



# Hilton Lake Herald

Making our neighborhood a great place to call



January 2019

## Volunteer Opportunities

*Please join us and serve on the board or help lead one of the ad-hoc committees. We need help with architectural and other committees.*

## Important information

### Annual dues are due January 31st

**Common areas** Trees and shrubs located in the common areas are managed by the board. Homeowners are not allowed to trim or remove trees in the common areas. If there is a problem tree or concern, please use the formal request form found on the website [www.hiltonlake.org](http://www.hiltonlake.org) under **CC&Rs, By-Laws, Other**.

**Dog waste stations** are being maintained with bags only. Please take any used bags home for disposal.

**Roof Replacement?** Please use the form found on the website and submit to the Board for approval prior to starting work.

## 2019 Projects

- Tree maintenance & replanting
- Tennis court net posts
- Playset upgrades
- Cul de sac turn-arounds

## Community Events Mark your calendar

- Garage sales: April 27th & September 28<sup>th</sup>
- Community work party: May 18<sup>th</sup> & September 14<sup>th</sup>
- Block party last week in June and first week of July

*Schedule your own mini neighborhood get-together*

## Critters:

**Coyote** activity in the neighborhood has been increasing, and the best way to prevent problems is to keep them wild and encourage their natural fear of people. Most of a coyote's diet is rodents, however they occasionally may decide a small pet is a good meal. Human-associated food increases the number of coyotes in an area. This can support, and changes their behavior in bad ways.

### Coyote-Smart Tips

- Avoid feeding pets outside. If feeding pets outside is necessary, remove the bowl and any leftover food promptly.
- Do not let your pet outside alone, especially at night.
- Avoid walking your dog at sunrise and sunset hours, and keep them on a 6 ft non-retractable leash.
- If you encounter a coyote, stand tall and maintain eye contact. Be assertive and do not run. Haze (scare) the coyote until it leaves the area.
- Remove fallen fruit and rotting garden vegetables from the yard.
- Regularly clean areas around bird feeders and BBQs.
- Never compost meat or dairy
- Keep food waste in containers with tight-fitting lids, and only place outdoors the morning of trash collection.
- Close off openings under decks, sheds and foundations that might look like warm places to den.

**Geese:** Please do not feed the geese! We again have encouraged a flock to stay the winter.

**2019 Meetings-Hilton Lake Fire Station 7:00 PM**  
**Monthly Board Meetings** 2nd Thursday of each month

**Annual Meeting:** Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>