



Hidden Hills Herald

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From the HHA Board

Residents,

Happy New Year!! You should have already received a communication from Kingdom management regarding a one-time \$240 assessment. The funds generated from the assessment will be placed in the deferred maintenance account. This account is used to maintain or replace major infrastructure components of the community.

Our community is a valuable asset that requires constant maintenance to remain viable. Most recently, we've completed the Ft. Caroline section of fence. Additionally, we've made some repairs and upgrades to the area surrounding the lake. This was in part due to a grant we received from COJ.

We turn our focus this year to much needed guard house renovations, and recreational lot improvements. We are also in the process of addressing some sections of road that require preventive maintenance.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kingdom management with any questions or concerns as they should always be your first point of contact. They Work for You!!

Jarvis Moore
HHCA President

GROUNDS/MAINTANCE UPDATE by Steve Wilson

Well with winter taking hold in North Florida. the leaves are starting to fall in great abundance.

LCI is working weekly to remove leaves from the medians and in the common areas as needed.

I'd like to ask all homeowners not to blow leaves from their yards into the medians as that creates extra work for the landscape crew. We do plan to remulch several medians in the Spring once the leave drop has ended.

All the flowers out front were replaced with a winter blend about a week ago. This will add lots of color as you drive into the community.

LCI is working on detailing several needed areas since mowing and trimming has stopped. In late February we will begin to trim back Crapes and oleander as needed.

We also have several dead trees that needed removal. The Water oaks and Laural oaks are getting up there in age so make sure you keep an eye out on them on your property.

All the lights in the community appear to be working with the exception of 2 which will be repaired next week. If you see any lights staying on throughout the day, please report them to me or Kingdom management. In most cases it's a faulty sensor.

Additional maintenance projects due in 2024 will be provided once board approval is completed.

SECURITY by Anna Bradley Grossman

We have projects on the horizon such as the Guardhouse and entry. As they get underway, the board is looking forward to updating all residents.

Please courtesy copy me at akbjax@gmail.com with any security concerns.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2024.

Our Newest Neighbors in 2024: Welcome to our Hidden Hills family.

Michael & Kay Stocksdale
11933 Hidden Hills Dr. S.

Craig Herda & Kitty Boswell-Herda
12256 Spiney Ridge Dr. S

Martin McDonald & Catherine Spain
11640 Hidden Hills Dr. S.

Robby Eskanos
11869 Hidden Hills Dr.

James & Emily Box
11628 Hidden Hills Dr. S.

Daniel & Carla King
12226 Spiney Ridge Dr. S

Native Plants and Pollinators!

By: Ben Bowman

I'm excited for 2024.

A few years ago, my wife and I attempted to establish a small wildflower garden on the side of our property. I scattered a packet of seeds, watered the area before and after work, and in the end had little to no plants to show.

Instead of giving up, we did our research. We looked up native plants we knew would survive the unpredictable winters. In the spring we laid drip irrigation across the area and set them on a timer. I nursed our precious little green babies. I adjusted the irrigation lines to make sure they would get enough water. I carefully plucked grasses and weeds. In the end, we had about a dozen different types of flowers. The Ohio Spiderwort looked like a grass, but flowered blue and yellow nearly every day for a month or two. Indian Blanket flower, with its pinwheel of deep red to orange and yellow tips, presented showy flowers throughout the spring. Black-Eyed Susan took a while to get established, but finally gave us some deep yellow flowers later in the summer. Growing naturally, I let some Blackjack grow taller than myself, with hundreds of little white flowers. I took cuttings of Frog Fruit, a groundcover with little peppery flowers, and started a test patch as a lawn replacement for a portion of our yard.

It wasn't the elaborate wildflower garden you see on TV. It wasn't filled in all the way. Some areas had more weeds than I had time for. And it's possible more plants died than lived. But, the bugs loved it. I'd take my kids out to look for butterflies. We'd talk about bees and wasps, how the rain and the sun make the plants grow. Any time I'd walk out there, our small native wildflower patch was teeming with life. With so much development, agricultural spraying, and the decline of native pollinators, it brought me a lot of joy to see our tiny patch of wildflowers getting so much attention. Now the area is filled with little dried stalks and dead leaves, another great hiding place for the bugs to lay their eggs and wait out the winter.

In addition, we watched throughout the year for flowers along the sides of the road, taking pictures and looking them up when we got home. If they were native, I'd wait for the seeds to develop, and collect and

label in plastic bags. I have beautiful yellow Goldenrod, American Beautyberry, and Sunshine Mimosa seeds from August, Purple Coneflower and Muhly Grass from October, and in November I collected blue Blazing Star and Camphorweed. I found native Milkweed at Ace Hardware across the street. I took cuttings of Firebush and rooted them in rooting hormones.

It's January, and we're getting ready for more. We'll be setting up a greenhouse to start seeds early. We'll be looking out for the Extension Office to have a native plant sale around March/April, and any other programs around town. We're zoning out our yard and trying to plan where everything will go.

My goal is to grow enough to share the seeds around the neighborhood. I'm excited for 2024.

Editorial policy of the Hidden Hills Herald is to share information on the neighborhood and surrounds in a non-advocacy manner. We strive to share the many positives of living in Hidden Hills. This includes our history, our neighbors, and our current events. Also, recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to Hidden Hills.

We'd welcome more coverage - block parties, travel opportunities with other Hidden Hills residents, card playing groups, close by restaurants and other neighborhood matters.

Consider joining the Herald as a columnist. Or submit a onetime article. Share your insights and knowledge of Hidden Hills with your neighbors. Contact Kathie Garrett (904-565-1859) or send your article to Kathie at dgar358244@bellsouth.net.

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If you are interested in being a part of the above Committees, please contact the names above. We would love to add you!

HH HERALD TEAM

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Paul Paffe, Ben Bowman

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OTHER CONNECTS

<https://www.hiddenhillsjax.com> For detailed information about Hidden Hills Association including:

- Board Contact
- Governance,
- Board minutes,
- Architectural Review Committee (ARC)
- Rules and Policies
- HHA Map
- Forms
- Resident Directory

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Hidden Hills Community



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904-309-3430

YARD WORK

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To be added to the any of our lists, please contact Kathie Garrett at

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Food Truck Friday

Typically held on the last Friday of each month at the park. Look for details on the Guardhouse message board and on the Hidden Hills Community Facebook page.

- **Fall Garage Sale Saturday**
 - **Halloween trick or treating**
 - **Christmas Yard**
 - **Community Christmas Party**
 - **Easter Egg Hunt and Parade**
- WATCH FOR DETAILS**