# The Hickory Homesteader

## Spring/Summer 2010

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The Activities Committee needs volunteers to help with the fishing derby, pool party, luau , and Santa party (trustees@hickoryridge.org)

The Common Grounds Committee needs with maintaining the subdivision entrance and common grounds. Contact the clubhouse at 447-4335 to volunteer (office@hickoryridge.org). We need additional volunteers to be able to continue the activities & with the upkeep of common grounds.

## Stay Connected

The trustees of Hickory Ridge are hearing that all the neighbors would like better communication about activities and events in our subdivision, and we are listening. We would like to create an email list to help keep all of our subdivision connected. We as trustees would only send emails that contain Hickory Ridge news and reminders for upcoming subdivision events and activities, if you would like to be part of this list please email office@hickoryridge.org and put "Add to Email List" in Subject line and include your name and address in the body of the message. This is the first step to better communication among Hickory Ridge Residents. Please feel free to email any suggestions you may have to help with the communication to trustees@hickoryridge.org, thank you from the Trustees.

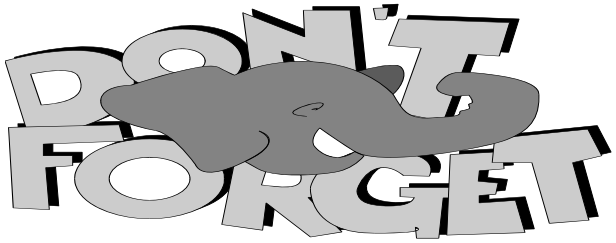
## Real-time Hickory Ridge Weather

Current weather conditions in Hickory Ridge are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, update every minute, at the following web address: http://www.weatherlink.com/user/wb9reqwx Note that wind speeds and direction may not be accurate due to tall trees surrounding the sensors. The weather station is located at Whispering Ridge CT, near Whispering Ridge LN.

## 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.

Note that www.hickoryridge.net is a commercial website of a local realtor and is NOT associated with Hickory Ridge Homeowners Association.




## 2010 Calendar of Events:

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

**Subdivision Garage Sale**
**Saturday May 15 8am-3pm**

**Pools Open** - Homeowners with paid up assessments & their guests (max 5 per family)
**Saturday May 29 10am - 8:45pm**

**Pool Opening Party -* Residents Only ***
**Saturday June 6 Noon - 3pm**

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

**Pools Close**
**Monday September 6 8pm**

**Santa Party** - children 12 & under
**Saturday December 4 6pm - 9pm**

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

## City Officials

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

## 2009 - 2010 Association Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairpersons

President - JR Smith
Advisory Committee
Co-chair Pool Committee

Vice President - Perry Call
Co-chair Pool Committee

Secretary - Debbie Lyyski
Clubhouse, Office, Employee Committee

Treasurer - Kristin Robinson
Finance, Legal & Insurance Committee

Trustee - Gary Patton
Common Grounds Committee

Trustee - Lisa Orlando
Co-chair Pool Committee

Trustee - Nancy Livingston

Email: trustees@hickoryridge.org

Newsletter & Website - Ken Humbertson
E-mail: newsletter@hickoryridge.org

## Association Staff

Office Assistant - Howard Simmons

Maintenance Person - Perry Call

* Office hours - Tuesday & Thursday
from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Nov-Dec Hours 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Mondays ONLY

Email: office@hickoryridge.org
Phone 636-447-4335.
Please leave a message on the answering machine if you call the clubhouse & no one answers.

# Activities Committee

Each year the Association hosts several activities for the homeowners and their families. There is something for everyone and all except for the Luau which is for adults only, are family oriented.

The Fishing Derby is held in early May each year and is a catch & release event for children ages 12 and under which live in Hickory Ridge. It is always fun to see the expressions on the kid's faces when they bring their catch to the table to be measured and recorded. Prizes include trophies, ribbons & fishing articles.

The Subdivision Garage Sale is held in Mid-May and is a great opportunity to sell articles "found" during Spring cleaning at a time when there will be lots of buyers roaming the subdivision looking for new treasures to take home with them.

The Pool Opening Party is held in early June and kicks off the pool season for our residents. Come meet your neighbors and the Trustees. Food and non-alcoholic beverages provided.

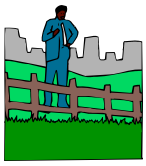
The Luau is the only adults only activity hosted by the Association, and always a highlight of the Fall season. A DJ and finger foods are provided as well as beer. Bring a lawn chair to be sure you have a place to sit as the pool furniture fills up fast: ☺

The Santa Party is one of the most fun events for children and their families. Cookies, milk and soda are provided by the elves. Free pictures with Santa are provided by the Association. Each child also receives a present from Santa and the elves.

Help with any of these activities is always welcome. It takes significant effort to prepare for the events every year. Here's your chance to help with some fun activities for your family and your neighbors.

Kristin Robinson
Activities Chairperson
E-mail: trustees@hickoryridge.org

# Advisory Committee



The advisory committee oversees all applications by homeowners to erect fences, decks & storage buildings on lots within Hickory Ridge. All such applications must meet the requirements of the Indenture as well as applicable city codes.

