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Mulching Information

The Association is doing something a little different this year regarding the mulching of the property. Due to the fact that we have a good depth of mulch already in the beds, this year the Board opted to cultivate (turn over) the mulch in the foundation beds.

The only new mulch this year will be in all of the deciduous tree rings in the common areas of the property. It is actually not necessary to mulch each and every year and by cultivating the mulch in the odd-numbered years that Association will save approximately \$10,000 per budget year. In the even-numbered years starting in 2012, we will mulch the entire property. If you plan to add mulch in your foundation beds or patio areas, please remember that the Association-approved type of mulch is:



DARK-HARDWOOD, DOUBLE-PROCESSED MULCH. This is the only type of mulch permitted and will help to promote aesthetic uniformity and a consistent look in our community. This type of mulch is available at most any Garden Center or Nursery.

Exterior Repairs



Owners are reminded that Hickory Ridge is a "Homeowners Association" and not a condominium. Owners are responsible for the "maintenance, repair or replacement" of the entire exterior of their home. The Association is only

responsible for the common area maintenance, repairs or replacement. Many owners mistakenly call the management office asking the Association to repair their siding, roof, trim etc. we must then politely explain that this is the owner's responsibility and not the responsibility of the Association. Owner's are also responsible for any maintenance, repairs or replacements on their lot. This

would include the patio and patio area, the front foyer or stoop and the concrete walkway and driveway. Also, if you have an exterior item that needs maintenance, (e.g. missing or loose siding, trim, shingles etc.) you may receive a reminder letter from Management giving you a 2-week deadline to get the item repaired/replaced. Typically if the item is not completed by the deadline, the Association will hire a contractor to do this work and the Association will bill you for the cost and the charge will be placed on your account. The Board and Management thanks you for keeping Hickory Ridge a beautiful place to live.

A/C Maintenance Tips



With the spring here & summer approaching it is time to start turning on your air conditioning. Here are A/C MAINTENANCE TIPS

With spring here & summer approaching it is time to start turning on your air conditioning. Here are several tips to help you keep your air

conditioning system running at its most efficient level; Keep your thermostat at a constant temperature; the recommended temperature is 78, even when no one is home. Change your filters every month. Check the outside condensing unit regularly for any grass clippings or leaves stuck to the coil. If it is dirty, Disconnect the power at the circuit breaker. Use a shop-vac with a brush attachment to vacuum off the debris. Run water from a garden hose through the coil until the water passing through it is clear.

Turn the power back on.

Have the unit serviced every spring by a licensed serviced company.

A properly maintained air conditioning system runs more efficiently and has a longer life expectancy.

During a maintenance visit, the HVAC technician should check the following: Refrigerant levels, Clean the condenser coil, Replace dirty filters and finally calibrate the thermostat. The goal is to ensure the air conditioning system is operating properly and is in tip-top for the warmer weather ahead.

Social Personals

Pat and Steve O'Leary are having a very busy spring, their son, Kevin got Married on March 4th in Columbus, OH and their daughter Kate will be getting married on May 14th in Chicago IL.



The Board wants to thank Tom Spreitzer and George Gruska for setting up the the annual meeting and for ALL the many things they do for our Hickory Ridge Community.

Social Committee

We had our first ever St. Patrick's Dinner on March 19th. There were 26 that attended. We had good food and lots of fun. We are going to have Bingo on May 6th at 7PM in the rec center and were are starting to plan the Hickory Ridge Community Picnic for July 16th. Watch our Newsletter for more information.



A Big Congratulations

To Dean and Gloria Hido of Hickory Ridge Drive for 30th Wedding Anniversary. Best Wishes to all!

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