

February 2017

A Newsletter By and For the
HOMEOWNERS AND
RENTERS of Huntcliff Park at
Meadow Woods
Homeowners' Association
www.huntcliffpark.com

Please direct all concerns to the management company. For ARB requests, please go to the Association's website. Click on "Resident Services" then "On-line Forms." Fill out and submit the form prior to making any exterior modifications to your home.

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Huntcliff Park

At Meadow Woods

From Our Management Company

Submitted by 
Carey Webb,
DWD Professional
Management

Wyndham Lakes Elementary School Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Gate Parking and Entrance by Non-Residents

Please be aware that parking is not permitted in front of the entrance or exit gates at any time. Several residents have complained about parents from Wyndham Lakes Elementary School using our front gate area to park their vehicles so they can avoid the drop off and pick up lines at the school. They are also tailgating residents into the community and parking inside as well. Residents and staff members of DWD Professional Management who have confronted these parents have been threatened and verbally assaulted. Many times the parents

claim that they have permission from friends within our community to park at the gate or to enter through the gates and park inside. If this is the case, please inform your friends that this activity is not allowed. If your friends would like to enter the community by contacting you at the call box and then parking in your driveway, this would be acceptable since they would be your guest on your personal property. However, since the front gate area and the roads belong to the HOA, it is considered the Association's private property. All violators will be towed and/or trespassed. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Huntcliff Speed Limit

It has been observed that some of the residents and many visitors are driving way too fast in the community. The posted speed limit in the community is 20 miles per hour. There are many children playing in the neighborhood. For their safety, and the safety of all residents, please keep your speed at or below the posted limit. Thank you.



Architectural Review Applications

It has come to our attention that some homeowners are not familiar with the steps of the Architectural Review process. That is quite understandable. We would like to take this opportunity to help anyone in our community better understand this process.

If you are going to make any changes to the front of your property, including landscaping changes, or if you intend to make any structural changes to your property (i.e., room additions, pools, screened enclosures, or roof replacements), then you will need to fill out the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) application.

These applications will always be available on your community's website and they are included in the monthly newsletter. Please follow the instructions on the form, and submit all of the required documents for your requested change. When you are submitting an application to the ARC remember to include:

1. Two (2) copies of the property survey that shows the locations of the proposed changed, alteration, renovation or addition.
2. Two (2) drawings of your plan(s).
3. Attach two (2) copies of color samples, if applicable.

Please note that applications submitted by fax or without two (2) copies of the survey, drawing, or color sample will be considered

incomplete. If an application is incomplete, it will not be processed and will be returned to you.

If you have any questions, please call us at 407-251-2200, and we will be happy to assist you.

Also note that management does NOT approve or deny any of these requests. We collect the applications and then submit them to the community's Architectural Review Committee (ARC). The ARC is a group of volunteer homeowners who review the applications and approve or deny the applications based on your community's written criteria. Per Florida Statutes, this process may take up to 30 days.

As soon as the Committee makes a decision, we will mail you a letter of approval or denial. Please make sure you do not proceed with any improvements until you have heard from the Committee. I hope this helps everyone understand the Architectural Review process a little better. If this still leaves you with any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Pet Chaining Restrictions for Orange County

County Ordinance Pertaining to the Restraining of Dogs Effective July 12, 2005

Chaining Restrictions

- Any restraining device (chain, cord, or cable) must be a minimum length of ten (10) feet to confine an animal in the owner's property.
- The restraining device must be humane and provide for an

unrestrained range of movement for the animal to ensure that the animal is not exposed to hazard or injury.

- The restraining device must not restrict the animal from having food, water, shelter, adequate ventilation, and protection from the elements or general care.
- The restraining device must be proportional in size, and must weigh less than 1/8 of the dog or puppy's body weight.
- The restraining device must be designed for the specific breed.
- The restraining device must be used with an appropriate collar.
- These restraining devices must not be used between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., 365 days a year and during extreme weather, such as hurricanes or below freezing conditions.

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PET CHAINING...