J. R Smith
Advisory Chairperson
E-mail: trustees@hickoryridge.org

# Clubhouse & Employees

This committee oversees the operation & maintenance of the clubhouse and the part-time employees of the association.

Debbi Lyyski
Clubhouse, Office & Employee Chairperson
E-mail: trustees@hickoryridge.org

# Common Grounds Committee

Welcome to spring, now our work begins. Our cul de sacs will get the usual clean up and trimming. Weather permitting; the lawn service would like to have them started the end of March. If any homeowners would like to plant their own flowers in the cul de sacs, 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 . Any unsightly bushes will be taken out to give each court balance. As usual flowers will be planted at the entrance.

The fountains will go in as soon as all threat of freezing is over. Young fish, blue gill, bass, and sun fish will be added the end of March. 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 wait-

ing for them. The Martins seem to prefer the gourd houses versus the old style aluminum houses.

Any garage sale, party, or real estate signs must be placed on the Willott side of the sidewalk, any that are put into the flower bed will be taken up and thrown away. The indentures state no signs on the common ground.

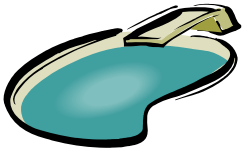
As always littering is a problem on such a main thru street and has to be kept up with, thanks to anyone who take a moment to pick it up and dispose of it. Also, to those that fish at the pond, please put the trash, especially the line and hooks, into the trash can. It is dangerous to children and to the ducks they get it wrapped up in their beaks or feet, 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!

Enjoy your common grounds.
Gary Patton
Common Grounds Chairperson
E-mail: trustees@hickoryridge.org

# Pool Committee



If you have driven by the clubhouse since the beginning of the year I am sure you have noticed some MAJOR repair work going on. The pool is receiving some much needed attention. We held a homeowners meeting in February to inform everyone of the work going on and to answer any questions that homeowners may have had. We are replacing the entire pool deck, upper and lower, and extending the lower pool deck to include the grassy area that was between the pool and the tennis courts. Pro Pools is also upgrading and replacing plumbing and electrical as needed to be safe and up to current code standards. The pool is scheduled to open on May 29, 2010 as planned.

Perry Call & Lisa Orlando
Pool Committee Co-Chairpersons
E-mail: trustees@hickoryridge.org

Mid-April; the old pool deck has been completely removed and the water lines from the pump house to the pools have been repaired.

# Finance, Insurance & Legal Committee

This committee oversees the finances of the association, and to handle legal and insurance issues. Finance, Insurance & Legal expenses for the current year have been within budget expectations.

The association's fiscal year is based on the calendar year.

Kristin Robinson
Finance, Legal & Insurance Chairperson
E-mail: trustees@hickoryridge.org

# Newsletter

The Newsletter Editor gathers reports and information from the various committees, homeowners and outside sources and then arranges the content for publication of the Hickory Homesteader on a semi-annual basis. This includes layout of the articles, arranging for printing, and delivery to the US Postal Service for distribution to homeowners.

If you have any non-commercial information/ content that you feel would be of interest to our homeowners, please either e-mail to office@hickoryridge.org, or place in an envelope and put in the drop-box slot next to the main entrance to the clubhouse.

Future issues of the Hickory Homesteader will be published and mailed in late-March (Spring Edition) and late-August (Fall Edition). Deadlines for article submission are 2nd Saturday in March, and the 2nd Saturday in August each year.

Ken Humbertson
Newsletter Editor
E-mail: newsletter@hickoryridge.org

# Homesteader available on-line in full color

You can view or download this issue as well as past issues dating back to Spring 2005, from the Hickory Ridge website at your convenience. Available issues are listed here: http://www.hickoryridge.org/Newsletter.htm Future editions will be added to the website as they are published.

# Indenture and By-Laws available on website

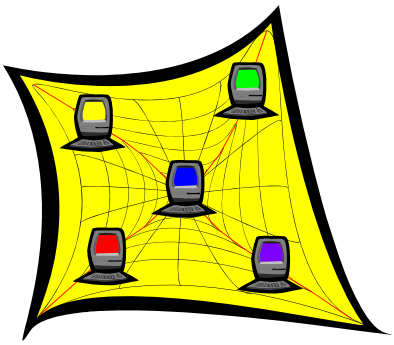
PDF versions of the Indenture of Restrictions and the By-Laws of the Association are available on our website: http://www.hickoryridge.org/Indenture.htm

# Hickory Ridge Scrapbook on website

A collection of pictures from past events starting with the 2005 Fishing Derby, through the 2009 Luau are posted on our website: http://www.hickoryridge.org/scrapbook.htm

# Is there content that you believe would be of interest to the homeowners and residents of Hickory Ridge

Send any suggestions for additions to the website to the webmaster at webmaster@hickoryridge.org or to the Trustees at trustees@hickoryridge.org



# Rapid Access

*What is Rapid Access?*

Rapid Access is the answer to a problem commonly faced by emergency medical service (EMS) personnel. Often, when responding to 911 calls at private residences, paramedics find themselves locked out because the homeowner is unable to answer the door. Because time is a critical factor in emergency medical situations, responders must forcibly enter the home, causing a delay in care as well as damage that can be costly to repair.

