



*Hello fellow Hamilton homeowners,*

*On the other side you will find the agenda for our next association board meeting on Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can join us. In addition to our normal business we will have two special topics you may want to weigh in on.*

*Home Maintenance Guide: Nichole Garcia, our association manager will share with us what she looks for in her monthly walk of every home in our association. What are our criteria for home maintenance, landscaping, fences and front yards? She will present us with a draft one-page summary. When adopted this guideline will be shared with owners and included in our new owner packet so we will all know what is expected of us.*

*I walked the Southgate neighborhood with Nichole this month. It's the beginning of the dry season, the best time to paint and make repairs. Nichole pointed out walkways, driveways, siding and trim she thought in need of pressure washing to clean off dirt, cobwebs, plant stains, etc. Some homes need just trim repaired and painted. Other homes need complete repainting. We saw yards with dead plants or bare areas in need of new landscaping. There are quite a few trees in need of pruning to remove dead branches and to shape the remaining tree. Many ash trees in Southgate are not doing well. If a tree is between two property owners Nichole alerts both owners. We have more front yards with perennial gardens in place of a lawn. Pruning, shaping and refreshing plants and putting down fresh bark or mulch will keep these front yards looking great for all of us.*

*Please note that in the interest of staying focused on home maintenance we do not plan to talk about related topics such as outdoor storage and architectural changes. We can take up really contentious topics like basketball hoops at another meeting.*

*Website Posting Policy: What we should do about posting non-association information on our website? The board will be asked to establish a policy of what we post and don't post, who decides. We have heard from many owners that they want the association to inform them of what is going on in the community, even if its unrelated to our HOA. Up to now, when someone has asked us to post something we do it. Recently someone asked us to take something down that had been posted. We welcome hearing what kind of information you would like to find on our website.*

*Lastly, several of our architectural committee members have asked me to remind owners to submit an architectural application a month in advance for any changes in your home that will be visible to others. This means any new paint colors or plantings in the front yard, or anything in the back yard visible above the fence line.*

*A big hot button in the Sunny Cove/Newport neighborhood is tree removals without replacement. The committee wants to maintain our community tree scape. We have large homes on small lots. Our trees make our neighborhoods look so much better. If tree roots are a problem, there are alternative trees such as Crepe Myrtles that are better behaved in our environment.*

*Thank you for helping to make Hamilton Field such a great place to live, work, play and belong!*

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