

THE MAINSTREAM



December Hiddenbrook Board Meeting:

Tuesday, December 16th @ 7:30pm

**And please come to the Annual Meeting
in January:**

Tuesday, January 20th @ 7:30pm

REMINDERS:



**Hiddenbrook Homeowners must
pay their dues no later than
January 1st to avoid a late fee.**

AND

**It's time to vote for the Hiddenbrook Board
Positions!**

**All Homeowners should have received a ballot
with their dues. Please vote for 2 candidates.
Ballots must be received by January 15th, 2015!
Thank you!**

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Hiddenbrook News Updates

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to be added to the distribution

NEIGHBORHOOD BURGLARY

On Saturday, November 22nd, 2014, a home in our neighborhood was broken into between the hours of 6pm and 8pm. The burglars got in through a closed and locked bedroom window. Items of value were reported missing.

Crime Prevention Starts With YOU!

A message from the Reston District Station Crime Prevention Office

What can you do to help?

Report suspicious activity by calling 703-691-2131. You can also report information online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police, where you will find a link to make a report. The information you provide may be a crucial link to solving a crime in your area.

What is suspicious activity?

Suspicious activity is anything that you feel is not right. It could be a car, a person or any situation that does not look right to you. Everyone has a different view of suspicious activity and there is no right or wrong answer. The Fairfax County Police Department answers all calls for service received through our dispatch center no matter how trivial it may seem. The more information you give, the better the officer responding can locate the problem.

What do we do with the information?

Any information that is given to police is protected information. That means that the police will not give out the name or location of where a complaint was generated. The information in a police report is used for investigating the incident.

Look for more information about what is happening around the Reston area by visiting the Reston District Station webpage at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/reston>. If you would like more information of how to prevent yourself from becoming a victim or have a crime prevention question, contact the Reston Crime Prevention Office at 703-478- 0799 or by e-mail at restoncpo@fairfaxcounty.gov

Fairfax Police Department's Neighborhood Watch flyer

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/franconia/img/20120301introtonw.pdf>

Hiddenbrook Board of Directors

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

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HOLIDAY REMINDERS

The Holiday season is upon us and many of you will be very busy decorating, shopping, baking, crafting, etc. Please remember to take care of yourself and loved ones. Here are few safety tips to consider this season:

If you are traveling - consider using automatic timers for your lights, or ask a neighbor to watch your home and switch your lights on and off, shovel any fallen snow, and park in your driveway from time to time. Consider holding your mail and newspapers so they do not pile up and give an indication that no one is home.

When out shopping - be alert to your surroundings. Before you leave the store, have your keys in your hand ready to unlock your car. If you are out at nighttime, try to park in or near a well-lit area. Remember to store your purchases in the trunk so they are not readily visible. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash and carry your purse close to your body or your wallet inside your front coat or pants pocket. Zippers are harder for pickpockets to access so if you have them, use them. Remember to wash your hands often, especially during or after shopping and before you grab that hard-earned snack. When going out shopping, consider taking a bottle of water with you to keep yourself hydrated.

When using the automated teller machines - (ATM) be sure to protect your PIN by shielding the keypad so others cannot see it and avoid throwing your receipt away at the ATM location. If possible, visit the ATM during daylight hours.

When celebrating the holidays - remember to drink responsibly and observe that your guests do the same. Sometimes a cab ride home can be the best gift you can give.

When decorating - be sure to place your tree at least three feet from heat sources and candles. Inspect your holiday lights each year for any frayed wires or wear and replace appropriately. When using candles, stay in the room with them and make sure they are stable and cannot be easily knocked over, especially by pets and young children.

Most of all, **stay healthy and relaxed** this season. If you are a walker, this time of year can be quite beautiful and fun to see the holiday decorations and lights in our neighborhood. Grab a neighbor and take a walk and then perhaps share a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate.

VACUUM LEAF COLLECTION



Hiddenbrook Homeowners:

The second leaf collection is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th. Please have your leaves to the curb prior to this day.

Why Does Our Community Need a Re\$erve Fund?

Equipment and major components (like pool equipment, playground equipment, fencing, etc.) must be replaced from time to time. Virginia State law requires that HOA's plan for these expenses by having a Reserve Study performed at least every 5 years. It is also a requirement that HOA's have a separate reserve (savings) bank account for these funds. A Reserve Study is a professional report, which outlines for the Board, the timeframe and cost for the eventual replacement of these types of items. It also provides a recommended annual reserves amount that should be budgeted for so that the future funds are available at the time a particular item is in need of replacement. Reserve funds aren't an extra expense--they just spread out inevitable expenses more evenly.

There are other important reasons we put association monies into reserves every year:

- Reserve funds provide for major repairs and replacements that we know will be necessary at some point in time. Although a playground may be replaced when it is 25 years old, every owner who shares its use, shares its replacement costs.
- Reserve funds minimize the need for special assessments or borrowing. For most association members, this is the most important reason.
- Reserve funds enhance resale values. Lenders and real estate agents are aware of the ramifications for buyers if the reserves are inadequate. The State of Virginia requires associations to disclose the amounts in their reserve funds to prospective purchasers in the resale disclosure package.
- The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) requires the community association to disclose its reserve funds in its financial statements.

Our Reserve Study is completed by an outside company, Mason and Mason, and is periodically updated to ensure all items are included. The amounts are adjusted based on expected replacement/repair costs as well as current interest rates. The company projects the timing of the maintenance and repairs and prepares a schedule of expected years for these items to be addressed. Some years we can extend our actions based on the condition of the item to receive maintenance or repairs. Other years, we need to take action sooner. The plan is that our reserve funds enable us to handle the maintenance and repairs without special assessments. We are proud to report that our HOA Reserve account is fully funded following the schedule received a few years ago.

HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAYS

- **Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights** Old Town Alexandria Marina and Washington Harbour. December 6, 2014. See dozens of festively decorated pleasure boats light up the sky along the Potomac River. The parade begins at Alexandria's waterfront and travels to Washington's Channel at Water St. off of Maine Avenue. [See Photos of the Alexandria Boat Parade](#)
- **Bull Run Festival of Lights** 7700 Bull Run Dr., Centreville, Virginia. (703) 359-4633. November 19, 2014 through January 4, 2015. Hours: Monday - Thursday & Sunday: 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays & holidays: 5:30 to 10 p.m. This festive display of lights features penguins, snowmen, deer, candy canes and Santa. Monday – Thursday, \$15 per car, Friday – Sunday, \$20 per car. The event will include more than 40,000 animated lights set to music! After viewing the lights you can visit the new Winter Wonderland Holiday Village that includes amusement rides, an ice skating rink, entertainment, shopping, contests, food, and more. [See Photos of the Bull Run Christmas Lights.](#)
- **Winter Walk of Lights at Meadowlark Gardens** 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna, Virginia. (703) 255-3631. November 14, 2014 through January 4, 2015, 5:30 to 10 p.m. Admission: \$13-14 Adults, \$8-9 children ages 3-12. The garden offers a half-mile walking tour of lights featuring unique animated displays with a nature theme and a Gingerbread Village. After visiting the display, step inside the Visitor Center to warm up with some light refreshments. [See Photos of the Meadowlark Gardens Christmas Lights.](#)

For other great holiday light displays, please visit:

<http://dc.about.com/od/holidaysseasonalevents/a/christmaslights.htm>

HERNDON TREE LIGHTING



Location: Front lawn of the Old Town Hall

When:

Saturday, December 6th, 2014 from 5-6pm

Free Admission

Come out to greet Santa as he rides in on his fire truck. We will sing Christmas carols as the tree lights up!

