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HLE News

The Official Newsletter of the Hidden Lake Estates HOA

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From The Board of Directors

We hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and good spirits. Well, spring is here, and everyone likes to make changes to their home. Please, before making Architectural modifications to your home, fill out the architectural review form located in your HOA handbook or on line at hleindy.com and submit it. We have no pleasure in telling someone to remove something or take it down.

This is a good time of year to inspect your mailbox post to see if it needs to be painted or replaced. The Board will be strictly enforcing mailbox post violations. The board worked with Otto's on a special pricing for mailbox post replacement the week of June 10 - 14. Please see flyer for details. If you miss the window for special pricing, you will have 30 days to replace your post or have some completion arrangement. If we have no compliance within 30 days, the board will use the self-help rule and replace it at the owner's expense. If your post needs paint, either Otto's can do it or you can contact the board. Please note that the approved color for your post is "Sagebrush".

We are seeing a lot of weeds this year and there are some yards overtaken with them. Homeowners are required to provide weed control and is located in the maintenance section of your handbook. This does not mean that you need a yard service, but you do need to provide some type of control. We have some tips to help further in the newsletter. Also be mindful of your trashcans when not out for trash day. You need to keep them in your garage or behind your house.

The board is excited to announce the approval of the addition of two new streetlights on Woodland Trail. We hope the new lighting will help with security concerns in a few areas that seem to be extremely dark. The board would also like to announce that a mini library will be going up in-between the trail heads on Woodland Trail. Drop a line to the board if you have any books you would like to donate.



GET CONNECTED TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD THRU FACEBOOK!

Please take a moment and join our neighborhood Facebook group. This group is for our neighborhood only so you will need to list your address when requesting to join. Our Facebook page is HIDDEN LAKE ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

Also, take a moment to visit our new website. Still www.hleindy.com with all the information, just a different look.



SCAN THE CODE TO FACEBOOK

COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE



We are going to have our neighborhood garage sale on Friday & Saturday May 31st and June 1st from 8am -?? There will be a sign at the front of the neighborhood announcing the Garage Sale. You may want to procure additional signage to direct potential shoppers to your garage sale. All signage must be removed by the end of the weekend.

TRASH BINS AND VEHICLES

Please remember that our neighborhood bylaws require Trash Bins be put away in the garage or around the back of the home on the day the trash is picked up. Also, please make sure all vehicles are parked in the garage or driveway on a nightly basis as not to impede upon emergency vehicles. You may contact the Board with any questions at HLEBoard@hleindy.com.

Safety Thought

By the nature of burglary, light is counterintuitive. Burglars do not work in well-lit areas because the chance of being caught is much higher than working in the dark. Making sure that outdoor lighting are always functioning well is a key aspect of maintaining a safe property. Having a well-lit front porch means nothing if the back side of a house is not lit at all. Perform a full audit tonight to determine the areas of your property that need to be lit.

BUS STOP

ETIQUETTE



Parents and students, please be mindful that when you are waiting for the school bus, at the designated bus stops, please ***do not*** use it as a trash dumping area. The Board has been notified that uneaten breakfast, utensils, soda cans and other trash is being left at bus stops for homeowners living by the bus stops to pick up. Your neighbors should not be made responsible to pick up your discarded trash. Keeping our neighborhood looking clean and respectable is a responsibility of everyone that resides in it.

SPRING LAWN CARE TIPS

As the world outside finally begins to turn green after a long winter, it's time once again to pay attention to your lawn. Spring is a sensitive time for your yard – the soil is spongy, the plants are tender, and the weather is unpredictable. Your lawn will thank you for being gentle this time of year, but it will also thank you for addressing a few important spring tasks. Here's how to go about taking care of your lawn in the spring.

Types of Grass

Spring lawn care depends on the type of grass you are growing: Cool-season grasses include fescue, bluegrass, and rye. They have two growth spurts – a moderate one in the spring, and a big one in the fall. They go dormant and can struggle in hot summer months, so the focus of spring care is strengthening the plants for summer. Warm-season grasses—such as Zoysia, St. Augustine, centipede, and Bermuda—thrive in the heat and go dormant during winter. They begin growing after the last spring frost and really get going by midsummer. Understanding the type of grass you have and its peak growing season will help you address lawn care tasks at the correct time.

Controlling Weeds

Spring is the best time to prevent weeds by using pre-emergent weed control, which work by preventing weed seeds from germinating. Your first application of a pre-emergent herbicide should occur just as the forsythia bushes finish blooming in spring – that should stop crabgrass and other weeds before they have a chance to grow. Both cool-season and warm-season lawns benefit from weed prevention in the spring. Pre-emergent herbicides work for about three months, so plan on a second application during the summer.

Seeding and Planting

In the spring, gardeners have to choose between weed control and lawn seeding. Pre-emergent herbicides prevent grass seed from sprouting too, so you can't do both – the herbicide will be active for up to 12 weeks, which means you'll miss the spring planting season. If your focus this spring is on filling in bare spots or establishing a new lawn, time your activities according to the type of grass: Cool-season grasses can be planted as soon as the air temperatures get into the 60s and soil temperatures are in the 50s. Plant as soon as temperatures allow to give the seedlings a chance to get established before hot weather hits. Fall is a better time to plant cool-season grasses, so use spring planting for patching bare spots, and be prepared to keep your lawn well-watered during the summer. Warm-season grasses can be planted when air temperatures are in the 70s, soil temperatures are in the 60s, and all danger of frost has passed. Late spring is the best time to plant warm-season grasses.

Fertilizing

The type of grass you have also influences when and how you should fertilize your lawn: Cool-season grasses: Resist the urge to heavily fertilize your lawn in the spring. Spring feeding encourages rapid tender growth that will struggle to survive the heat of summer, particularly in drought-prone areas. If your lawn is in bad shape, fertilize lightly in spring with a balanced, slow-release fertilizer. Save the heavier feedings for fall, when cool-season grasses are at their peak growing season. Warm-season grasses: Fertilize in late spring as soon as the lawn "greens up" and begins actively growing. This is usually in April or May, after the last frost.

Other Spring Lawn Tasks

Aeration: is best done during your lawn's peak growing season. For warm-season grasses, this means early to mid-summer. For cool-season grasses, aeration is best saved for fall but can be repeated in spring if the soil is extremely compacted. Wait until your lawn has been mowed 2-3 times in the season, so you'll be sure it is growing fast enough to recover from the aeration. **Dethatching:** is also best done during peak growing season, right before aerating. **Mowing:** Begin mowing as soon as your lawn needs it – grass blades do best when you cut no more than a third of the blade's length at a time. **Watering:** Once your grass starts growing, you'll need to make sure your lawn gets at least 1" of water per week. Until then, you can water less frequently but remember that cold air is very drying to plants and lawns. **Insect Control:** Spring is a good time to address problems with fire ants. Many other insects, such as grubs and mole crickets, may also cause damage to your lawn in spring but are more effectively controlled later in the summer. **Lawn Equipment:** Sharpen the blade and tune up your lawn mower, as well as other lawn equipment, to make summer mowing a breeze!

Following these tips will make your yard the envy of the neighborhood!