

Hickory Ridge Homeowners Association

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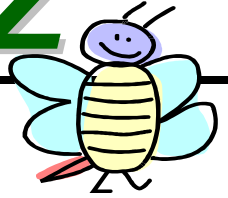
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Social Committee:
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Judy Christensen,
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More Volunteers Needed!
Call (330) 626-5451

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BOARD "BUZZ"



Earth Day 2008 at Hickory Ridge

On Saturday, April 19th, a group of 16 Hickory Ridge residents gave up a few hours of their weekend morning to clean up our development of trash, old newspapers and various items that had been thrown into the wooded and swampy areas. It was a gorgeous day! The weather cooperated fully, giving us a beautiful, sun-filled, blue sky. Volunteers were treated to free pastries and coffee before they began, and a lunch of Domino's pizza, cheese bread and sodas, when it was completed - compliments of the Social Committee.



While the landscaper cleans up most trash, there is still some that gets left behind. We filled many garbage bags and even needed a pick-up truck to haul it to the dumpster. It just brightens up our development a little to know that people care so much about where we live.

A great big huge THANK-YOU to Judy, Betty, Gloria, Cheryl, Don, Lisa, Mike, Nicole, Mike, George, Donna, Carol, Mary Lynn, Sandi, and Shirley. Your sweat, sore muscles and smiles were very much appreciated!



*In honor of Earth Day on April 22nd, some residents are interested in doing this on an annual basis. Hard work, free food, a neighborhood to be proud of, lots of laughs...it just doesn't get much better than that! **Won't you consider joining us next year? We hope to see you there!***

Kim Christensen

Note: Another opportunity to help the environment-- See page 3 for info on Streetsboro's ink cartridge recycling project.

Board Briefs...

February & March Board Meetings

The Board met in both April and in May. In attendance were Sandi Chudzinski, Nick Ciofani, Jim Anderson, Shirley Mainello, Jessica Parker and Harold Young. Eileen Fitzsimmons was absent (excused) from the May meeting.

There was no change to the builder's punch list, which the biggest issue is still the repair and surfacing of Hickory Ridge. We are due to seal side streets this year, so Harold is getting a bid for both the sealing and the total cost of the repair of Hickory Ridge so we can monitor the quality and the scope of the repairs being completed. We received confirmation from the city that the performance bond deposited by Americon was released to the builder by the former city engineer and law director last year. The association's attorneys have asked the city to require additional bond to cover the cost of Hickory Ridge Dr.

115 residents have applied for pool passes and they will be mailed May 19. The pool opens Saturday May 24. Guards will be checking passes, but will not be issuing them. Residents must send in their application the Young's Management.

Our website is up and running thanks to the numerous hours and hard work by our web-master Ricardo Verlezza. We now have several properties for sale by association members listed on the website. We have received many good comments and positive feedback. Thank You!

Harold and Jim met with Police Chief Taiclet about the city's patrolling Hickory Ridge on a regular basis & ticketing speeders. The board intends to have signage in place and police patrols for speeding by summer.

Board members are checking retail prices to compare the price for replacement of the dead pine seedlings to the bid by Turfco. We currently have 42 of the original 200 needing replaced.

The Board requested our attorneys revise the amendment transferring the responsibility for roof and siding replacement from each homeowner to the association; based on assessing the cost of the roof or siding at the time each building is due to be replaced.

An additional amendment was requested to potentially transfer the replacement costs for shrubs to home owners. Both amendments will be sent out for a vote of home owners this summer.

This is the second year that Advanced Quality Lawn is our fertilization contractor. The front of the development looks green and lush—which we also expect to extend to the rear of the development once the construction is finished and the builder completes warranty items from the past 3 years.

An important reminder: exterior changes to the appearance of your home, including changing landscaping, patios, storm doors, mulch, etc. must be approved by the Design Review Committee prior to any changes being made.

As some residents have found out the hard way—it is up to the discretion of the board to officially ok changes, and a few have had to be "un-done."

Better be safe than sorry. All it takes is one call to Young's Management to get the info needed. Some storm door models have been approved on other units, so it may not take the normal approval lead time.

THE BOTTOM LINE



Checking.....	\$44,011
Reserves.....	\$176,950
Total	\$224,065

Monthly financial statements are available to all owners by calling Young's Property Mgmt.

Passes will **not** be available at the pool this year.

You must carry identification with you to the pool to verify your address.

Everyone must sign in at the lifeguard chair as you enter the pool.

Trash cans & recycle bins

This year's storms and wind has played havoc with trash and recycle bins. There are several trash receptacles and recycle bins near the dumpster at the Rec. Center. If yours is missing, please check to see if we have yours.

Also a tip: put stick-on numbers or write your address in magic marker in the lid or on the side of your trash can and recycle bins. Then it can be returned if it blows away,

Any one interested in current info pertaining to Aurora Plastics and the noise testing, call Kim Christensen (330) 626-5132

A&E CARPET INC.

Nick Gervase
138 East Aurora Road 330.467.1560
Northfield Center, OH 44067 Fax: 330.467.1570

(Nick's parents, Mike & Carol Gervase live at 9251 Hickory Ridge Dr.)

Community Corner

Social Committee Update

Upcoming Events:

(Watch the newsletter boxes and/or website for further details. Specifics had not been finalized at press time!)

Summer Picnic

Saturday June 28

Ice Cream Social

(Coming in July)

Recycle Empty Ink Cartridges and Cell Phones

Streetsboro's Recreation and Preservation Committee has a new project to promote environmental awareness and also help the committee raise matching funds for grants to buy land for preservation and for parks.

