

SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER

BROOKS OF HICKORY HOLLOW COMMUNITY ASSOC., INC.
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NEW ADDRESS: Please note our change in mailing address above. This change provided a substantial cost savings over our previous box at the UPS store. We also have a new email address.

VIOLATION COMPLAINTS: Please contact Metro Call at 311 or www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroCall for enforcement of Jefferson County ordinances: a car parked in the street for 24 hours or more, grass/weeds taller than 10 inches, parking vehicles, boats, RVs on the grass, and vehicles blocking the sidewalk. Anyone can request this service from Metro Call.

If you prefer to contact the board for a rules violation, you MUST furnish the address of the homeowner and be very specific about the violation. It is not enough to say people are parking on the street, some yards/fences look bad, or a dog is barking all night. The Board Members do not have the time or resources to drive around looking for violations. Even if we could, we have no way of knowing if a car has been parked on the street for 3 minutes or 3 days or a dog has been barking for a few minutes or a few hours. Only the neighbors know when there is an ongoing problem. All complaints are confidential. If you receive a violation letter, it means the board received a complaint from another homeowner. You can email the board at AskTheBoard@bhhca.org.

STREET PARKING IS ONLY FOR TEMPORARY GUESTS!

The BHHCA Declaration states: "No trailer, boat, truck or other vehicle shall be parked on any street in the Subdivision for a continuous period in excess of 10 hours or for an aggregate period of 24 hours in any one calendar year." Cars must be parked in a driveway or garage. Please don't be a nuisance to your neighbors and/or an accident waiting to happen. Vehicles parked on the street for more than 24 hours are considered abandoned by Jefferson Co. ordinance and are subject to fines and/or towing. Please report any such vehicles to Metro Call listed above.

ANNUAL DUES: Please find enclosed the invoice for 2009 homeowner dues and prize drawing form. Dues are to be paid no later than **April 30, 2009**. Take advantage of a \$10 discount by paying early! Homeowners returning the enclosed prize drawing form with their dues payment by April 30, 2009 will be eligible to win one of three \$40 gas gift cards.

The amount due is as follows which includes \$30 for snow removal:

\$110 if paid by March 31, 2009

\$120 if paid by April 30, 2009

\$130 if paid by May 31, 2009

ANNUAL DUES OF AREA COMMUNITIES:

		Brooks of Hickory Hollow	\$110		
Bay Colony	\$125	Brownsboro Glen	\$200	Craig's Creek	\$160
Bluegrass Fields	\$125	Chamberlain Place	\$200	Eagles Cove	\$ 90
Brownhurst Manor	\$125	City of Fincastle	\$330*	Hickory Hollow	\$100
				Silver Creek	\$216

*Fincastle is a "6th Class City". This is the average per home paid as property taxes.

CHAIN LINK FENCES: Chain link fences are not allowed in the Brooks of Hickory Hollow per the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions. Properties already identified as having existing chain link fences may keep them as long as they remain in good condition. If any repair is needed, the fence must be removed and cannot be repaired or replaced. **NO NEW CHAIN LINK FENCES ARE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.** Additional information and a list of properties allowed to keep existing fences are on the BHHCA website listed above. Please let new homeowners know they are not allowed to install a chain link fence.

SNOW REMOVAL: Snow removal passed and annual dues increased by \$30 to pay for this service. Total number of homeowners that voted was 123 or 51.23%. Dues collected in 2009 will pay for the snow removal next winter. We used extra funds in the budget to pay for limited snow removal this winter and the feedback was very positive.

YES votes: 81 or 65.85%.

NO votes: 42 or 34.15%.

Important Things To Know About Snow Removal:

- Some snow will get piled up at the end of your driveway. There is no way to avoid this when snow is plowed.
- Don't park on the street. This allows the whole street to be plowed and snow won't get piled up around your vehicle. **PLEASE NOTE:** You are responsible for any damage to your vehicle when it is parked on the street.
- Please don't stop the driver and ask him to plow your driveway. He is paid by the hour to plow our streets - not individual driveways. Unnecessary delays cost everyone more.
- Plenty of space is left between the plow and mailboxes. However, the force of plowed snow flying off the blade can knock down posts, mailboxes and "for sale" signs that are not firmly secured. The plow operator is not responsible for such damage.

4-WAY STOP AT ACCOMACK & SHENANDOAH: Our requests for a 4-way stop at this location have been unsuccessful in the past. However, we learned if there is a certain amount of traffic and enough homeowners in the area sign a petition, there is a possibility of getting the 4-way stop. The President of Hickory Hollow has been working on this and we will keep you informed.

FAQs:

1. **How do I get more information about the community or contact a board member?** The best source of information is the community website – www.bhhca.org. Board member contact info is listed on the website or send an email to AskTheBoard@bhhca.org.
2. **I want to know what the deed restrictions and community rules are. Where can I find them?** They are recorded in the public records of Jefferson County and also on our website listed above. The document is called the Brooks of Hickory Hollow Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions. All homeowners must comply with Declaration.
3. **A streetlight is out. Why doesn't the board get it fixed?** We rely on the homeowners living near the streetlight to report it to LG&E. We pay a flat rate per streetlight whether they work or not and repairs are included at no extra charge. Please report problems to **LG&E at 589-1444** and give them the address of the home next to the light.

RULES REMINDERS:

- Park only in a driveway or garage – not on the street.
- Boats, trailers, campers, motor homes, jet skis, etc. aren't allowed in our community unless kept in a closed garage.
- Always pick up after your pets. It's the law.
- It's illegal to put anything in the creeks or ditches. MSD can issue fines and require you to clean it up.
- Please mow and trim all areas of your property, including ditches and behind fences.
- **CURB APPEAL:** This is important for property values. All properties must be kept in a neat and attractive manner. Please keep grass/shrubs trimmed and trash cans in your garage or the back of your house so they aren't visible from the street.

Upcoming Events

COMMUNITY YARD SALE: The community yard sale will be **Saturday, May 16, 2009** from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be an ad in the Courier-Journal and signs placed in the community prior to the yard sale.

ANNUAL MEETING: Brooks of Hickory Hollow Annual Meeting will be held in **August** at Hope Lutheran Church. We will let you know as soon as the date is set.