

Hidden Lake Village Newsletter

July 8, 2020

President's Report

Life as we know it is a little different since April 2020 when the pandemic started. We hope everyone is staying healthy and making it through this difficult time. Many things have changed dramatically the last three months. Many of us are working from home, homeschooling our children, furloughed or out of work. This has not been easy on anyone and we miss seeing our family and friends. However, we are seeing so many families in our community out walking, creating new activities and memories. Community members are spending more time outdoors, planting flowers, and creating custom water parks in driveways with swimming pools and sprinklers. We have even had some chalk art! We hope you all stay safe and healthy during this time. We appreciate your patience as the Hidden Lake Board learns and makes decisions during these unprecedented times. Please contact Villa Management with any questions or concerns.



GARBAGE PICK-UP

DUE TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, PLEASE PLACE YOUR GARBAGE OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE. (WEDNESDAY EVENING) WASTE MANAGEMENT WILL BE PICKING UP THE GARBAGE IN THE EARLY MORNING TO AVOID THE CONSTRUCTION.


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Pool

Unfortunately, due to CoVid-19, we will not be able to open the pool this summer. Our plan is to maintain the pool to keep it clean. This was a tough decision for the board, as we would like to see it open as well. However, due to the regulations set forth by the governor, it is just not feasible. We apologize for the inconvenience but feel it is in the best interest of the Association to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents. Hopefully, we will be able to open next year after this pandemic has ended.

Village Ordinances

- Please remember it is against the village ordinance to park your cars over the sidewalk. We realize parking isn't always easy when you have multiple cars. Please be conscious of your neighbors and pull your cars up as close to your garage as possible and if you have a second car pull up so as to not block the sidewalk and pedestrian traffic. We have received several complaints. *Village Ordinance 5.12.090. E - Specific conditions. The licensee shall provide adequate and orderly parking for all bicycles and motor vehicles and shall keep the front of the premises unobstructed so that the sidewalks are clear and open to pedestrian traffic.*
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- Garbage: All garbage should be placed in a garbage tote. You are required to use them. If you have excess garbage you can set it off to the side, but you should try to fit as much as you can into the garbage tote first. All boxes should be broken down and placed in your recycling bin and not placed loosely outside on the curb. One large item can be left at the curb for each pick-up. Garbage can be placed outside no earlier than 5:00pm the night before or by 7:00 am the day of garbage pick-up. You have 24 hours to remove your tote and place it in your garage. Totes should not be stored outside of your unit. Per association rules please put a unit number on all garbage bins. *Village Ordinance 8.20.040 - Containers required. Every customer in possession of any premises in the Village shall provide for, and at all times maintain in good order and repair, a sufficient number of refuse containers for a weekly accumulation of normal waste. Every customer in possession of any premises shall cause to be deposited in such refuse containers all refuse produced in or on such premises as soon as practicable after the same is produced, except as otherwise provided in this Chapter.*
 - If you need a larger garbage tote, please contact Villa Management and ask for the account number for Waste Management. You can then call Waste Management and let them know you need a larger or smaller tote and they will arrange a time to drop off or trade your totes. With families home, all day garbage builds quickly.

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Skunks

It's skunk season again! We know these little black and white critters are cute, but they can cause a huge annoyance to pets and humans. If you notice any living around your unit, please call Villa Management they will submit a work order and have trap(s) set to have them removed. We are happy to help you with this.

Summer Projects

A few things you may have noticed or heard recently. Peter, our maintenance man, was out a couple of weeks ago cleaning out all the gutters from debris. He will also begin power washing the last set of buildings. If you see Peter on the property don't forget to thank him for the great job he is doing. He is on the property on Friday's doing general maintenance, sump pumps, gutters, garbage pick up on the property, work orders and many other odd jobs. He can do it all! We thank you Peter for keeping our property in good condition.



Landscaping

We have recently completed removing the dead trees from the "Swamp/Forest" area along Deerfield Parkway. This was a difficult project to complete due to rain and weather constraints. We are planning to plant in the area that heavy equipment was used to remove trees.

We are also working with a landscape architect to create plans to revamp the landscaping around the buildings to give them a modern look and feel. We plan to complete this project in 2021 and 2022. We are trying to incorporate color and textures and maybe some flowers where we can. We are very excited to see the designs and update the overgrown areas. Not every area will be updated as several have already been updated in the last few years. Some of these areas are really thriving. You can see some examples above. As a reminder when it gets hot please water your plants and bushes.

Reminders

- All Graduation, camp, or other signs that have been placed on the property should now be removed. We appreciate your assistance with this.
- Plants should not be hung from gutters. They are too heavy and cause the gutter to bend or break. If this happens you will be held responsible for the repairs.
- Please remember it is against the association rules to feed the geese/ducks and all wildlife.
- Please refrain from throwing the rocks/stones along with the ponds into the water.
- If you are planning to stain/paint your deck this summer, please contact the association they will give you the information on the color to use and where to purchase.
- All exterior modifications require approval first! The form for requesting approval can be downloaded at www.hiddlenlakevillage.webs.com



A Few Fun Items from Around the Neighborhood

- Have any of you seen our Snapping Turtle hanging out by the pond? One of our residents saw the baby turtles in the pond. Be sure to look for them! They have even been seen crossing the road! They are super fun to watch and see but be careful and DO NOT TRY TO PICK THEM UP. The momma turtle is pictured below!
- There is also a family of Heron's nesting in Cherbourg pond along the bike path. They have a huge nest up in the trees. You can find it by walking down the path from Buffalo Grove toward the park, stop at the park bench, turn to your right and look high up in the tree, you will be able to see their nest with the family usually inside. The mom and dad can also be seen on the edge of the ponds taking a break from their babies. In the morning around 7:30, it is breakfast time and it is very interesting to watch.
- Love to find painted stones along the walkways? Have any of you found one of these by the park, in a tree or along the sidewalk? Whoever the artist is keep up the good work! There are many different styles. There have been flowers, pigs, and many others found. It's a special treat to find them on a walk. Once you find them, you are supposed to hide them again for someone else to find.



**Mr. Snapping
Turtle**



Heron's Nest



Heron by Pond



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Buffalo Grove Village Ordinances-Click Here

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