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Residents of Hayden Village

Hello! My name is Dan Cassidy and I am the President of the Hayden Village Community Association this year. On Behalf of the Board, I hope you and your family are having a fun and safe summer.

I would like to share a mid-year report with you about a few of the happenings in our Community.

**County Grant.** Hayden Village recently applied for a grant through the County's Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program. This Grant provides for matching funds for such projects as enhancing communities, practicing environmental stewardship and building livable spaces.

In response to homeowner feedback at the November Annual Meeting about parking and safety issues, our Grant application focuses on lighting improvements and grounds maintenance for improving safety and appearance along our streets and recreational paths.

The neat aspect of this Grant is that it calls for neighborhood "sweat equity" encouraging residents to work together as a team, rather than solely completing the project through contractors. While contractors will be involved with the "heavy-lifting" should Hayden Village be awarded the Grant, there will be a call for volunteers to help with basic grounds maintenance and landscaping improvements to assist with the project in the fall. I hope you will consider participating in this activity. We may even make it a community wide picnic and celebration event.

The Awardees are selected in August and you will receive another communication from me should we be awarded the Grant.

**Traffic Control.** Also in response to concerns about cut-through traffic along Rockpointe Drive, the Board requested a traffic study be done by the County police. The findings of the study, conducted in early June, show traffic speeds moderately above the posted limits. While these findings are not extreme and differ from what residents have likely observed during the heart of rush hour, the County Police have offered to post a speed trailer (the units which show the actual speed of drivers on the road) in September. We believe this step will raise awareness and help address the problem of speeding in our community.

**Finally,** I need your help with controlling pet waste and curbing your pets.

The Board continues to receive complaints from residents about pets being allowed onto homeowner property and not being picked up after.

Our community is blessed with ample open space along Rockpointe Drive, under the power lines and behind the townhomes. I ask that you respect the property of your

neighbors and walk your pets in these open areas and avoid encroaching on private property. Pet waste is a health matter for community residents, particularly children who play throughout our community; and it is also an environmental issue as pet waste can enter the watershed and drinking water supplies. We need the cooperation from all pet owners to maintain a vibrant and healthy community. Please pick up and properly dispose of pet waste after each walk.

Here is information from the County you will find useful regarding pet waste—  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nswcd/newsletter/scoopthepoop.htm>

Thank you for reading and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Dan Cassidy

President

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