



Hidden Hills Herald

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From the HHCA Board

Neighbors,

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the July 10th Rec Lot Committee Q+A. This was an opportunity to provide input and obtain information regarding the proposed project. *The Board of Directors has not voted to approve any portion of this project.*

Along with the recreational lot project, the Board of Directors is currently working to prioritize and execute several significant capital improvement projects:

1. Guard House Renovation (to include canopy replacement)
2. 3rd Phase of the Fence Replacement
3. Road repair and preventative maintenance

Decisions regarding these projects are made at our scheduled Board of Director’s meetings. I encourage all residents to attend.

Mark your calendars!! Our annual membership meeting will be held on July 30th at the Hidden Hills Golf Club. There are a few open board positions for those interested in serving. In addition to board positions, there are also various committees that could use some help. If you are unable to attend, please complete and submit the proxy that will accompany the meeting notice.

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

Treasurer

by Anna Bradley Grossmann

I accepted the position of Treasurer starting April 2024.

We are currently operating within the Annual Budget. Positive news to note is that the Deferred Maintenance Accounts (reserves) earn interest and that the reserves will allow us to continue capital improvements with Board approval. Hope to see everyone at the Annual Meeting in July.

Grounds

By Steve Wilson

Common Areas

Now that the Oaks are done dropping their last leaves, the grounds crew is raking most of the medians to remove excess leaf drop. The median beds have been renewed with new mulch to improve the appearance and help to control weed invasion.

Weed control

We are spraying all areas for weeds throughout the community. It takes about a week for results to take place but it's a constant battle just like the leaf drop.

Flowers

The flowers in front of the sign and guardhouse were replaced this month with a summer variety. This will be a colorful mix to brighten up the area as you drive into the community. We also expect to replace additional Peanut plant in areas that are thin.

Streetlights

We have replaced several street lights out in the community with new LEDs as needed. Please inform Kingdom management if additional lights appear not to be working.

Fencing

Estimates for the fence line from the end of Monument Rd past the Rec lot have been obtained. The Board is looking at a few different options of completing the project in two segments.

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

- Nicholas & Morgan Weber, 11644 Sherborne Cir S
- Kenneth Johnson & Karen McAllister, 12210 Springmoor Four Ct.
- Michael & Desire Saputo, 12078 Hidden Hills Dr.
- Brian & Michelle Verkamp, 11643 Hidden Hills Dr.
- Caleb & Patricia St. John, 4280 Bleinheim Pl

Deserts and Hurricanes and Flowers, Oh My!

By: Ben Bowman

The Sahara is the largest hot desert in the world. Taking up the majority of northern Africa, it spans 11 countries and occupies 3.6 million square miles (about the size of the entire U.S.). Commonly referred to as the Saharan Desert, the word “sahara” means “desert” in Arabic.

Due to its size, it is difficult to easily describe the geology, climate, or biology in a one-size-fits-all category. In fact, because of the variations found throughout the region, the Sahara is broken into many ecoregions. For example, the North Saharan Steppe and Woodlands has just enough rainfall to support trees and shrubs. It is the type of desert you might imagine when thinking about Morocco or Egypt, with palm trees and some rivers. On the other hand, there is the Tanezrouft, an area in Algeria and Mali, that is so barren and arid, there are no permanent residents. The Sahara Desert ecoregion is the typical sand dunes you might see in the movies.

Again, due to the size and intensity of the Sahara, dust clouds form and are blown northwest out of Africa. This dust cloud is called the Saharan Air Layer, or SAL. Depending on the weather that year, the cloud moves off the coast and toward the Canary Islands. During winter, the SAL can cause visibility problems, even shutting down the airport at times.

The SAL creates an interesting effect the ocean water and weather. The SAL block sunlight reaching the ocean and causes a cooling effect. In fact, it is significant enough to reduce the intensity storms forming in the Atlantic. According to an article from the American Meteorological Society in 2004, if the SAL did not exist, there would be a lot more named tropical storms each year.



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It is estimated that 60 million tons or more are carried out of the Sahara each year. Although mostly landing in the Atlantic Ocean, Saharan dust can be found all over the globe. Dust reaching the Mediterranean brings nutrients like iron and phosphorous. Iron, in the form of iron oxide, or rust, gives sand the red color we see. In fact, it’s the same reason the planet Mars is also red. When the iron lands in the ocean, marine phytoplankton and bacteria get a boost in production. The Amazon basin has low levels of phosphorous, but the Saharan dust provides the main source. Dust that reaches the Caribbean and parts of the U.S. like Florida also provide added minerals to our soil. So, next time you’re digging in your yard, just remember a part of it came all the way from Africa, helps keep the hurricanes away, and provides a little extra support to our vibrant neighborhood plant life.

