

Winter 2017

hello.

The Official Newsletter of the Hidden Lake Estates HOA

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Board of Directors Report of 2017 Activities

The board officially met 9 times to discuss and prioritize action items. Accomplishments include getting the renter's amendment passed; dead tree removal; faded stop sign replacements; mailbox replacements; adding a new street light at a bus stop; getting potholes filled; developing/standardizing architectural requests by developing a request form; approving 7 architectural requests; organizing the Fall party; welcoming new neighbors; addressing snow plowing, lawn care and lake needs. 2018 Planned Actions include: Exploring the possibility of tree harvesting; enforcement of street parking and speeding; adding sidewalks (Spring 2018); adding more street lights; and Standardizing the HOA's financial business.

Annual Dues Increase

Because of the increased cost of doing business for our HOA, the Board of Directors has increased our annual HOA dues to \$220.00. Bills with the increase of annual dues will be mailed during the first week of January 2018.

New Board Member and New Welcome Committee

Our new Welcome Committee members are Pam Arnold, Teresa Milkos and Davinna Beale. Three new neighbors were welcomed into our community:

Pamelar Bullock; Lakeisha Johnson and Zachary Craig.

Introduced the new board member Greg Urbanski.



Greg Urbanski

I am a graduate of Butler University and have been a resident of Indianapolis for most of the last 44 years with my wife Connie. We are both from South Bend originally and we have two married sons that also live in the Indy area. We have lived in multiple additions over the years which have had homeowners associations including pools as part of the common grounds to manage. We have participated as board and committee members in those neighborhoods as well and I hope those experiences will prove valuable to all of the HLE homeowners in making decisions.

WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS

The board welcomes the following new residents as of 2017 to our HLE community:

Edgar Williams

11244 Birdsong Drive

William and Davianna Beale

11210 Deer Valley Drive

Pamelar Bullock

11260 East Birdsong Drive

Lakeisha D. Johnson

376 Woodland Trail Drive

Zachary Craig

367 Woodland Trail Drive



Neighbor Notes



Neighborly relationships may be different with each of your neighbors. Close and loving neighbors can become fast and long-lasting friends. Other neighbors tolerate each other and others don't even know their neighbors really exist. Christmas Time represents a time of joy, peace, love, and giving and sending any neighbor a Christmas wish can raise a smile from even the most Scrooge-like person. Create your special Christmas greetings for neighbors and brighten the Christmas Holidays of those who live closest to you. Who knows, a neighbor may become another friend from something as simple as a Christmas Card.



Holiday Safety



Watch Out for those Fire-starters

Candles and Fireplaces

- Never leave burning candles unattended or sleep in a room with a lit candle
- Keep candles out of reach of children
- Make sure candles are on stable surfaces
- Don't burn candles near trees, curtains or any other flammable items
- Don't burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper in the fireplace
- Check and clean the chimney and fireplace area at least once a year

Turkey Fryers

- Set up the fryer more than 10 feet from the house and keep children away
- Find flat ground; the oil must be even and steady to ensure safety
- Use a thawed and dry turkey; any water will cause the oil to bubble furiously and spill over.
- Fryer lid and handle can become very hot and cause burns
- Have a fire extinguisher ready at all times

Don't Give the Gift of Food Poisoning

- Do not rinse raw meat and poultry before cooking
- Use a food thermometer to make sure meat is cooked to a safe temperature
- Refrigerate food within two hours
- Thanksgiving leftovers are safe for four days in the refrigerator
- Bring sauces, soups and gravies to a rolling boil when reheating
- When storing turkey, cut the leftovers into small pieces so they will chill quickly
- Wash your hands frequently when handling food

New Web Site

If you have not clicked on the website: www.HLEIndy.com, we upgraded the website. Including request for Architectural Review Form, Newsletters, Rules, By-Laws and Amendments of HLE HOA.

Should you have any suggestions or if you are a web designer and want to donate time to make it even better contact Rich Ruzewski at ruzewski@hleindy.com



Winter Weather



The winter weather will be here soon. Start preparing as soon as possible by getting some Ice Melt, or the like, to keep from falling and having injuries. We are obligated to keep our sidewalks free of snow for the children in the neighborhood to be able to get to their bus stops. We have informed ESW of where the bus stops are located so they can avoid piling any snow in front of these areas.

Winter Street Parking

- Inhibits emergency vehicle passage
- Impedes snow plowing
- Slippery roads invite damage to vehicles