

Hillpoint HOA Newsletter

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Hillpoint Community Day Saturday, May 15th

8am – 12pm
12pm
1pm – 4pm

Community-wide garage sale
Charity donation truck scheduled
Snacks, fun & games!!!

Join us at the park at the end of Hillpoint ROAD (back by the new school) from 1-4 for snacks, fun & games. Be sure to bring your own chair. A fire truck is scheduled for 2:00 for the kids. **Volunteers are needed both before and after the event. Contact John at 757-484-0706 x404.** A little help from everyone will make the day more successful and enjoyable for everyone! Thank you for volunteering!

The garage sale will be advertised in the newspaper and with roadside directional signs. You might consider grouping your items with neighbors to make your sale bigger (and more inviting!)

We have scheduled for a charity donation truck to pickup any items left over that you don't want to bring back into the house! Just put them at the curb & label them "Charity Donation Pickup".

Do The Right Thing: Grass Clippings



The arrival of spring and warm days brings lawn mowing season. Here are 2 great reasons to make sure that you cleanup your grass clippings:

1. Grass clippings are bad for our water system. They are carried thru the storm drains directly to the Bay where they then decompose. This adds too much enrichment for sea life to handle and uses up the oxygen that fish need to live.
2. Leaving grass clipping on the curb and street just looks bad!

Solutions:

Use a lawn mower that mulches * Cut regularly to prevent overgrowth * Consider a compost pile *
Rake and bag only if absolutely necessary

Note from UPA Management: Outdoor Projects and Delinquencies

FAILURE TO PAY ASSESSMENTS: Assessments are essential to fund the liabilities and maintenance of the community's common areas. When payments are not received from owners it places the Association and management in the difficult position of sending those property owners to a collections attorney. Currently there is more than a 10 (ten) % delinquency rate with owners at the Association's collection attorney.

The Board of Directors recently selected Elwood Isley Jr. (at Bowman, Green, Hampton & Kelly, PLLC) as the new collections attorney. The Board has instructed him to aggressively pursue collections of the delinquent accounts.

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS: Please remember to check the Hillpoint Farms Homeowners' Association's Rules and Regulations and to submit any exterior alterations (such as sheds, fences, etc...) to your Association Manager so that he can send them to the Architectural Review Committee. You must receive written approval before you begin your project. If you have any questions, or need a copy of the request form, please call John Craig at 484-0706 extension 404 or go to www.HillpointHOA.com and click on "Resources". The application and other useful information can be found on the site.

PARKING VIOLATIONS: Section 86-119(c) of the Municipal Code for the City of Suffolk makes it a violation to "park in front of a private driveway" and "on a sidewalk". Please be courteous towards your neighbors and refrain from these types of violations.

LET'S PLAY... PARENTS OBEY: There are some safety concerns with children playing and riding bicycles in the street. Motorists have complained about this issue throughout Hillpoint Farms and the Association would like to avoid injuries to person and/or property. Parents must advise their children about safety while riding bicycles in public streets.

There was a traffic study done during Feb 2010 on Hillpoint Rd. See website for complete report. "The speed study does show significant speeding on the studied roadway section.... While this roadway does not tend to fit the normal design guidelines for physical traffic calming measures, it is a location that would be conducive to a "High Fine for Speeding" zone. The recommendation of this option will require that the City of Suffolk create a policy for this program and have agreement from Suffolk Police to implement and enforce. The creation of this policy is underway and this location will be considered for implementation when the policy is approved." 85% of traffic was traveling 35 mph... posted speed limits are 25. In response to resident speeding complaints, the city is in the process of creating the new policy. Once it is created, the Hillpoint community would be able to petition the Suffolk City Council for the establishment of such a zone.

Parents please obey the posted speed limits throughout Hillpoint Farms - especially on Hillpoint Boulevard and Hillpoint Road.

Questions about HOA dues, fence and architectural applications, or other UPA management items?