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Options to Chaining

- Bring your dog(s) indoors
- Establish an appropriate fence that is adequate for your dog's breed and size
- Build a kennel for your dog

Remember, a dog must have access to food, water, shelter, and ventilation.

Do not place your dog in a garage or area where there is no air flow. Contact Animal Services to discuss your situation, we are here to help.

Orange County Animal Services,
2769 Conroy Road, Orlando FL
32839
(407) 836-3111

Pool Rules

Please be advised that the pool closes at sundown every day. No unauthorized people may enter the pool after this time. Many people ask why the Association has chosen to close the pool at sundown. The answer is simple. **We did NOT choose this time.** The State of Florida decided this for us! **Since there is not enough light per State guidelines, we must close the pool when the sun goes down.**

Several homeowners have contacted us to complain about the pool's hours of operation. They feel that they should be able to use the pool at hours that are more flexible. However, the Huntcliff Park at Meadow Woods HOA owns the pool, not the individual homeowners at Huntcliff Park. Since the pool is not owned by individual homeowners, it is considered a commercial pool and

the HOA must abide by the State guidelines.

Next, there is a list of pool rules located in the pool area. Please take a minute and review these rules. One of the most important rules is the age limit for use. If you are under the age limit, ***you may NOT use the pool without a parent or guardian being present.*** This rule will be strictly enforced when personnel are present in order to ensure the safety of the children in our community.



Accidental drowning in a swimming pool is a leading cause of death in Florida for children. Please be advised there are no lifeguards at the pool, and the maintenance personnel are **not** trained in CPR or pool safety. Failure to comply with the Pool Rules may also result in you being asked to leave the area.

Also, please be advised that Management conducts inspections at night. The HOA will pursue recuperating any costs associated with damage to the pool caused by the inappropriate use of the facilities. The police will also be called if you are found at the pool after the posted hours. This is considered trespassing even if you are a resident of the community. This is the law for the State of Florida, and it will be enforced for the protection of our community assets and the safety of our residents.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. If you have any additional concerns or questions regarding this issue, please contact the management office.

Your Yard

Garden oasis or maintenance nightmare?

For some of us, a yard may be something that demands extra work in our already busy lives, costing us time, money, or frustration. To be sure, landscapes are not maintenance-free; they need a little nurturing to thrive. However, having a yard doesn't have to be drudgery for homeowners. A landscape can be a place that provides relaxation, beauty, or food, even with limited time or resources.

It may not be possible to create a dream garden overnight, but adding a few key plants or features can change how you experience your landscape. If you want to add some instant appeal to your landscape, I would suggest focusing on plants for the senses. Sure, we want our landscapes to look good, but they can also smell, taste, feel, or even sound good.

Here are a few low-maintenance ideas for turning a humdrum landscape into an exotic garden for the senses:

Scent

- Jasmines
- Rosemary
- Sweet Olive Sound
- Water-try a small fountain in a container water garden or pre-formed pond.
- Bamboo chimes
- Ornamental grasses

Touch

- Ferns
- Silver Sage (*Salvia argentea*)
- Purple Coneflower

Taste

- Lemon Grass

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YOUR YARD

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- Pineapple
- Peppers (I have the best luck with banana peppers and hot peppers)

Sight

- Trees-shade on a summer day is the loveliest sight I've ever seen. Contact Extension to find out how to get a free tree for your yard.
- Pentas-pretty perennials and butterfly attractors.
- Purple Passionflower- a butterfly caterpillar food plant with spectacular blooms.

To enjoy the benefits of your sensory garden, you have to spend time in it. Save some space to sit and relax in your garden. Look closely and you may find a butterfly hatching from its chrysalis. Breathe deeply; listen intently. As your garden grows and changes through the seasons, you may want to take pictures or write your observations in a garden journal.

Please Secure Valuable Items

Please make sure your cars are locked at night, and that all valuables that do not have to be in your car are removed on a nightly basis. If you notice anyone suspicious within the community, please call the Orange County Sheriff's Department at (407) 836-4357. Thank you.

