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Hickory Farms Community Association

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**Your \$150 Annual Assessment fee
is due no later than January 7.**

**Look for your green postcard bill
in the mail. See page 4.**

Join the Hickory Farms email “Listserv”

- Get up-to-the-minute news on neighborhood happenings
 - Ask your neighbors to recommend a contractor/repairman
 - Locate a lost and found item
 - Get an advance copy of this newsletter in PDF format.
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Neighborhood Watch

John Kitzmiller

Please volunteer for this important activity!! It only takes one three hour shift every three months on a Friday or Saturday evening. Neighborhood Watch has been proven to cut crime! It's also a great way to meet your neighbors! Contact: John Kitzmiller 703-503-3443

Fri	Nov 30	Mike Martin	John Kitzmiller
Fri	Dec. 7	Stan Lee	Jim Marshall
Sat	Dec. 8	Pam Barrett	Tom Barrett
Fri	Dec. 14	John Verheul	Tammy Verheul
Sat	Dec. 15	---	---
Fri	Dec. 21	Dave Maurer	Sanjeev Munjal
Sat	Dec. 22	David Froberg	Beverly Froberg
Fri	Dec. 28	Jaime Gutierrez	Ed Wagner
Sat	Dec. 29	Dave Dempster	Dawn Dempster
Fri	Jan. 4	Susan Mulliner	Brenton Mulliner
Sat	Jan. 5	Ron Arnold	Charles Walters
Fri	Jan. 11	Harry Herchert	Ginny Herchert
Sat	Jan. 12	Kirk Randall	Chris Woody
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The Hickory Farms Email Service – Not a “Chat Room” or Spam

If you have hesitated about joining the HF email service -- thinking it is a “chat room” -- not to worry. It most definitely is not. Members usually get at most 3-5 emails a month from their neighbors, most relating to recommendations for reputable contractors and announcements of HF activities (e.g. the spring picnic and Annual Meeting). In addition to your delivered hard copy, the monthly newsletter is also distributed via email. The email service, however, is not a source of “spam.” Only adult residents of Hickory Farms may send emails through the service and all messages must be approved by coordinators working under the guidance of the Board of Directors. Email unrelated to life in our community is prohibited. To join, please visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HickoryFarms/> -- Click "Join this Group"

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Free Home Security Inspections

The Fairfax County Police Department offers free home security inspections. A trained officer will inspect the locks, doors, and windows of your home and make recommendations for improvement. Outdoor lighting, landscaping, and other factors affecting the protection of your home from burglary also will be reviewed. Call the West Springfield District crime prevention officer at 703-644-7377.

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"Junk" Cars

Under Chapter 110 of the Fairfax County Code, junk cars can be kept on your property only if they are completely screened or shielded from view. An "Inoperative Motor Vehicle" is any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which:

- Is not capable of starting and moving under its own power; OR
- Does not display valid license plates; OR
- Does not display an inspection decal that is valid or displays an inspection decal that has been expired for more than sixty days.

To report an inoperative vehicle, call the Police Impound Section at 703-280-0716. Callers' names are not divulged. The Police can tow an inoperative vehicle if the owner does not get it in working order to remove it within ten days after receiving a violation notice. (12)

Just What Does our Association Have Jurisdiction Over?

In recent months, members of the Board of Directors have had several conversations with homeowners about concerns with neighbors' activities. They raise the question: just what does the Association (through the Board of Directors) have jurisdiction over? The answer is that the Board of Directors has limited jurisdiction over the Common Areas and lots. Please see our [Deed of Dedication and Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions](#) and our [Rules and Regulations and Due Process Procedures](#) for the specifics. The Association has no jurisdiction over public streets, which are owned by the state of Virginia. Sidewalks and the grassy area between the sidewalk and the street (the "parkway," which is a common location for temporary basketball hoops) are also owned by the state of Virginia. If you have an issue with a house lot or the Common Areas, please contact a member of the Board of Directors. If you have an issue with non-jurisdictional areas such as the street, sidewalk, or parkway, please call the Fairfax County Non-Emergency Police number at 703-691-2131. (12)

Annual Assessment (Dues) Payments Are Due No Later Than January 7

The deadline for paying your \$150 Hickory Farms 2013 Annual Assessment is January 7. Please send your check to: HFCA, P.O. Box 2239, Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Checks that are not postmarked or in the physical possession of the Treasurer by January 7 will be considered late and will be assessed a \$50 late fee. Checks that are received late and do not include the late fee will be returned for non-payment. On February 1, delinquent accounts will be turned over to the Association's attorneys for collection. At this point, the amount owed by a delinquent homeowner will be the \$150 dues, the \$50 late fee, and attorney fees. So, please send your dues check while it is still on your mind. Please note that the Treasurer does not begin cashing checks until January 2. (11-12-1)

Architectural Control Committee Approvals

10117 Round Top – Shed

4329 Farm House - Fence Replacement

Winter Sidewalk & Driveway Care

Never - ever - use salt on the driveway or sidewalk to melt ice or snow. Salt eats away concrete in the blink of an eye. Although using salt to melt snow and ice is convenient in the short run, you'll pay for it when you spend thousands of dollars for a new driveway. If you feel that you must use an ice or snow melting chemical, please ensure that the package says it will not damage concrete. (12)

Home Maintenance To-Do's

Lawn Mower Shutdown – After cutting the lawn for the last time this season: Add a bit of gas stabilizer to the fuel. Let the mower run out of gas (this keeps the gas from gumming up over the winter). Remove and clean the spark plug – don't replace it just yet. Change the oil. Replace the air filter. Remove and sharpen the blade. Scrape off grass clippings under the deck. Apply a light coating of oil to the underside of the deck. Squirt a spoonful of oil in the cylinder and pull the starter rope a few times to coat the cylinder wall. Replace the spark plug.

Heating & Cooling Duct Cleaning – Have a professional vacuum the accumulated dust out of the ductwork every ten years or so – *if needed*.

Cleaning our Gutters – Overflowing gutters lead to ground erosion and wet basements. If you are surrounded by trees, you may have to do this Spring and Fall.

Furnace Humidifier Setup – If you have a furnace humidifier, make sure it is plugged in and set properly. Turn on the water supply valve. If you did not do so in the spring, scrape off mineral buildup in the water pan and replace the filter – if needed. Work the float arm back and forth to dislodge mineral deposits.

Neighborhood Snow Preparations

Linda Coyne

I know most of us are not wishing for another 2010 “Snowmegeddon”, but if we get a couple of big snowfalls, there are a few things we can do to make life easier on all of us. First of all, it would be really great if everyone would get their cars off the street so when the snowplows come through they can actually push the snow to the curb so we have wider passageways on the street. It would also reduce the amount of snow for each of us to shovel in order to get to our mailboxes so that mail can still be delivered. Also, if your cars are in your driveway, there's less area you have to shovel when you move them onto the street. As for garage owners, if you park your cars in your driveway during a snowstorm, once it stops snowing, all you have to do is brush off the cars, drive them into your garage and you only have a fraction of the snow to shovel away on your driveway. Be sure you shovel around your cars and keep a passage way between the cars and garage door for easier movement. Doing these few things is a win-win for everyone as the plows will be able to clear our streets more quickly and they can reduce the amount of shoveling you will have to do. (1)

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