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Reminders:

Decoration Dates

Still have lights hanging from your house or trees?
Christmas/Chanukah decorations must be removed by January 31. Decorations for other holidays are limited to 2 weeks prior to 1 week following the holiday.

Doggie doo-doo No-no's

Just a reminder that it is not ok for your dog to do his "business" on anyone else's lawn - even if you pick it up. Accidents happen, but please train your dog to "go" in places other than front lawns.

Want to Contact the HOA Board?

Visit our website at www.hillcreekhoa.com or contact the association manager Lori Nicolaus at 253-202-2673

Get ACC Approval for Projects

Please remember to get approval from the Architecture Control Committee (ACC) for your projects (this includes exterior painting). Download or copy the application form and submit it to the ACC as directed. If you are unsure whether or not you need approval, e-mail the ACC at acc@hillcreekhoa.com or call the association manager.

Review the Regulations and Covenants

If you are unfamiliar with our rules and regulations and have questions, you can download them from our website or contact the association manager to request a paper copy.

The HOA Answer Guy

Question: My yard is a lovely florescent green. Um, is that good? Signed: Doubting Thomas

Dear Thomas: Terrific question! But I'm afraid that the lovely color is coming from moss, not grass. It's time for you to consider putting on some good moss killer before it takes over your entire yard and starts saying mean things to your neighbors walking by. Check with your favorite Garden store to find the product that's right for your lawn. And remember that some moss killers can stain concrete, so keep it off the sidewalks!

Question: Some time back, a local newspaper started showing up in my driveway twice a week. I didn't ask for it, and I'm not interested in reading it. What should I do? Let them sit there? Signed: Notta Reader

Dear Notta: We have noticed the accumulation of the FW Mirror in some driveways. In a few cases, owners have let them sit until the bag rips, the paper gets soggy and the whole thing is an awful mess. But however it got there, it is you the homeowner, who has to clean it up. The Board will contact the Mirror about unwanted delivery, but we encourage each owner who objects to call them, too.

BONUS COURTESY TIP:

While picking up the unwanted newspaper from your own driveway, check your neighbor's, and pick that up, too. Make sure your neighbor doesn't want it, first!

Question: I've run out of storage room in my garage, and am thinking about getting one of those back-yard sheds. Are there any rules about that? Signed: Power Tool Dude

Dear Dude: Too many weed-whackers, eh? A shed is a great idea, but the HOA regulations say that you need ACC approval for any shed on your property. As long as it is reasonable, they will say it's ok, and ask to borrow your hedge trimmer.

Question: I've noticed that the sidewalk and gutter in front of my house is filthy and could use a good cleaning. Who does that, and when do they do it? Signed: Curious George

Dear Curious: I don't believe your name is really George, but I'll answer your question anyway. It may not look like it, but the sidewalk and gutter in front of your house are yours! It has to do with easements, but it boils down to each of us taking care of the sidewalks (if any) that border our lots. Hint: A pressure washer makes sidewalks (and driveways) look like new in a jiffy.

Question: So when is our next work party to spiff up the fences along 380th? Signed: Eager Beaver

Dear Eager: If it's "work" how can you call it a "party?" I'll pass this along to the Board and see if anything happens. I think Spring would be a good time for that, don't you?

From Me to You:

I was chatting the other day with one of our garbage collectors. He said that he really appreciates it when garbage containers are placed on the CURB side of the sidewalk and facing the right way. It also helps him when the containers are away from parked cars, so that he can get his truck close to them. Finally, remember to put your containers out of sight after collection day.
- The Answer Guy