Dog Waste

It has come to the Board's attention that **many** of the residents in our community are pet owners. Owning a pet is a wonderful experience for

the "parent" and it brings many joys as well. However, having a 4-legged addition to your family also brings **many** responsibilities. If your new bundle of joy happens to be a dog, then **one of the responsibilities of pet ownership is picking up after your pet.** When you live in a



community you cannot just let your dog out and then close the door. **Your pet must be on a leash at all times, and any pet waste MUST be picked up and disposed of in a waste receptacle.** Thank you for your understanding.

Huntcliff Park Basketball Goals

Please be aware that it is against Huntcliff Park Covenants to have a basketball goal in the front of the home. Unfortunately this means that you cannot play basketball in your driveway, or on the streets. Basketball hoops can only be erected in the rear of the properties. Thank you.

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Towing Company

Please be advised that the towing company for Huntcliff Park at Meadow Woods is **Universal Towing and Recovery**. The towing company's contact information is as follows: **Universal Towing and Recovery, 407-816-0102, 8808 Florida Rock Road, Lot 102, Orlando, FL 32824.**

If your vehicle is parked on the street at night in our community, you run the risk of your car being towed. Per the rules and regulations of our community, all vehicles must be parked in your garage or driveway at night. If a vehicle is parked on the street between the hours of 12 AM - 6 AM, it will be towed **without warning at the owner's expense.** If you are planning a special event or party, and you will have guests parked in the street during these hours, please contact the management office to make arrangements at least 24 hours in advance so we may inform the towing company.

If your vehicle or a vehicle of a guest is towed due to a violation of the parking rules and regulations, you should **contact the new towing company to resolve the situation. Do not call DWD Professional Management regarding a towing issue.** The Board has not authorized the management company to make ANY exceptions to the parking rules and regulations. If you do not follow these parking rules, you will be towed **at your own expense and will not be reimbursed for any reason.**



What is Mardi Gras? Carnival?

“Mardi Gras” literally means “Fat Tuesday” in French. The day is called “Fat Tuesday” because it is the last day before Lent, the season of prayer and fasting observed by the Roman Catholic Church (and many other Christian denominations) during the forty days before Easter Sunday.

The tradition of celebrating on the day before Lent goes back at least to medieval times, when many kings and lords knighted young men and held feasts in their honor. Mardi Gras in New Orleans dates back all the way to the late seventeenth century, when the city was founded by Jean Baptiste LeMoynes, Sieur de Bienville, and Pierre LeMoynes, Sieur de Iberville. In fact, one of the first New World locations that they named was Bayou Mardi Gras.

Mardi Gras was celebrated throughout the period where New Orleans was under control of the French, then the Spanish, then back to the French. The English and their American descendants from the original thirteen colonies didn't take the Carnival season as seriously as the local residents, but the Americans didn't do anything to stop the celebration of Mardi Gras after the signing of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 nor after Louisiana became a state. The Americans may have been officially in control of New Orleans, but the Creoles who made up the upper-crust of New Orleans society were primarily of French and Spanish descent, so the religious traditions of the Continent continued to dominate.

The Carnival season in the first half of the nineteenth century was

not a calm, quite celebration. In fact, the citizens of New Orleans got so wrapped up in Mardi Gras that street masking was banned by the authorities by the 1830's. This didn't deter the hardcore participants one bit. By the 1840's, there was so much drunkenness and disorder in the city that there was strong sentiment for banning all public celebrations of Mardi Gras. Carnival was rescued, however, by six young men from Mobile. They formed the Mystick Krewe of Comus, a social club that staged the first New Orleans Carnival parade on the evening of Mardi Gras in 1857. Naming one of their number the king of the krewe (the word being deliberately spelled that way to show they were an elite society), they paraded through the streets of the French Quarter on two mule-driven floats. Others picked up on the notion of parading during Carnival, but the Civil War put a damper on public observance of Mardi Gras.

After the war, however, several other krewes formed and put on parades on the days leading up to Mardi Gras. By 1871, Comus had been joined by the krewes of Proteus and Momus, and a new group formed that year, known as the School of Design. The School of Design decided to stage their parade during the day on Mardi Gras, and they proclaimed that their king was to be Rex, the King of Carnival.

