

The Hickory Homesteader

2009 Spring/Summer Edition

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Trustee Elections



Trustee elections were held February 26th at the clubhouse. The results were:

Kristin Robinson	41
Katie Troupin	20
Theodora Valentine	23
Perry Call	49

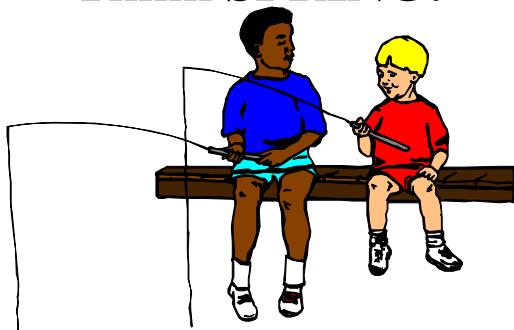
Write-in candidates:

Lisa Orlando	29
John Sheehan	1
Julie Hall	1

Congratulations Kristin, Perry & Lisa!

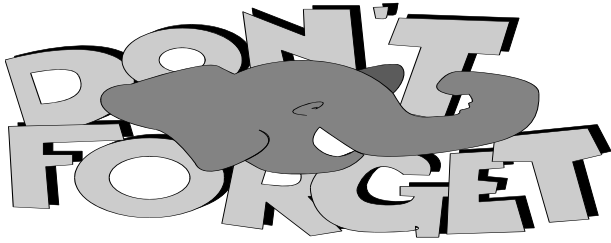
The Trustees would like to thank the homeowners that volunteered their time and effort in being election judges. Their participation exemplifies the values that make Hickory Ridge a great place to live.

Think SPRING!



Hickory Ridge on the web

Check out Hickory Ridge on the worldwide web at <http://www.hickoryridge.org> Check our website for the latest information on meetings and other items of interest to our homeowners. The Calendar is updated as new information becomes available. If you see information that seems out of date, you could be seeing "stale" data stored by web-caching. In MS Internet Explorer, click refresh while holding down the shift key to force retrieval of current data. Note that www.hickoryridge.net is a commercial website of a local realtor and is NOT associated with Hickory Ridge Homeowners Association.



2009 Calendar of Events:

Fishing Derby - children 12 & under
Saturday May 9 8am-10am

Subdivision Garage Sale
Saturday May 16 8am-3pm

Pools Open - Homeowners with paid up assessments & their guests (max 5 per family)
Saturday May 23 10am - 8:45pm

Pool Opening Party
Sunday June 7 Noon - 3pm

Luau - 21 years and older
Saturday August 1 7pm - 11pm

Pools Close
Monday September 7 8pm

Santa Party—children 12 and under
considering an evening Santa party this year; date/time to be determined



Web site: <http://www.hickoryridge.org>
E-mail: trustees@hickoryridge.org

City Officials

Mayor	Len Pagano	278-2244 x233
Aldersperson	Judy Bateman	397-5359
Aldersperson	Jerry Hollingsworth	978-3444

2008 - 2009 Association Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairpersons

President - Kristin Robinson
Activities Committee

Vice President - JR Smith
Advisory Committee

Secretary - Debbie Lyyski
Clubhouse, Office, Employees

Treasurer - To be selected by Trustees
Newsletter, Finance, Legal & Insurance

Trustee - Gary Patton
Common Grounds Committee

Trustee - Perry Call

Trustee—Lisa Orlando

Trustee - Mary Sanders

Email: trustees@hickoryridge.org

Association Staff

Office Manager - Lorna Humbertson
Office Assistants:
- Howard Simmons - Assistant in training

Maintenance Person - John Webb
* Office hours - Tuesday & Thursday
from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

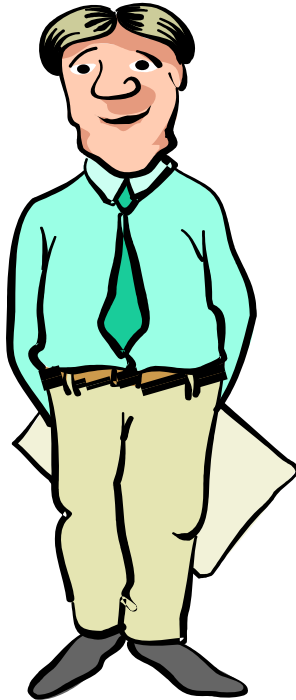
Email: office@hickoryridge.org
Phone 636-447-4335.

Please leave a message on the answering machine if you call the clubhouse & no one answers.

Meet the new Office Assistant

Howard Simmons has joined the Hickory Ridge staff as Office Assistant and will be primarily responsible for clubhouse rental activities & maintaining the homeowner records. He will also back up the office manager when they are unavailable. Howard works Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. plus time on the weekends as needed to do the clubhouse rental agreements and the walkthroughs.

