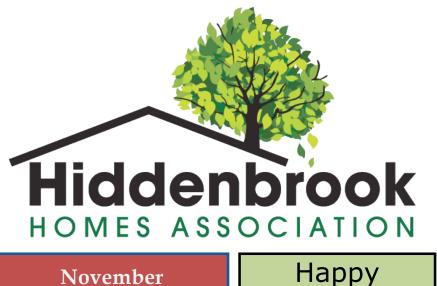
# THE MAINSTREAM



November Hiddenbrook Board Meeting:

**NEW DATE!** 

Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm



Thanksgiving!

#### SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON NEEDED!

Do you like planning events for your friends and neighbors? Are you interested in getting more involved in the Hiddenbrook HOA? If so, the Hiddenbrook Board of Directors is looking for a new Social Committee Chair. Events in the past have included Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday Party and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. We have also helped plan the Crab Feast, Adult Trivia Nights and other events. If you would like to learn more about this position, please contact

Carrie Hester at <a href="mailto:breighester@yahoo.com">breighester@yahoo.com</a>.

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#### Hiddenbook News Updates

Do you get the Hiddenbrook News Updates? Please email us at: hiddenbrooknews@gmail.com to be added to the distribution

## **ELECTION COMMITTEE NEEDED**

We are fortunate to have 3 candidates that have stepped forward for the 2015 Board, of which there are 2 seats available. As such, there will be an election this year. Volunteers are needed for a short-term committee to ensure impartial oversight of the election process. Their main role will be collecting and processing the proxies as they arrive in the mail. This will require at least 2-3 volunteers to coordinate retrieval of the proxies from the PO BOX at the Herndon post office twice a week and open and log them together with the property manager in the clubhouse office. The election committee members will also count the votes in the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 20th, 2014. The collection will begin the first week of December and continue until January 20th. If you are interested in assisting with this process, please contact Lisa Cornaire at 703-318-7159 or Hiddenbrook Homes@hotmail.com.

# 1<sup>ST</sup> LEAF COLLECTION, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

## FOR HIDDENBROOK RESIDENTS ONLY

**The Leaf Collection Program is for leaves only.** Leaves mixed with brush, rocks, tree trimmings, sticks or trash, etc., will be left behind.

- Place the leaves no further than four feet from the edge of the streetline.
- Please remove all debris from leaves prior to set-out.
- Leaves raked out after the last scheduled round of collection will not be picked-up.
- Do not block streets or pile leaves over storm drains or ditches.
- Do not block leaf piles with cars or any type of equipment that could limit our accessibility to the pile or create hazardous conditions.
- Do not park vehicles on piles of leaves -- this is a fire hazard!

#### Help Us Serve You Better:

- Please remember to rake your leaves out in advance of the timeframe we are estimated to be in your area.
- Follow the guidelines referenced above.
- Keep up with your leaves; it could snow!

Call the Trash/Leaf Collection Office if you have additional questions or concerns. Customer Service is available Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. by calling **703-802-3322, TTY 711**.

#### Hiddenbrook Board of Directors

(Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the clubhouse)

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# FROM FAIRFAX WATER

## Attention, Landlords and Renters

In 2012, changes were made to the Code of Virginia that govern how water and sewer systems may place liens against landlords for tenants' unpaid bills. Due to these changes, tenants (renters) now must provide Fairfax Water with two additional items to establish water service – a Tenant Authorization Form and a Lien Offset payment of \$190.

You can find the form at <u>http://www.fairfaxwater.org/customer/Tenant Authorization.pdf.</u> For your convenience, the form can be scanned and e-mailed to

customers@fairfaxwater.org or faxed to 703-466-6863.

There are several ways to make the lien offset payment:

- Online or by phone using your checking account or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or American Express). Payments are processed by Speedpay<sup>®</sup> for a fee of \$2.95 per transaction. Call 703-698-5800, TTY 711, for information on making your payment by phone or online.
- In person at 8570 Executive Park Avenue in Fairfax, Mon. Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except holidays, or deposited in the night deposit box at the front entrance of the building.

