

THE MAINSTREAM



Year End Reflections

Where do we begin to deal with the recent harrowing events and the constant undercurrent of threats to our safety, our freedoms and our happiness.....we begin by recognizing and appreciating the basic tenets of freedom on a smaller scale.

We start with our own families, friends, neighbors and all who enter our lives on a daily basis. We watch, read, listen and learn as much as we can about things as they really are and how they will affect us and those we care about. We take a step back, slow down, pay attention and re-evaluate the priorities in our lives to make sure we honor and uphold the most important ones first and foremost. We stop complaining about the things we don't have and relish the things we do have. We share our abundance. We know what our resources are and we use them. We strive to extend tolerance and understanding and back it up with strength and resolve in the face of threats or impending harm. We practice fairness and expect the same in return. We adults practice what we preach and we teach by example.

These are some of the ways in which we can all have a positive contribution to the outcome of our own actions and those of others around us. There are no guarantees we will get everything we want but we certainly should not give up trying.

One individual can still make a difference.....start small and start now!

Best wishes for the Holiday Season and the New Year!

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REMINDERS

The 2016 annual meeting will be Tuesday, January 19th, 7:30 @ the clubhouse. If you're unable to attend, don't forget to send in your proxy vote.

The 2016 HOA dues deadline is January 1, 2016.



News for You!



Potholes

Did you know that Fairfax County Government has a new interactive map that displays who owns which roads in the county? Viewers can easily find out who owns what roads. There are about eight organizations in our county that own the roads. Use the link, <http://fairfaxcountygis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=45c59fef4ecb46398c211d5422b63ab2>, to access the county's map, so you know who to contact if you want to report an issue, like potholes.

New Noise Ordinance Passed

Effective February 17, 2016, there will be a new noise ordinance in place that impacts late night parties and early morning leaf blowing. This new county code replaces the previous noise ordinance. Here is a highlight of some of the new rules. For a complete list, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/new-noise-ordinance-passed/>

- The law prohibits noise during specific hours.
- Operating **power lawn equipment, including lawn mowers:** (a) between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. when operating the equipment within 100 yards of a dwelling; or (b) between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. when operating the equipment 100 yards or more from a dwelling...However, on all properties, the operation of leaf blowers is prohibited between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Making **noise that can be plainly heard in another person's home with the doors and windows closed** between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, or between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and the day before a federal holiday.
- **Barking, howling, meowing, squawking or quacking animals** between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. when it can be heard inside a home with its doors and windows closed, or if these sounds can be heard 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. for more than five minutes consecutively or non-consecutively during a 10-minute period.

New Rules for Dog Tethering Passed

Tethering a dog for more than one cumulative hour during any 24-hour period, unless the dog is under the direct supervision and control of its owner or custodian, is now prohibited in Fairfax County.

You're Invited

The Board has invited specialists from a local banking institution to speak with them about an insured, conservative option for investing about 25 percent of our HOA reserve funds. If you have any concerns or questions you would like to address to the Board regarding this topic, please join us at our next board meeting in the clubhouse on December 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Stay Vigilant; Report Suspicious Activity!

In light of the recent events in Paris, we want to remind you that we all can help protect our community. One key way is to be aware of your surroundings whether in our neighborhood, at the grocery store, at work, on the roads, etc. Remember, **“If you see something, say something.”**

Virginia has an organization, the Virginia Fusion Center, that brings together federal, state and local officials to share resources, and information to help identify, detect, prevent and respond to terrorist and criminal activity.

Items you may see that you may want to report are:

- Unusual interest in facilities or infrastructures beyond the casual or professional interest.
- Purchasing/stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc.
- Suspicious transactions involving large cash payments, deposits, or withdrawals.
- Purchase and/or storage of unusual quantities of materials, like cell phones, pagers, fuel, chemicals or toxic materials, and timers.

For a full list of the potential suspicious activities that you may want to report, visit the Virginia Fusion Center’s website at: <http://www.vsp.state.va.us/FusionCenter/index.shtm>.

