THE MAINSTREAM



Pool Admission Photo Reminders

This is a friendly reminder that if you have any change in family status or if your children's photo hasn't been updated in a few years, please submit an updated photo for the pool photo book. You're welcome to place your new photos in the mail slot on the clubhouse door. Please put your last name and member number on the back side of the photo.



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Playground and Tennis Courts

Many playgrounds in the immediate area have been roped off and are not currently accessible for use. The playground at the clubhouse has not been blocked off during the Coronavirus pandemic and we have seen quite a few residents and pool members using those facilities. We want to reiterate the recommendations / requirements of the CDC and the US Coronavirus task force to practice safe distancing and perhaps bring your own sanitizing wipes if your children are going to use the equipment. Although it has been said that UV rays help kill the virus on non-porous surfaces, any surfaces that do not receive direct sunlight can still carry the virus for hours. We have no method for sanitizing the equipment so patrons use the area at their own risk.

The tennis courts have also received a heightened amount of use as everyone is eager to get some exercise and enjoy being outdoors in the sunlight. In keeping with the playground, we didn't want to take away this outlet and deprive anyone of the limited pleasures we all have these days but we have noticed large groups gathering inside the courts to socialize rather than actually playing the game of tennis. Unfortunately, we have also observed members bringing animals, tricycles, bikes, rollerblades, scooters and other toys into the courts and this is not permitted. The courts are not to be used as "playground" areas because the surface of the tennis courts are designed for only one purpose...playing tennis. Using the courts as they are intended automatically addresses the safe distancing recommendations / requirements in place. We truly want to keep both the playground and tennis courts available for use, but we ask that you respect the equipment, its intended use and all the while, keep yourselves SAFE.

Let's hope things can get better soon and this will be "another one for the history books"!

Take the initiative to protect the ones you love !!

Thank you, Hiddenbrook Board of Directors



Snack Shack Update

Due to many circumstances, the Snack Shack will **not** be operational this year. Members that have remaining funds on their Snack Shack Cards may choose one of the following options:

- 1. Donate the balance to the swim team
- 2. Leave the balance as is so it can be used in the future
- 3. Have the balance refunded

Please contact the Swim Team Treasurer, Laura Torgerson, at dolce_lehgirl@yahoo.com with your preference.



Food Donations Needed



Two local organizations have contacted us as they work to help those in need during the coronavirus pandemic. Here is information on both if you are interested in assisting our community.

The first organization is **Cornerstones Food Pantry** in Reston. They need food for people in the Herndon/Reston community who are food insecure. Last Saturday, you should have received a navy blue tote bag on your doorstep that you can fill with food items (dry beans and lentils, toiletry items, canned vegetables, canned fruit, small jars of peanut butter, mac & cheese, and cereal). If you choose to participate, feel free to place the filled bag on your doorstep this Saturday, May 2nd by 9am and a team of volunteers will pick them up! Thanks for helping us meet the needs in our community!

Questions? Please email info@gracecov.org.

The second organization is called LINK. This is a group of dedicated churches, organizations and individuals that came together and created a joint food bank and delivery organization covering Herndon, Sterling, and Ashburn. There are several drop areas for donating food and one nearby at the Herndon United Methodist Church on Bennett Street (across from Herndon High School). LINK has seen a 585% increase in the number of requests for food. In an ordinary week, LINK deliveries groceries to approximately 20 families. Last week, they delivered to 137 families and that number is rising.

If you are looking to donate this is the current list of items being sought after:

Jelly, Peanut Butter, Hearty Soups, Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, etc.), Canned Corn, Canned Carrots, Canned Peas, Canned Potatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Tomatoes (diced type), Canned pasta (like Chef Boyardee), Boxed Potatoes, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Snack items for kids, Baking products (oil, flour, sugar, etc.), Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap), Toilet paper, Paper towels, pull ups, diapers and wipes.

You can visit https://www.linkagainsthunger.org/ to learn more and check for any updates.

Property Inspections POSTPONED

Due to the current state of emergency relating to COVID 19, the Board has decided to postpone the community-wide property inspections that typically occur each year in the spring. Since going to the store to buy non-essential items is not advised and because some homeowners may be experiencing a financial hardship at this time, the inspections will be postponed until later in the season.

Property inspections in conjunction with home sales will still be taking place as is required for the resale disclosure to the buyer. The Board and property manager are also still obligated to investigate and take action on any alleged violations which are reported to them.

Since many of us are 'stuck' at home with extra time on our hands, now may be the time to tackle some projects that need attention around our homes and property. For those of us that are able to take advantage of this extra time, here are some of the items commonly cited at the community inspection:

- Siding in need of power wash
- Fences: leaning, missing slats, missing panels or broken boards
- Mailboxes: leaning and/or requiring a fresh coat of paint
- Wood Trim: rotten/damaged in need of replacement and/or in need of a fresh coat of paint
- Shutters: Missing, broken and/or in need of a fresh coat of paint (note: change in color requires ARC approval)
- Landscape: Flowerbeds requiring weeding and edging
- Landscape: Trees or shrubs requiring pruning. (note: trees and shrubs should not impede sidewalk)
- Landscape: Grass needing mowing, edging, weeding, or re-seeding in bald areas
- Rubbish & Debris: Trash/recycling containers stored in view of the street.
- Rubbish & Debris: Junk, trash, construction debris or other items accumulated on the exterior of a property which should be disposed of or stored elsewhere out of sight.