For more information about the lien offset payment, visit

http://www.fairfaxwater.org/customer/tenant\_changes.htm, call 703-698-5800, TTY 711, or send an e-mail to customers@fairfaxwater.org using "Lien Law" in the subject line.

## Prepare your pipes . . .

Whether we like it or not, winter is on its way. Again this year, we want to provide these tips to help you get through winter safely.

- Locate and tag your main-line water valve so you can shut off the water in an emergency. The valve is normally located where the water line enters your home through the foundation. Make sure everyone in your household knows how to turn off the water. To make it easier, print the main-line water valve tag on our Web site and attach it to the valve. (See Web address below.)
- Never try to thaw frozen pipes with an open flame or torch.
- If you'll be away from home for an extended period, keep the thermostat at a reasonable temperature to protect pipes from freezing.
- Insulate pipes in unheated spaces. Hardware or building-supply stores carry insulation designed to keep pipes in these areas from freezing.

You can find more winter safety tips and print a main-line valve tag at

<u>http://www.fairfaxwater.org/customer/youplum.htm</u>. Call 703-289-6194, TTY 711, to request the tag by mail.

## WINTER IS FAST APPROACHING

It's hard to believe, but winter is right around the corner. With the falling temperatures, along with the falling leaves, it's time to make sure your house and yard are ready for winter.

According to Bob Vila, it's important to have the following done around your yard and patios before winter comes in at full blast.

- Trim overgrown branches back from the house and electrical wires to prevent iced-over or wind-swept branches from causing property damage or a power problem.
- Aerate the lawn, reseed, and apply a winterizing fertilizer to promote deeproot growth come spring.
- Clean and dry patio furniture. Cover with a heavy tarp or store inside a shed or garage to protect it from the elements.
- Clean soil from planters. Bring pots made of clay or other fragile materials indoors. Because terra cotta pots can swell and crack, lay them on their sides in a wood carton.
- Dig up flower bulbs, brush off soil, and label. Store bulbs in a bag or box with peat moss in a cool, dry place for spring replanting.
- Remove any attached hoses and store them away for the winter to prevent cracks, preserve their shapes, and prolong their life. Wrap outside faucets with covers to prevent water damage.
- Shut off exterior faucets. Drain water from outdoor pipes, valves, and sprinkler heads to protect against pipe bursts.
- Inspect decks for splintering, decay, or insect damage and treat, if needed, to prevent further deterioration over the winter.
- Clean leaves, dirt, and pine needles between the boards of wooden decks to thwart mold and mildew growth.
- Inspect outdoor lighting around the property. Good illumination will help minimize the chance of accidents on icy walkways at night.
- Check handrails on exterior stairs to make sure they're well secured.

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For your roof and gutters, you should take a moment to ensure the following is completed:

- Check for missing, damaged or warped shingles and replace, as necessary before you get stuck with a leak.
- Check for deteriorated flashing at the chimney, walls, and skylights and around vent pipes. Seal joints where water could penetrate, using roofing cement and a caulking gun.
- Check the gutters and downspouts for proper fastening, and re-secure if loose or sagging. The weight of snow and ice can pull gutters off the house.
- Clean gutters of any debris. Make sure downspouts extend away from the house by at least 5 feet to prevent flooding of the foundation and water damage from snowmelt.
- Clean leaves and debris from courtyard and pool storm drains to prevent blockages.
- Ensure all vents and openings are covered to prevent insects, birds, and rodents from getting inside to nest in a warm place.

## **DRANESVILLE DASH**

On Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Dranesville Elementary School will be holding the Dragon Dash. The Dragon Dash is the fall fundraiser for the Dranesville PTA and a fun run for the students to participate in.

The Dranesville PTA wanted to give Hiddenbrook neighbors a heads up about the Dragon Dash since music will be played in the field by the school throughout the day.

If you hear the music and want to come and cheer on the runners, please come by! The run will be happening all day and the kids are excited to participate!

If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Hester at breighester@yahoo.com

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