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**STEPHENS GROVE**  
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Hello Neighbors -

Spring has sprung on all of us and the board has been working hard. By the time you read this, we hope that you have taken a few minutes to take a look at the tulips at all of the entrances and noticed that the trees, especially around the pool, have taken on a more healthy shape than they have had in the past. Please refrain from tiptoeing through the tulips as tempting as it may be. All of this is the result of our new landscaping company who we are pleased with so far and hope that all residents can tell the difference.

Hawthorne will be making more frequent checks of the neighborhood so please be cognizant of the unmowed lawns, branch/debris piles, and general yard appearance. Also, please remember that parking on the street is a violation of the CCR's and an issue that we will continue to put strong focus on as it presents safety hazards for pedestrians and detracts from the overall appearance of the neighborhood.

The ARC committee is meeting twice a month for the next few months to better serve residents during the busy spring and early summer. The board has been joined by several non-board residents who are providing critical input and participation on ARC request decisions. Remember, the time to put in an ARC is BEFORE the work is done and the more frequent meetings will result in quicker turnaround for homeowners. The board will go back to the traditional monthly meetings around the July time frame.

Also, please remember that golf carts, mini-bikes, motorized scooters, ATVs, and mopeds are motorized vehicles and fall under the same laws as any motorized vehicle. It's important to remember that misuse of those vehicles can result in criminal or civil penalties from Huntersville PD and do not fall under any jurisdiction that the board can exercise or influence. Similarly, please remember that cats are to be controlled just like any pet and may also result in action by the Huntersville PD's Animal Control Unit. We want everyone to enjoy the neighborhood so please be considerate and consider your choices carefully regarding these issues. We have seen an upsurge in complaints in these areas and wanted to focus on it in this forum. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

Finally, the board wishes to extend a special thanks to the social committee and other volunteers for your help and participation in various activities. We have seen many more people step up to the plate and offer to take on tasks than in the past and this is showing results, some visible and some behind the scenes, for all of us. Thank you to all. Please visit the website frequently and note that we have finally secured the [www.stephensgrove.com](http://www.stephensgrove.com) domain. The [www.stephensgrovehoa.com](http://www.stephensgrovehoa.com) domain will continue to work as well.

Best regards,  
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