



# News of the Acorns

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Hidden Oaks  
Neighborhood

## Neighborhood Board Meeting Held

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The annual neighborhood association meeting was held on June 15, 2006. Those participating, along with some proxy votes, made a quorum. Brad Biggers opened the meeting requesting nominations to the board. There being no additional nominations the group then voted to retain the current board members.

Brad then opened the conversation section to discuss two topics on the neighborhood web site – screaming children and unleashed dogs. In regard to the to the children, other than talking to the parents directly, there was really nothing the board or association could do. The unleashed dogs topic is an association cove-

nant as well as a St Charles ordinance which states that all dogs must be leashed or contained within a fence. All neighbors with dogs are required to adhere to these ordinances and any resident can all the authorities to have a dog picked up.

The conversation moved to the newly updated web site. Residents were asked if they used it, what they liked about it, and what they would like to see that is currently not there. It was announced that Kirsten Harrison will monitor the Neighborhood Talk section to facilitate conversations and pass on information they need to know. She will also be coordinating with Kevin Fisher

on web site content and updates to the Calendar.

Kirsten will manage the newsletter and coordinate neighborhood events. Anyone wishing to volunteer or make suggestions is asked to email Kirsten at [kirsten@hidden-oaks.org](mailto:kirsten@hidden-oaks.org) or talk with her in the neighborhood.

The meeting adjourned and several enjoyed some community by staying to talk with each other.



### Contact Info:

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## From HOA Trustees

**Vandalism**  
Please be aware that incidences of vandalism have been occurring in the neighborhood. Young teens and pre-teens have been observed walking the neighborhood in the early morning hours (anywhere

from 12:00 – 3:00am). Items are being taken from yards (i.e. gazing balls, statues, etc.) or have been found broke in the street.

**Front Entrance / Island**  
The front entrance / island area is a dangerous location for young adults / pre-teens to

gather. The Board has received reports of young people sitting on the island monument and gathering in the street. Residents should use extreme caution when entering the subdivision for this reason. It was brought to our attention that these young people do live in Hidden Oaks.

## New Events in the Neighborhood

How would you like to have more events—large and small in the neighborhood? Would you like to know more of your neighbors by name? Well, we are looking at a variety of ideas to do just that! We have a unique set up in our neighborhood in that we are self-contained (no through streets to the rest of the world) and we can have fun within our territory! There is a survey contained in this newsletter to share your ideas. We would love to know what you would like to do and what time of year would be good to do it! The following is a list of events that we could try.

Let us know if you have more ideas and would like to help with the coordination, set up, or day of activities! We always need volunteers and donations of time or product!

Some suggested ideas:

- ♥ Block Party/ Picnic
- ♥ Neighborhood Watch Program
- ♥ National Night Out
- ♥ A Walkers Circle

- ♥ A Golfers Group— weekend play—tournament play?
- ♥ More kid style activities

And more— let us know!

You can let us know your opinion by contacting Kirsten at: [kirsten@hidden-oaks.org](mailto:kirsten@hidden-oaks.org)



*Only signs pertaining to Hidden Oaks events can be placed in the entry island. Individual signs can be put on the opposite side of the street.*

## Interesting Tidbits from the Covenant

The following are excerpts from the Association covenant which will be posted as seasonal reminders! They will be paraphrased to fit this format. To see the covenant please contact a trustee or look at it online.

- ♥ All boats, RV's, motorcycles, tractors, campers of all varieties shall not be parked or placed outside of a dwell-

ing. For the purpose of loading up for a trip parking one of these on the driveway or street is permitted for 24 hours.

- ♥ No firearms, pellet, or BB guns are to be discharged in the neighborhood
- ♥ Each owner is responsible for their lot in a neat & attractive manner –

maintenance of lawn & shrubbery. Grass, legume, or ivy is not to grow in excess of 6”

- ♥ Membership & voting rights in the association – every owner of a lot is a member of the association – all owners are entitled to one vote to be cast at voting meetings

## Website Updates [www.hidden-oaks.org](http://www.hidden-oaks.org)

The neighborhoods website is getting a face lift. Please visit the site to see what we are up to! There is an announcement section where timely items will be posted for easy referral. There is a new description of the neighborhood complete with links to the neighboring event centers. Further down is the section that lets us know what is located in the site and what to expect there.

We are in the process of revising or adding to these topics, so please let us know your thoughts!

To suggest ideas or volunteer to help with the site please contact the webmaster, Kevin Fisher at [webmaster@hidden-oaks.org](mailto:webmaster@hidden-oaks.org)

### St Charles Gov't Phone #'s

#### Helpful Phone #'s

Animal Control	949-3395
Citizen's Hotline	949-3502
Mayor's Office 9	949-3268
Parks	949-3372
Police	949-3300
Fire	949 3250

## Survey Says!!

Please find the survey included with the newsletter and complete it with your thoughts! Return the completed survey to Kirsten Harrison @ 905 Burn Oak Dr. There will be a box on her front porch to put the survey's in.

