

Hamptons Happenings

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To All Hamptons Homeowners

One of our most distinctive characteristics here in the Hamptons' is the tree canopy created by our mature street trees. We all are in agreement that the street trees add both aesthetic and market value to our community. However, the damage from the trees' root structures have created significant maintenance expenses and, of greater concern to all of us, safety issues.

Recently, there has been a lawsuit regarding a trip and fall incident on a section of sidewalk damaged by tree roots that resulted in a financial settlement. This settlement was paid by the Hamptons Homeowners Association, the Town of Jupiter and the homeowner. As a result, the Hamptons' has been notified that the insurance carrier will not renew our insurance policy in September. The Board is currently trying to obtain new coverage at an additional premium. Therefore it was time to take action!

Because of these concerns and issues of both safety and aesthetics, associated with sidewalk damage from trees, the Board, with the assistance of Bristol Management, entered into discussions with the Town of Jupiter. The Board wanted to develop a two year plan that would both keep our residents safe and limit future liability while still maintaining the beauty of our neighborhood.

Therefore, after meetings, studies and drive thru's, we have reached the following agreement, known as The Hampton Plan, to work with the Town to resolve the problem.

It is the Board's and Town's intention to selectively remove trees that are lifting sidewalks, driveways, gutters and roads beyond [\(broken sentence\)](#)

RUMORS AND OTHER UNFOUNDED STORIES

Recently, rumors of wild spending for both painting of homes and replacement of trees have been spreading faster than a free lunch here in the Hamptons. This can make living here unpleasant for residents. We have residents who will never attend a Board meeting yet speak as if they know what they are talking about. These people thrive on trying to be important to others! **So please, let me set the record straight!** The painting of homes was put off for at least 1 year a few months ago. This was announced at our residents meeting in March. That means the earliest we could paint would be 2010 to 2011. That is the earliest! The approximate cost would be \$1400 to \$1700. No, not \$4000.00.

simple repair in the Hamptons. This will amount to approximately 45 trees. The Town will incur the expense for the tree removal. These trees will be removed starting in September and should take about a month to be removed. The stumps will be ground down and covered with fill and sod. The Association will pay for the installation of new, replacement Laurel Oaks trees and any the irrigation repair. These replacement trees will be located in more appropriate locations and will be of significant size to not only replace the removed trees but enhance areas where trees have previously been removed.

The agreement reached is a good plan for both the Hamptons' and the Town of Jupiter. The Board believes it will last for at least two years. Further, we will both share the expense of the work.

Obviously this amounts to a significant savings for the Hamptons', by working with the Town. Additionally, most important, there will be **ABSOLUTELY NO SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, charges or whatever of any kind or any additional fees for homeowners.** Yes, I believe this is a very important milestone for the Hamptons.

Therefore, the Board and the Town invite all owners to learn about The Hampton Plan by attending a Membership Meeting, at the Jupiter Community Center, date to be announced, where the plan will be discussed and your comments and recommendations can be heard.

Thank you,
Hamptons Homeowners Association Board

Next, there are absolutely no charges, as stated above, for any of the tree work. Let me say personally, these rumors can make a great place become a terrible place to live. Why don't you take the time to become a member of our community by joining a committee – the paint color selection committee, the activity committee, the landscaping committee rather than spreading wild rumors. There are no secrets between the Board and the residents. All Board members are residents and we have to pay the same amount as our neighbors. So please attend Board meeting, learn the **TRUTH** and stop listening to rumors. **IT ONLY HURTS YOU TO LISTEN TO THESE STUPID RUMORS!**

SLOW DOWN...PLEASE!!!!

Many residents have concerns about vehicles speeding. As you know, we have had accidents where residents have hit trees and each other. Because of this, we are asking residents, once again, to please slow down and observe the speed limit to protect our community. If you observe speeding, please contact the TOJ Police at 746-6201. Please inform them of the type of car and the license tag and the time. For all of our safety, we need to be concerned.

REMINDERS...

Household garbage and trash are to be put out **ONLY** the evening/night before normal pickups. Pickups are currently scheduled on Wednesdays and Saturdays. No trash is to be placed prior to the [5 pm of the](#) evening before [trash](#) pickup. If you have yard trash, it is to be placed behind your gate and out of sight until then. Please adhere to these "Rules", our neighborhood is very unattractive when trash is placed earlier.

QUARTERLY DUES

All quarterly dues should be sent to Bristol management. Please make this change in your records. We will no longer pick up checks from the Accounting Group. Your check will not be entered and you will incur all penalties for late payment.

RULES AND REGULATIONS!!!!

Please review the "RULES AND REGULATIONS" on our web site at www.hamptonatmaplewood.org for, rules and regulations concerning but not limited to:

Front yard toys including basketball hoops, hockey nets, trucks, trailers boats, parking, trash on street, sign posted in the Hamptons' etc. It is the responsibility of each **homeowners/renters** to ensure that the "RULES AND REGULATIONS, COVENANTS and ADMENDANTS and BY-LAWS" are adhered to. Please remember; "Ignorance of these is no excuse"! The HOA does not want to impose fines, just want your cooperation!!!! THANK YOU

GARAGE SALES SIGNS

We all enjoy a garage sale. It's a chance to get rid of treasures and a chance to get some great buys. And the Hamptons is known for having garage sales. However, just because your garage sale is done, it does not mean that your neighbors have to continue to look signs that you left on the streets. Please, just pick them up and dispose of them. Everyone gets mad at the Board for assessing fines, but the Board must react to the how residents treat the neighborhood and each other. We do not want to fine for signs left out overnight, but if it continues, we are left with no choice.

JULY 4th AT THE BALLPARK

Once again our residents had a great holiday at Roger Dean Stadium. It was a good baseball game with the winner not determined until the bottom of the ninth. The fireworks and music were, as always well done and the concert after the game was well attended. So once again, it was a great evening for the Hamptons. Its good to see the fine turnout we get from the residents and family members!

IMPORTANT HURRICANE INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

HURRICAN SEASON

The good news is it's summertime. The bad news is it's the hurricane season. So, once again review the basic procedures that will help keep us safe. Decide early if you are going to a shelter!

What to have on hand for a Hurricane:

*1 Medications, enough for a week or two 2 Water enough for a week or two 3 First Aid Kit
4 Clorox to sanitize 5 Paper plates, plastic cups & plastic utensils 6 canned foods
7 paper towels 8 bread, crackers and snacks 9 Flashlights and batteries 10 make sure you have enough propane gas for your grills 11 Fill your cars up before the storm hits 12 Have coolers on hand filled with ice 13- handi wipes to clean your hands 14- Large plastic bags for clean up after the storm 15 plastic sheets 16 some basic hand tools*

After the storm:

*1 check on your neighbor 2 please cut up branches and any large debris, 3 Do not drive around until it is safe
4 be careful of downed power wires 5 once garbage collection resumes, please put garbage out for pickup
6 have a Great Summer, and let's hope we do not have a Hurricane!*