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News for the Residents of Hidden Glen

Message from the Board

The neighborhood committees are up and running. In addition to the great Social Committee activities we have come to expect, the Landscape and Pool Committees have identified several key projects to get the Amenity Center ready for swim season and make it more accommodating as well as to enhance the appearance of the common areas. The committees have done a great job of identifying items that could be completed in the short term at a reasonable cost but have a significant impact on the neighborhood. Many of these will be well underway or even completed by the time you receive this newsletter. They have also identified some more extensive items to be targeted as future enhancements. We will continue to keep you informed in the newsletter regarding these projects and welcome your feedback as well as your participation on any of these committees.

This month's reminder concerns the common areas: the parks, trails, greenbelts, and karst lots. Each of these areas is designated for the use of all Hidden Glen homeowners. They are fine for walking and exploring, but they are not a place to dump leftover building materials or lawn trimmings, a public restroom for your pet, or an extension of your yard on which you can build a play-scape. Remarkably each of these things has occurred somewhere within the neighborhood.

Please do not discard extra dirt, grass, or brush on any of these lots. Likewise, don't build any permanent structure like a tree house or swing or do anything that changes the overall appearance. Karst lots are sometimes confused for empty builder lots, but they actually belong to the HOA and are set aside for their porous limestone features and cannot be built on. The Landscape Committee is looking at adding signage to make these lots more readily apparent. These lots and the greenbelts should be left in their natural state with the exception of picking up dead branches and clearing some of the underbrush. We will be working with the landscapers to step up maintenance of these areas. Also, if you walk your dog in the parks or along the trail or sidewalk areas, please bring along a bag so you can pick up after them. Remember that kids use these areas too and they don't always look where they step...

Please do your part to keep these areas attractive for all residents.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The mission of the communications committee is to provide resourceful methods of communication to the residents of Hidden Glen. I hope you enjoyed the first of our endeavors, the March newsletter. A neighborhood newsletter was our first priority. Our hope is that this newsletter will provide monthly information out about social events, problems and solutions currently being addressed by neighborhood committees, as well as to whom to report your issues and suggestions.

If you are interested in submitting information for publication in the newsletter we would love to have it. You can enter announcements for your new baby, a birthday or an anniversary. We also have areas for "teen job seekers" to advertise their services and a "classifieds" section to sell your unwanted items. Please be aware that space is limited and the deadline for each month is the first day of the month prior. So to be sure to get your time-sensitive announcements in the correct issue you'll need to get it to me a month in advance.

We are currently researching a number of options to enhance our neighborhood communication. One of which is the creation of a website for the Hidden Glen community. A few things we hope to provide through a website are: a neighborhood directory, links to submit ideas and solutions, HOA rules and regulations, and referrals for service personnel.

The biggest hurdle we need to overcome is finding someone to create our website. Funds have been

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Pool Committee

The pool committee met with HOA President, Cella Lancaster, Goodwin Management Representative, Marilyn Childress, and Bryan Rogers from J.B. Rogers Landscape Services in August to address improvements to the Amenity Center. The pool committee has had new trash cans installed at the playscape and in the pool area by the picnic table. We have also had a bicycle rack installed to the left of the Amenity Building. There have also been some changes to the landscaping around the Amenity Center in order to improve the aesthetics. A natural rock border was added to the front of the Amenity Center sign to hold the mound of dirt which was continually falling onto the sidewalk. New mulch was also added to the playscape area. A rock edging has been installed around the landscaped areas and the metal edging removed. The temporary lawn chairs placed in the pool area last season will be upgraded with permanent chairs.

The Amenity Center building has been open during the off-season months this year in order for residents to utilize the bathrooms and water fountains when in need while you are at the playscape.

Please contact Marilyn Childress, at Goodwin Properties, when there is a problem at the amenity center. This would include anything from needing paper towels in the restroom to a problem with the pool. You can contact Marilyn at:

Goodwin Management Inc 11149 Research Blvd., Suite 100 Austin TX 78759 Cell: 512-750-2883 Fax: 512-346-4873 Email: marilyn.childress@goodwintx.com Her contact information is also posted on the gate to the pool area.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to join the pool committee or have any questions and/or comments.

