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## The Official Newsletter of the Hidden Lake Estates HOA

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## Getting Ready for Summer

Now that spring is here, it's time to think about home repairs, renovations, and gardening. Here are a few tips to help you prepare your lawn for gorgeous landscaping.

While you may believe that sun and water is all that's necessary for landscaping, think again. Pests such as wildlife, insects, and stray animals can wreak havoc on your lawn. Plan for items such as fencing needs, wire mesh, and possibly including plants that will deter and ward off local pests.

You may be excited to plant your fruit trees and flowering shrubs. However, many plants will thrive much longer if you plant them at the appropriate time of year as suggested by gardeners. Check out gardening websites; and ask your local nursery about the best times for planting.

When choosing landscaping styles and sizes of plants, be sure to estimate how large the plants will grow in 6 weeks, 6 months, etc. Height and growth requirements are printed on the pots of most plants purchased from your local nursery. Pay attention to these instructions before planting to avoid having to remove plants as they grow!

For some, inspiration comes from looking at neighboring lawns or traveling to other areas of town to look at landscaping; while others seek inspiration from home and garden publications and television do-it-yourself programs. A stroll through your local home improvement gardening center may be all the inspiration needed to get you motivated.

Once you know what types of plants you'd like, map or stake out the area in which your plants will be placed. Allow enough room for pedestrians walking around, as well as growth and future maintenance of your landscaping. Take into consideration surrounding walkways, including space enough for safe footing. Remember that tall plants might obstruct view lines from inside your home.

Unlike choosing a paint color for decorating your home, you may think - once it's up, you're done. However, landscaping requires ongoing maintenance and care from pulling weeds, watering and pruning, to occasional replacement of dead plants, etc... Once again, select plants that will suit your lifestyle and maintenance schedule. Consider hiring a professional gardener or lawn service to care for your yard if necessary.

Lastly is the lawn itself. Does it consist of beautiful plants, gorgeous shrubs and splendid trees? Or, is it a lawn full of weeds and dandelions? It's easy to remove those nasty yellow flowers. Either hire a professional or go to your local home and garden store. Do-it-yourself cost about \$50; but it is worth it! Also, ask your neighbors who have well maintained lawns. I am sure they will be glad to share secrets for establishing and maintaining a beautiful lawn!

### **Plan for this Day August 26: Community Party**

**We need volunteers who want to help, plan, entertain and cook for this community event.**

**Contact any board Member.**

## Hidden Lake Calendar 2017

**May 10 - Deadline for Any  
Submission for the News Letter**

**June 2&3 - Annual  
Neighborhood Yard Sale**

**August 10 - Deadline for Any  
Submission for the News Letter**

**August 26 - Community Party**

**October 10 - Deadline for Any  
Submission for the News Letter**

**October 19 - Annual HOA  
meeting**

### WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS

The board recognizes, and with Loren Eltzroth's help, welcomes the following new residents as of 2017 to our HLE community:

**Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Wilkins III - 11114  
Bear Hollow Drive**

**William and Davianna Beale - 11210  
Deer Valley Drive**

**Meredith Graner & Tom Morris -  
11312 Clear Spring Way**

**Annual  
Neighborhood  
Yard Sale  
June 2 & 3**

### Safety tips:

Be aware that unusually warm or hot outlets may be a sign of unsafe wiring. Unplug any cords to the outlet, mark the outlet as "Don't Use", and report the condition to someone who can safely follow-up.

## Board Report

The new 5 member board has met 3 times since November's annual meeting. Those present voiced ideas for neighborhood improvements and expressed concerns over matters affecting the neighborhood. Among the matters discussed were pothole repairs, stop sign replacements, more street lighting, term limits for board members, quarterly news letters, existence of rental properties, tree removal, tree harvesting, speeding vehicles, snow plowing, connecting sidewalks and parking on the streets. So far, we have had potholes filled and stop signs replaced. ESW has scheduled the removal of 2-3 trees in April. Bus stops were identified by the board; and ESW has agreed to pile snow away from bus stop corners in the upcoming winter. The board has contracted with IPL to install a street light at one of the dark bus stops. We are also considering street lights for 2 other dark areas. The board is currently pursuing enforcement options for parking violations and discussing ideas to slow speeding vehicles. Tree harvesting, board member term limits, and sidewalks are all pending agenda items.



We want to draw your attention to Trash Can Storage and Vehicle Parking restrictions.

#12 "Nuisances" part of which states: "Garbage and trash shall be kept in containers which are not visible from the street, except on collection day". Many home owners may not realize that keeping their trash can(s) in front or on the side of the garage violates one of the community rules. Please make space for your trash cans in your garage or on your back patio.

#14 "Parking Limitations" part of which states: 1) Home owners are not allowed to park on the streets. 2) Inoperative or unlicensed vehicles shall be parked or repaired in the garage and are not allowed to be parked on a Lot or on the street. Vehicle use and parking rules further elaborate: #2 Guests, invitees, and subcontractors shall be allowed to park on the streets on a temporary basis. Temporary means any portion of 2 calendar days within a one calendar week period of time.

#8 The Board has the right, but not the obligation, to remove or tow from any street or public place within the Hidden Lake Estates subdivision, at the Owner's expense, any vehicle that is in violation of any of these rules or covenants. The Board may establish procedures to be used in enforcement of this rule, including towing. If an Owner's vehicle is towed pursuant to this rule or any covenant, the HLE HOA shall not be liable for any damage, loss or expense incurred by the Owner as a result of the vehicle or other object being towed from the subdivision.

You can easily access our covenant rules and regulations by going to [HLEindy.com](http://HLEindy.com), selecting community rules and click on [Hidden Lake Estates Covenant: Regulations and Rules](#).