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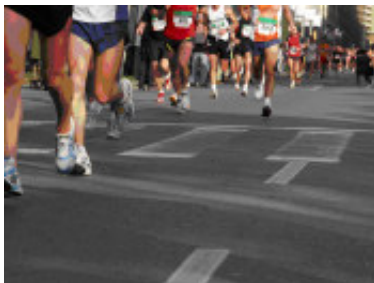
The Virginia Department of Transportation provides maintenance for all roads



in the Hiddenbrook community, including snow plowing services. Hiddenbrook residents with questions/concerns about snow plowing can call 703-383-VDOT or e-mail [novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov).

## **Dranesville Elementary School Fun Run Saturday, May 15 8-9 a.m.**

The race will be a circuit through the neighborhoods surrounding DES. The Hiddenbrook streets that are included in the race course are Powells Tavern Pl., Sadlers Wells Dr., Hiddenbrook Dr., Saylers Creek Ln., Millikens Bend Rd. Please look out for the racers!



## **Hiddenbrook News You Can Use:**

- Swim & Tennis dues notices have gone out to members. Dues should be paid by April 10 to avoid late fees.
- Now is a good time to buy a pool membership! Contact Lisa Cullen for information.
- Save some trees and some HOA money by receiving this newsletter by email. Send your name, street address and lot number to [hiddenbrook\\_homes@hotmail.com](mailto:hiddenbrook_homes@hotmail.com) to get it by email next issue. S&T members, too!
- Hiddenbrook's office hours are now by appointment only. Please call or email Lisa Cullen at 703-318-7159 or [hiddenbrook\\_homes@hotmail.com](mailto:hiddenbrook_homes@hotmail.com).
- Got a contractor or other company you'd like to recommend to other residents? Contact [hiddenbrookacc@gmail.com](mailto:hiddenbrookacc@gmail.com) (see the ACC's article on page 3 for details).
- Please check out [www.hiddenbrookhomes.org](http://www.hiddenbrookhomes.org) for neighborhood, pool and ACC information. It features the 2010 budget and *Mainstream* archives.
- The Hastings Hunt, Crestbrook and Hiddenbrook HOAs are pursuing traffic calming measures for Powells Tavern Pl. See Board of Director news on page 2 for details.

# Hiddenbrook Homes Association

## Board of Directors—3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm

Officers will be determined at the January board meeting

President	Charles Roswell	703-904-8185
Vice President	Bryan Schulke	703-318-2142
Treasurer	Pat Diehl	703-810-1008
Secretary	Jeff Schaffner	
Director at Large	Chaz Holland	703-481-9668

## Committee Chairpersons

ACC	Jonathan Saunders	703-318-7159
Nbhd. Watch	Nancy Fehrle Gadd	703-435-8048
Pool	Kathy Briggs	703-318-7159
Social	Vacant	
Tennis	Sheri Fairchild	703-707-0724

## Club Chairpersons

Swim Team Rep.	Leslie Petty	703-450-4372
Swim Team Pres.	Marcel VanViersson	703-404-0011
Swim Team VP	Martha Marino	703-796-6862

## Committee Members

ACC: Kimberly Hartsoe, Julie Green, Carl Koteff, Jeanne Little, Hugh Masters, Loren Sadlack, Joan Koss, Pam Spencer, Kendra Green.

ACC meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7pm.

Neighborhood Watch: Steve Dyer

Pool: Nancy Fehrle Gadd and Sheri Fairchild

Tennis: Richard Goulet and David Shupp

Social: Dale Robinson, Jeanne Clark and Risa Mayan  
Please contact the relevant committee Chairperson, any of the five Board Members or the business office with concerns or issues you wish to discuss.

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## Hiddenbrook Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The following are condensed minutes from the January and February 2010 Board meetings. Budget and expense reports for homeowners and swim and tennis members are always available in the Hiddenbrook office.

### Jan. 19, 2010

The Board members made appointments to offices and committee chairpersons (see list at left).

Three groundskeeping proposals were shared with board members. The proposals range from \$3,890 to \$4,799 to provide neighborhood entrance and clubhouse grounds cutting 15 times, clubhouse weeding and mulching, and easement mowing 10 times per year. The board will review the proposals and vote by email. A Cut Above was chosen.

