



## Calendar

See our online calendar!  
<http://calendar.yahoo.com/hamptonlakeshomeowners>  
**No Events For January**

## Newsletter On the Net

Please help us cut down on our newsletter costs. With rising costs for printing and the unnecessary time it takes to distribute the newsletter in a timely fashion, it would be more efficient and cost effective to create an email newsletter.

We would like to make the newsletter an electronic newsletter by the end of the year with everyone in the neighborhood receiving the newsletter by email.

Please help us reach this goal by sending your request to the email address at the bottom of this newsletter.

**Please include your name and street address along with your email address.**

# Neighborhood Crime

If you missed the latest police reports or haven't talked with your neighbors, then you have missed some very important news. There have been many recent reports of assault and battery, home burglary, vandalism, disturbing the peace, and criminal mischief.

This sort of frequent criminal activity is new to our neighborhood and we must band together to combat the element. It is no longer safe for us to come and go from our neighborhood all the while turning a blind eye to our surroundings.

It should go without saying that you should keep your windows and doors locked at all times, but many neighbors repeatedly leave their garage doors open for extended periods of unattended time, too. That is an "open" invitation to the more bold and brazen criminal who would think nothing of causing you or your loved ones harm in the hopes of getting at your belongings.

### ASSAULT & BATTERY

An assault and battery occurred in the afternoon of New Years Eve at approximately 5PM on Hoedt Road.

### HOME BURGLARY

Two separate burglaries took place on January 9th on

Hampton Village Drive—one at 4PM (in broad daylight) and the other at 10PM. Six days later (January 15), another burglary occurred on Hampton Village Drive at 2:30PM.

### VANDALISM

Vandalism was reported after a neighbor's mailbox was destroyed on Fenton Place. A neighbor's car was vandalized and items were stolen on Fenton Place, too. Both occurred in October on separate dates.

### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Criminal mischief and disturbing the peace have been reported for the past few months throughout the neighborhood. Recently criminal mischief was reported on January 6 at 6AM on Hoedt Road.

### KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

We have become complacent about our neighborhood and the idyllic lifestyle it has afforded us. That complacency will do us more harm than good. Please get to know your neighbors and keep your eyes and ears open for anything out of the ordinary.

If something or someone appears out of place, there is no harm in double checking. We are not advocating confronting strangers in the middle of the night—that's what we pay the Police to do. We are suggesting that if something seems out of the ordinary at a neighbor's house, please don't disregard it. Use your common sense and decide what you hope a neighbor would do for you if they saw or heard the same thing at your home. Remember, a legitimate mistake of identity will only cause a moment of embarrassment; in the end, your neighbor will be grateful someone was looking out for their best interests.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

It may be in our best interest to create a neighborhood watch program. If you would like to be a part of the program, please let us know by contacting the HLHA at the email address below.

Stay tuned for updates on our efforts to help defend the neighborhood.



## Letter from the President

As you read on the front page, we want to publish the newsletter as an electronic newsletter. We have high hopes that we will be sending it only as an email by the end of 2008. Our list of participating neighbors is growing, but did you know that they get the newsletter at least one

So, please email your name and street address to the HLHA as soon as possible and get in on the extra fun and prizes!

I would like to present an unbiased summary to a big issue in the upcoming election — **Amendment One**.

In an attempt to be fair, I have compiled a summary of each side's argument. The following are NOT my conclusions; they are statements I collected from each side:

### Vote Yes

Amendment One will:

create a new, additional \$25,000 homestead exemption for non-school taxes;

allow statewide portability of Save Our Homes benefits for a period of 2 years after leaving the former homestead;

create a 10% assessment cap for all non-homestead properties for non-school taxes;

lower administrative and tax costs for businesses by creating a Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption of \$425K

### Vote No

Amendment One will:

put a band-aid on a larger tax problem and delay the needed attention it deserves;

nullify the Save Our Homes portability when assessments are corrected or protested;

according to some experts, guarantee deeper cuts in local services and cut nearly \$3 billion out of FL schools and provide a tax break of a couple of hundred dollars a year

Voting on Amendment One is clearly a difficult decision for all of us to make. I encourage you to take the time to read the actual amendment and make the best decision for you and your family.

Sincerely,

*Theo Angelakos*



day in advance of the door-to-door distribution?

In an effort to increase email readership, we will be conducting random contests only for email subscribers between now and the end of the year.

## Trivia Quiz

1. What mammal has knees that bend toward their back rather than toward their front?
2. If a penny, tossed in the air, lands on heads nine times in a row, what are the chances it will land on heads on the tenth toss?
3. Some people "dibble", like an animal, but nobody really cares. Why?  
Hint: It does NOT have to do with gardening.

## Trivia Answers

The following are answers to the trivia questions from Volume 2 Issue 8, December 2007.

1. Although there were a few who set flight records before the Wright brothers (De Rozier, Zeppelin, and others), their flight of 59 seconds in December of 1903 was the first flight that was done in a "heavier-than-air machine that was manned, powered and controlled." In 2006, Steve Fosset set the non-stop world record at 76 hours and 43 minutes.
2. Victoria Falls is the largest waterfall, and while the water travels at an incredible speed forward, it is eroding the land causing the falls to move backward at a very slow rate.
3. The child was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1700. Although the state was incorporated in 1788, Boston was founded in 1620 and Massachusetts Colony was founded in 1630. No one was a United States citizen until after July 4, 1776.

## UNPAID

We feel like a broken record! The HLHA board should not have to chase down delinquent neighbors for their late payments. However, it seems as though we have to find a more direct way to collect the Annual Fee. Therefore, expect a more aggressive method for collection. As of January 26, 2008, the addresses below are those that have NOT paid the \$200 Annual Fee:

15811 Fenton Pl.  
15801 Glenarn Dr.  
15805 Glenarn Dr.  
15838 Glenarn Dr.  
15826 Hampton Village Dr.  
15829 Hampton Village Dr.  
3305 Newton Wy.

**You are more than 6 months past due! Please pay the HLHA Annual Fee today!**

Furthermore, as of January 26, 2008, the following neighbors have not paid the \$35 Special Assessment Fee. The \$35 Special Assessment Fee was due in 2006! The following have NOT paid the \$35 Special Assessment Fee:

15809 Fenton Pl.  
15811 Fenton Pl.  
15805 Glenarn Dr.  
15825 Glenarn Dr.  
15828 Glenarn Dr.  
15829 Glenarn Dr.  
15834 Glenarn Dr.

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15835 Glenarn Dr.  
15838 Glenarn Dr.  
15840 Glenarn Dr.  
15803 Hampton Village Dr.  
15805 Hampton Village Dr.  
15813 Hampton Village Dr.  
15826 Hampton Village Dr.  
15828 Hampton Village Dr.  
3214 Hoedt Rd.  
3305 Newton Wy.

**You are more than 12 months past due!**

**These delinquencies total \$1995 owed to the HLHA.**

We can't pay our bills without your cooperation.

Please deliver payments to:

15817 Hampton Village Drive.