

The Hillside News

A Neighborhood of Friends

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Landscape Update

We are pleased to report that our first big push on improving the landscaping has been a success! The rainfall in July helped with both growth and the greening of our property. The last phase of planting for this round involved planting ground cover on the side of Building 3. We used peanut grass in this area. Once it takes hold, there will be small yellow flowers dotting the landscape.

The hedges we planted have also taken off and are growing rapidly. Eventually they will grow closer together and form a hearty hedge near our carports.

Additional planting will be delayed until funding becomes available. We will ask our new landscape vendor Alott to help us evaluate the existing plants and advise us on what needs attention.

Budget

It's that time of year again! We are starting to work on the budget for 2019. Our hope is to have the proposed budget ready to send out in late September. Among the decisions that our Association will have to make are: how much money should we allocate for landscaping improvements; are there other security measures that we want to pursue; are we funding our reserve accounts adequately; and more. Please feel free to communicate your budget concerns to us. If at all possible, put your comments in the Board mailbox. For those of you who are out of town, you may either send comments via email to jajohnston4251@icloud.com with a subject line BUDGET or if you are using regular mail, please send to Hillside Condominium Association care of Bertha Haywood, 12108 Hoosier Ct. #103, Hudson, FL 34667.

Did you know? The Pasco Public Libraries in Port Richey and Land O' Lakes are offering unique opportunities through **Makerspace**. Makerspaces provide community residents with shared training and resources to create. The Land O' Lakes Foundry is the largest program and provides programs in woodworking, 3D design, introduction to robotics, sewing, crafts and a sound studio. The Port Richey library is more limited but offers open hours to work on various projects including crafts.



President Haywood's Updates:

- ◆ **New Handyman.** Over the past several years, we have used Angel for handyman services including cleaning gutters. We've decided to make a change to a handyman named Andy Law. Andy works for other nearby condo associations and has given us a very reasonable bid. You will see him around cleaning the gutters; cleaning out building center porch lights; securing gutters; power-washing pool umbrellas and other general maintenance tasks.
- ◆ **New Lawn/Weed-Pest Control Company.** We decided to accept a bid from Alott, an experienced landscaping company, as a replacement for 3 Seasons. The new company will handle landscaping needs and weed-pest control. Alott has an aggressive training program for their mowing staff and we think we will get better results with this change.
- ◆ **Tree Removal.** We contracted with 3 Seasons to remove eight dead pine trees between Buildings 1 and 3 as well as two dying pines near the dumpster on Hoosier. The trees have been removed effective July 31, 2018.



- ◆ **Key Issues.** We've had key issues with both the pool gate and clubhouse doors. The front door knob was sticking and Bertie repaired it. The pool keys were rekeyed so the key you have should be working. Fingers crossed!
- ◆ **Board Mailbox.** A reminder to use the large black mailbox labeled "Board" to communicate with the Board on non-emergency matters.



- ◆ We continue to research options for carport lighting. We are testing a carport light at 7713 Hillside and so far the light has worked well. The challenge is finding a solar light with replaceable batteries that's durable enough for our purposes. Once we select a light, we will try to install up to two lights per carport. This project will be costly so please be patient. Stay tuned!

Getting Active!

Exercise

Silver Sneakers Classes: Mondays (11:30 a.m.), Tuesdays (9 a.m.) and Fridays (8:45 a.m.) at Cares Enrichment Center

Zumba: Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at Cares Enrichment Center

Tai Chi: Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Cares Enrichment Center

Line Dancing: Wednesdays (11 a.m.) and Fridays (10 a.m. regular; beginner class at 11 a.m.) at Cares Enrichment Center

Yoga: Wednesdays (6 p.m.) and Saturdays (10 a.m.) Cares Enrichment Center.

Chair Yoga: Fridays 8/3, 8/10, and 8/31 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Hudson Public Library.

Special Interest

Card Making: Thursdays at The Hillside Clubhouse from 1-4 p.m. (Blanche)

Chess: 8/6 and 8/20 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Port Richey Regency Public Library.

Crafters Group: Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. at Cares Enrichment Center

Computer Lessons: Every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. at Cares Enrichment Center.

Outings: Organized through Cares. **727-853-3002**

8/2/18: Mercantile/Plant City. Visit to 100 year old brick building in Plant City. 11,000 sq. ft. gallery of repurposed, restored, local art, jewelry and antiques. Lunch at Fred's Southern Kitchen on your own. \$22.

8/5/18: Brunch at the Dali Museum. Clyde Butcher, a famous Florida photographer, has work on display. Admission to Museum and transportation for \$41 — brunch at a Spanish inspired Café on your own.

8/8/18: Tampa Bay Rays vs. Baltimore. Padded seating behind home plate at air conditioned Tropicana Field. \$37.

8/10/18: Imagine Museum in St. Pete. A visit to a new glass/art museum with lunch (on your own) at Red Mesa Grill. \$32.

8/21/18: Hard Rock Casino. Great slots and great eats! \$22.

8/24/18: Starlite Sapphire Lunch Cruise — St. Pete. Includes lunch, cruise and gratuities. \$55.

8/29/18: James Museum of Western and Wild Art. St. Pete's newest museum with more than 400 works. \$37.

Public Library Events...

- ♦ **Knitters for Charity:** Join this fun group to knit and crochet for charity! They've donated over 14,000 items for kids, the needy, the homeless and cancer patients. Fridays, August 3, 10 and 31 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hudson Regional Library.
- ♦ **Friday Afternoon Films:** Fridays, August 3, 10 and 31 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Regency Park Library Meeting Room.
- ♦ **Twisted Stitchers Crochet Club:** Mondays from 10:00 to noon. Regency Park Library.
- ♦ **Color Me Happy:** Coloring Club for Adults — supplies provided. Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Regency Park Library.
- ♦ **Scrapper's Delight — Scrapbooking Club:** Thursday, August 2 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Regency Park Library.
- ♦ **Ask a Master Gardener:** August 7 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Master Gardeners from Pasco County Extension will be on hand to answer your gardening questions. Hudson Regional Library.
- ♦ **Master Gardening Seminar:** August 7 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Master Gardeners from Pasco County Extension will present on various topics. Hudson Regional Library.
- ♦ **Exploring China:** Come celebrate Chinese culture on Thursday August 16 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Learn about Chinese culture while making a traditional Chinese craft. Supplies will be provided. Regency Park Library.

More...

Caregiver Support Group: Spend time with others who are caregivers. 3rd Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Hudson First United Methodist Church.

Hearing Screening: FREE. Every Monday in May at Cares. Several different providers. Call Cares at 727-862-9291 for more info.

Bay Area Legal Services: Services for low income seniors. 8/21 and 8/23 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment. Call 727-847-5494.

Medicare 101: Understand Medicare. 8/21 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Hudson Public Library Conference Room.

SHINE: Sponsored by Florida Elder Affairs. Trained neutral volunteers to assist with Medicare and Medicaid questions. Perfect for understanding those complicated medical bills and Medicare regulations. Call for appointment at 800-963-5337.