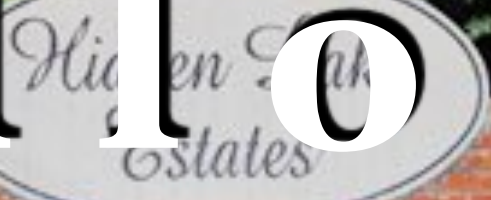


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## The Official Newsletter of the Hidden Lake Estates HOA

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This is Richard Ruzewski, President of the Hidden Lake Estates. For 2022 in review, removal of the four trees at the main entry. James Beard has spearheaded the street lights fix and /or replace, and street repair. The lake was taken care of and is algae free. The Board hiring a new Lawyer Agency, that is local and know of the laws for the local area. We had neighborhood party in August. Nice get together and meet and greet neighbors, and wonderful selection of side dishes brought by the neighbors.

The board would like to thank those neighbors who submitted the required Architectural Review Forms and the board processed them as quickly as possibly.

The annual meeting 2022 agenda will consist of the review of the 2022 budget and the proposed 2023 budget. Election for the board. If you are interested in becoming part of the Hidden Lake Estates Board, email me at [rruzewski@hleindy.com](mailto:rruzewski@hleindy.com) . FYI: For the position for the Board, Three year commitment, you have no violations from the HLE. The cutoff date is Oct 8 2020.

Also, if you have a topic that you would like see discussed at the upcoming meeting, please email me at [rruzewski@hleindy.com](mailto:rruzewski@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.

See you at the meeting,  
Richard Ruzewski  
President HLE



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On August the 21<sup>st</sup> we had a neighborhood gathering on Woodland Trail Dr. We had a proximately 25 people show up. I was a great time to meet new neighbors and and to get catch up from not having any events over the past few years. There was lots of food hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, bake beans, and lots of desert that various neighbors brought.

We had one of our IMPD officers show up to say hello and chat with everyone there. It was a chance to voice their concerns over the neighborhood and meet one of our first responders. We are looking forward to do more events in the future.

**Trick-or-Treat on the Street**

(okay, on the sidewalk, but that doesn't rhyme)

We want to encourage you to get to know your neighbors. It's not always easy to meet each other in passing, so we are looking for opportunities when we are all outside. One occasion might be Halloween. Last year we encouraged people to move their fire pit to the front yard for Halloween. This provided for a more casual opportunity to meet neighbors and trick-or-treaters as they walk by. Shout out to Bear Hollow Court which had impressive participation last year! We hope to see even more of you out this Halloween!

**Who's up for a Garden Club?**

I know it's a little late for this year, but we'd like to get a list of participants for next spring. And there are always some things we can be talking about now. Got some good ideas for getting your garden ready for winter? We'd like to hear them! Got some perennials you need to divide? Don't throw anything out. Share some starts! Need some new ideas for next spring? This is the place to ask! Having trouble with your compost pile? We can help! Fall is a great time to apply compost to your garden. Can you save seeds? Should you dig up bulbs and bring them inside for the winter? We have answers! And next spring we can show off our gardens, and find some ideas worth borrowing from our neighbors. If you are interested, contact Davinna Beale at wtbeale@yahoo.com.

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW CHANGES**

With the onset of Fall and preparing for the upcoming holidays and the winter, many homeowners begin to think about the changes they would like to make to their properties. If you are considering making any changes to your property, from what currently exists, please remember to complete the "Request for Architectural Review Form" and submit it to the Hidden Lake Estates HOA Board for approval. The "Request for Architectural Review Form" can be found on our neighborhood website at [www.hleindy.com](http://www.hleindy.com) under the "Information" tab. The form can be submitted electronically to the Board's email address at [HLEBoard@hleindy.com](mailto:HLEBoard@hleindy.com).

Please remember that our neighborhood by laws require Trash Bins be put away in the garage or around the back of the home on the day the trash is picked up. You may contact the Board with any questions at [HLEBoard@hleindy.com](mailto:HLEBoard@hleindy.com). Remember when you bought your house--you bought into this neighborhood, so you have to do your part by following the rules and regulations for the HLE.

We also want to draw your attention to a couple of other very important covenant matters involving street parking and stop sign violations:

- We have some homeowners who consistently break these rules by using the street as their parking place, rather than their own driveways. Excuses for parking on the street include, but are not limited to the following: 1. There's no room in their garage. 2. There are more cars in their family than what they have room in their garages or driveways. 3. It's inconvenient to move cars out of the driveway and then back in for family members with various schedules.

Our Covenants allow for the Board of Directors to have vehicles towed that violate our parking rules; but securing a company who will tow in residential areas to enforce parking violations has been a challenge. Since city/county rules governing residential towing has made it difficult to secure towing services for our HOA, we are exploring other enforcement options for violators.

Until then, let us make an appeal in this way. Who knows, maybe we'll be able to reach someone's conscience. Parking on the streets inhibits the easy access for emergency vehicles from reaching our homes during a crisis. Some of our neighbors have already experienced this issue! Trash pickup and postal deliveries are also impeded. When parked on the street, it is more difficult to see young children who may dart out from behind the vehicle. Nobody wants to hit a child! We have had cars parked on the street hit, especially during inclement weather.

- We continue to witness vehicles that speed through the 3-way stop sign. No only unsafe, but these people are blatantly breaking the law! Those who live near the stop signs are always in jeopardy of being hit as they back out of their driveways or crossing the street. Again, short of having the police available to ticket every offender, this is another violation difficult to control. Please respect your neighbors enough to stop at the stop signs and to park in your own driveways.