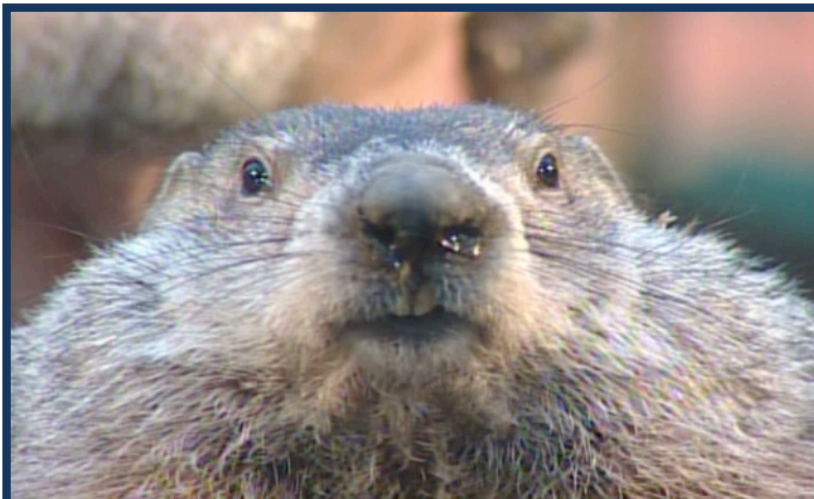


THE MAINSTREAM



Punxsutawney Phil has forecast six more weeks of winter!

As we experience more snow and ice, please remember that it is your responsibility to shovel the sidewalk in front of your house. Fairfax asks that you clear the snow as soon as safe and feasible. We have many children who walk to school, as well as walkers, who appreciate you doing this!



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Hiddenbrook News Updates

Do you get the Hiddenbrook
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(Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the clubhouse)

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Share Your Talents.....Lighten The Load !!

With the start of 2015, we are looking for volunteers and forming the 2015 Hiddenbrook HOA committees. This is an excellent way to meet and get to know your neighbors as well as be “in the know” about current and upcoming events in the community. You are welcome to bring your background, experiences, knowledge, personal interests, etc. to our Association and join or lead a committee. The more committee members we have, the more we can accomplish and do for our residents with less work for everyone.

We currently have seven active committees: Architectural Review, Communications, Pool, Tennis, Social/ Recreation, Clubhouse, and Neighborhood Watch. One Board member is assigned as “liaison” to each committee for support. We encourage you to get involved with one or more of these committees and enjoy giving back to the community. You can spend as little time as your schedule allows on an ongoing basis or for specific events throughout the year. Every little bit helps and it can be very rewarding.

Take a look below to see some of the things each committee has done or is planning to do. If any of these look like something you would like to learn more about or are interested in being involved with, please contact Lisa Cornaire at hiddenbrook_homes@hotmail.com or Joan Koss at jekoss@cox.net.

Architectural Review Committee: This committee reviews properties pre-sale in order to ensure there are no existing ARC violations, reviews and reports violations witnessed while traveling through the neighborhood, assists in reviewing ARC applications submitted to the Property Manager and assists with the annual property reviews. (2015 Scheduled for - April) Volunteers help improve our effectiveness and fairness in this process.

Communications: This committee maintains our website along with our Property Manager, compiles and publishes our monthly e-newsletter, posts events & activities to our Facebook account, sends out email notifications containing important neighborhood information and strives to provide helpful and positive support to our residents in a timely manner. Knowledge truly is powerful and good communication is vital for us all.

Pool: This committee communicates to our Property Manager and the Board, any pool repairs or issues that need to be addressed, suggestions for improving the pool area and operations and any member concerns or activities. This committee also ensures the shower and changing curtains are laundered and re-hung throughout the pool season and they maintain the lost and found area. This is an area of concentrated but very busy activities. The more help we have here the better we can make this operation run.

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Social/Recreation: This committee coordinates events to bring our neighbors together. In the past, this committee has run the following events: Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July Parade, Dog Swim, and Halloween Trunk or Treating. Do you want to offer something for teenagers, a ladies night out, poker night, etc.? We are only limited in our offerings by the lack of volunteers or ideas. You can volunteer for one event or several.

Maintenance/Clubhouse: This committee works with the Property Manager to review our facilities and grounds to determine proper maintenance or repairs. We need volunteers to inspect the facility after rentals and take action as needed to ensure the facility is ready for the next renter. Volunteers are needed to help pick up trash around the facility and grounds, report items that need repaired, plant flowers/plants in the spring, water plants during the growing season, etc. The primary goal of this committee is to provide and maintain facilities that we can all use and be proud of.

Tennis: This committee communicates to our Property Manager any repairs or issues that need to be addressed and also makes suggestions for improving our tennis court operations and areas. We have done much to improve the conditions of this area and we need volunteers to help maintain the courts and equipment with occasional leaf blowing, sweeping, or a trash detail.

Neighborhood Watch: Volunteers are needed to report suspicious activity or security concerns through our Communications Committee to be disseminated to the community. Volunteers could also share information with the Board about concerns or areas that can improve our neighborhood safety.

Again, you can contribute as much or as little time as you have available on any committee you think you would enjoy. Currently, some of these committees only have one or two participants.

