

Hillsdale Community Newsletter

Hillsdale Community Association

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Dispatch/Animal Control

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Contact through SFMC)

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Home Owner Assessments are next due on January 1, 2020
The quarterly rate is \$300, and new payment booklets were sent.

BOARD MEETING DATES:

To be determined after 1 January 2020 by new Supervisor's staff

Monthly meetings are at the Kings Park Library - 9000 Burke Lake Road at 7PM

May be in the **Supervisor's Room**

(entrance on other side from main library entrance).

All Hillsdale residents are welcome, and meetings are usually brief.

From the Board:

INCREASE TO QUARTERLY FEES: There has been a slight increase, in consideration of maintenance expenses: re-sealing of the roads, extensive work to improve drainage, tree work and gardening, retaining wall and sidewalk repair.

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS: Homeowners who have been notified of violations by letter, with deadlines for completion, **must notify SFMC of completion of repairs (so the violation can be closed)**. The house is probably our biggest financial investment and should be properly maintained, for your own benefit AND curb appeal of the neighborhood – remember, we ALL live here!

NEW HILLSDALE WEBSITE: <https://hillsdalecommunity.org/> Do look it over; Rochelle Casey has done a great job! And there is a listserv signup that could be really helpful for sudden news!

PARKING RESTRICTIONS: Each homeowner has two RESERVED spots. Homeowners are authorized to call King/Community Towing (number on the left) to TOW AWAY the offending car, an unpleasant and **expensive** event for the owner of the towed car. A new car with Maryland tags is allowed 30 days to get Virginia tags and registration.

PICKUP OF LEAVES AND YARD WASTE: From **March 1** through December 24 **only**, leaves and yard waste are picked up at curbside on Wednesdays, **SEPARATELY** (they will **not** be picked up with the regular trash pickup on Tuesdays and Fridays). You may call AAA/Republic at 703 818-8222 and select Option 6. They will need to confirm service via your address, with zip code. There's a maximum of 10 bags per household (per pickup). There is regular yard waste pickup on Wednesdays, and a telephone call prior is not required but **may be helpful**. The recycle rules, according to website and telephone contact, are (and **please note general rules** on back of newsletter):

1. Bags for recycle should be biodegradable, black or clear plastic, or paper.
2. Branches must be less than 4 feet long and less than 6" in diameter.
3. Branches may be tied or bagged.
4. A call to request pickup of your yard waste isn't required, but might help.
5. And make sure your bag(s) are **VISIBLE** from the street.

GARBAGE GUIDELINES

- ❖ Trash pickup is every Tuesday and Friday. **Recycle pickup is only on Friday.** Clear bags indicate recycling content.
- ❖ **If you can, use a garbage can or dark trash bags. It will reduce the attacks by birds or other critters that scatter the garbage, such as RACCOONS:** they are nocturnal, and can make an awful mess of garbage bags. And please pick up trash scattered in the collection area – sometimes items fall from the bags/cans during collection, or are scattered by wind.
- ❖ **Do not** clean out your car and dump the trash onto the parking lot, and please note that garbage pickup does not include tires.
- ❖ Larger furniture or electronic items can be picked up on **Friday**, but you should **call first** to coordinate the pickup (telephone number is on the front page of newsletter).
- ❖ You are asked **not to place trash or recycle items out prior to 5:00 PM** the night prior, and it's probably best to put garbage out the **next morning after sunrise**, if at all feasible (raccoons ARE nocturnal).
- ❖ Please remove trash cans and recycle bins as soon as possible (definitely the SAME DAY) after pickup and put them away in your basement or back yard.
- ❖ **LEAF PICKUP is Wednesday March – December 24 – see info on front page.**

To help keep the neighborhood looking attractive, **board members will walk around periodically to ensure that houses are in compliance.** Letters will be sent out noting the problem identified. The areas of concern will include the below (but **especially the garbage issues** above):

- No trash may be burned. Car repairs are NOT permitted on the parking lot.
- No accumulation or storage of litter, lumber, scrap metals, refuse, bulk materials, waste, new or used building materials (or car repair residue), or trash of any other kind is permitted on any lot.
- Toys, trash cans, recycling bins, bicycles, and gardening tools shall not be permitted to remain on the front porch or left in the front yard. **The porch and the front yard are not storage areas.**
- If large items are placed out for trash pickup, such as refrigerators, large appliances or furniture items, it is the homeowner's responsibility to contact AAA/Republic to notify them and allow them to schedule extra staff or trucks if needed for a pickup.
- Conduct your own preliminary inspection: walk around your property and look for rotted wood, dirty siding, or areas that may need to be painted – porch, steps, chimney, trim etc. Get a jump on repairs to ensure that your house remains architecturally compliant.
- Homeowners are responsible for keeping their lawn trimmed and yard free of weeds and debris.
- All the above can lead to Architectural Violations, and the possibility of **removal of parking privileges within the community** until the issue is resolved.