

Hidden Lake Homeowners Association of Pinellas, Inc

Newsletter-February 15, 2013



Upcoming Events

- Christmas Decorating Results
- Community Garage Sale: Saturday, February 23
- 2013-2014 Directories Coming Soon

Letter from the president

From the President:

It has come to our attention that there have been some vehicle break-ins in our area. Most recently the Centre on 16th street had this happen in broad daylight. Some items that were stolen; laptops, cell phones, etc. and they were locked in their trunks. So keep watch and make sure you don't leave any valuables in your car.

Some items that the BOD is looking into for our association:

- We are looking into a special rate for one company to collect garbage in our subdivision (further details in this newsletter).
- We will be adding some landscaping around the tennis courts.
- Some of the playground equipment needs replacing.
- We are looking at the cost of replacing the pump house in the park with a new one that would also have room to store association equipment and records (this would eliminate the cost of the storage unit that we currently rent).

We will be printing new directories and delivering them within the next month. If you have any changes for the directory advise anyone on the board before the end of this month. We ask that you take advantage of the businesses that are advertising in the directory or the Web Site. Some offer discounts or coupons for their establishments. Don't forget that we are having our annual community garage sale on Saturday Feb. 23. Ads will be in the newspaper and flyer, and we will have our signs out for the garage sale.

Yours,
Mike Manion
President HLHOA

**Have something to share?
Email Lauren Vonderau with
your request at
lvonderau@ccfninsurance.com**

Board Meetings

- 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm- Palm Harbor University Room 103
- February 21
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9
- June 13 (Annual Meeting in auditorium)

Recycling

Do you recycle? It's not that difficult - in fact it's rather easy. There are many advantages in taking a few minutes to separate recyclable from every day trash. All that it requires is a separate container (which many of the waste services provide for free). Almost all services now have single stream systems that do not require separation. Paper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum, steel cans & glass can all be collected together. And if your waste services company does not provide this service there are local sites that you probably pass regularly that can be used.

It is very important that toxic materials are segregated such as chemicals, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, paint, and many electronics that contain chemicals & other metals. These items should be collected separately and can be taken to a mobile collection site. On April 6, 2013 the collection site is at Palm Harbor Univ. H/S from 9AM to 2 PM.

Let's all try to keep all these recyclable & toxic material out of the county waste facility. Keeping our fragile environment free of these materials and "green" is more important than ever.

Thank you from your board of directors.

For additional information pick up a county brochure at the library or visit the web site at pinellacounty.org/recycle

Finance Report as of 1/31/13

	Budget	Expended	% Spent	Balance
Administrative	\$ 8,370	\$ 3,888	46.5%	\$ 4,482
Maintenance	\$ 24,700	\$ 14,669	59.4%	\$ 10,031
Utilities	\$ 3,800	\$ 2,591	68.2%	\$ 1,209
Other (1)	\$ 680	\$ 952	140.0%	\$ (272)
Total	<u>\$ 37,550</u>	<u>\$ 22,100</u>	<u>58.9%</u>	<u>\$ 15,450</u>

- (1) Overrun due to unexpected replacement of Christmas lights.
Total expenditures expected to come in under budget at Y/E.

Board Members

Mike Manion, president	786-1263
Jerry Kozlowski, vice president	474-6240
Lauren Vonderau, recording secretary	434-2220
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Bob Griffiths, treasurer	789-9309
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Quote of the Month:

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”

– Mahatma Gandhi

Christmas Decoration Results !!!

There were many great displays of Christmas lights this year. After viewing all the homes, the judges voted and awarded three prizes- 1st (\$25), 2nd (\$15) & 3rd (\$10). Congratulations to the winners below:

- 1st – Russell & Barbara Culler, 1114 Ridgecrest Ct.
- 2nd – John & Jackie Blanchard, 1017 Northridge Dr.
- 3rd – Vera Tappan, 2096 Hidden Lake Dr

Waste Services

We have an opportunity to achieve considerable savings in our residential waste collection. A proposal has been received from Waste Services to provide twice a week pick up at a cost of \$13.00/month (\$39.00/quarter). This is \$27.00 less than the Waste Services current rate of \$66.00/quarter and would save each homeowner 108.00\$ per year. To take advantage of this savings we would have to agree to a single payer provision for the entire community. This would mean including this fee with the normal annual assessment. A special assessment would be required if we initiate this service prior to July 1. Assuming a start date of April 1, the special assessment would amount to \$36.00 (4 X \$13.00) but would save each resident, depending on their current fee. Pick up containers would be provided by Waste Services or the resident would have the option of using their own misc. containers. Service would be provided on Monday and Thursday, the same as our current collections with Waste Services. More information will be provided in the coming months.

