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May 2015 Newsletter

Gator Captured in Hidden Hills!

We had some excitement yesterday when an alligator was captured and removed by wildlife authorities. In case you missed it, the alligator reportedly was 9 foot long, 500 pounds.



That's a lot o' gator, folks! First reports of the alligator appeared on our Facebook page, but it was also reported on WAPT.com. A reporter called the clubhouse this morning wanting a statement, so if any "gator wrestlers" want to be interviewed, here's your opportunity!

As a side note: PLEASE don't feed the wildlife. Feeding an alligator will encourage him to approach humans, and then instead of being relocated, they will be euthanized. And feeding geese, well, then they roam the streets and leave "land mines" and other unwanted "gifts" on sidewalks and green spaces.

Pine Straw

REMINDER: Top Quality Pine Straw will be on site Saturday, May 16 beginning at 8 a.m. to distribute pine straw to those interested. Cost is \$5.50 plus tax per bale (pick up or they will



deliver) or \$10 plus tax installed. To schedule installation, please call TQ at 601-939-5964. Otherwise, just bring your truck to the clubhouse on the 16th or *ask them to deliver when you pay*. They will accept credit card payments on site. Any resident can purchase straw. Pre-ordering is not necessary.

New Residents

The Welcome Committee has been busy the last few months delivering welcome baskets to our new homeowners. Home sales in Hidden Hills have picked up over the last couple of months and we are gaining approximately five new homeowners each month. Let's give these neighbors a warm Hidden Hills welcome!

No Swim Zone

Our developer Randy Berg recently cleaned the flumes (the concrete drainage infrastructure) and they

look so much better! However, they are not designed for swimming. One afternoon a group of kids decided to swim in the pond. Not only is swimming in the pond(s) dangerous (see photo above), it is NOT allowed. Please keep out of the drainage system and retention ponds.

Pool Announcements

Thanks to ALL the volunteers who signed up for "pool duty"! We appreciate you! If you need to know what to do during your week, contact <u>Allen East</u>, our new Pool Chairman. If you need to trade weeks or can't take your week, ask someone to trade or let <u>Pat</u> know. The most recent sign in sheet is attached.

Please abide by the pool rules and limit your guests to two per household per visit. Clothing, toys, food wrappers, empty drink containers, etc., should be removed from the pool area when you leave. Children under the age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult resident. Help keep costs down by abiding by these rules. Thanks!

Spring Flowers – Volunteers Needed

Last year, several neighbors got together for a "clean up day" and focused on the Hidden Hills Parkway entrance. Most of these volunteers were either board members or members of the HH Garden Club.



Our annual budget does not provide for spring flowers to be placed at our entrances. In previous years, this has always been done on a volunteer basis. The landscape committee will provide bedding plants if enough homeowners will volunteer a Saturday morning for a "Spring Planting". If you will help, please contact Pat at 769-524-7358 or email hiddenhillsinfo@gmail.com.

Mailbox Damage

In the last six months, at least five mailboxes have been hit by vehicles veering off the road. This is an unnecessary and unwanted expense for homeowners. Distractions can happen to ANYONE and it only takes an instant for an accident to happen. Please focus on driving and if you witness an accident, report it to the authorities. Some of these incidents were reported and the damaged boxes were replaced, but not all were so lucky. Let's keep our eyes open and help a neighbor out when possible.

Covenant Corner

Several covenants are routinely abused or neglected, and the committee wants to give everyone an opportunity to correct their actions (or inaction, as the case may be).

- 1. Mowing yards should be mowed, edged, and flower beds free of weeds. Debris should not be blown into the street or storm drains.
- 2. Garbage cans cans should only be put at the street immediately before Waste Management runs. In most cases, the night before is appropriate, and cans should be removed soon after garbage has been picked up. For most, that means when you come home in the afternoon. Trash cans should never be left at the street for days on end. At all



- other times, garbage cans should be shielded from view, either by placing in your garage or behind a screened enclosure.
- 3. Parking parking on the street is a covenant violation. Sometimes it is necessary, in the case of a temporary guest. Unattended vehicles should never impede traffic or block driveways. A parked car in front of a stop sign creates a safety hazard, as oncoming vehicles cannot see the stop sign until they have driven through it without stopping. PLEASE encourage your visitors to park in your driveway when at all possible.

All homeowners should be familiar with our covenants. They can be read in their entirety at hiddenhillsowners.org.

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PLEASE OBEY ALL POSTED STOP SIGNS AND SPEED LIMIT SIGNS. THE LIFE YOU SAVE COULD BE YOUR OWN.

Mailbox Repair/Replacement:

Call <u>Copper Sculptures - 601-992-9955</u> or <u>Custom Creations - 601-936-7779</u>

Street Light Outage? Contact Entergy via their website: Entergy (report street light outage)

Please sign up for one week, Monday – Sunday.

Pool duties include cleaning up around the pool when it closes at 9pm,

Emptying the skimmers, straightening the chairs,

Checking and locking the bathrooms.

POOL VOLUNTEERS

	WEEK OF	NAME	PHONE
1	April 27-May 3		
2	May 4 - 10	Karen Sebro	
3	May 11- 17	Savannah Reis	
4	May 18-24	Heath Morrison	
5	May 25-31	Dan Luke	
6	June 1-7	Keeley Frederick	
7	June 8-14	Laura B. Smith	
8	June 15-21	Lindsay Westbrook	
9	June 22-28	Melissa Tillson	
10	June 29-July 5		
11	July 6-12	Ronnie Johnson	
12	July 13-19	Jill Gordon	
13	July 20-26	Sharon Beasley	
14	July 27-Aug 2		
15	Aug 3-Aug 9		
16	Aug 10-16		
17	Aug 17-23	Lori Wartes	
18	Aug 24-30	Peyton Bryce Nelson	
19	Aug 31-Sept 6	Martie Bean	

Call 769-524-7358 or email hiddenhillsinfo@gmail.com to sign up!