References:

Wikipedia: Sahara, Sahara Air Layer, Sahara Dust

The Impact of the Saharan Air Layer on Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Activity in: Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society Volume 85 Issue 3 (2004) (ametsoc.org)

African Droughts and Dust Transport to the Caribbean: Climate Change Implications (science.org)

Hidden Hills community donate 132 pairs of eyeglasses for Kenya project”

To all of the Hidden Hills group:

I can't tell you how pleased I was when our dear friends, Chuck and Kristi Salestrom, came back to Nebraska for a visit and brought with them many pairs of glasses that were donated by all of you. We have been close friends with the Salestroms for many years. Chuck and I played in a band together for at least a decade and part of the reason for their return to our area, after joining their family in their new home in Jacksonville, was so Chuck and I could play a few gigs up in South Dakota.

Chuck asked me to write up something to include in your quarterly newsletter, to give you all a little background on our eyecare mission, so that you would all have a better appreciation for the good things that will come from the donation of your used eyeglasses.

As a recently retired optometrist from North Platte, Nebraska, I have long been involved with VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services To Humanity), which is a non-funded organization dedicated to providing eye examinations and donated eyeglasses to the very needy people of numerous underdeveloped countries. Over many years, my son Craig and daughter Mikaela traveled to many different Latin American and Caribbean countries with teams from Nebraska to provided eyecare to many impoverished people in our world.

About 12 years ago, Craig and I had the opportunity to join with a group out of Iowa to provide eyecare to a very poor area of western Kenya. We had a very fulfilling experience there and, when we got ready to return home, Craig told me: "Dad, we have to come back here. These people really need us". I promised him we would.

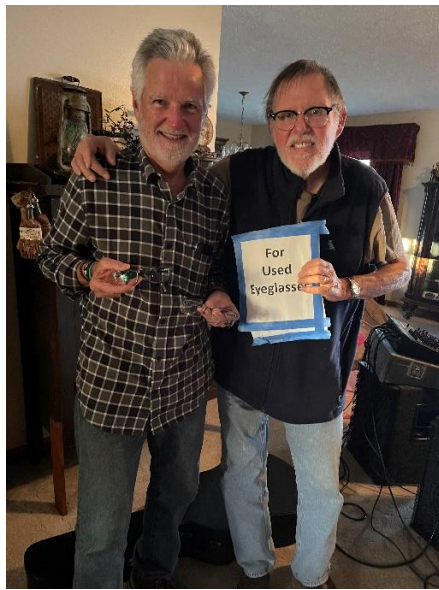
Sadly, Craig died 4 years later in a tragic carbon monoxide poisoning accident, just 4 months before his graduation from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, after which he would have become a partner in our practice in North Platte.

As I write this, we are preparing to begin construction of the Craig Memorial Clinic in the city of Mumias, in western Kenya, close to where Criag and I, along with our team, provided eyecare nearly 12 years ago. As a Rotarian, I have been blessed to be part of a few Global Grants, the most recent of which will provide nearly \$190,000 for the medical equipment and other critically needed equipment and other items and structures supporting the Craig Memorial Clinic, being built in a city of over 100,000 people who will now benefit from their first and only primary care medical facility. The Global Grant is now nearly fully funded by Rotary Districts from throughout the USA, Canada, and other parts of our world, including Florida! We are also continuing to fundraise for the construction of the Craig Memorial Clinic itself and we hope to be able to soon reach our goal and see the construction of this much-needed medical clinic come to full fruition. Our dream is to see a broad range of medical services being provided by medical missionary teams from the USA and other developed countries, rotating through the Craig Memorial Clinic and the nearby Kakamega County Hospital on a regular basis.

We were just there in Kakamega County, in western Kenya, this past January on an eyecare mission trip. We have been fortunate to be able to keep returning to that same area, year after year, for eyecare missions, and we plan to do the same this next January. The glasses you have donated will be included in our inventory for this next trip in January and, I can assure you, that most all of them will be dispensed to someone in need there. The kindness and compassion you have shown in donating your used eyeglasses is making a difference in our world. And many people will have better vision and a more promising future because of all of you, from the Hidden Hills group!

God bless you all,

Kim Baxter
North Platte, NE



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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We would love to add you!**

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

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our lists, please contact**

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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