching, mowing, and planting, and numerous homes that rated a "gold star" for their ongoing efforts to not only enhance their own curb appeal, but that of the entire community. Kudos to all of you!

While there were a handful of serious violations of the Hiddenbrook Covenants, most were very quickly and easily "fixable". All homes with violations will receive a letter with picture(s) noting the violation(s) within the next 2 weeks.

There was one type of violation (114 to be exact) that accounted for more than 50% of the total - improper storage of trash bins clearly visible to the street. We realize that many homes have just a single-car garage, or no garage, or a "loaded" garage. In response to that - there are 279 homeowners that have found a way to properly store their trash receptacles - either in their garage or behind a barrier (landscaping or man-made). We ask that everyone noted in violation make every effort to correct this unsightly situation.



IS YOUR HOUSE NUMBER CLEARLY VISIBLE?

Have you recently driven around our neighborhood trying to find an address.....especially at night? It is quite frustrating when you cannot quickly and clearly find house numbers. Imagine now if you are the police or fire department responding to an emergency. In those situations, seconds count!

By Fairfax County Code, Chapter 102-1-3:

(b) "Each principal building shall bear the number assigned to the frontage on which the front entrance is located..."

(c) Numerals indicating the official numbers for each principal building or each front entrance to such building shall be posted in a manner as to be visible and distinguishable from the street on which the property is located."

While the United States Postal Service requires the house number be represented in numbers that are at least one inch tall and positioned on the front or flag side of the mailbox, these numbers can be hard to read. Therefore please take a look at your house and make sure it is clearly marked.

Another helpful address marking that aids emergency workers are the curb luminous painted house numbers. You may wish to have yours painted or repainted if it is not visible. Although these curb painted house numbers can be helpful to emergency workers, they are not required.

SWIM CORNER

Hiddenbrook Hurricanes Swim Team Yard Sale

On Saturday, May 16th, the Hiddenbrook Hurricanes will have our 4th annual yard sale. This has been a greatly successful fundraiser for us the past 3 years, and we're hoping to continue that success this year. The money raised from this event helps tremendously with providing much needed supplies and various items necessary to run a successful swim team. We are selling items donated by our members, local businesses and the community.

How can you help? If you have items you would like to donate, drop off is at the clubhouse on Friday May 15th, 4:00-7:00. And/or, come by Saturday morning and check out the stuff we have, and walk away with a bargain. This is not your typical empty-out-the-garage yard sale!



Old Swim Team Pictures Wanted!

I know there are a lot of you out there who used to have kids on the team years ago. We have been trying to get a complete collection of all of the team photos posted on the team web site. You can see what we have so far here: <http://hiddenbrookswimteam.com/team-photos/>.

We have 21 out of the last 24 seasons up. I'd really like to fill those holes, and get the really old ones as well. We still need: 2001, 1993, 1992, and anything from 1990 or earlier. If you have any of these old pictures, please allow us to borrow them briefly to get them scanned and on the site.

Pool Opening Day BBQ

Bring your friends and neighbors to the annual Hiddenbrook pool opening day barbeque Friday, May 22nd from 5-9pm. You do not need to be a member of the pool to attend this event. Hotdogs, drinks and chips provided. Come kick off the 2015 pool season with us!

POOL SIGN-IN BOOK & PHOTO BOOK

Please be patient with the lifeguards this year as they verify your membership in the photo book. They have been instructed to verify the following with every member as they enter the pool:

- Dues are paid in full
- Current photos of all members is on file
- No late fee is owed

If any one of these issues is flagged with an orange card in the photo book, the guards have been given strict instructions not to admit the member. Please don't take it out on them, they are only doing as they've been instructed. In order to avoid disruption in your use of the pool we highly recommend that you ensure your photos are up to date and your account is paid in full. If you are not sure, feel free to stop by Lisa's office (at the clubhouse) anytime during her hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-5, or call her at 703-318-7159 or email her at Hiddenbrook_homes@hotmail.com. She will be happy to assist you.

Annual “Back to the Pool” Meeting

Now that May is here, our thoughts turn to the opening of the pool and another great season for the Hiddenbrook Hurricanes Swim Team. Our team is part of the Northern Virginia Swimming League (NVSL), which is one of the largest summer swim youth leagues in the U.S., with 102 teams. We have swim meets geared for developmental swimmers on Monday evenings, and competitive swim meets for more experienced swimmers on Saturday mornings. We also have our Waterspouts program for kids 4-8 who are just learning to become swimmers, and aren't yet ready for competition.

Our team had 177 Hurricanes and Waterspouts last season, representing about 100 Hiddenbrook families. Many of our youngest kids began the season in our Waterspouts program. Some of these Waterspouts improved enough during the summer that they moved up and actually competed in a real meet. Some of our strongest older swimmers are kids who started out in Waterspouts just a few years ago. Swim team membership is open to any family that holds a Hiddenbrook Swim and Tennis Club Membership. Through some great fundraising efforts and donations, we are able to keep the fee for each swimmer very low.

Many different reasons motivate members to sign up their kids for the team. Many do it just so their kids learn to swim better. Some do it because they see their kids have a natural affinity for the water or a desire to compete. Others do it because of fond memories of swimming from their own youth. Whatever the reason, the team is a wonderful place for kids and parents alike. It's more than just swim meets – we have social activities every week, from our kickoff cookout to our team banquet, that are fun for the kids and the parents.

If you would like to meet our coaching staff and get more information about our team, please join us on **Sunday May 17th, in the Hiddenbrook Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m.** The meeting is open to all returning families and anyone interested in joining or just trying to learn more about the Hurricanes or our Waterspouts developmental program. We will be discussing the details of the upcoming season, including dates of meets and social activities, and we'll try to answer any questions you may have.

If you have any questions about the team or the meeting, you can contact me at HiddenbrookSwimTeam@gmail.com

Marcel van Vierssen



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(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 facilities director to get more information.*

May Clubhouse Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5:00p: Swim Team Annual App...	2 All Day: Clubhouse Rental...
3 8:00p: Swim Team Steering C...	4	5	6	7	8 4:00p: Clubhouse Rental...	9
10	11	12 7:00p: CB Meeting...	13	14 8:00a: Office Closed...	15 4:00p: Prep for Swim Team Y...	16 6:00a: Swim Team Yard Sale...
17 7:00p: Swim Team Back to th...	18	19 7:30p: Board Meeting...	20	21	22 5:00p: Pool Opening Day BBQ...	23
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