Michelle Quick michelle.q@sbcglobal.net

Members of the pool committee: Heidi Askew, Debbie Barker, Michael Davolt, Jessica Ethridge, Laurie Lowe, Virginia Miller, Michelle Quick, and Chris Scott.

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ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Interested in submitting an article? You can do so by emailing hidden.glen.news@gmail.com or by going to:

http://www.peelinc.com/articleSubmit.php. All news must be received by the 1st of the month prior to the issue.

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allocated by the HOA board for this service. The communications committee is willing to maintain the site once it is up and running.

Thanks to the members of the communications committee; Heidi Askew, Andrea Jagodzinski, and Monica Milonovich for all of their hard work getting the newsletter up and running.

If you have questions about submitting information to the newsletter or would be interested in building a website for Hidden Glen please send an email to hidden.glen. news@gmail.com.

Ange Blankenship Communications Chair

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Landscaping Committee Update:

The purpose of the landscaping committee is to oversee the maintenance and capital improvements of the Hidden Glen common areas, including the amenity center, karst lots, and water retention ponds.

The landscaping committee has been busy! We began the year by improving the appearance of the Hidden Glen entrance bed, located at Creekbend and Hidden Glen Drive. A limestone border was added for better definition and the bed was enlarged to accommodate several new healthy plants that replaced sick and overgrown plants.

We are currently working with JB Rogers Landscaping to enhance the beds at the amenity center and we are working in conjunction with the pool committee to improve the grassy area just beyond the pool main gate.

We are also focusing on several deferred maintenance issues including tree and stump removal, improving the grassy areas on karst lots between the sidewalk and street, and adding irrigation meters to the retention ponds at Mesa Verde and Hidden Glen Drive.

In April, we'll begin our Yard of the Month program. Winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Lowe's or Home Depot.

A special thanks to landscaping committee members Jennifer Shockley-Daniels, Cory Kosse, Paul Pulley, Kim Overstreet, and Denise Walker for their dedication to the Hidden Glen community.

FYI: *Karst* – n. An area of irregular limestone where erosion has produced sinkholes, caverns, and underground streams.

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We are residents of north Round Rock, and we hope that if you see us around town, you'll say hello...and that if you are ever in need of lawn services...you'll give us a call! Thanks!

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Hidden Glen Pool Rules and Regulations

In case of EMERGENCY - Call 911

The Hidden Glen pool is for use by Hidden Glen residents and their guests only. These rules and regulations have been established to assure safe and sanitary operation. Residents must be current in their dues to use the pool. Amenity center keys are required at all times. This list is not allinclusive or legally precise and no liability is assumed for completeness.

- 1. THERE IS NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY all Hidden Glen residents and guests "Swim at their own risk"
- 2. Amenity Center and Pool operating hours: 8:00am to 10:00pm daily (unless otherwise noted)
- Restricted to Hidden Glen residents and guests accompanied by the resident. Guests are limited to four (4) per family. Hidden Glen residents are responsible for informing their guests of the rules.
- 4. Children 14 years and younger must be accompanied and supervised by an adult (18 years or older) at all times.
- 5. The gate to the pool area must be closed after entering or leaving the pool area at all times. Do not prop the gate open. Texas State law § 757.004.
- 6. No Hidden Glen resident shall knowingly enter the pool enclosure, or permit a child or guest to do so, while suffering from any contagious disease.
- 7.All Infants and toddlers must have appropriate swimwear:
- a. Proper swimming diapers with plastic pants are required for all non-toilet trained infants.
- 8. The use of the life saving equipment is for emergencies only.
- 9. No glass, weapons or sharp items are allowed within this facility.
- 10. No diving, running, horseplay, or games that would be considered dangerous is allowed inside the pool enclosure.
- 11. All beverages and food for consumption in the pool area must be in unbreakable containers.
- 12. Please dispose of all litter! Keep the grounds clean and tidy when enjoying this facility.
- 13. Proper disposable of tobacco products is required (cigarettes must be extinguished and properly disposed of). No smoking inside the pool enclosure.
- 14. Bathing suits and appropriate swimwear are to be worn in the pool. No one shall enter the water of the swimming pool in any clothing or apparel other than swimwear.
- 15. No pets/animals are allowed within the pool enclosure.

