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# HICKORY HOLLOW NEWS

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Greetings!

On a quarterly basis we hope to provide you with community updates and policy reminders that all residents in the Hickory Hollow Community are required to abide by.

In our next publication we would like to add a classified section to advertise (within the community) items that are for sale or maybe services that you provide. If there is some information that you would like to have or share with the community, please let us know and we will include it in our next edition.

*Have a Happy Summer!*

Cheryl Graham, Kathleen Worley & Jennifer Pitman  
Hickory Hollow Newsletter Committee



## To Fish or Not to Fish.....

Fishing is quite a relaxing pastime and it is handy to have a pond close by. Please keep in mind that the pond was created for storm-water runoff, fertilizers and other chemicals eventually end up in the pond. We have a good variety of sport fish in the pond but it is not recommended that you eat any fish you might catch.

The ponds were stocked with Grass Carp to aid in the control of the submersed weeds. The Grass Carp is difficult to catch and are not normally attracted to bait however, there is always that possibility of catching one.

Everyone is asked to abide by the Catch and Release Policy. If you catch any of the fish please gently remove the hook and gently return the fish to the pond. Thank you.



It's that time of the year when our yards require more attention than in the past few months. It is a lot of work and it's hot outside but nothing looks better than a lawn that is well maintained and a garden that is free of weeds and is bursting with color. Please keep in mind the water restrictions that have been established.

The St. Johns River Water Management District in unison with the City of Jacksonville Environmental and Compliance Department is reminding property owners that irrigation will be limited to two days per week.

- Daylight saving time: Second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.
- Eastern Standard Time: First Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March.
- An odd numbered address is one that ends in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9.
- An even numbered address is one that ends in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8.
- Water only when needed and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Water for no more than one hour per zone.
- Restrictions apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water and water from public and private utilities.

Watering **between** 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. is permitted under a few conditions, such as:

- Irrigation using low-volume methods such as soaker hoses.

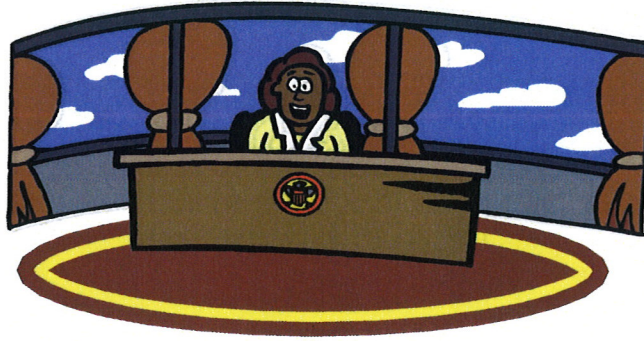
When water is used to establish new landscaping. Such use is limited to the following:

- One-time, 30-day period for new lawns, landscapes, agricultural crops and nursery stock;
- One-time, 60-day period for newly seeded, provided irrigation is limited to the amount necessary for plant establishment.

When water is needed to "water-in" insecticides, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and fertilizers within 24 hours of application.

Other outdoor water uses such as filling swimming pools, washing cars or pressure washing are allowed anytime

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### ***A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Hickory Hollow neighbors welcome to the newest addition of our neighborhood news letter. We recently have had volunteers Cheryl Graham, Kathleen Worley, and Jennifer Pitman take over the publication. Thank you ladies!

To update all of you on the neighborhood activities, we recently had a meeting to discuss the proposed Amendments to our By-Laws. The meeting was very fruitful and there were many of our neighbors in attendance. However, we did not have enough for a quorum so therefore the proposed Amendments will be sent out in the mail for your vote.

In addition to the newsletter volunteers, we also have the following volunteers:

**Architectural Committee:** Johnny Dunn

**Compliance Committee:** Ray Kennedy

**Neighborhood Watch Coordinator:** Ray Kennedy

**Yard of the Month:** Patti Miller (with votes from you all)

**Welcome Committee:**

Patti Miller, Celeste Moneypenny, and Jeanne Rikken

To update you on some issues in the neighborhood, we have recently had another new pump installed in the lake (pump covered under warranty). We are also having our front entrance cleaned out and the front walk trimmed up again – coordinated by Fred Avens. Also, the sign was once again painted by Fred Avens and Fred Vinson.

