



Hickory Hollow Homeowners Association, Inc.

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WELCOME

Jeanne Rikken, President
Hickory Hollow Homeowner's Association

On October 19, 2009 our annual Homeowner's meeting was held. The following individuals have been voted in by you and/or your neighbors to serve on the Board of Hickory Hollow Homeowner's Association:

*Jeanne Rikken – President 221-4453
Ray Kennedy – Vice President/Secretary
Corky Miller – Treasurer*

We thank you for your support and look forward to continuing with the work of the previous Board and serving our community but we need your help. If this community is to continue to thrive and grow, we need to have your commitment. We all want to live in safe, well run community. In doing so, we not only work toward that common goal but also achieve the goal of improving the value of our homes no matter how the economy is doing.

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Notes from Neighborhood Watch

My name is Curtis Wallauer and have been a resident in our great little community since May of 1991. During the last Homeowners meeting I volunteered to take on the responsibility for our Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP) knowing that I would have many supporters from HH. I will be reaching out to all HH Homeowners and residents with information about OUR (NWP) relaying what we should and can do as a concerned sub-division.

The next couple of months are known as High Crime Times and we need pay special attention to our own and one another's property and children. In today's world I find it hard to watch any child under about 15 years old walking alone or standing at a bus stop alone. It only takes 2-3 seconds to become a victim of a heinous crime. Please watch for and talk to one another about routine behaviors that might need to be changed for the safety of yourself, others and especially the kids.

In the interim of attending a few required meetings to ensure our support of the local authorities and maintain our NWP signs. I would like to; review our Block Captains and Observers list to ensure all areas of the HH property are covered. All of us residents and Homeowners should be diligent in their commitment to support the safety within and around our Sub-division. Overall AWARENESS and KNOWLEDGE of what is happening around your home, your neighbors and the community as a whole will play a vital role in maintaining a safe environment for us and our children to walk freely in and around our community at any time during the day or in the evenings. My cell phone # is 904 910-0649 if you are interested in the NWP or would like to report suspicious behaviors in or around our Sub-Div.

REMEMBER!!! We are not the proper authorities for reporting incidents. PLEASE call 911 if you have any doubt about what you are witnessing or discovered. The Police will respond within 2-4 minutes of any 911 call. DO NOT try to take matters in your own hands, but be Observant and as calm as possible writing down any details of the incident.

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We are pleased to announce our first volunteers:

Fred Avens will be leading our Architectural Committee to review and submit recommendations for revisions to compliance rules – he will need volunteers for that committee.

Curtis Wallauer will be leading our Neighborhood Watch as Coordinator – he will be contacting previous volunteers to renew commitments as well as seeking new volunteers.

We need the following volunteers:

Compliance committee – to continue the work of the property management company in keeping up our current compliance rules and working hand in hand with the Architectural Committee.

Newsletter – to help out with the production of or even just to distribute the newsletters.

We will continue to keep you abreast of what is going on in our community. If you have not previously provided an email address to us, please provide it to me at hickoryhollow@live.com.

Also, for updated information please look at our website at <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/jacksonville/hickoryhollow/main.html>

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Jeanne Rigger, President
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Hickory Hollow Homeowner's Association

A Veteran is someone who, at one point in his/her life wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.' That is Honor!!!



Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 14, 2009 TIME 9:00 A.M.

CLEAN UP ENTRANCE/BERM

PLACE : FRONT ENTRANCE

NOVEMBER 22, 2009 TIME 9:00 A.M.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

PLACE : FRONT ENTRANCE

December: Christmas Luminaries – Date to be announced

VETERAN'S DAY NOVEMBER 11TH

To our Veterans,

“Our Nation Honors Her Sons and Daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met. Those words apply equally to many of our World War I, World War II, Vietnam War and Gulf War Veterans as well. They apply equally to today’s active duty service members, tomorrow’s veterans – who are helping to maintain peace throughout the world. Today it is our privilege to say “thank you” to all of America’s veterans, to let them know that we appreciate their service and honor them for their sacrifices. The price of Freedom is high. We cannot afford to forget those willing to pay it today, we celebrate America’s Veterans for keeping this Nation “the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave”. Korean War Memorial, Washington, D.C.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Fire and Rescue (non emergency)	630-0529
Mayor's Office	630-1776
JEA	665-6000
Property Appraiser	630-2014
Public Library	630-2665
Sheriff (non-emergency)	630-0500
Supervisor of Elections	630-1410
Tax Collector	630-1916
Animal Control	630-2489
Large trash pickup	630-2489

Incidents to date during the Month of November 2009:

1. Nov 4, 2009 between 10a.m. and 12p.m. / A Homeowner of HH was walking their dogs along the West sidewalk of Hickory Creek Rd and noticed 2 men heading south on sidewalk approaching her. The men were separated by approximately 50ft and after the first one past her she turned to see where he was and he was no longer visible. He possibly went into the woods at the very North part of HH. The second man passed her and after just a few moments she turned to find this man attempting to gain access through the **BROKEN** fence slats of the last house on the North end of Hickory Creek Rd. A car drove by and the man stood up relenting his attempt to squeeze through the fence. So, our witness tells us he then proceeded to **JUMP** the fence and gained access to one of our HH backyards. At this time the witness immediately called 911 and 7 yes 7, Police cars should up and tried to pursue the intruder. The police took statements and descriptions of the 2 men, but none were found nor arrested yesterday. 1-African American male apprx. 6ft 200 lbs and 1-Hispanic male 5ft 10in 160lbs.

****What was done RIGHT in this situation:** Witness kept her distance, called 911, committed to memory a good description of the 2 men to include; build, clothes, ethnics, and location last seen.

****What was done WRONG:** Extremely poor maintenance of the fence (large holes) facing a high traffic sidewalk and busy street. Crooks, thieves ect.. Are looking for our weaknesses to take advantage of. Poorly maintained property fence is an invite to a robber, as well as poor lighting around property, leaving cars unlocked and especially now that it is getting cooler people are leaving windows open for the fresh air. Remember that if you can see out of your windows or doors into the street, then someone else can see into the room you are looking out of.

If HH becomes known as an easy target among gangs of thieves, it is only a matter of time before we have the tragedy happen that could have been prevented. With HH having wooded areas on the West and North ends, it makes it very easy for someone to hit our property quickly and escape into the brush unseen. These wooded areas are also popular sites for homeless people which move from section to section of the woods to prevent being caught. Thanks for your time and concerns.

