High Point Estates HOA

Newsletter

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Protect our Earth!

Do you have unwanted or outdated electronics to recycle? There's an event on Earth Day to help you with that!

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22nd Annual High Point Estates Neighborhood Garage Sale!

Mark your calendars to participate in this year's High Point Estates Garage Sale, which will be held:



Thursday May 12 Friday May 13 Saturday May 14 from 8am to 2pm daily.

Just like in years past, we'll have St. Vincent DePaul come pick up any unsold items you wish to donate once the sale finishes on Saturday afternoon.

To participate, please email: LWanker107@gmail.com before noon on Friday April 29th.

Coyotes!

There have been multiple reports of coyotes seen wandering through yards in our neighborhood. If you have small pets, please do not leave them unattended outside! On the next page is a fact sheet from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that gives some basic information on coyotes.

To see guidelines on discouraging coyotes in our neighborhood, please visit the following:

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/coyotes/tips/



The city is planning to begin major road construction along Gammon Rd/McKenna Blvd around mid-May, possibly finishing in August.

McKenna Blvd will be widened along Elver Park; a median will be added along Elver Park and at Morraine View; Gammon Rd will be resurfaced from just north of Schroeder Rd to just south of Morraine View. During the construction, Gammon Rd and McKenna Blvd traffic will sometimes be restricted to single lanes.

If you use Gammon Rd to exit or enter High Point and Valhalla, you may want to plan alternate routes. We are in contact with city engineers and will remain in contact as the project proceeds. Information on the project can be found at:

http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/ projects/mckenna-blvd

Coyote



Coyotes are naturally secretive creatures, but they are opportunistic hunters. If food is available in your neighborhood you may see them, day or night. Coyotes primarily feed on small rodents and rabbits, and are an important member of the food chain because of this tendency, but coyotes will eat anything they can find, including fruit, vegetables and insects. Their presence can be unnerving or frightening for people unused to coyotes, but generally they are more afraid of you than you are of them. In some cases, they may attack and kill small pets, although coyote attacks on humans are exceptionally rare. There are numerous ways to manage the presence of coyotes in your area.

Do Not Feed Wildlife

- Do not store pet food out of doors, and keep pet food bowls inside when not
 in use
- Do not keep trash out of doors, or keep it secure with tight-fitting lids.
- Do not provide food and water for other wildlife. Rodents are attracted to bird seed, and they are a coyote's natural prey. Coyotes will also eat bird seed, fruit, and compost for an easy meal.

Protect Your Pets

Keep cats indoors and watch dogs when outdoors. Only leave pets unattended when they are secure in a kennel with a covered top.

Discourage Coyotes

- Clear brush and undergrowth in your yard that can provide cover for coyotes or habitat for important coyote prey species.
- Scare tactics can be used if you see a coyote in your yard or while out walking.
 Yell and make loud noises, shake or throw
 - pop cans filled with coins, throw a ball, shoe, sticks or other object in the direction of the coyote and/or spray the coyote with water. You can also buy ultrasonic dog repellents or pocket-sized air horns.
- Fencing 6–7 feet high and buried approximately 1 foot deep can help keep all but the most determined coyotes out of an area.
- Pick up all fallen fruit from fruit trees, keep compost secure, and make sure trash cans are tightly lidded and secure. Never leave loose trash outside.





For more information, visit our webpage: dnr.wi.gov

Do not feed

the coyotes

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Ouick Facts

- Coyotes are omnivores that will eat anything edible. In the above photo, for example, a coyote caught a squirrel at a bird feeder.
- Urban coyotes tend to use what natural green space is available, including parks and cemeteries.
- Urban coyotes are usually more nocturnal (active at night) than their rural relatives, but may be active during the day if they are feeding pups or weren't successful in hunting the night before.
- Trapping and hunting of coyotes is legal year-round on your property without a DNR license. Many municipalities have regulations about the discharge of firearms. Please check with your local government to ensure adherence to local ordinances.
- Lethal removal is recommended for coyotes that display aggressive behavior towards humans.

Urban Wildlife Factsheet: Coyote

Do something good for the Earth on Earth Day, April 22nd!

