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# April 2015 Update

Good Monday, Hidden Hills! The Board of Directors wanted to give everyone an update on some of the topics and issues surrounding our neighborhood. Following you'll find a summary of the April board meeting:

**Retention ponds** – the "concrete drainage infrastructure" consists of flumes and wattles. The "flume" is the concrete ditch, while the "wattle" is a coconut fiber filter held in place by steel grates designed to capture silt and other debris and allow water to pass through. Although the cost to clean these wattles falls to the Homeowners Association, our developer has offered to clean them out as soon as it is dry enough to do so. In the future, this expense needs to be factored into our annual budget. The erosion off Gladeview Place by the big pond will also be repaired when it is dry enough to access the area.

**Neighborhood mowing** – The Association contracted a new landscape company to maintain the common areas at the beginning of March. We believe they are doing a good job, but since they aren't familiar with all our boundaries, they have missed a couple of small areas. This has now been corrected and these areas will be maintained from now on. Meanwhile, when mowing your own yard, please be aware that blowing grass clippings into the street could eventually clog the storm drains and potentially create a large expense over time. Dispose of your grass clippings by either raking, bagging, or blowing into your own yard.

**New website!** – Yes, Hidden Hills will soon get a new website! The one we currently use has become obsolete, so it's time to upgrade. The Board voted to move forward with a newly designed site. Stay tuned for the launch date...

**Abuse of swimming privileges** – Several groups of teens have been seen climbing the gate or letting visitors enter the pool without adult supervision. Easter weekend was especially active. The age limit to attend without supervision is 16, and each household can only invite two visitors at a time. This rule has been in place for several years. The group of children who threw chairs and debris into the pool have been identified and steps have been taken to discourage this type of behavior in the future. Of the seven boys at the pool, only three live in Hidden Hills. The Sheriff's Office was called on another group of eight teens at the pool. Our residents must feel comfortable using the amenities without fear of bullying or intimidation. If you see mischief or inappropriate behavior, please call a board member or the Sheriff's Department. The pool is a Hidden Hills asset that we all can help protect.

**Breaking & Entering** – Hidden Hills is a great place to live, but there can be crimes of opportunity in even the safest of neighborhoods. When you arrive home at night, we recommend you keep your valuables out of sight and your vehicles in your garage or driveway with the doors locked. Report any suspicious activity to the Rankin County Sheriff's Department at 601-825-1480.

**Security (street) lighting** – When a neighborhood is planned, the developer contacts Entergy to install security lights. Entergy uses the National Lighting Guidelines to determine how many lights to install. The plan calls for street lights at every 7-8 houses. The developer pays all fees for initial installation, and the HOA takes over the monthly payment for each street light. If you feel your home isn't well lit, consider adding security lights to the corner of your house, or leave the porch lights on to supplement the lights provided by the HOA.

If the street light nearest your house is out or not working properly, contact Entergy via this webpage:

https://secure.entergy.com/forms/SecurityLightRepair.aspx?FormId=348&RegionId=MS&Ty pe=C

# **Storage Buildings**

ANY CHANGE to the exterior of a house requires an application and approval by the ARC. This includes but is not limited to a covered porch, a screened sunroom, a new patio or deck, an outdoor fireplace, a retaining wall, new playground equipment, a new fence or a new roof. Applications can be found on our website and must receive written approval before any work is begun. These regulations are in place to ensure all additions are done within the scope of neighborhood policy and that proper drainage is addressed. If in doubt, ASK!

Storage Buildings are required to have a permit from the Rankin County Community Development Dept., as well as from the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Submit your application for a storage building FIRST to Renee Lawrence, Director of the RCCDD. Renee can be reached at 601-824-2570. Be sure to mention you are in Hidden Hills, part of the Reservoir Community District. Once you obtain a permit from Rankin County, submit a copy of your permit along with other specifications (lot placement, type of building, etc.) to either <u>Rod Nagel</u>, Chairman of ARC or to <u>Pat</u> <u>Starnes</u> at the Association office.

# **POOL USE:**

The pool rules are attached. Please let common sense be your guide and if you make a mess, clean it up! Also, volunteers are needed to check the pool, skimmers, bathrooms, etc., during the pool season. Help is needed beginning now until after Labor Day. If you can volunteer one week, let us know at <u>hiddenhillsinfo@gmail.com</u>.