Safe Trade Zone

The Herndon Police Department has set up a “Safe Trade Zone” for use by the public as a meeting place to complete online transactions in the parking lot of the Herndon Police Headquarters at 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, according to a Herndon Police Department announcement. The area is well lit and monitored by security cameras. Transactions may also be completed in the lobby of the police station, which is open 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week. Members of the police department are not available to provide legal advice, nor settle disputes or act as witnesses to transactions. The Herndon Police Department says it cannot guarantee the quality or authenticity of items purchased online. Be cautious of someone who is hesitant about completing a transaction in a “Safe Trade Zone.” It may be a warning sign not to conduct business with this person. Chief Maggie DeBoard said, “We want the public to feel safe while conducting online transactions and a Safe Trade Zone offers an excellent location for people to complete the process without worry.” (*Article Source, HerndonPatch.com*)



Holiday Activities

There are many activities going on around our busy area, here is a sampling offered by the Fairfax County Park Authority. Visit their site for more details: www.fcpaweb.org

December 5

- Winter Wreath Workshop at Green Spring Gardens Park
- Children's Holiday Shopping at Frying Pan Park
- 38th Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show at Audrey Moore RecCenter
- A Christmas Treasure Hunt at Sully Historic Site

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- 38th Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show at Audrey Moore RecCenter
- Christmas at the Farm at Frying Pan Park
- Making Nature Gifts Workshop at Hidden Oaks Nature Center
- Grand Illumination in Williamsburg
- Gardeners' Holiday: Puppet Show at Green Springs Garden
- Deck the Halls at Sully Historic Site

December 7

- Pictures with Santa and Wildlife at Hidden Pond

December 10

- Brookside Garden of Lights

December 11

- Candlelight Tea at Green Spring Gardens Park

December 12

- Breakfast with Santa at South Run
- Holiday Horse drawn Hayrides and Campfire at Lake Accotink
- Santa at Colvin Run Mill
- Caroling Wagon Ride and Campfire at Eleanor Lawrence Park
- Ride the Holiday Train at Lake Fairfax
- Holidays at Walney Farm at Eleanor Lawrence Park
- Holiday Craft Part at Green Spring Gardens
- Civil War by Candlelight at Sully Plantation

December 13

- Christmas at the Farm at Frying Pan Park
- Candlelight Tea at Green Spring Gardens Park
- Christmas in the Time of Jane Austen at Sully Plantation
- Pinecone Wreath Workshop at Green Spring Gardens
- Squirrel Nutcracker Tea Party at Hidden Oaks
- Gifts of Nature-Wrap and Wreaths at Hidden Pond

December 19

- Victorian Candlelight Tour of Sully Plantation
- 65th Anniversary at Frying Pan Park

December 22

- Winter Wonderland Puppet show at Frying Pan Park

December 30

- Holiday Concert: Iona at Sully Plantation

Hiddenbrook Board of Directors

(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, e-mail the respective committee liaison attached to the committee or contact the Property Manager to get more information.**

December Clubhouse Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2 7:00pm Clubh...	3	4 6:00pm Clubh...	5 Clubhouse Rental
6	7 7:00pm Clubh...	8	9	10 Office Closed	11	12 Clubhouse Rental
13	14	15 7:30pm Board ...	16	17	18 5:30pm Clubh...	19 6:00pm Clubh...
20 4:00pm Clubh...	21	22	23	24 Office Closed	25 Merry Christmas	26 4:00pm Clubh...
27	28	29	30	31 Office Closed 8:00pm Clubh...	1	2

We are fortunate to have a lot of clubhouse rentals this month and we ask that all renters adhere to the times specified in their contracts. Set up and clean up for each event is to be completed within the hours paid for. Extra hours of use will incur additional fees. The clubhouse is inspected after each rental to ensure it is clean and ready for the next renters. Keys and lock combinations must be picked up during clubhouse office hours. Your cooperation is appreciated.

