



## Hickory Lake Estates Community News

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Spring/Summer, 2020

**Board Meeting  
July 22, 2020  
6:30pm  
Bloomingdale Public  
Library**



**Nestor & Idelisa  
Bonilla**



**New Homeowners  
2019-2020**

**Robert Holly**

**James Logan**

**Michelle Cox & Natasha  
Louis**

**Jeffrey Shumway**

**Troy & Tamika  
Troublefield**



**Spring/Summer Yard  
of the Season**

### **Board Members**

President: Don Juceam

Vice President: Diane Ward

Sec/Treasurer: Mary Ann Duarte

## HOA Updates and Board Decisions

The Board has voted to install cameras at the North and South entrances. Flock Safety Company has been selected to complete this task. Flock specializes in neighborhood safety via the use of license plate reading cameras. We believe this service will assist in deterring crime and provide a valuable resource to our residents. This does not take the place of individual resident cameras.

The Board would like to encourage each resident in our community to register their vehicle/s license plate on the Flock Safe List established for our community. Registering your license plate will let the police know that your vehicle belongs to a resident who lives in the community and will make sorting through the data faster, should there be a criminal event. Details were sent to each homeowner in a letter from McNeil Management Services, Inc. Refer to the letter for directions on how to register your license plate numbers to the Safe List for our community. Feel free to call McNeil Management if assistance is needed.

If you are the victim of a crime, report it first to Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department by calling 911. Then send an email to [crime@flocksafety.com](mailto:crime@flocksafety.com) and they will notify the Hickory Lake Board of Directors regarding the footage.

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The lights on the entrance signage have been repaired and raised.

## Architectural Control Committee (ACC) News

It is nice to see so many of our neighbors out walking, riding bikes, or working in their yards; taking advantage of our lovely spring weather while staying busy during these difficult "stay at home" times.

Many homeowners have started projects to improve their homes and increase the value and beauty of our neighborhood. As our community is now well beyond a 20-year anniversary, new roofs are quite popular.

Some less costly projects that residents can complete to follow the general maintenance requirements of our HOA rules and standards include:

**Leaves/Weeding:** Rake leaves and weed flower beds. Put debris out for free Friday pickup in any garbage can - but not in the blue or green county cans.

**Trees:** Owners are responsible for pruning branches that hang over the roads and sidewalks. Trimming branches that touch your roof can prevent critters from taking up residence in your home. For homeowners living along the outside perimeter wall, please keep any branches off the wall. A great deal of money, time and effort was spent last year to improve the wall. So, let's keep it in top shape. The county will pick up trimmed branches less than 4 feet long during the Friday pickup.

Hurricane season begins June 1. Maintaining healthy trees by regularly pruning young and mature trees have been shown to be effective in limiting wind damage (Univ. of Florida).

**PLEASE** do not dump yard waste in or near the street storm drains. Report dumping of leaves in drains to Hillsborough County Code Enforcement (813) 274-6600.

**Fences:** If your fence has become dirty or moldy, try a professional power washer or rent a small power sprayer from Lowe's or Home Depot and give it a good washing. It might bring it back to life and give it a few more years before replacing.

**Mailboxes:** Now might be a good time to spruce up your mailbox. We have several out there that could use a fresh coat of Dover White #SW6385 paint. Remember to paint the inset trim with gold paint. Use a gold spray paint sprayed in a cup and dip a thin paint brush in it. Easy-Peasy.

**Pets:** As per **county ordinance**, all dog owners **must** pick up their pet's waste. This includes the areas outside our wall along the sidewalk. Our lawn maintenance crew maintains this area and it is difficult for them to work out there in addition to picking up pet waste. Also bear in mind that all pets must be housed inside your homes; not left out in a fenced yard or lanai for an extended length of time.



To the many first responders, nurses, doctors, law enforcement, teachers, grocery store service people, sanitation workers, postal service and all other essential workers who have tirelessly worked during this pandemic. Stay safe out there!