Feel free to stop by the clubhouse during his scheduled hours to say welcome!



Hickory Ridge Garage Sale

Saturday May 16th
Hickory Ridge Garage Sale
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Luau 7-11 p.m.

Saturday Aug. 1st

DJ, beer, soda, chips & finger food provided.

Please bring your own chair.



Adults ONLY

Hickory Ridge residents & guests ONLY

Tickets - \$10 per person

Tickets go on sale Saturday June 26th

Common Grounds Committee Report

Welcome to spring, now our work begins. Our culs-de-sac will get the usual clean up and trimming. Weather permitting; the lawn service would like to have this done by the end of April. **If any homeowners would like to plant their own flowers in their cul-de-sac, please just let the office know and we won't schedule it to have anything**

done. Remember, there is a \$100.00 allotment for each cul-de-sac, homeowners, please inform the office if interested in selecting flowers for their individual cul-de-sac. We will be taking out any unsightly bushes trying to give each court balance.

The bushes up and down Whispering Ridge and in front of the club house have been cut back quite sever this spring as they were growing large and getting out of hand.

The fountains will go in as soon as all threat of freezing is over. Young fish were added in the fall so none will go in this spring. We can be watching for new baby ducks to arrive in the next few weeks. The courting and the fighting have already started. The Martins will be back around March 24th and the gourd houses be waiting for them. The Martins seem to prefer the gourd houses versus the old style aluminum houses,

As always littering is a problem on such a main thru street and has to be kept up with, thanks to anyone who take a moment to pick it up and dispose of it. Also, to those that fish at the pond, when you leave trash, especially the line and hooks it is dangerous to children and to the ducks that, get it wrapped up in their beaks or feet, then can't get out. This is no fault of their own; we need to help protect them.

Mother Nature ensures that it shall be a beautiful and colorful Spring Time. Happy spring!



Building or modifying a fence, deck or storage shed requires Trustee approval

This is a reminder to all homeowners that erecting or modifying a fence, deck or storage shed in Hickory Ridge requires the approval of the Trustees per the Indenture. Briefly, the requirements are:

Fences, not higher than 54 inches (maximum 72 inches when backing to Willott RD), material must be cedar, redwood, pressure-treated wood, or vinyl plastic. Wood must be left natural in color, vinyl plastic may be white, redwood or cedar in color.

Fences must be either "post & rail" or slat/picket in design. Posts must be 10 feet or less on center and must be anchored at least 18 inches in concrete. For post & rail either 2 or 3 rails may be used. For slat/picket, boards must be between 1x4 and 1x8 inches, oriented vertically; rails must be 2x4 or 2x6 using either 2 or 3 rails; posts must be round or square.

Chain link fences are prohibited.

Decks may be of cedar, redwood, or vinyl plastic.

Storage sheds likewise must be of cedar, redwood or vinyl plastic and must be placed on a concrete pad or have a floor. Sheds should be anchored so that they are not blown over by strong winds.

Homeowners are required to submit plans showing the placement of fences, decks & sheds on the survey drawing of their lot along with a bill of materials. Common grounds and utility easements must be left clear.

Trustees will approve or disapprove requests within 30 days. In no event can the Trustees approve a request that violates the Indenture.

Fences, decks or sheds that were not approved or which violate the Indenture will be required to be brought into compliance or removed, at the expense of the homeowner. If necessary legal action will be taken at the homeowners expense..

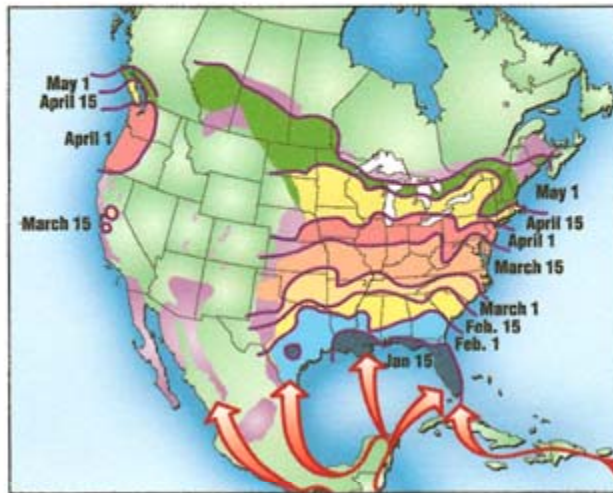
How to Attract Purple Martins

Purple Martins are the only bird species in the eastern half of North America entirely dependent upon human-supplied nesting cavities for reproduction. It can be a challenge to establish a Purple Martin colony, so be patient. The suggestions below will help you succeed.