From the 1870's up to the present, new krewes continue to form, as groups of friends, neighbors, business associates, etc., decide they want to celebrate Carnival by parading through New Orleans. A moratorium on street parades was imposed by the New Orleans City Council in the 1970's, but the hard economic times of the 1980's as well as the controversy

that erupted over the passage of an “anti-discrimination” ordinance aimed at Carnival krewes by the City Council in 1992 have opened up slots in the parade season's schedule, so new krewes are forming and parading.

The future of Carnival in New Orleans is a hotly debated topic, but one thing is for certain: there will always be a future for Carnival.

What happens during Carnival?

The Carnival season officially begins on January 6th, which is Twelfth Night, the Feast of the Epiphany. Twelfth Night is the date that marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of the countdown to Lent. There are two official celebrations that mark the beginning of Carnival: The bal masque of the Twelfth Night Revelers, and the ride of the Phunny Phorthy Phellows along St. Charles Avenue. From January 6th on up to three weeks before Mardi Gras, Carnival organizations hold parties, dances and balls, mostly on weekends.

About three weekends before Mardi Gras, the parades begin. From the second weekend before Mardi Gras up to Fat Tuesday, there is at least one parade each night in the city, Metairie, or on the West Bank. The entire celebration culminates on Fat Tuesday, with the entire city taking the day off to eat, drink, parade and party. Carnival officially comes to a close promptly at midnight on Fat Tuesday, when the police begin clearing the streets of the French Quarter. On a more civilized level, Carnival officially closes with the meeting of the courts of Rex and Comus at the ball of the Mystick Krewe of Comus.

Mardi Gras Word Search

Mardi Gras is one of the most exciting holidays in the world, with its bright colors and parades. Learn about Mardi Gras by completing this difficult word search.

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 Carnival
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Music
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 Parades
 Purple
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 Coconut
 Dancers
 Doubloon
 FatTuesday

Green
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 Mask
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 Queen
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 Pancake
 Beads

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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) APPLICATION

Owner Name: _____ Tenant Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone(s) Home: _____ Work _____ Fax: _____

In Accordance with the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and the Association's Rule and Regulations, Installation must conform to this approval and the Association's guidelines.

I hereby request consent to make the following changes, alteration, renovations and /or additions to my property.

- Fence Swimming Pool Lawn Ornament Screen Enclosure Landscaping
- Patio Exterior Color Lawn Replacement Other _____

Description: _____

Attach two (2) copies of the property survey that shows the locations of the proposed change, alteration, renovation or addition.

Attach two (2) drawings of your plan(s). Attach two (2) color samples, if applicable.

NOTE: Applications submitted by fax or without two (2) copies of the survey, drawing, or color sample will be considered incomplete. If an application is incomplete, it will not be processed and will be returned to you.

I hereby understand and agree to the following conditions.

1. No work will begin until written approval is received from the Association. You have 60 days from the approval date to complete the work. If not, then you must reapply for ARB approval.
2. All work will be done expeditiously once commenced and will be done in a professional manner by a licensed contractor or myself.
3. All work will be performed timely and in a manner that will minimize interference and inconvenience to other residents.
4. I assume all liability and will be responsible for any and all damages to other lots and/or common area, which may result from performance of this work.
5. I will be responsible for the conduct of all persons, agents, contractors, subcontractors and employees who are connected with this work.
6. I am responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state and local laws, codes, regulations and requirements in connection with this work. I will obtain any necessary governmental permits and approval for the work.
7. Upon receipt DWD Professional Management, LLC will forward the ARB Application to the Association. A decision by the Association may take up to 30 days. I will be notified in writing when the application is either approved or denied.

ALL HOMEOWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING THE RULES AND GUIDELINES OF THEIR ASSOCIATION WHEN MAKING ANY EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS.

Signature of Owner(s): _____ Date: _____

DO Not Write Below This Line

This Application is hereby: Approved Denied

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date Received _____ Mailed to Assoc. _____ Mailed to Owner _____

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 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
 C/O DWD Professional Management, LLC
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 KISSIMMEE, FL 34741

February & March 2017

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