- 16. No bicycles, skateboard, rollerblades or other wheeled vehicles are permitted inside the pool enclosure.
- 17. No one may throw or place any stones, debris, refuse or discarded substances or articles of any kind in the pool or swim area or willfully pollute the waters of either the baby or main pool.
- 18. All Hidden Glen residents must comply with the posted rules. The Hidden Glen Property Owners Association, its personnel, or Managing Agent has the right to evict anyone from the pool area not in compliance with these rules. In addition, the Association or Managing Agent may take action to impose fines or to suspend the use of the pool for violation of these rules.

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HIDDEN GLEN HAPPENINGS



Hidden Glen Easter Egg Hunt! Sunday, April 5th 4:00 pm

Hidden Glen Amenity Area Refreshments Served

Please bring one dozen pre-filled plastic eggs (no chocolate please) to the pool area and drop them off in the age appropriate bin for each child who will be participating. Drop off bins will be set out at the pool entrance during the day of Sunday the 5th. Please drop them off no later than 2:00 pm on April 5th. This year there will be three age groups, 4 and under, 5 – 7, and 8 and up. We would welcome any help from volunteers to help make this event the best it can be! Contact Andrea at hidden.glen.social@

gmail.com if you want to help out or have any questions.



Social Committee

The Hidden Glen Social Committee in its first year organized and held four events. An Easter Egg Hunt, a Spring Adult Happy Hour which was attended by over 150 residents last May, a Fourth of July Bike Parade and Cocoa with Santa in the Park. For 2009, we are planning on continuing with the same events and adding some new. The Social Chair is Andrea Jagodzinski and members of the committee are Michelle Quick, Heidi Askew, John and Nancy Massey and Julie Woody. We are always open to have more volunteers and help with these events. Please contact hidden.glen.social@gmail. com to join in the fun!

Attention Dog Walkers:

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, Hidden Glen's 2nd Adult Neighborhood Party

Saturday May 16, 2009 7:00 PM – 10:00PM Hidden Glen Amenity Area

Book your babysitters! We had so much fun at last year's First Adult Neighborhood Party, we are doing it again! Come have fun with good friends and neighbors that you already know and take the opportunity to meet some new ones! This year Hidden Glen's 2nd Adult Neighborhood Party will be on Saturday May 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM. It will be held at the Hidden Glen Amenity area around the pool. For that evening the community pool will be closed from 6:00PM on to prepare and host the party. There will be music, light food and non-alcoholic drinks served. This year, the party will be BYOB. PLEASE remember there is no glass at the pool! We need to make sure everything is brought in cans and plastic containers, including glasses. Use plastic cups please! We would welcome any help from volunteers to help make this event the best it can be! Contact Andrea at hidden.glen.social@gmail.com if you want to help out or have any questions. We'll see you there!

Hidden Glen Classifieds

Remember, "One person's junk is another person's treasure." This is the place to list those things you're ready to get rid of or list something special you are looking for. Please list the item, description, price, and contact number. Send your ad to Heidi at haskew1@austin. rr.com.

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It's Spring Cleaning Time! Time to clean out your attic and garages! Mark you calendars for **Saturday, April 18th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM** for the Hidden Glen/Wood Glen Spring Garage Sale. This spring's Garage Sale is in conjunction with our neighbors in Wood Glen to bring in additional shoppers!

Our sponsor this spring is Kim Perez. Please email her at kim@ktx.homes.com should you have any questions. Kim will be providing signage for both neighborhoods at the entrance of the subdivisions several days before the sale to advertise the event. In addition, she will be placing ads in the Austin American Statesman and the Round Rock Leader.

Saturday, April 18th 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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