April 2022



Spring/Summer Newsletter

## 🚣 Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at Amy Beverland School. For the first time, residents were given the option of both in-person and virtual participation. The number of in-person attendees was equal to the number of those property owners who chose to virtually participate. About 85 property owners participated. The board presented a comprehensive report on 2021 accomplishments and plans for 2022. Our thanks to the elected officials who accepted our invitation to meet with their constituents. A Q&A session followed the meeting. In addition, a drawing was held to award prizes donated by local merchants.

#### Spring Safety Reminders from Geist Patrol

You can minimize your risk of being a victim of a crime of opportunity by taking the following safety precautions:

- Geist Patrol can respond to calls for assistance usually within 5 minutes. Therefore, if you utilize a security system, please notify your security provider to first call Gest Patrol at 317-842-8082 instead of 911.
- Leave your exterior lights on from dusk until dawn.
- Set your security alarm each time you leave your home.
- When possible, park all vehicles in your garage.
- Lock all vehicles parked outside and remove all valuables.
- Lock the door from your garage to your home.
- Keep your garage door and garage service door closed and locked.
- Do not leave valuables outside (bikes, lawnmowers, etc.).

<u>Taking a vacation?</u> Geist Patrol will conduct a daily vacation check on your home. Visit GeistPatrol.com. Click on Login at the top of the page. Log in or scroll to the bottom of that page to register. After logging in, please click on the Home Checks tab at the top of the page. Once you complete and submit the form, the Officers can immediately schedule a daily vacation check of your home. Need help with registration? Please select the "Contact Us" link at the top of the page.

<u>Finally, please immediately contact Geist Patrol at 317-842-8082 to report any suspicious</u> <u>person, vehicle or activity</u>. Geist Patrol vehicles patrol GHPOA communities 24/7/365. They are always available to assist GHPOA residents.



Making an exterior to change to your home or lot? Please remember that you need to submit a Development Control Committee Application for review. Visit GHPOA.com and select "About Us" and then "Development Control" to download an application.

<u>Thinking of Replacing Your Mailbox?</u> Visit GHPOA.com and select "About Us" and then "Mailbox Guidelines" to learn what type of mailbox may be installed in GHPOA.



#### GRADUATE Display of Graduation Yard Signs!

A reminder that graduation yard signs are permitted from May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. All other yard signs (including contractor signs) continue to be prohibited.



### Neighborhood Events!

"Deck the Homes" For the fifth year, GHPOA residents began the holiday season by entering this contest. Our judge, Admirals Bay resident Brenda Fraser who is the owner/designer of Dragonflies & Bows, drove by each entered home. Entries were judged on creativity, use of lights and holiday decorations. GHPOA thanks the following merchants for generously donating prizes: Estes Design, Geist Nursery, Charleston's Restaurant and Wolfies Restaurant.

- Grand Prize Emeritus (for their ongoing spectacular light & music display The Schuller Family
- Grand Prize Winner The Halbach Family
- 1st Prize Winner The Saxon Family
- 2nd Prize Winner The Walton/Gartenman Family
- 3rd Prize Winner The Anton Family

"Here Comes Santa" Welcoming the holiday season, Santa drove through GHPOA communities on Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by Masthead resident Sandra Richard, S. K. Richard & Associates, Broker/Realtor, the event drew hundreds of children and adults who lined the parade route.

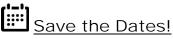


## Community Accomplishments

- Your Directors welcomed 163 new residents during 2021.
- The Development Control Committee reviewed 260 exterior home/lot improvement applications during 2021.
- The landscaping on the Carroll Road berm was refreshed.

## Projects Underway

 The yearly painting and repair of GHPOA street signs will begin once the danger of frost has passed.



- Geist Half Marathon Saturday, May 21st
- GHPOA Community Garage Sale Friday and Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4th, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- "Blast on the Bridge" July 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 10 p.m.
- "Halloween Trunk or Treat & Parade" Geist Chapel, Monday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 5 to 6 p.m.
- "Deck the Homes" November 25th through December 20th
- "Here Comes Santa" Saturday, November 26th

Be a good neighbor and do not let your pets roam free! In addition to violating city law and our governing documents, free roaming pets may become lost, injured, frighten residents or damage neighborhood yards. Thanks for your cooperation!



# Steps you can take to locate missing GHPOA family pets!

# Please do not damage GHPOA property by attaching any items to our street poles or signs!

Cherished family pets are important members of many GHPOA families. Having a family pet go missing is stressful to all family members.

To assist residents who have had a family pet go missing, we are providing you with suggestions to help find your pet.

- Post information, including a photo of your pet, on the social media site NextDoor (https://nextdoor.com).
- Contact Geist Patrol and ask for their assistance (317-842-8082)
- Post on the Indy Lost Pets website (https://indylostpetalert.com/)
- Utilize our Facebook page, Geist Harbours. Email your name, address, phone number, photo of your missing pet and the post you wish to have displayed on our Facebook page to our Community Manager, Meghan Lucas, at mlucas@cas-indiana.com.

Thanks for your cooperation in not attaching any items to our street poles and signs. The duct tape damages these items. The yearly budget for maintaining our signs and poles is over \$15,000.

Thank you.

Your GHPOA Board of Directors