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News from
the Board**Board Meetings**

The HOA Board holds regular meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm at the Pool Clubhouse. With the exception of Executive Session and Due Process Hearings, the Board meetings are open to the residents. Should you wish to attend a meeting, we ask that you put your request in writing no less than 7 days prior to the scheduled meeting. If you have an issue you'd like to address, please include that in your request, so that we may add you to the agenda accordingly. Our Board meetings are very structured and we have much to cover each month. Please email your requests.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is September 8 at 7:30pm.

Colene Birchfield
President

Dan Kearnaghan
Vice President

Suzanne Biddle
Secretary

Please use the email address on the bottom of this page to contact Board members with your concerns, questions, comments, or suggestions.

Now that school is back in session many of us are back to our busy routines. Whether you are shuttling your kids from school to practice or just looking forward to the cooler weather of fall, you are likely ready for an update from your HOA Board. Summer has been very busy around the neighborhood, and we have lots of information to share.

As summer winds down, the pool season will be winding down with it. Make time soon for one last swim. The pool will be winterized the week of September 22. You may have noticed a different look and taste of the water in the pool this summer. After continuing problems early in the pool season with cloudiness of the water, several changes were made. The filter was replaced and a chlorine generator was installed. The chlorine generator uses salt to generate chlorine to treat the pool. This improvement will result in much lower costs for pool chemicals going forward and will keep that water quality at a more consistent level. Also, an autofill device was installed this summer. Hopefully, this will eliminate the need for dragging out the hoses to fill the pool and will keep the water level constant.

The HOA Board has decided to allow variances as per our covenants. These variances will only be granted to residents who apply through the ARC with the appropriate application form. The affected covenants are: 3.15 Signs and 3.54 Playground Equipment. Check out our website for more details.

A few weeks ago, many of you received flyers on your mailbox titled "Neighborhood Memo". These flyers implied that they were placed on behalf of the HOA, which was absolutely not the case. These flyers asked residents to agree to have their street address painted on the curb for a \$15 fee. Any correspondence you receive from the HOA Board will clearly say Hidden Lakes HOA and will contain our website and e-mail address. Please disregard any flyers you receive that do not contain this information.

We still need your help! Our neighborhood will be a much better place if we all work together. The pool committee, maintenance committee, social committee, and membership committee are still looking volunteers. Please consider dedicating a little of your time to these very worthy committees.

Mark your calendars! The Annual Meeting of the Hidden Lakes Homeowners Association will be held on January 19, 2009. Time and location are to-be-determined and will be communicated at a later date. The Annual Meeting is your chance to vote for new officers for the HOA Board. If you are interested in a Board position, please send an e-mail to the address below. Also, a Board Nominating Committee will be forming soon. If you would like to be a part of this important committee, send an e-mail to the address below. Board Nominating Committee members will not be allowed to nominate themselves for the Board.

Planning an architectural improvement to your home?

According to our covenants, any architectural changes to your home or yard must be approved by the Hidden Lakes HOA Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Changes or additions requiring approval include (but are not limited to) decks, porches, patios, fences, playsets, swimming pools, and live tree removal. Please review the covenants prior to submitting an application to the ARC. Architectural review information, forms, and procedures can be found on our website. Three members of our community have agreed to serve on the ARC: Tom May, Lisa Belitz, and Ron Bunch. Thank you Tom, Lisa, and Ron for your willingness to get involved!

Hidden Lakes Neighborhood Garage Sale Scheduled for September 26 & 27

Have your kids outgrown last year's school clothes? Do you have furniture and other homegoods you are no longer using? Get ready for the neighborhood garage sale! The 2nd Annual Hidden Lakes Garage Sale is scheduled for September 26 & 27 from 8am-2pm. Last year, the garage sale was a success by all accounts. You don't need to let us know in advance if you would like to participate. Simply place balloons on your mailbox the day of the event. The HOA will place adds in the local newspaper and post signs in the area. Unlike last year, the HOA will not coordinate with a charity to come to the neighborhood to pick-up unsold items. Each homeowner will be responsible for taking care of those items themselves.

Tired of hauling those cans and bottles to the recycling center or feeling guilty about not recycling?

A recycling program is now being offered to the residents of Hidden Lakes by Curbside Recycling. Pickup days will be every Monday starting at 7 am. The fee for this service is \$15.00 per month. This service is brought to you by Life Maid Easier®, the same company that has done a fabulous job cleaning our pool house and restrooms this summer. Also, Life Maid Easier® cleans several homes in the neighborhood. To sign up or ask questions, call Bobby Wheeler 423-503-4265 or email: info@lifemaideasier.com.

The 2nd Annual Hidden Lakes Fall Celebration is set for September 20

You and your family are invited to enjoy food and fellowship with your neighbors beginning at 4pm on Saturday, September 20 at the Hidden Lakes pool. Food and beverages will be provided, along with activities for the kids. No RSVP is necessary. Just bring your blankets and lawn chairs. Check out our website for updates. Hope to see you there. **Thanks to our wonderful Social Committee for putting this event together!**

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A Membership Directory is in the works!

Please complete the form below with information you would like to be included in a membership directory that will be available to all residents of Hidden Lakes. Return the completed form to: Hidden Lakes HOA P.O. Box 21422 Chattanooga, TN 37424 or e-mail the information to hiddenlakeshomeownersassociation@yahoo.com

Homeowner Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Phone Number In Case of Emergency: _____

Children names & ages: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I would like to participate in a committee _____yes_____no