President Charles Roswell gave an update on the Powells Tavern Traffic Calming meeting. Hiddenbrook represents about 10 percent of the homes on that street. Fairfax County Dept. of Transportation has recommended additional stop signs and three speed humps be installed. The group will host informational meetings. Homeowners can vote by FCDOT ballot. The Hiddenbrook HOA board is interested in reviving the Hiddenbrook Dr. traffic calming process.

### Feb. 16, 2010

The auditor has provided a draft for Board review. The audit cost \$6,700.

The Board voted by email to approve moving all funds to separate accounts at Cardinal Bank for better interest income.

New county health department fees for the pool have increased to about \$850.

The next Board of Directors meeting dates are Tuesday, March 16 and Tuesday, April 20, both at 7:30pm.

# Hazardous Snow = Home Hazards !

—news from the Hiddenbrook Architectural Control Committee

The extraordinary amount of snow we received in February produced many challenges in keeping our homes and families safe. We appreciate those homeowners who diligently shoveled their sidewalks to assist the pedestrian traffic even though VDOT chose to clear many streets “curb to curb” and dump the snow on those same sidewalks.

It is a county requirement that all walks be shoveled so everyone can have safe passage through residential neighborhoods. For those who tried, thank you, and for those who didn't, maybe next time!

The amount and weight of the snow also produced hazards in downed trees and shrubs, broken limbs, frozen gutters and downspouts, and heavy snow on roofs. Luckily, we did not suffer power outages, but there is still visible damage to some homes and many properties throughout the neighborhood. If you had to hire outside companies to assist with trees, water damage or any other issues you experienced, please share that information by sending an email to [hiddenbrookacc@gmail.com](mailto:hiddenbrookacc@gmail.com). We would like to assist in creating a list of reputable firms our residents can refer to in times of need.

On a lighter note, the Hiddenbrook ACC would like to thank **Brett and Dawn Detrick of 12806 Longleaf Lane** for following the proper approval process for tree removal in their front yard.

They not only planned the tree removal but also submitted and executed a plan for replacement landscaping which turned out beautifully. We appreciate the investment in making their home add to the beauty of or neighborhood.

Lastly, at the beginning of March, we will be forwarding the individual review notices to those homes with issues cited during the ACC reviews conducted in September. With this recent snow, there will be many more of us who have issues that will need to be dealt with in the spring, so please survey your property for any safety hazards. See you outside in the Spring sunshine!

### Architectural Control Committee meetings:

The ACC meets the second Tuesday of each month. Applications from homeowners for changes to their house or property must be received no later than the Friday before the meeting. **Next meeting dates are Tuesday, April 13 and May 11.**

Copies of the guidelines and application forms can be obtained through the Hiddenbrook office or website: [hiddenbrookhomes.org](http://hiddenbrookhomes.org). Applications must be mailed to PO Box 582, Herndon, VA 20170 or emailed to: [hiddenbrook\\_homes@hotmail.com](mailto:hiddenbrook_homes@hotmail.com).

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## ***Hurricane Warning: News from the Swim Team***

**by Marcel van Vierssen**

As I write this article, the neighborhood is still covered with snow, but preparation has already begun for the coming summer swim season.

Summer swim teams are unique in that they are the only sport with a community-based, family-based team that allows kids ages 4-18 to compete together equally. Last summer we had 137 kids, from more than 80 families, on the Hiddenbrook Hurricanes Swim Team and we always have room for more.

More than 30 of our youngest kids began the season in our developmental program, known as the Waterspouts. Some of these Waterspouts improved enough during the summer that they moved up and actually competed in a real meet. Some of our strongest older swimmers are kids who started out in Waterspouts just a few years ago. Last season we saw great improvements from many kids, but more importantly, everybody had fun.

Different reasons motivate members to sign up their kids for the team. Many do it just so their kids learn to swim better. Some do it because they see their kids have a natural affinity for the water or a desire to compete. Others do it because of fond memories of swimming from their own youth. Whatever the reason, the team is a wonderful place for kids and parents alike. It's more than just swim meets – we have social activities every week, from our kickoff cookout to our team banquet, that are fun for the kids and the parents.

Hiddenbrook Hurricanes Swim Team... it's a community thing.

If you have any questions about the team, our Waterspouts program, or this upcoming season, you can contact me at [HiddenbrookSwimTeam@gmail.com](mailto:HiddenbrookSwimTeam@gmail.com).



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