Educate Yourself. Learn everything you can about Purple Martins. Talk with other martin landlords and visit the web site (www.purplemartin.org) of the Purple Martin Conservation Association, an international nonprofit organization dedicated to aiding Purple Martins through landlord education and scientific research. Read the book: "Enjoying Purple Martins More" by Richard Wolinski and/or the "Stokes' Purple Martin Book," by Donald & Lillian Stokes. Join the PMCA and receive the informative Purple Martin Update magazine.

Choose the Right Location. (See diagrams) Martins have very specific space requirements. One of the main reasons people fail to attract martins is that they place their martin housing incorrectly. Martin housing should be in the center of the largest open spot available, about 30-120 feet from human housing. Place the housing where you can see it so you can enjoy watching and hearing the martins. There should be no trees within 40 feet, preferably 60 feet, of the housing. In the southern half of their breeding range, martins are less fussy about house placement, so sometimes housing can be within 25 feet of trees and still attract martins. But the farther housing is placed from trees, the better. Housing height should be in the range of 10-17 feet. Don't attach wires to the house or pole, especially if they lead to trees, buildings, or the ground. Predators can use the wires to access the housing.

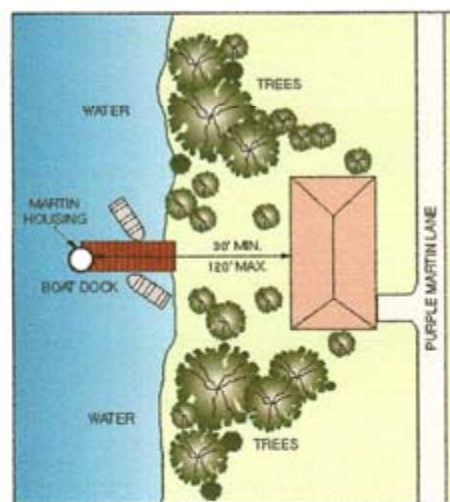
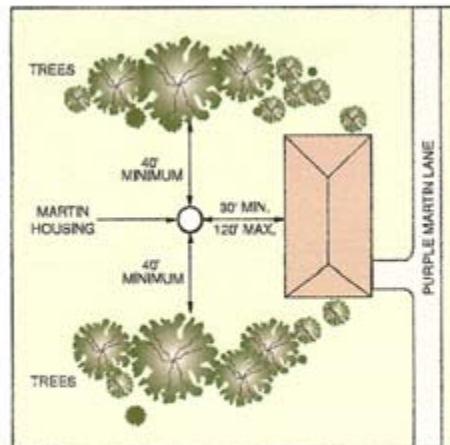
Put Up Manageable Housing. Your chances for success will be better if your housing is easy to manage. Choose a pole that telescopes, or is equipped with a winch or rope & pulley, and housing that has easy access to the compartments. Houses and gourds should be white, or a light color. White housing attracts martins best and reflects sunlight, keeping nestlings cooler. Cavity floor dimensions should be at least 6" x 6", but larger cavities (7" x 12") are preferred by martins, and offer better protection from predators and rain. Unfortunately, larger compartments are also attractive to European Starlings, but a modification to the entrance hole will minimize starling problems. A round entrance hole of 2-1/8" is preferred by the martins, but they will use a range from 1-3/4" to 2-3/8". Make sure there is adequate ventilation and drainage in each nest cavity. Many houses can be improved if need be. Add insulation to the attic, remodel interiors to offer double-size compartments, and add porch dividers to houses with shared porches. Dividers help keep males from claiming extra compartments, and can double occupancy rates. They also keep nestlings from wandering to other compartments where they can get lost and die, or steal food from younger nestlings, causing them to starve.



Open Housing at the Right Time.

Adult martins are rarely attracted to new breeding sites — they return to the sites where they bred previously. Typically, it is subadult martins (last year's young) that colonize new sites, and they begin arriving about 4 weeks after the first adults in the northern third of the martin's breeding range, 6 weeks after the adults in the middle of the range, and 8 weeks after the adults in the southern third. At uncolonized sites then, opening housing when the "scouts" are due decreases chances of attracting martins by giving House Sparrows and starlings 4-8 weeks to claim the site before the subadult martins arrive. To improve your chances, keep housing closed until it's time for

subadults to arrive (see migration-timing map for adults, above left, and add 4, 6, or 8 weeks onto the dates shown, depending on latitude, to determine subadult arrival). At active sites, the first martins usually show up within a week or two of previous years' arrival dates. The strategy at active colony sites is to have your housing ready, but keep it closed until some martins return. Martin migration is a drawn-out affair, with birds arriving for 8-12 weeks in the north, 16-20 weeks in the south. Martins can arrive and begin nesting up through the end of June, rangewide, so keep your housing ready; don't close it up, or let other birds use it.



Increase Your Chances. A few things can be done to make your site more attractive to Purple Martins. Offer a combination of houses and gourds. Play a dawnsong recording. Add a Purple Martin decoy or two. Place 1-2" of nesting material in the bottom of each compartment.