### **SURVEY'S ARE DUE BY 8/4/2006**

We will be conducting periodic survey's to see what peoples interests are. If you have suggestions for these survey's, please let Kirsten know-

kirsten@hidden-oaks.org.

## Calendar of Events

These items & more can also be found on the website:

Saturday AM through October- Farmers Market @ Riverside & Monroe Streets

July 19- Music on Main- 5PM- 7PM

July 22 Hot Summer Nights 5PM- Midnight- 100-300 blocks of Main St

July 28- Friday Night Flicks in French-town

7-10PM- Blanchette Landing

Aug 11 5-10PM Friday's @ Frontier

Aug 13 Summer Jazz Band Concert Series

Aug 16 Music on Main 5-7PM

Aug 18-20 Festival of the Little Hills

Aug 25 Friday Night Flicks in French-town



## Gardening Tips

### **Deadheading for extended bloom**

You too can advance confidently into the garden armed with sharp tools and knowledgeable about keeping your plants neat looking and blooming all season long. Deadheading is nothing more than trimming off spent flowers, keeping them tidy, and ensuring maximum bloom time. Some gardeners worry that if done imperfectly, it might harm the plant. But unless you really whack away at it, it's tough to kill or badly deform a plant by deadheading.

First and foremost, deadheading keeps your garden attractive. Nearly all flowering plants benefit from at least a little deadheading. When blooms start to fade, brown, curl, or otherwise look unattractive, that's the time to trim them off, allowing the other flowers to shine.



## Holiday Trash Scheduled Pick Ups

For the remaining holidays this year, here is the trash pick up schedule.

### **Labor Day:**

Monday Trash to be picked up Tuesday 9/5

Thursday Trash/ Recycle to be picked up 9/8

### **Thanksgiving:**

Thursday Trash/ Recycle to be picked up 11/25

### **Christmas:**

Monday Trash to be picked up Tuesday 12/26

Thursday Trash/ Recycle to be picked up 12/29

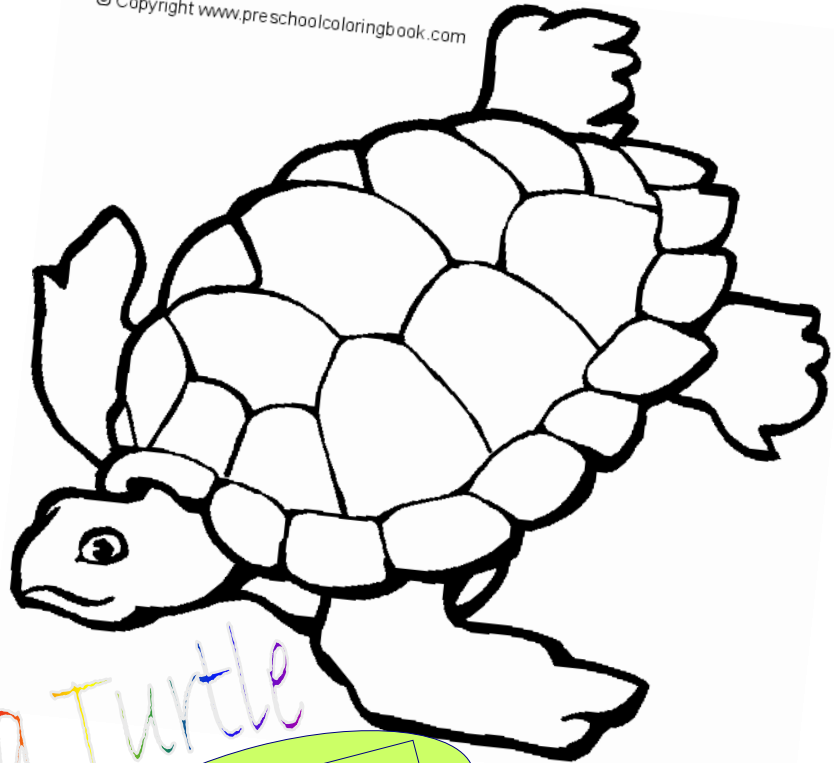
Allied Waste Website for setting up online bill pay, holiday schedule, and contact information.

<http://stlouis.disposal.com/>



- 1) What gets wetter the more it dries??
- 2) Why do sharks swim in salt water?

Look for more fun in the next newsletter. Our next kids event will be announced soon!



- 1) a towel
- 2) Because pepper water makes it sneeze

Color our sea turtle for some summer time fun!

## A Fun Recipe

Try this recipe for keeping cool this summer. This was found on [www.bhg.com](http://www.bhg.com)

### Goin' Bananas Milkshake



#### Ingredients:

1 pint chocolate or vanilla ice cream

1 small ripe banana, sliced

1/2 cup milk

1/4 cup instant malted milk powder

Directions: In a blender combine ice cream, banana (freeze first for more froth), milk & malt powder. Blend ingredients until smooth. Pour into a tall glass.

Makes 3– 8 oz servings

## KIDS!!!!

We want to hear from you also! Let us know what you would like for some neighborhood fun beyond what is coordinated now. Write us a letter or send an email to the address below.

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