

HIDDEN OAKS NEWS



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Ordinances and Codes

The Hidden Oaks Board is asking all residents to take a look at their property and see where they can make improvements. With new properties being built at Talbridge and eventually the Plaza at Noah's Ark, we need to work harder at keeping our neighborhood at a higher level to keep the property values up! We have a unique and pleasurable neighborhood. By doing so, we can all enjoy the results as well as potential buyers! So with these pleasant fall days, please make that list of things to fix up and take care of that list!

In the spring the board will be making further requests to those properties that are not meeting the ordinances and codes and will be working with the City to correct any violations. This is being done in an effort to maintain property values as well as the look of the neighborhood.

HOHA to Go Green!!

In an effort to save on paper, printing and mailing the board would like to post newsletters, annual meeting notes, budget, etc on a special area of the website. We would post a sign at the island to let everyone know there is a new item to view on the site. We need to know how many of you have absolutely no access to a computer. We would still print and send a copy to you. We would like everyone else to mark the site on their favorites and sign up for the email update note to receive this information. This is something we will

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All neighborhood ordinances and codes are listed in our bylaws and are posted on the website. If you would like a hard copy, please contact Ruth Mundy. Some common items to look at when making your to do list!

- ✓ Weeds over 8"
- ✓ Dead trees cut down
- ✓ Mold on siding cleaned
- ✓ Garage Door headers repaired
- ✓ Hedges trimmed

How about creating a neighborhood beautification weekend? We can help our neighbors get some of these items off of the list!

be working towards and again would like your thoughts about this.

In another effort to help the community stay clean and be more green, please help with picking up newspapers in driveways and trash that has blown from elsewhere and is now in front of your house. Those of you, who walk the neighborhood with your dogs, please remember to bring a bag along and pick up after them!

The Common Ground Trees

The Hidden Oaks common ground area located at Rio Vista & Fifth Street has a new look. Due to visibility concerns, dead trees and overgrown weeds/underbrush the corner has been cleared. We want to thank Laurie Feldman, Council person Ward 3 and John Benisch of Code Enforcement for their help to get this resolved. The area will be seeded, creating a nice park-like setting.

HOHA 15th Anniversary in 2008

True! The neighborhood was started in 1993 and next year will mark the 15th anniversary for us! Some of you have been here the whole time and some of you arrived later! The board would like to know what you want to do to celebrate! There will be a place to post your ideas on neighborhood talk. Let us know – we could have some real fun with this!

The Plaza at Noah's Ark

Well, Noah's Ark is now demolished and the next phase has begun for this corner. We all are interested in what is planned, how it will affect us traffic-wise and what they are offering. The link below is through the company that is building this project. It has good information there.

<http://www.cullinanproperties.com/Lifestyle/development/SouthpointeTownCenter/NoahsArk.asp>

This website is from our councilperson, Laurie Feldman, and she will be updating it to give us more information.

http://www.stcharlescicity.com/Government/City_Council/wardpage.asp?ward=3

As new websites or information become available, we will post it on the website. If you get any leads/information on this, please share with a board member to get it posted.

Island Sign Lettering Update

At this year's annual meeting a request was made to look into raising the lettering on the Hidden Oaks island sign. The board has gotten two quotes to do this. However, both companies stated that moving of the lettering would compromise the look of the sign and the structure of the brickwork. The letters would have to be removed and new holes drilled into the structure and the old ones filled in. The letters themselves are brittle and will have a tendency to break. In addition, removal of the current letters would leave a ghost signature. With the new landscaping the sign is in better view. The board has decided that the lettering will not be moved.

Online Directory

We can create an online directory of everyone in Hidden Oaks using a required login to access this information. The board would like to know if you want this on the website.

There will be a place on Neighborhood Talk to let us know what your thoughts are on this.

Fall 2007 Garage Sale Update

This season's garage sale is now in the history books! We tried the new format of Friday evening and Saturday morning and seemed to have a good response from the shoppers! We will in the future only be open until about 7PM in the Fall. It will be dark after that and people have gone in for the evening.

If you want to have your own individually or smaller group sale, that is fine. We are just speaking of the neighborhood sponsored here!

The Spring Garage Sale will be in early May. The first week of May will be the week to plan on. This keeps us away from Mothers Day, Graduations, and Memorial Weekend. It also keeps us in a good timing for spring garage sales, people will want to get out of the house!

Please contact the Garage Sale Coordinators, Vickie Rice and Naomi Potts, to sign up or give suggestions!