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Fall/Winter Newsletter

GHPOA Amendment Proposal – A "Yes" Vote for our Future!

Adding an amendment to our governing documents would empower property owners to make changes as circumstances dictate. Currently, the 75% majority vote needed to pass any amendment is unattainable and, therefore, we are "stuck" and cannot move forward with any changes. For example, we have no provision for either long or short-term (Air B&B) leasing in our documents, both of which are becoming more and more common. A "YES" vote for the Amendment Proposal would enable our Association to move forward and keep pace with developments and issues that were not even thought of 38 years ago when our documents were written in 1981. A "YES" vote for the Amendment Proposal takes change from impossible to difficult, but still achievable. An information sheet is included for your review.

Neighborhood Events!

 Adults and children enjoyed our Annual Community Social on Saturday, September 14th. Children participated in games, face painting, glitter art, hula hoops, prizes & more! Adults registered to win numerous door prizes donated by local merchants. GHPOA wishes to thank our two sponsors for their generous donations: Admirals Sound resident, Patrick Tumbarello of F. C. Tucker (Gold Sponsor \$1,000) & Community Association of Indiana (Bronze Sponsor \$250). Photos are available on our Facebook page, Geist Harbours.

Community Accomplishments

- The landscaping beds in Admirals Bay, Admirals Pointe, Admirals Sound, Admirals Woods and Crossing South have been refurbished.
- The Board approved a Social Media Policy, a copy of which is included with this mailing.

Projects Underway

- Our masonry monument repair contract called for a two year inspection. The inspection revealed some issues that will be repaired at no cost to GHPOA.
- The Grounds Committee is reviewing bids for our new landscaping contract.

Neighborhood Security – Geist Patrol

- Please obey the law! All vehicles <u>MUST</u> stop when a school bus is loading or unloading children and the STOP arm is extended. Remember speeding and rolling through stop signs puts children at risk! Breaking these laws results in a significant fine & possible suspension of your driver's license.
- Please report any suspicious person or activity by calling 317-842-8082.

Questions from your neighbors...

Potholes on our streets are awful. What can be done about them? With the exception of a few private drives within GHPOA, our streets are the responsibility of the Cities of Indianapolis, Fishers and Lawrence. These cities do not inspect our streets for potholes. <u>Potholes must be reported</u>. <u>We need your help!</u>

Please be a good neighbor and report potholes in your neighborhood!

City of Fishers: http://www.fishers.in.us/requesttracker.aspx City of Indianapolis: http://maps.indy.gov/RequestIndy/ City of Lawrence: Contact the Department of Public Works at 317-545-8787



Save the Date!

- Halloween Trunk & Treat <u>October 31st</u>, 5 to 6 p.m. at Geist Chapel, Old Stone Road, Admirals Bay! Costume parade follows...
- Our "Deck the Homes" exterior holiday decorating contest runs from November 29th through December 20th. <u>Watch for our postcard mailing for</u> <u>complete information!</u>

New Vacation Check Policy

GHPOA adopted a new Vacation Check Policy on January 1, 2019. Geist Patrol will perform

 vacation check per day on a residence for not more than fourteen (14) consecutive days in
 a sixty (60) period. The complete policy is available for review on our website, GHPOA.com
 under the "Governing Documents & Policies" tab.

Yard Signs

Except for real estate for sale or political signs (which may be displayed 30 days prior & removed 5 days after an election), no other yard signs may be displayed within GHPOA.

Be a good neighbor... While we all love our pets, dogs or cats running free may become lost or injured, get into fights with other animals or frighten children or adults. Thank you for your cooperation in not allowing your pets to run free.