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Newsletter

For the Residents of Hadley Park **October 2016**

Board of Directors: Judy Hawke, President ▪ Bernie Cox, Vice President ▪ Henrietta Dillingham, Secretary ▪ Jim Brown, Treasurer ▪ Leon Turner, Director

Neighborhood Watch

We are looking for volunteers to revitalize our Neighborhood Watch program. Participants act as additional eyes and ears for law enforcement. They do **NOT** take the law into their own hands. The NW motto is **"We Look Out For Each Other."** To volunteer, please contact Henrietta Dillingham or Jim Brown.

Board of Directors

The first meeting of the newly elected members of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday, October 6, 2016. The first order of business was to decide which position each member would hold on the Board. After some discussion, the following positions were approved: Judy Hawke, President; Bernie Cox, Vice President; Henrietta Dillingham, Secretary; Jim Brown, Treasurer; Leon Turner, Director at Large. We would like to thank the Board for volunteering their time and efforts on behalf of our community.

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Drought Damaged Lawns

Some of our lawns are suffering from the lack of rain over the summer months. Lawns containing a heavy concentration of the Nutsedge weed also suffered after Landmark sprayed to kill the weed. IPM sent an email to homeowners early in September recommending aerating and overseeding for the lawns affected. The email reads as follows: *"The Association's contract with Landmark does not include aerating and overseeding of lawns, but this is a service you can arrange with them directly if you have any bare spots that need to be addressed. Early Fall is the best time to seed, whether you choose to use a lawn service provider or perform the work yourself. Landmark can be reached at (828) 687-9980 if you would like to contact them."*

A few homeowners have followed-up with Landmark and we understand the cost is reasonable. We encourage homeowners affected to address this problem.

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Guest Parking

During the Town Hall Meeting held immediately after the Annual Meeting, a homeowner brought to the attention of those in attendance the lack of guest parking on Briar Creek Way. During the recent Board meeting, the Board studied the Hadley Park Plat and determined the only location available to the Briar Creek residents was the "road to nowhere." In the past this has been reserved as a turnaround for vehicles. After some discussion, the Board decided it was the only feasible location for visitors to park. However, homeowners should continue to follow the Neighborhood Parking Safety Guidelines and park their personal vehicles in their driveway or garage.

Halloween

It won't be long before our neighborhood children are going door to door, dressed in fantastic costumes, saying the magic words: "Trick or Treat!" If you are participating this year, we ask that you turn on your outdoor lights. It helps the children and adults identify who is handing out candy. We also want to remind our residents and their guests to use caution driving through Hadley Park on October 31. The safety of the children and their parents is our first priority.

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Mildew/Mold on Siding

Some of the houses in Hadley Park are showing signs of mildew/mold on the siding. Maintaining the appearance of your home is essential to our property values and overall community appearance.

According to the Vinyl Siding Institute, the best way is to use a soft cloth or an ordinary long-handled, soft-bristle brush. To prevent streaking, start at the bottom and work up towards the top of the house. Thoroughly rinse any cleaning solution as you go. Bob Vila from "This Old House," recommends the following cleaning products:

- 70% water, 30% white vinegar makes a great all-purpose cleanser that removes light mold and mildew stains.
- For a stronger solution, mix together one-third cup powdered laundry detergent, two-thirds cup powdered household cleaner, one quart liquid laundry bleach and one gallon of water.
- If you are concerned about landscaping, use a solution comprised of one gallon of water mixed with one cup oxygen bleach in a bucket. The oxygen bleach will clean the vinyl without damaging your landscaping.
- Over the counter products: Simple Green offers an environmentally friendly cleaner that is specially formulated for use on vinyl. General household cleansers (e.g., Fantastik, Murphy's Oil Soap, Windex and Lysol) can be used on tough dirt and stains. Rust stains may be removed using products designed for this purpose.