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Dear Neighbors,

I hope you are staying cool on these hot days! I recently returned from the Midwest and I must admit that I enjoyed the greenery and showers. For those of you struggling to maintain lawns, this may be a good time to consider removing the grass and replacing with water wise plantings. My husband and I haven't turned on the front lawn drip system and our plants are still flowering. We have other landscaping that needs to be replaced, but most likely we will wait until late fall. Residents can also receive "cash for grass." Check it out on [nmwd.com](http://nmwd.com). Remember, share any landscaping changes by completing the application online which is available at [hamiltonfield.org](http://hamiltonfield.org).

### **Mailboxes**

The Traditions HOA is planning on repainting and maintaining the mailboxes in our neighborhoods. At the moment, our painter is really busy but as soon as his company is available, we will start the ball rolling. Homeowners are still responsible for fixing the mailboxes and replacing the numbers. If you need more information on how to do this, check out the [hamiltonfield.org](http://hamiltonfield.org) website or contact me.

### **Parking**

Residents have voiced concerns regarding parking violations in our neighborhood. I, too, have observed that homeowners and visitors are not following the "no parking" signage. Parking in Traditions is very simple:

- There is no parking on the non sidewalk side of the street.
- There is no parking on the sidewalk side of the street where there is signage.

### **Why is there no parking signage and such limited parking?**

- When Traditions was designed, the developers did not design wide streets as they wanted to create a neighborhood friendly walking area instead of an avenue for speeding cars. We all want this as it allows our children to play safely and the rest of us to walk without fear of fast driving vehicles.
- The developers wanted people to park in their garages and driveways. While this is difficult to enforce, it is highly encouraged. Parking in the garages and driveways offer up more space for visitors and it protects your vehicles from weather and crime.

- Due to the narrowness of the streets, paramedics need to have one side of the street cleared of vehicles. If there are cars parked on both sides, the large firetrucks will have difficulty responding to a crisis.

**What can I do if I need parking space for visitors?**

There is additional parking for visitors at the museum, old theater parking lots, and hangars, except between 2:00 and 5:00 AM.

**What can I do if there is a car parked illegally?**

Our streets are public streets; the HOA does not own them. If there is a car parked illegally or parked longer than 72 hours, illegally or not, contact your neighbor or call the police to enforce the rules.

Landlords are responsible for notifying their tenants and enforcing the rules although tenants also receive mailings through Wakefield Sharp, our HOA company.

Please let me know if you have any questions and/or concerns.

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