



Hilton Lake Herald

Making our neighborhood a great place to call home



January 2020

Mark your calendar

- **Community work party:** May 16th & September 12th
- **No Community Garage Sales** coordinated this year
- **Block party** last week in June and first week of July
(Schedule your own mini neighborhood get-together)

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Playset Committee

In 2020 your HOA is planning to replace the deteriorating playground set at the top of the 107th cul-de-sac with two smaller pieces of equipment. Under consideration is the addition of a multi-seat swing by the tennis and basketball courts. The play areas off of 102nd and on 32nd Drive will be maintained.

A big thank you to the fall and spring work parties for keeping the wood chips safely distributed.

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 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*.

2020 Project Focus

- *Additional Common Area tree maintenance & replanting*
- *Tennis courts*
- *Playset upgrades*

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 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: Thank you for not feeding the geese!

2020 Meetings - Hilton Lake Fire Station 7:00 PM

Monthly Board Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month

Annual Meeting: Thursday March 19th