Utilizing the Master Lock key safe, St. Charles County Ambulance District has developed a program to ensure that emergency response crews will have to have quick access homes in our service area.

*How* does *it work?*

County residents interested in participating in the Rapid Access program may purchase a Master Lock box from St. Charles County Ambulance District. At the time of purchase, a representative will assist you in setting a code for your box and ensure that it is entered into the County's computer database. If a 911 call is placed from your home, your code will automatically be accessible to emergency responders, enabling them to access your key to enter your home and provide prompt care.

*What is the cost?*

Thanks to the generous support of Lowe's, St. Charles County Ambulance District is able to offer the Master Lock key boxes substantially lower than the manufacturer's suggested retail price. Currently, the District sells the units for $24. This is a one-time cost - there is no monthly charge for service.

*Are homeowner's codes secure?*

St. Charles County Ambulance District will do everything possible to ensure that codes are kept confidential. Once a code is entered into the computer system, it will be accessible to emergency personnel only if there is a 911 call placed from that residence. All paper records of codes selected will be destroyed immediately upon successful entry into the database.

*Is installation difficult?*

The Master Lock units install in minutes using three provided mounting screws. A detailed photo installation guide is provided, showing homeowners where and how to mount the unit.

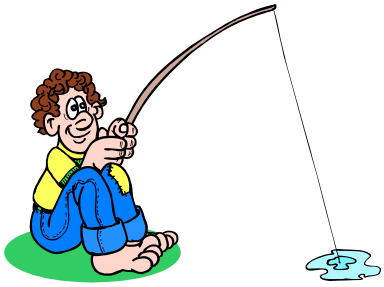
*Where can I purchase* a *Rapid Access box?*

Boxes may be purchased during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday) at St. Charles County Ambulance District's headquarters building, located at 4169 Old Mill Parkway in St. Peters.

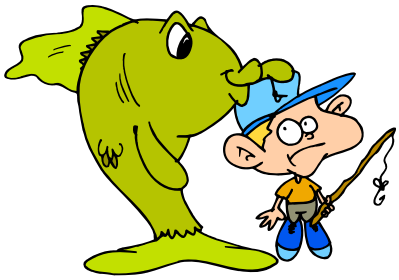
***Questions about the program? Call 636-441-1354***

# FISHING DERBY

The Annual Hickory Ridge Fishing Derby will be held Saturday May 8th from 8AM-10AM at the pond. Residents and their families ONLY.



Prizes for First, Largest, Most and Smallest fish caught.



Children 12 and under ONLY.

# POOL OPENING PARTY

The Pool Opening Party will be June 6th from Noon - 3PM at the club-house & pools.

Burgers, Brats, Hotdogs, chips & soda provided. Come and enjoy!

# 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 Hick -ory 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 lx8 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.

**Approval** - Submit a plat map showing placement of the improvement, architectural drawings and bill of materials to the clubhouse office; Hickory Ridge Homeowners Assoc., Attn: Advisories, PO Box 493, Saint Peters MO 63376.

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.

# Luau Prizes - Donations

Last years Luau attendance prizes were a hit. Thanks to all who donated! We would like to get a head start this year and work to make it even better. SO when you are doing your spring cleaning and come across something you think might be great (nothing is too small or too large) give me a call or drop it by my home.

Mary Roche
1104 West Windfall Ridge Court
636-936-0546
email: mary.roche@charter.net

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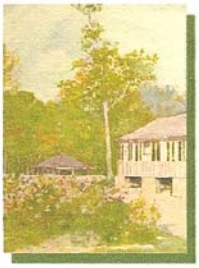
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**The Hickory Ridge Homeowners Association**
**P. O. Box 493**
**St. Peters, MO 63376-0009**
**Address Service Requested**

## Handy Phone Numbers

**City of St. Peters - Main Number**
From SBC ----------477-6600
From CenturyTel ----------278-2244

| Department | Extension |
|---|---|
| Animal Control | 410 |
| Building Permits & Inspections | 670 |
| Citizen Action Center* | 225 |
| (*concerns or general information) | |
| Crime Solvers | 636-278-1000 |
| Earth Center | 463 |
| Health Department | 410 |
| Municipal Court | 280 |
| Park Department (to reserve a room or park facility) | 400 |
| Ranger Enforcement Division | 416 |
| Recycling | 463 |
| Scheduling (athletic fields, park pavilions, City Hall rooms) | 400 |
| Sewer Lateral Program | 670 |
| Solid Waste collections | 410 |
| Utility Billing Questions | 217 |
| Volunteer Coordinator | 286 |

### Other Community Numbers

Pet Adoption Center ---------- 949-7387
(Mid Rivers Mall Drive at Cottleville Parkway)
Drivers Testing ---------- 940-3320
(2495 Raymond, St. Charles)
Library (425 Spencer Rd.) ---------- 441-0522
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 -------- 278-1894
St. Peters Post Office ---------- 397-9022