Empty ink jet cartridges, toner cartridges and also cell phones are being collected to raise funds for the projects listed above. They can be dropped off at any City Hall entrance or at city hall's media center during business hours in the small green recycle bins provided or can be left at Eileen Fitzsimmons' residence, 701 Gold Leaf Ct. in the plastic bag inside the storm door.



2008 BOARD MEETINGS

June 10*

July 8

August 12*

September 10

October 14

November 11

December 9*

Board Meetings: Tues. at 6:30.

Owners may attend board meetings by giving prior notice to Young's Management at: (330) 297-1696

Streetsboro City Contacts

City Hall (330) 626-4942

Police (330) 626-4976

Fire (330) 626-4664

Ward 2 Councilperson:

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At-Large:

Pete Bukowski (330) 626-4500

Julie Sanders (330) 626-4657

Nick Funari (330) 626-2735

(Ward 4) is very helpful

Ward 2 Planning Commission

At Large:

Dave Tiller (330) 342-8241

John Albanese (330) 626-3553

Nick Henzel (330) 626-2041

(Ward 4) is very helpful

Ward 2 Board of Zoning Appeals

Jim Hillyer (330) 626-4985

At Large:

Nick Ciofani (330) 424-1980

SWIMMING POOL 2008

- Passes will be issued by Young's Management in 2008. No Passes will be available at the pool.
- Pool passes and identification must be shown by all residents over the age of 14 upon request.
- Persons under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult resident.

- Residents must accompany their guests at all times.
- No alcohol is permitted inside the pod area.
- No food or glass containers are allowed inside the fenced pool area. (Picnic tables are provided outside the fence for your convenience.)
- Diving, running or horseplay of any kind is prohibited.
- Large flotation devices or large pool toys are prohibited in the pod.
- Children using personal flotation devices must be attended by an adult at all times.
- All pets are prohibited inside the pool area or on sidewalks around the pool.
- Proper swimming attire must be worn by everyone using the pool.
- Radios are permitted with the use of headphones or earphones.
- Smoking is prohibited inside the pool area.
- Please do not hang on to or disconnect the safety rope.
- No one is to tamper with any of the mechanical pool equipment.
- Maximum pool occupancy allowed by law is 72 people.



The swimming pool is for the use and enjoyment by all residents.

Please help keep our pool area clean and safe.



Etc., Etc., Etc....

Hickory Ridge Website

www.hickoryridgeohio.net

Our website is up and running!

It features the following info:

- Newsletters
- Printable monthly event calendar
- HOA Documents
- Location Map
- Photos of Hickory Ridge
- Units for Sale

--For homeowners only—free advertising! To list your home, contact Ricardo at our website (webmaster@hickoryridgeohio.net) You can provide a link to your realtor's listing or just upload your photos to our website.

We are requesting any digital photos that anyone has of any part of the property for the website. Email them to Ricardo at email address above.

You can make a small difference in someone's life with just a smile. It is that easy.



--Unknown

Piece of String

A piece of string walks into a bar. The bartender eyes it carefully and says suspiciously, "Say, aren't you a piece of string?"

"Yes, I am. Why?"

"Well, we don't serve pieces of string here. I have to ask you to leave."

The piece of string leaves the bar, but he doesn't give up. He ties himself into a knot, frays his ends and goes back into the bar.

Once again, the bartender looks him over and says, "You're a piece of string, aren't you?"

"I'm a frayed knot."

Witnessing a Baptism

A father is in church with three of his young children, including his five-year-old daughter.

As was customary, he sat in the very front row so that the children could properly witness the service.

During this particular service, the minister was performing the baptism of a tiny infant. The little five-year-old girl was taken by this, observing that he was saying something and pouring water over the infant's head.

With a quizzical look on her face, the little girl turned to her father and asked with all the innocence of a five-year-old, "Daddy, why is he brainwashing that baby?"

It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare.

--Mark Twain

Snap, Crackle and Pop

Three unemployed factory workers applied for jobs at a large food company. After filling out applications and being interviewed, each one managed to get hired.

The hiring boss said to the foreman, "These are your new workers."

"I can't use them. That first guy? At his last job, he snapped for no reason. The second guy cracked up under stress and the third guy: he's their father!"

"Well, then put them in our breakfast cereal division. Snap, Crackle and Pop will work out fine!"

One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.

--Marie Currie

First Communion

My little niece, Kelly, went with a neighbor girl to church for First Communion practice. The pastor had the children cup their hands and when he gave them the "Host," in this case, a piece of bread, he said, "God be with you."

Apparently, this made quite an impression on my niece. She went home and told her mother to cup her hands and bend down. Kelly took a piece of bread from her sandwich, placed it in her mother's hands and whispered, in her most angelic voice, "God will get you."

Accidental Spill

I was waiting tables at a country club when an elegantly dressed woman spilled Manhattan clam chowder all over her white linen skirt. She began furiously dabbing at it with a napkin.

Having plenty of experience with getting out feed stains, I asked, "Can I bring you some club soda?" "Young lady," she barked, "I'll be the judge of when I've had enough to drink. Bring me another martini!"

The Human Race

A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race begin?" The mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children and all mankind was made."

Two days later, the girl asked her father the same question, "How did the human race begin?" The father answered, "Many years ago, there were monkeys from which the human race evolved."

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, "Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God and Dad said it developed from monkeys?"

The mother answered, "Well, dear, it's very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."