

Huntington Trails

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10 Tips to be a Good Neighbor

1. Say Hello!
2. Turn your music down.
3. Close your garage door.
4. Do not let your dog bark incessantly in the backyard.
5. Reach Out.
6. Maintain your yard.
7. Position outside lights with care.
8. Don't leave toys in the front yard.
9. Be a good driver.
10. Discuss problems in person.

*by Diane Gottsman,
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[click to read article](#)*

Huntington Trails drainage problems

We have many wet areas in our neighborhood after a hard rain. Our subdivision is very flat, making it difficult for water to drain away. The original 1984 drainage plan provided for very small tolerances for drainage. The builders were not able or just ignored some of the required slopes. Then, over 30 years many of us built fences, planted trees and bushes or otherwise changed grades that block drainage. Many of us forgot these were designated drainage ways.



Our drainage ways exist in the form of easements along our back yards and side yards. Please look carefully. Are your fences blocking the flow of water? Do you have trees and bushes in these easements? Clean out from under fences or raise them. Allow water to freely flow under fences. Remove trees and bushes that are blocking the drainage way. As vegetation matures, the problem only gets worse. Plant landscaping outside of the drainage way.

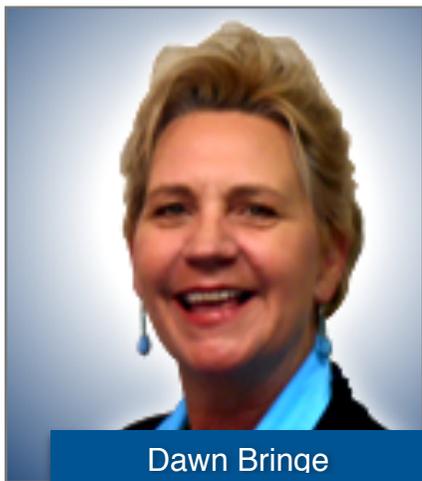
I have a copy of the subdivision drainage plan. If you need to see how your lot is supposed to drain, please contact me.

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Your 2016 HOA President
Joe Incorvia

**THANK
YOU**

BIG THANKS to our neighbor,
Helen Renshaw, for putting up
the wonderful holiday
decorations at our entrances.
It made us smile.



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SIDEWALKS

Clean driveways and sidewalks blackened by mold. Please remember, that the sidewalk in front of your house is your responsibility to maintain. An internet search will find many affordable do-it-yourself methods if you'd rather not hire a pro.

ROOF

Cleaning your roof will greatly enhance the beauty of your home if it has been blackened by mold.

PAINT

Is your house color starting to fade? Does the color vary due to sun exposure? If so, it's probably time to consider painting your house

FENCE

Is your fence falling down? Does it need cleaning? Replacing? Repair and/or repaint fences that may be deteriorating. Do NOT paint the interior of perimeter wall if your property abuts to it.

LAWN, MAILBOX & HOUSE NUMBER

Maintain lawns in good condition. Trim back and dispose of dead plants, tree limbs/palm fronds and replace if needed. The city picks up yard waste every Wednesday and requests that it be placed in manageable string tied bundles or 32 gallon or smaller trash cans.

Repair/Replace mailboxes which are leaning, damaged or weathered.

Ensure your house has a legibly displayed house number. Not only is this helpful for your friends to find your home but it will also assist emergency personnel if needed.

Please remember to fill out an [architectural request form](#) for any work that will alter the exterior of your home.

Helpful Links:

[Huntington Trails Website](#)

[Safety Harbor Permit Status](#)

[City of Safety Harbor Website](#) - it has been revamped

[Safety Harbor Library](#)

Help make Huntington Trails a HAPPY place

Here are 5 little things you can do that will help make your life and your neighbors a little bit happier - or at least avoid a *%\$#! moment.

We could all use less of those!

1. Pick up your dog's poop. No one likes to step in dog poop!
2. When parking your car in your driveway, please make sure it is not blocking the sidewalk. That way our kids, dogs and you do not have to walk in the street.
3. Do not litter. Make sure your recycle and garbage bins are shut on pick up day to ensure no accidental fly away litter.
4. Help keep our neighborhood safe. See below!
5. Keep grass clippings out of the pond. Help prevent ugly and smelly ponds.

8 ways to make your neighborhood a safer place

From safewise.com - [click for full article](#)

1. Know your neighbors.
2. Keep up your yard, and encourage your neighbors to do the same.
3. Be extra cautious when you go out of town.
4. Close your windows and blinds at night.
5. Improve the lighting on your street. Turn on porch lights in front and have sensor lights in your back yard.
6. Encourage outdoor activity.
7. Know your local police department. Emergency Dial 911, Non Emergency 727-582-6200
8. Install a security system.

From the City of Safety Harbor [Website](#): Crime Tip of the Month

People often ask, "what's the best security system to protect their property?" Well, the answer is easy: **lock your doors**. Most crimes are crimes of opportunity, which means the suspect was given the opportunity to commit the crime.

Elements of a Crime

Crimes require 3 elements; opportunity, desire and ability. If you remove any of the 3, the suspect won't be able to commit the crime or steal your belongings. For example, if you leave a camera in the car with the door unlocked, a criminal has all 3 elements of a crime present. If we take away the opportunity by locking the door, our camera will be much safer.

Keep Items Out of Sight

Remember, keeping your valuable items out of sight is always a good idea. During the past few months, 76% of all the cars that were burglarized were because of unlocked doors.

