

Hillpoint HOA Newsletter



New News: New Elementary School

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There has been an announcement by the City of Suffolk School Board that a new elementary school is slated for construction. The completion date is fall 2008. The new school will serve approximately 800 students from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. The school will be constructed on approximately 15 acres located between Hillpoint Road and Hillpoint Boulevard. This site has been available since the approval of the Hillpoint development. Speaking with James Thorsen, Suffolk Public Schools executive director of facilities and planning, the school will take about six months to design. He has asked that there be input from Hillpoint Farms Homeowners' Association. Also, in a few months a committee to name the school will be formed.

Link to related Virginia Pilot article:

<http://home.hamptonroads.com/stories/story.cfm?story=105846&ran=155537>

Note from UPA Management: Common Areas

The Nansemond River Golf Club is not a common area of Hillpoint Farms Homeowners' Association. It is for the use of club members and their guests only. There should be no trespassing after normal hours. The management of the golf club has asked that these rules be strictly obeyed. There have been a number of problems with vandalism of club property, including the golf course greens, fairways and homeowners allowing pets to run freely on club property. **The club manager has declared that all trespassing and acts of vandalism will be fully prosecuted.**

The southern loop of the main entrance is complete and open. Stop signs at the loop road and Hillpoint Boulevard must be strictly obeyed to prevent accidents (This is the 'T' intersection where the main neighborhood entrance sign & flowers are). When the city was asked for clarification, we were told there should probably be 6 stop signs and a white line across the entire road for clarification, but the traffic engineers will determine what is best. UPA has expressed to the city that this is a neighborhood safety concern. **PLEASE OBEY THE STOP SIGNS.**

Not all the vacant areas in Hillpoint Farms are common areas owned by Hillpoint Farms Homeowners' Association Inc. Most of the vacant areas are owned by individual developers within Hillpoint and are not maintained by the association. Association funds (by law) cannot be spent on maintaining private property. When you see areas you feel that are not being maintained adequately, they are probably owned by developers.

Questions about HOA dues, fence/architectural applications, or other UPA management items? [Contact UPA](#)

Safety Tip: Summer Heat... From 78° - 160°



Hot summer heat can turn a car into a hazard quickly. Never leave children or pets in the car... not even for "just a minute". In the right conditions, a 78° day can turn your car interior temperature up to 160° degrees.

Here are the facts:

"Summer Takes Deadly Toll on Children in Automobiles"

<http://www.mommytips.com/article/Safety/summerheatincars.htm>

"Pets in Hot Cars"

http://www.paw-rescue.org/PAW/PETTIPS/DogTip_HotCars.php



Neighborhood Watch: Petition Street Volunteers NEEDED

An overwhelming majority of the homeowners in attendance at the last informational meeting signed the petition for instituting a Neighborhood Watch Program. The City of Suffolk Police Department has raised the requirements to 70% participation by homeowners. We have 400 houses in our neighborhood. 70% of 400 is 280 homes needed in support. We only need 1 signature per household. We need to increase and focus our efforts more in order to make this happen.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Starting immediately, we are implementing a grassroots effort in order to reach the requirement of 70%. We need just ONE person per street to "gather the troops" on your street going house to house asking for support of this program. If you are willing to do more than one street, that would be GREAT! If we have not met this goal by the end of July, it may be tabled until next year. We want to have a very focused, successful drive, not having to work on this for months.....
LET'S DO THIS!

If you have already signed in support of this program, go ahead & sign the street petition as well. We will be compiling prior to submitting our package to the city.

[If you would like to be a street volunteer, CLICK HERE.](#)

THANK YOU for supporting this program.

Household Tip: Yard Care "Top 10"

Performing these 10 tasks of yard care effectively and efficiently will help ensure the safety of you and your property, save you money and free you up for the finer pursuits in life.

http://landscaping.about.com/od/summeryardmaintenance/tp/summer_yard.htm



Did You Know...: Recycling

There is interest in our community to petition the City of Suffolk to offer curbside recycling service through Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA). Participation in the program would be voluntary. The cost to the City of Suffolk as of July 2006 will be \$1.39/month for the 18-gallon bins or \$3.29/month for the 90-gallon automated recycling option.

You will be asked if you have a size preference. The 18 gallon is the small blue container you set out at side of the road. The 90 gallon is a trash can sized container on wheels that you can put cardboard & many more recycled items in.

The cost for this program is paid for by the City of Suffolk and not the homeowners. A successful petition drive does not guarantee service will be provided but will be used to evaluate the option of increasing funding to expand the program.

Please support this program. Many other neighborhoods in Suffolk already have this provided to them. It would be of no cost to you, you do not have to participate, and many of your neighbors would like to curbside recycle rather than having to drive it to a drop-off point as they are having to currently.



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This petition will be circulating with the Neighborhood Watch petition.

The Vistas: Birds



Jane Gresham the Association Manager for The Vistas at Hillpoint is in the process of planning a meeting for the owners of those units to discuss the community and their interest. One problem owners are having is with birds in the attics. This is not an issue that is handled by the association but the individual owners at their expense. Some homeowners have experienced success with Critter Control of Virginia Beach. They can be reached at 757-471-6234.

Dates To Remember:

Next Informational Meeting	Fall 2006
Next Advisory Committee Meeting	July 17 @ 7:00 pm
HOA Dues	Due 1 st day of January, April, July, October (2006 dues \$60 per quarter)
Newsletter Published	January, April, July, October
New To The Site	-- New Newsletter format: PDF format for easier printing -- Downloadable ARB Application on the RESOURCES page -- Common Area Maps on the RESOURCES page

***All meetings (unless otherwise noted) are held at the [Open Door Church](#)
816 Kings Fork Rd, Suffolk, VA 23434***