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March 2015 Newsletter

Yard of the Month



Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Perkins 301 North Haven Cove

Yard Maintenance

It's time to start mowing! Unfortunately, most of what is growing in our yards is of the weedy variety, but it's time to sweep off the sidewalks and edge, mow, and blow. Keep in mind that yard clippings should not be blown into the street or the storm drains. If the drains become clogged, it can be a very costly expense, so dispose of your yard clippings properly. This "Good Neighbor" tip was suggested by one of our residents. Not only is it common sense; it's the neighborly thing to do!

Monthly Board Meeting

The Board of Directors meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss whatever business may come before the board. If you have a topic you wish to discuss, please contact Pat at 769-524-7358 and ask to be placed on the agenda. The meetings are open to residents who wish to attend.

Spring Garage Sale

Our Spring Garage Sale was held last weekend and those who participated were richly rewarded! Residents were able to do some Spring Cleaning and make a little (in some cases a LOT) of money in the meantime. These events are planned through the Social Committee and depend upon volunteers to make them a success. If you want to help plan the next event, call the clubhouse and let Pat know.

Restrictive Covenants

When a subdivision is first developed, the Developer may craft a set of "Restrictive Covenants" that are put in place for each lot or homeowner to abide by who purchases within the neighborhood. The purpose of the covenants is to provide a standard appearance and when enforced, covenants help protect property values.

It is the responsibility of each lot owner to comply with the provisions of the covenants. Most of the provisions are "common sense" type rules, but it helps to be familiar with what the rules ARE. The most common covenant violations are parking in the street (when off-street parking is available), boats &/or trailers that should be screened from use, and yards that are not properly maintained. Spring and summer months typically bring the most violations as this is when most people enjoy boating, mowing, and other outdoor activities.

Elsewhere in this newsletter was a tip about refraining from blowing leaves or grass clippings into the storm drain. Again, if we THOUGHT about how this might damage the infrastructure, we would NEVER do such a thing. But sometimes we don't consider how our actions could have a negative impact and we have to be reminded. If we ALL parked on the street daily, imagine how difficult it would be to drive down our streets. How dangerous might it be for pedestrians or those on bicycles? Consider how you might accidentally back into a neighbor's vehicle if it was parked a little too close to your mailbox. Imagine how run down the neighborhood would look if one in five households didn't mow or edge their yard. Without all of us working together, our property values would indeed begin to decline.

Whether you agree with our covenants or not, they were written for the protection of Hidden Hills property owners and are binding on all residents. Hidden Hills Covenants are available on our website at www.hiddenhillsowners.org.

Architectural Review

ANY CHANGE to the exterior of a house requires an application and approval by the ARC. This includes but is not limited to a covered porch, a screened sunroom, a new patio or deck, an outdoor fireplace, a retaining wall, new playground equipment, a new fence or a new roof. Applications can be found on our website and must receive written approval before any work is begun. These regulations are in place to ensure all additions are done within the scope of neighborhood policy and that proper drainage is addressed. If in doubt, ASK!

Is Your Info Up-to-Date?

Do we have your correct name, phone number and/or email address? Over 90% of our correspondence is through email. Make sure we can reach you should we need to! If you are moving, contact the office so we can update our records.

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