These lists may seem long and we know everyone is busy with daily schedules that are packed to the brim. That being said, what better investment can you make in your daily lives than to get to know your neighbors better, lend a helping hand which will most likely be returned to you when you need it, and have a renewed sense of satisfaction from contributing to the wellbeing of those closest around you.

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Important Reminder!

There has been an increase in the storage of boats, trailers, motor homes and commercial vehicles within the community. This has resulted in multiple homeowner complaints and requests that action be taken to address this issue. We'd like to provide everyone with ample warning that a renewed enforcement effort related to this topic (as well as home maintenance and yard litter) will be taking place shortly. If you are currently parking any of these type items in your driveway or on your lot, we recommend that you start looking now for an alternative location to store/park them before our property reviews begin this spring. Many of the local storage facilities offer boat and camper parking.

The Hiddenbrook ARC Guidelines specifically state the following: *'Permanent or temporary (other than overnight) parking or storage of motor homes, mobile homes, trailers, boats, commercial vehicles, e.g. buses, taxi cabs, vans, or trucks with commercial logos and related equipment outside the garage or house of any owner is not permitted.....These prohibited vehicles may be stored in an owner's garage, provided the door is regularly kept closed.*

Fairfax County Code also limits parking of commercial vehicles, boats, trailers etc. on the streets within Hiddenbrook. Please visit

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/parkingcodechanges.htm> for more information on what is allowed to be parked on the Hiddenbrook streets.

We realize that as families grow and life in general causes us to accumulate more "stuff", the increase in so many more vehicles being parked in our neighborhood has increased safety risks and also changed the open feel of our streets and homes. No matter how unpleasant it may be, it is the responsibility of the ARC and the HOA Board to uphold and enforce the ARC Guidelines and Hiddenbrook Covenants. We strive to use good judgment in our assessments and actions and make decisions that are fair to all homeowners. We do not want to be so stringent that Hiddenbrook becomes an undesirable place to live, but sensible guidelines protect us all.

Copies of our covenants and ARC guidelines are available on our website and perhaps it would be helpful for you to review those documents to make sure you are in compliance. (Hiddenbrookhomes.org.)

Thank You!

Thank you to all our neighbors who voted in the 2015 Hiddenbrook HOA Board election and to those who also attended the annual meeting. It was great to have our neighbors together.

The results have been tallied and Paige Dyer and Pamela Spencer will be continuing as board members. We want to recognize Kristin Leveto for also volunteering to serve and express our hopes that Kristin will continue to help the Board serve our community as she has in the past. We'd also like to thank Stacey King for accumulating the proxies and Kendra Green, Jeanne Little, and Stephanie McClellan for counting the votes. The board will appoint specific officer positions during the February meeting. Remember, all members are invited and encouraged to attend our monthly board meetings held the third Tuesday of every month.

Ready Virginia Communication Tips

COMMUNICATE IN AN EMERGENCY

Follow these tips to make sure you can communicate during an emergency.



Keep a list of emergency phone numbers in your cell phone and near your home phone.



Have charged batteries and car phone chargers for back-up power for your cell phone.



If you have a traditional landline, keep a non-cordless phone in your home, because it will work even if you lose power.



Prepare a family contact sheet with at least one out-of-town contact. Often it's easier to make long-distance rather than local calls during an emergency.



Subscribe to text alert services from local or state governments and schools to receive emergency alerts.

Preparing Your Home and Mobile Device Before a Disaster

Reaching Friends, Family & Emergency Services During and After a Disaster



If you have a life-threatening emergency only, call 9-1-1.



For non-emergencies, text messaging, email or social media are less likely to experience network congestion. You can use social media to let family and friends know you are okay.



Keep all phone calls brief - just share vital information.



Conserve your cell phone battery by reducing screen brightness, placing your phone in airplane mode and closing apps you are not using.



Tune into local TV and radio stations for important news alerts.



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Did you Know About the Fairfax County Citizen Corps?



The purpose of the Fairfax County Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training and volunteer service to make communities safe, stronger and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters of all kinds.

Citizen Corps builds on community strengths and develops action plans to involve the whole community, including local businesses.

Citizen Corps is FEMA's grassroots strategy to bring together government and community leaders to become involved in all-hazards emergency preparedness and resilience.

Citizen Corps asks you to embrace the personal responsibility to be prepared; to get training in first aid and emergency skills; and to volunteer to support local emergency responders, disaster relief, and community safety.

Working directly with the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the Fairfax County [Fire and Rescue](#), [Police](#) and [Health](#) departments, the [Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council](#) brings together first responders and other community organizations crucial to emergency preparedness and the development of volunteer opportunities and training to meet community needs.

In addition, the Council serves as an official Fairfax County advisory body to promote federal and state volunteer initiatives, enhance services, facilitate the exchange of information and training, and support partnerships. [Learn more about the Council.](#)

The Citizen Corps Bulletin Read the latest issue of the national [Citizen Corps Bulletin newsletter](#) available from citizencorps.gov.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/>

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Clubhouse Rental 10:30am
8	9	10 Clubhouse Rental 7pm	11	12	13	14 Happy Valentines Day
15	16	17 Board Meeting 7:30pm	18	19	20 Hiddenbrook Social Event All Day	21 Clubhouse Rental All Day
22	23	24	25	26	27 Clubhouse Rental 5pm	28 Clubhouse Rental All Day

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