



# BOARD "BUZZ"

## New Management Company Hired

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The Board Members have elected to go with a new management company beginning May 1, 2009.

Cedar Property Mgmt, LLC , of Hudson, will be taking care of all your association needs.

Cedar promises to be more responsive and easier to contact than the previous company. The management switch will continue to uphold the standards set forth in the bylaws and rules of the association. At the

same time, the switch will save the Home Owner's Association a large sum of money over the life of the contract.

Larry Cedar, from Cedar PM, brings a vast amount of experience to the table. His office should be your first contact for all issues regarding Management, rules, exterior changes, and general questions. They are easily accessible via phone and email.

### Contacting Cedar:

Cedar Property Management  
PO Box 2616  
Stow, Ohio 44224

### Phone:

330-474-1181

### Email:

[hrhoa@cedarpm.com](mailto:hrhoa@cedarpm.com)

Use this email for questions, comments, any other concerns you may have. Cedar asks that you include in the subject line: HRHOA, Address, Brief Description.

## Continuing Concerns and Reconciliations

There are still outstanding concerns that have been relayed to the builder and the intention is to have most of the major issues taken care of.

The builder has continued to promise that the asphalt ponding will be taken care of as soon as the weather permits.

During the week of May 11, new grass was seeded in the Sweetnut area.

There is a punchlist of items

that are going to be addressed by the builder. The time frame of completion is yet to be determined.

Placement of grills was discussed at the meeting. According to the fire marshall, no grill should be operated within 10 feet of a structure. This is for the safety of all owners in your adjoined units.

The landscape company came through and fixed areas

where damage was incurred from the snow plowing. Please be careful when rounding corners, as the new straw and grass is already being run over and destroyed. It is very costly to fix the grass every time it is destroyed from careless drivers.

### Hickory Ridge 2009 Board of Directors:

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## Adopt a Tree Ring



As many of you know, there are many empty rings where trees should be located throughout the green space. This is a costly repair that is not in the budget for this year.

The board has come up with approved trees that may be planted in some of the empty rings. We are asking that anyone with an interest in donating a tree for the rings

please feel free to do so.

The approved trees are: a Flowering Pear Tree, Weeping Cherry, Colorado Spruce, or Norway spruce. The trees should have a 1 to 2 inch caliper.

There are 86 empty tree rings in the association, so any help is appreciated. If you would like to possibly plant a King Crimson Maple,

please contact

[hrhoa@cedarpm.com](mailto:hrhoa@cedarpm.com) for more information about approved areas for planting.

Also – anyone needing assistance planting trees can contact the HOA and volunteers will be able to help you.

## Pool Information

*"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." - Henry Ford*

The Management Company has sent out several pieces of information through the mail regarding the pool.

Pool passes, along with pool rules, and hours of operation were sent along with the channels of communication letter.

For the safety and comfort of everyone at the pool, it is asked that everyone abide by the pool rules. This year, the lifeguards will be enforcing

all pool policies along with possible suspension of pool privileges.

Remember to bring your pass. If you need a new pass or additional pass the cost is \$10 and you need to contact Cedar.

The pool will be opening Memorial Day Weekend.

Pool hours will be 9:00 AM

to 9:00 PM daily. Please note, that before 1 PM there is NO LIFEGUARD on DUTY. Any person under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult at all times while at the pool.



## Keeping the Area Beautiful

The Beautification Committee will be adding flowers around the Hickory Ridge sign as you pull in.

The board allocated additional funding to help support adding flowers and small shrubbery to make the entrance more presentable.

Power washing has been started and should be completed shortly. The power wash company has agreed to move anything in their way, and will replace it when finished.

The landscaping company will be doing the mulching shortly. Please be careful

with the additional trucks and persons in the neighborhood.

Any other questions or concerns about cleaning should be addressed to the management company.



## Social Committee Updates

A big thanks to the Social Committee and all the volunteers who helped clean up the area when we celebrated earth day in April. This activity did a lot to improve the curb appeal of the association, but your help is still needed. Take a moment everyday to pickup garbage, debris, newspapers, or anything else that is floating around. A few minutes every couple of days

will do wonders for the cleanliness of the development.

The Summer Picnic is coming up soon. The date is set for June 29<sup>th</sup>. Details will be announced shortly. Watch the mailboxes for more information!

There have been many questions regarding having a community garage sale. This

event is still in the planning stages. Watch the plastic mailboxes for more information.



## Requesting Exterior Changes

As always, it is better to be safe than sorry. Any questions pertaining to exterior changes should be discussed with the management company through E-mail or by mailing your request to Cedar.

When making your request, it is important to be as detailed as possible. The request should include such information as your name, address, and type of change

you wish to make.

When possible, it is best to include pictures, scale drawings, and sketches that accurately represent the change you want to make. If there is another unit that has a similar modification, please note that for comparison.

Landscaping changes must be approved through the

management company.

Please note that landscaping beds are not to be enlarged. There are different sizes throughout the area as was put in by the builders.

Note, that no changes will be approved without proper documentation via mail or email. Phone calls will not be approved.

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## New Open Forum at Board Meetings

The Board has approved a new open forum policy to begin each Board Meeting. Anyone in attendance may have up to 5 minutes to ask question or make statements.

You still must inform the Management Company in advance that you will be

attending the meeting. This open forum allows for a free discussion of general concerns and questions.

Specific complaints against specific residences need to be into writing to be added to the meeting's official agenda.

It is asked that the remarks remain brief and to the point to keep the meeting on time. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allowed in total for the homeowners in attendance.



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**Social Committee:**

Sandi Chudzinski,  
Kim Christensen, Judy Christensen, Betty Gruska, Gloria Hido, Paul Kaiser, Carol Nemeth, Donna Walker, Cheryl Martin, Tom Spreitzer, George Gruska.

Volunteers needed!  
Call (330) 626-5451

**The Lighter Side of Hickory Ridge**

**THREE MEN and a HILL**

There were three men on a hill with their watches. The first man threw his watch down the hill and it broke. The second man threw his watch down the hill and it broke. The third man threw his watch down the hill, walked all the way to the bottom, and caught it. The other two men

were puzzled and asked the third man how he did it. The third man said, "Easy. My watch is 5 minutes slow!"

**BACKUP**

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He answered, "Call for backup."

**Mechanic vs Doctor**

Morris the mechanic was removing the cylinder heads from the motor of a car when he spotted the famous heart surgeon Dr. DeBakey, who was standing off to the side, waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his Mercedes.

**Neighbors supporting Neighbors...**

Morris shouted across the garage,

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<http://www.youravon.com/jsmolen>

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Board Meeting Schedule

June 9

July 17

August 11

September 15

October 13

November 10



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*and more...*

*We make cookie or*

*pastry trays too.*

**My Homemade**

**Cookies**

**9235 Hickory**

**Ridge Dr.**

**Phone for more info**

**(330) 422-1513**



"Hey DeBakey! Is dat you? Come on ova' here a minute." The famous surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to where Morris the mechanic was working on the car.

Morris straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked argumentatively,

"So Mr. Fancy Doctor, look at dis here work. I also open hearts, take valves out, grind 'em, put in new parts, and when I finish dis baby will purr like a kitten. So how come you get da big bucks, when you an' me is doing basically da same work?"

Dr. DeBakey leaned over and whispered to Morris the loudmouth mechanic.

"Try doing it with the engine running."