Don't Close it Too Soon. Don't close the entrances, or take the housing down, until late August, as fledglings will be searching for next year's breeding sites in late summer.

For information on the Purple Martin Conservation Association and receiving the quarterly Purple Martin Update magazine, visit the web site, phone, or write.

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www.purplemartin.org



Hickory Ridge Homeowners Association
Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2008

	Jan - Dec '08	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Clubhouse Rental	4,670.00	4,000.00	670.00	116.8%
Current Year Assessments	159,568.75	167,200.00	7,631.25	95.4%
Interest Earned	4,454.81	4,000.00	454.81	111.4%
Interest on Delinquent Assmts	1,679.98	2,500.00	-820.02	67.2%
Luau Ticket Receipts	1,620.00	2,500.00	-880.00	64.8%
Prior Year Assessments	5,465.27	6,647.50	-1,182.23	82.2%
Recovery - Recording & Release	597.50	1,000.00	-402.50	59.8%
Uncategorized Income	734.18			
Total Income	178,790.49	187,847.50	-9,057.01	95.2%
Expense				
Activities & Recreation	3,895.91	3,600.00	295.91	108.2%
Clubhouse	5,852.72	5,200.00	652.72	112.6%
Common Grounds	44,291.58	56,600.00	-12,308.42	78.3%
Depreciation Expense	197.00			
Finance, Insurance & Legal	23,786.38	27,120.00	-3,333.62	87.7%
Miscellaneous	140.52			
Office Operations	13,640.27	17,550.00	-3,909.73	77.7%
Payroll Expenses	9,619.60	9,500.00	119.60	101.3%
Pool Operations & Maintenance	46,124.99	74,350.00	-28,225.01	62.0%
Uncategorized Expenses	105.76			
Total Expense	147,654.73	193,920.00	-46,265.27	76.1%
Net Income	31,135.76	-6,072.50	37,208.26	-512.7%

Hickory Ridge Homeowners Association
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2008

Dec 31, '08

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Bank of America Checking	28,669.02
Bank of America Money Mkt	51,314.20
National City Checking	2,000.00
National City MM	88,876.36
Premier Bank Savings	50,505.37
Total Checking/Savings	221,364.95

Other Current Assets

CVT	1,205.92
Petty Cash	134.12
Total Other Current Assets	1,340.04

Total Current Assets 222,704.99

Fixed Assets

Property and Equipment	5,195.00
Total Fixed Assets	5,195.00

TOTAL ASSETS **227,899.99**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Payroll Liabilities	260.15
Total Other Current Liabilities	260.15

Total Current Liabilities 260.15

Total Liabilities 260.15

Equity

Retained Earnings	196,504.08
Net Income	31,135.76
Total Equity	227,639.84

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **227,899.99**

Hickory Ridge Fishing Derby
Saturday May 9th
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.



Children 12 and under
Hickory Ridge Residents ONLY



Sunday
June 7th
Noon to 3 p.m.

Burgers, Brats, Hot Dogs,
Beer, Soda & chips provided.
All homeowners and families
welcome!

Hickory Ridge Classified

Business card size adds free to homeowners. Half-page & full-page space available, contact the office for rates. 636-447-4335

A photograph of a couple in formal white attire, likely at a wedding or formal event. The background is dark with colorful fireworks or light trails. The text "D B photos Dave Bennett" is in the top right corner. At the bottom, the address "1 Whispering Ridge Ct. St. Peters, Mo. 636-577-2108" and website "davebennetphotosite.com davidbennet52@att.net" are listed.

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Address Service Requested

Handy Phone Numbers

City of St. Peters - Main Number

From AT&T-----477-6600
From CenturyTel -----278-2244

Department	Extension
Animal Control -----	410
Building Permits & Inspections -----	670
Citizen Action Center* -----	265
(*concerns or general information)	
Community relations-----	227
Court Clerk -----	545
Crime Solvers -----	557
DARE Officer-----	526
Health Department -----	410
Neighborhood Watch Program -----	550
Park Department (to reserve a room or park facility) -----	400
Ranger Enforcement Division -----	416

Department	Extension
Solid Waste department -----	410
Utility Billing Questions -----	217
Volunteer Coordinator -----	242

Other Community Numbers

Pet Adoption Center -----	278-1046
Drivers Testing -----	947-7656
(2495 Raymond, St. Charles)	
Earth Center -----	970-3587
Library (425 Spencer Rd.) -----	447-2320
Police Department -----	278-2222
REC-PLEX -----	939-2FUN
Senior Citizen Center-----	278-2410
County Assessor -----	949-7420
(Personal Property)	
County Assessor -----	949-7428
(Real Estate)	
St. Charles Co. Comm. College-----	922-8000
St. Peters Post Office -----	278-3577