Trash and Recycling Changes Effective March 30

Solid waste employees play a critical role in ensuring our community stays healthy as they move from house to house to collect, transport, and dispose of waste. Protecting our workforce during the current public health emergency while ensuring that trash is collected from communities is a delicate balancing act.

Effective Monday, March 30, Fairfax County's Solid Waste Management Program is changing collection requirements for trash and recycling haulers and changing service levels at the county's two disposal sites.

These changes will remain in effect until the public health emergency passes. Additional changes may be announced if the situation worsens in our area.

Changes to Solid Waste Collection Requirements in Fairfax County

These changes apply to all private haulers (90 percent of county) and county collections customers (10 percent).

- 1. The requirement to collect yard waste is suspended.
- 2. The 30-day prior notice requirements for change of collection schedule or services is suspended. Collectors must still notify customers and the county as soon as possible if changes in schedule are being made.

Fairfax County Collections Operations

- 1. Support for community clean-ups is suspended.
- 2. Bulk/brush and electronic waste collection (no crane service) is suspended.
- 3. Yard waste collection is suspended.
- 4. Customers who have been provided with trash carts must set-out waste in those carts only.
- 5. The creation of new sanitary districts has been suspended.
- 6. Support for Operation Stream Shield (litter removal program) is suspended.

Residential Drop-off Facilities at I-66 Transfer Station and I-95 Landfill Complex

- 1. Facilities will open to general public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Administrative buildings are closed.
- 2. Household hazardous waste and e-waste stations are closed at the I-95 landfill complex. These services remain available at the I-66 transfer station.
- 3. Commercial Cash (non-residential) receipts are no longer accepted on Sundays. Only receipts from residential customers will be accepted on Sundays.
- 4. Donation Stations at both locations are closed.

Purple Can Club (Glass Recycling)

- 1. Collection of glass dropped off at purple, glass-only containers is suspended. Containers will be removed from existing locations throughout Fairfax County.
- 2. Residents can bring glass to containers at the I-66 transfer station and I-95 landfill complex, or glass can be placed in the trash.

Secure Document Shredding Events

1. Secure document shredding events are postponed until further notice.

Solid waste industry employees are delivering essential sanitation services even as the coronavirus public health emergency worsens. They are on the front line fighting the spread of COVID-19. Managing the removal of potentially contaminated waste from our community is a critical function in the fight to stop the spread of the disease.

More details can be found on the Fairfax Government website.

Keeping Clean During Covid-19

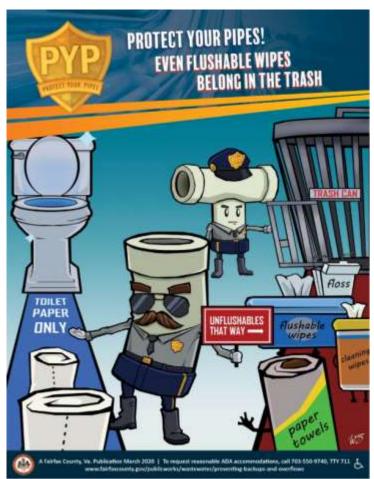
Keeping yourself and your children clean and virus free is extremely important during the Covid-19 pandemic. Fairfax County says no matter where you live – condo, house or apartment – you can avoid a disgusting sewer backup into your home by not flushing wipes down the toilet. The package may say 'flushable' but frequently they are not and will block our wastewater pipe and send all that nasty, dirty stuff right back at ya! Do you really want your toilet to back up into your home? Do you want to spend your hard-earned cash on a plumber?

Assuming your answer is "NO!" don't put anything down the toilet except human waste and toilet paper. That means:

- No wipes of any type
- No paper towels
- No cotton swabs
- No feminine hygiene products
- No dental floss
- No tissue

• Nothing except human waste and toilet paper may be flushed down the toilet

For more information about what not to flush, visit <u>Preventing Backups</u> and <u>Overflows</u>.



Volunteer Opportunity – Fourth of July

For many Fourth of July holidays, we have encouraged children in the neighborhood to decorate their bikes, scooters, wagons, etc. and have a "parade" circling either the Hiddenbrook clubhouse and pool parking lot or, as in the last few years, circling the parking lot at Dranesville Elementary school. It is great to see the creativity that is put into the decorated bicycles and other modes of transportation. We would like to continue this tradition, but we need a volunteer or two to run the event. We are hoping that the social distancing restrictions will be lifted to where this event can continue for this year. If you are interested in volunteering and want to learn more, please email Joan Koss at joan.koss@outlook.com.



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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 <u>www.hiddenbrookhomes.org</u> website and send it in to our property manager, Lisa Cornaire, at <u>hiddenbrook homes@hotmail.com</u>

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