Please see the event information below to find out how you can help by recycling your outdated electronics in an environmentally responsible manner.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Join us for our next Collection Event

Apr. 22, from 4 - 7p.m., and Apr. 23, from 9a.m. - 2p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day by recycling your outdated electronics. Old technology means new opportunities. Find peace of mind knowing that eRecycling is good for your business, good for the environment and even better for your community - by creating opportunities for people with significant disabilities who want jobs and take pride in what they do.

MARC offers a full suite of electronic recycling services, managed securely and professionally. MARC provides a convenient, environmentally conscious process for disposing unusable electronics and ensures compliance with government regulations, industry standards and corporate policies. Working with MARC, you'll be supporting your communities as we employ people with significant disabilities who live and work in your community.

Join us at our MARC-West location at 805 Forward Drive, Madison Friday, Apr. 22 from 4-7p.m. and Saturday, Apr. 23 from 9a.m.-2p.m. for our next community collection event!

About MARC

MARC is the largest provider of community and center-based employment and day services for adults with developmental disabilities in Dane county. We emphasize the importance of choice, the joy of work, and the power of compassion. Now more than 60 years old, MARC enhances the lives of more than 300 adults at five locations and at more than 130 community-based job sites.

About CyclePoint™

CyclePoint[™], powered by SourceAmerica®, is a new eRecycling network that offers communities all across the U.S. convenient, safe and secure electronics disposal. Its mission—to employ people with significant disabilities—makes CyclePoint both a great service and a great cause.

www.CyclePointUS.org

Accepted Items

Televisions, Computers Laptops, & Notebooks, Flat-Screened Monitors, Servers, Routers & Modems, Printers, Copiers & Fax Machines, Cell phones, Digital cameras and projectors, Digital audio and DVD players, Video game systems, Basically anything with a cord. No appliances, please. *\$20 fee for CRT televisions and monitors and a *\$5 fee for secure data destruction of hard drives and cell phones.

Greetings Neighbors!

Well, it at least appears the blizzard conditions of a couple of weeks ago are well behind us and we hope everyone is enjoying our Spring.

Just a few Spring reminders for everyone:

- To aid the spring clean up, brush and leaf collection has started in our neighborhood. The City no longer maintains a specific schedule for our area but will collect in our neighborhood at least 8 times between April and October. More information on collections can be found at http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/yardWaste/schedules.cfm or by calling 608-266-4681
- Recent storms have resulted in damage to a couple of neighborhood trees, which have required us to remove them. Anytime residents see damage in our common areas please let us know at info@hpehoa.com and we will work quickly to repair any damage.
- With this great weather, more and more people are out and about the neighborhood. Pet owners, please pick up after your pets!
- We continue to work with the city regarding status of the emerald ash borer infestation. There has been no report of EAB in our immediate area. Information regarding EAB and treatment can be found at: https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/services/forestry/pests/eab/. We will continue to work with landscape contractors to provide residents with options for treatment of their residential trees.
- The security and safety and our neighborhood remains a focus for all of us, and it takes a collective community to make that happen. Most crimes in our area continue to be crimes of convenience and we can be our own best security by:

All residences having their outside pole lights on dusk to dawn Awareness of any suspicious vehicles, people or activity Keeping your doors and garages locked, always! Not leaving cars unlocked and/or with valuables in plain sight

Recent incidents of a stolen vehicle and a theft from auto have been the result of open garages with keys in vehicle or autos that remained unlocked at night. We cannot emphasize enough that providing such easy opportunity invites the next attempt.

As always, report **any** suspicious activity to the Madison Police Department! Use 911 for emergencies and for non-emergencies contact the Madison West Substation at 608-243-0500.

We continue to monitor the progress and schedule of the Midtown Police Station, which many of you (thank you again!) helped to support. I have concerns that, while the project and budget passed with unanimous support of our city council, the mayor will continue to seek ways to delay or kill the project. We may seek your support once again if we see the mayor or the city delay the project.

Have a great Spring!

Thank you.

David Handowski President - HPEHOA