[Contact UPA <http://www.hillpointhoa.com/page4.html>](http://www.hillpointhoa.com/page4.html)

Suffolk TGIF Friday Concerts 5:30 – 9:00 pm (FREE)!

Constant's Wharf

- June 25..... Slapwater
- July 2..... Hotcakes
- July 9..... The Rhondels
- July 16..... A Touch of Spice
- July 23..... Strictly Bizzness

Bennett's Creek Park


- August 6..... FAB
- August 13..... Cedar Creek
- August 20..... The Janitors
- August 27..... Overtime Band
- September 3..... Island Boy



Also, June 18 - Michael Clark Band @ Constant's Wharf
(Business Appreciation Concert open to public)

A banner with a dark blue background and white text. The text reads "Suffolk Youth Achievement Awards 2010" and "Celebrating Suffolk's Future Leaders". Below this, there is a download icon and the text "Download Nomination Application" followed by a right-pointing arrow. At the bottom, it says "Nomination Deadline has been extended until Friday, May 14." in a smaller font.

Suffolk Youth Achievement Awards 2010
"Celebrating Suffolk's Future Leaders"

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More information at: <http://www.suffolk.va.us/parks/> or call 757- 514 -7250

'Tall Grass' concerns



The common areas of our neighborhood are maintained by a lawn care contract thru our Association. Private property is the responsibility of the homeowner.

If you have a concern about a privately owned grass/yard (such as a vacant builder lot or private home), call the City of Suffolk's Community Development Department at 757-514-4150.

They will make record of your concern, send an inspector to verify violation, and send the homeowner a certified letter giving them the opportunity to correct the violation. If the violation is not corrected, they move to have the city cut it and send the bill to the homeowner. **You do not have to give your name or address (your call can be anonymous)** A property is considered in violation if grass exceeds 10 inches in height.

For more information, goto www.HillpointHOA.com website (next to newsletter link) to download the City of Suffolk brochure on this topic.



City of Suffolk on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/suffolkva>

Stay up-to-date with all events and news on Suffolk's facebook page.
Also check out Parks & Rec events at: <http://www.suffolk.va.us/parks/events/>

Dates To Remember:

TBA	Informational Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 15th	Hillpoint Community Day! (8-12am Garage Sales, 1-4pm Fun!)
Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	Quarterly HOA newsletter published

*All meetings (unless otherwise noted) are held at the Open Door Church
816 Kings Fork Rd, Suffolk, VA 23434 <http://www.odcsuffolk.org/>*

PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE! TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS! THANK YOU!!!!

HOW TO PREVENT MOSQUITO BREEDING

Often, the most effective way to protect your family from being infected by disease-carrying mosquitoes is to get rid of them before they appear. Follow these tips on how to prevent mosquito breeding around your home:

- Do not allow standing water to accumulate for more than two days. Common areas to check: old tires, buckets, unused plastic swimming pools, the base of a flower pot, pet dishes, plastic covers or any container that may collect water.
 - Change the water in birdbaths, fountains and wading pools at least once a week.
 - Clean debris from rain gutters and remove standing water under or around structures.
 - Check rain barrels for mosquito larvae. A tight cover will prevent egg laying. A thin layer of salad oil will kill mosquitoes already present.
 - Repair leaks or clear away puddles from around faucets and window air conditioning units.
 - Stock ornamental pools with minnows or goldfish (they eat mosquito larvae on the water surface) or treat the pools with biological larvicides (chemicals or natural bacteria that can be used to kill mosquito larvae). Please carefully read safety instructions on the bottle, and consider applying when you will be away from your home for several hours.
 - Be sure to keep swimming pools, saunas and hot tubs clean and chlorinated. If not in use, keep empty and covered.
 - Empty accumulated water from boats and cargo trailers.
 - Fill or drain large puddles, ditches and swampy areas.
 - Remove, drain or fill tree holes and stumps with mortar.
 - Keep hedges and bushes trimmed to reduce shade.
 - Mow the lawn at least once a week. Mosquitoes can hide in the shade of tall grass.
 - Make sure windows, doors and porches are tightly screened and are free of holes.
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