# **EVENTS AROUND TOWN:**

#### • 2015 Project REZway! April 23<sup>rd</sup>

The Reservoir area's annual recycle fashion show and gala event that promotes the importance of recycling while raising funds for Keep the Rez Beautiful. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top designers. All designs will consist of 75% recycled materials. Tickets for the event are \$20 at the door. Come be a part of the fun April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Mississippi Crafts Center. For more information visit: https://keeptherezbeautiful.wordpress.com/

# • Mississippi Cajun Fest 2015 April 25<sup>th</sup> at Old Trace Park

Over 1000 lbs of free crawfish! Live Music to include Andrew Pates, Jason Miller Band, Spank the Monkey and U.S. Event includes a crossfit competition and Barnett Reservoir Foundation Boat Show. For more information visit: www.mississippicajunfest.com

#### • Barnett Reservoir Foundation Boat Show – April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at Old Trace Park

Local boat and recreational dealers will be at the park displaying the latest in personal watercraft and other recreational vehicles on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday admission is free.

#### • Flowood Arts & Crafts Festival – May 2 at Market Street, Dogwood Festival

• Flowood's Family Fest – May 9, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Market Street, Liberty Park Craig Morgan highlights this free event at 8:00 p.m., followed by fireworks at 9:45.

# Is Your Info Up-to-Date?

Do we have your correct name, phone number and/or email address? Over 90% of our correspondence is through email. Make sure we can reach you should we need to! If you are moving, contact the office so we can update our records.

# **2015 Board of Directors**

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# **Emergency Contacts:**



Rankin County Sheriff or Fire911Non-emergency Sheriff Dispatch601-825-1480Rankin County Board of Supervisors601-825-1475Rankin County Animal Control601-824-2024

PLEASE OBEY ALL POSTED STOP SIGNS AND SPEED LIMIT SIGNS. THE LIFE YOU SAVE COULD BE YOUR OWN.

Mailbox Repair/Replacement: Call <u>Copper Sculptures - 601-992-9955</u> or <u>Custom Creations - 601-936-7779</u>

# POOL RULES – 2015 Season

#### NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY.

Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult resident. Climbing over the fence is NOT allowed.

There is a 2-guest limit per household. POOL PARTIES ARE NOT ALLOWED DUE TO SIZE OF POOL.

Pool hours are 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Residents may gain access to the pool and exercise room with the key provided to each homeowner (1 key per lot). Lost keys will be replaced for a \$20 charge.

Be sure the gate closes behind you and do not admit anyone without a key. Propping the gate open is forbidden.

Persons with skin diseases, open sores, inflamed eyes, nasal or ear discharges, or any diseases which are readily communicable may not use the swimming pool until such time as the disease is no longer communicable.

Glass is prohibited.

Sand, dirt, and grass must be removed before entering the pool.

Running is not permitted in the pool area. Diving is not permitted in any area of the pool.

Residents must clean up after themselves and their children. Residents should dispose of all trash in proper receptacles and restore the pool area, including bathrooms, before leaving.

Any activity that results in clogging the pool filters is not permitted; i.e. sunflower seeds, gum, etc.

Music may be used with earphones only.

Appropriate swimming attire must be worn. No cut-offs, dungarees and Bermuda shorts.

Diapers are prohibited in the pool. Swim diapers must be worn by children who are not toilet trained.

No Rough Play. Boisterous conduct and rough play are prohibited.

Offensive language, inappropriate behavior, horseplay, or any other activity that interferes with the enjoyment of others is prohibited and may be grounds for loss of privileges.

Inflatable rafts and floats are not permitted, but small inner tubes and noodles are allowed. Small toys such as balls, water guns, rings, noodles, etc. may be permitted depending upon the number of persons in the pool and the manner in which the toys are used. Water wings and safety suits are permitted.

Pool furniture is available on a "first come, first served basis". Furniture may only be "saved" for a few minutes. Tampering with pool furniture or equipment or tampering with the settings on pool equipment is prohibited.

Animals are not permitted in the pool or pool area at any time.

#### PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR A WEEK OF POOL DUTY ANY TIME BETWEEN NOW AND LABOR DAY.

# **POOL VOLUNTEERS**

	WEEK OF	NAME	PHONE
1	April 27-May 3		
2	May 4 – 10		
3	May 11- 17		
4	May 18-24		
5	May 25-31		
6	June 1-7		
7	June 8-14		
8	June 15-21		
9	June 22-28		
10	June 29-July 5		
11	July 6-12		
12	July 13-19		
13	July 20-26		
14	July 27-Aug 2		
15	Aug 3-Aug 9		
16	Aug 10-16		
17	Aug 17-23		
18	Aug 24-30		
19	Aug 31-Sept 6		

Call 769-524-7358 or email <u>hiddenhillsinfo@gmail.com</u> to sign up! Please sign up for one week, Monday – Sunday. Pool duties include cleaning up around the pool when it closes at 9pm, Emptying the skimmers, straightening the chairs, Checking and locking the bathrooms. Everyone should pick up after themselves. NO GLASS in POOL AREA.