We have had a number of foreclosures in our neighborhood. While some of the homes are still waiting for the process to be completed, we have had issues with people living in a home with no electricity or water. If you see that happening in any of the unoccupied homes, please contact the City of Jacksonville non-emergency number 630-0500 to report it. Of course, please let us know if anything is out of the ordinary.

Despite the fact that we have homes in foreclosure, financially, we are doing well at least for now. However, we have recently had to place liens on twelve houses. We do not enjoy doing that but are forced to as part of our duties to our residents. We sent out the payment letter in January which outlined the terms of payment for the year. We have had to use Hickory Hollow Association fees to pay the attorney fees. Of course, those fees will be repaid when payment is received but we, as a neighborhood, had to front those fees. Thanks to all of you who have made payment.

On the entertainment front, we will be having our National Night Out August 2, 2011. Ray Kennedy is in charge of that activity as our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. He will be sending out emails asking for your participation in the event with such things as food, beverages, etc. It will be at the lake. Ray's email address is [sargeray@comcast.net](mailto:sargeray@comcast.net). Please contact him with questions. We hope to see you there!

Finally, please provide your email address and phone number to [hickoryhollow@live.com](mailto:hickoryhollow@live.com). We are still seeking an emergency phone list for the neighborhood.

Thank you for your continued support to your neighborhood.

Jeanne Rikken, President

Hickory Hollow Homeowner's Association





# HICKORY HOLLOW YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST

It's time to get those yards in shape!  
Contest begins June 1, 2011 and ends December 31, 2011

Win a Prize \$\$ AND have a  
Sign in front yard to let everyone know YOUR YARD is the best in the neighborhood!

## **Contest Guidelines for Hickory Hollow Homeowner's Association Yard of the Month**

1. All current Hickory Hollow properties are automatically eligible providing:
  - a. They are current with their Association dues
  - b. They are not a current board member
  - c. Recipients **MUST** reside in Hickory Hollow
2. The Yard of the Month Committee will take nominations through email to the Committee head
3. The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper or groundskeeper
4. An award duration term lasts a single calendar month and runs from the first day of the month to the last day of the same month
5. The same property **can** receive more than one award in the same judging period
6. Only one Yard of the Month recipient may be selected in a single month
7. Winners may be disqualified if their property is in violation of any HOA covenants or city regulations
8. Prize will be allocated through the Board of Directors and can change at any time
9. Yard of the Month sign will be placed by the Committee in the winning yard and remain there the entire month when the Committee will move it to the next winner's home
10. Yard of the Month will be awarded from June through December
11. Photos of the yard, with the permission of the property owner, shall be shown in the newsletter and / or on the HHHA website
12. Selection will be made during the last week of each month
13. Judges decisions are final

### **RECOMMENDED JUDGING CRITERIA**

1. Only the part of the yard viewed from the street or adjacent sidewalk will be judged. Backyards and side yards will not be considered, even if visible from the street
2. Factors include the overall appearance, tidiness and neatness of the front of the property as evidenced by pruned, trimmed and shaped foliage, edged and defined lawns, and borders and flower beds, and a visually appealing façade
3. Lawn grass will be mowed and edged and grass around foundations and fences trimmed.
4. Debris picked up and removed such as litter, junk, inoperable vehicles and appliances
5. Flower beds weeded and edged
6. Evening appearance (after dark) is also a factor
7. Overall look of landscaping, originality and creativity
8. House numbers are displayed attractively

### **WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH:**

1. A "Yard of the Month" sign placed in their front yard for one month
2. A gift certificate redeemable at Lowe's
3. Recognition in our Newsletter

**GOAL OF THE YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD** is designed to recognize the efforts of HHHA residents who take pride in their home landscape and who inspire others to do the same.