

February 1, 2012

Hi Neighbors:

We all enjoy the quiet, peaceful ambiance and natural beauty of the environment at Hartstene Pointe. Indeed, results of the survey completed last spring indicated that the preservation of our natural resources is a high priority for the majority of us. This is an open invitation to join your neighbors in shaping a plan for preserving, protecting and maintaining our natural resources, for now and for the next generations.

**What's been happening?**

The Natural Resources Committee (NRC) has been working for nearly two years to draft guidelines to help us all be good stewards of our natural environment. Responding to a charge from the board, NRC has been researching best practices and the best available information on how to slow erosion on our bluffs and in the ravines, prevent fires in our homes and the forest, maintain the forested ambiance and screening, and protect wildlife habitat at HP. Now it is time to share what NRC has learned, and to invite your advice and input on guidelines that will help to maintain our environment for years to come.

To learn more about the work that has been going on, see the NRC meeting agendas and minutes that are posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse and on the HP website [www.hartstenepointe.org](http://www.hartstenepointe.org) . Click Members Only on left; for Username, click down arrow and Hartstene Pointe will come up; for password, type reddfoxx; then click the Login button; on next page click Natural Resources – click on meeting minutes at top of page or Agenda.

**What's coming?**

Over the next few months, the HPMA Board and NRC will send out draft guidelines, along with questions and unresolved issues, to the community for comment. **Snowbirds and part-time residents, this includes you, too!** Workshops and community conversations will be part of the process. For those who cannot participate on site, we invite your comments by email (a special email account is being set up to receive your comments). Surveys may also be sent out following the community discussions. Please read on for more information about these events. In the late spring, the board will weigh the input from the community and NRC to adopt a comprehensive plan for stewardship of our natural resources at the Pointe.

We are excited to begin the community conversations, and look forward to hearing from each of you.

**Community Involvement Task Force:**

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**See reverse for Preliminary Schedule of Events**

### **Preliminary Schedule of Events**

(Please note that some dates might change – stay tuned for updates)

#### **February: Erosion and Stormwater Draft Report and Guidelines**

February 10: Report and questions available on website (advance email/postcard reminder); hard copies available in clubhouse or by request from office (for those with no web access)

February 18: 2:00 p.m.: Community conversation to discuss the report and get your comments.  
Ongoing email comments

February 20: Follow-up survey sent out

#### **March: Wildlife and Habitat Draft Report and Guidelines**

March 9: Report and questions available on website (advance email/postcard reminder); hard copies available in clubhouse or by request from office (for those with no web access)

March 17: 2:00 p.m. Community conversation to discuss the report and get your comments  
Ongoing email comments

March 19: Follow-up survey sent out

#### **April: Fire Safety Draft Report and Guidelines**

April 13: Report and questions available on website (advance email/postcard reminder); hard copies available in clubhouse or by request from office (for those with no web access)

April 21: 2:00 Community conversation to discuss the report and get your comments, in conjunction with Firewise workshop  
Ongoing email comments

April 23: Follow up survey sent out

#### **May: Forest/Greenbelt and Screening Report and Guidelines**

May 4: Report and questions available on website (advance email/postcard reminder); hard copies available in clubhouse or by request from office for those with no web access)

May 12: 2:00 Community conversation to discuss the report and get your comments  
Ongoing email comments

May 14: Follow-up survey sent