 **September 2022**

Fall/Winter Newsletter

**Upcoming Events!**

* **“Halloween Trunk or Treat”** – **Watch for our October postcard mailing!** Monday, October 31st, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Geist Chapel, 12459 Old Stone Road, Admirals Bay. Fill your trunk with treats for the children! Bring your kids! Halloween Parade escorted by Geist Patrol! Antique firetruck!
* **“Letters to Santa”** GHPOA will place a mailbox outside of Geist Patrol at 11040 Fall Creek Road (entrance to Holy Spirit at Geist Church) from Friday, Nov. 25th through December 19th. Each day Santa’s elves will collect the letters.
* **“Deck the Homes”** – **Watch for our Nov. postcard mailing!** Our popular exterior home decorating contest will run from Nov. 25th through Dec. 19th. To date the following prizes have been donated: Estes Design ($450 GHPOA custom mailbox), Wolfies ($200 gift certificate), White’s Ace Hardware ($100 gift certificate), Eddy’s Neighborhood Bar & Grill ($50 gift certificate). Once again, Admirals Bay resident and designer, Brenda Frasier, the owner of “Dragonflies & Bows” will be our judge**.**
* **“Here Comes Santa!” – Timed Entry for communities!** -Santa & his elves, accompanied by Geist Patrol, will be driving through GHPOA communities on **Saturday, Dec. 3rd, from 2:15 to 5:15 p.m.** Please watch for the publication of Santa’s route!
* **Annual Meeting** – Our meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 17th from 7 to 9** **p.m.** Complete details will be provided in a mailing which will be sent to all property owners.

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**CEG Implements Trespassing Ban To Prevent Hunting**

**On or Around Geist Reservoir**

Citizens Energy Group (CEG) owns Geist Reservoir, the area by the dam and a 20-foot shoreline easement surrounding the reservoir. In the interest of public safety and with the assistance of Indiana Senator Kyle Walker, CEG has reached an agreement with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) and the Fishers Police Department to begin enforcement of a no trespassing ban to prevent hunting on or around Geist Reservoir. IMPD and the Fishers Police Department will partner to enforce the ban. Signage will be placed at boat launch ramps and in the area by the dam. In addition, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will educate hunters on this trespassing ban. **Residents hearing gunshots or seeing hunters may call Geist Patrol at 317-842-8082 so they may facilitate a response**.

**GHPOA Delinquency Policy Change!**

**Your Board of Directors has approved a change to our Delinquency Policy. As a courtesy, property owners with unpaid dues will receive a reminder notice which will be mailed on February 15th stating that to avoid a $50 late fee your dues must be recorded as paid by March 15th. Our dues payment date remains unchanged.**

GHPOA Roads and Sidewalks

While your Board has been in ongoing communication with city officials, due to lack of funding, our Indianapolis roads and sidewalks continue to be urgently in need of repair. Indiana HOA law states that our dues may not be spent to repair or maintain assets which are not owned by the Association. Therefore, the city is responsible for the maintenance and repair of our roads and sidewalks.

**How to report potholes, roads in need of repaving or uneven and cracked sidewalks:**

**City of Indianapolis**

[https://www.indy.gov/activity/report-potholes](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.indy.gov%2Factivity%2Freport-potholes%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0QqNp_4iodMV8UOoHm3YqzsUXAVV7zfU6DMKAqdPlrcR5j2CXnvRQo0DE&h=AT26wX3iNr0PRjZJEgREO2oGLihx5RjffJAGKE4dqIUMrNl8Cf1GArQHsZcrqwiUG4bJ4YvovJ91rTUOqJ5v89v9Nryk8nHWRpUjEv-i1dMph0bnx2ACUPLgP07YIIFwJg&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT0-3veEUXfpsYGzDsL3fcfnTjelOkKurOeKK5wbomsNpOu6dANBC0bcRSdpIbAaTYZADEM15XBihlmrE1L_b-5DJiPMPu9hOBnziehIyf-k7qSA5kEzGKyNMp2AGeTUaTOWc69LRKEbBoCj6P0_Uof7A5r0-FEIOCBsCzKw86gVizccryI0bFX8p8US2QU00VyaGvqk). You may also phone 317-327-4622

**City of Fishers**

<https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/26pMJzv8jeF89NAhJy6TgFXT/report/category/28527/location>

You may also call 317-595-3111

**City of Lawrence**

Please call 317-545-6191 and select option 4.

 Neighborhood Security – Geist Patrol

* The safety of GHPOA property owners and their children who are walking, jogging or driving our roads is a priority. **Speeding, rolling through stop signs and failing to stop for school buses which are loading or unloading children are serious traffic violations which carry fines and points against your license. Please obey the law and keep our streets safe!**
* If you see any suspicious person, vehicle or activity **PLEASE** immediately contact Geist Patrol (317-842-8082) **BEFORE** posting on social media! The armed Officers of Geist Patrol have full policing power and are available 24/7/365 to assist all residents.

**INSTALLATION OF 5G CELL TOWERS**

In 2021, Governor Holcomb signed into law House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1164 which strips all local jurisdictions from regulating the installation and placement of 5G cell towers. HEA 1164 removes height and spacing restrictions and eliminates the ability of local jurisdictions to enforce laws passed requiring that all new utilities be placed underground, including the 1970’s law passed by the City of

Indianapolis. While telecom companies will be allowed to install these 5G cell towers on utility easements on any lot, no proposed installation map has been published. Therefore, we do not know if there are plans to install these towers on any GHPOA lot. Generally, 5G towers have a minimum height of 50 feet and a maximum height of 200 feet.

Only the Indiana General Assembly has the authority to modify this law. If you wish to express your view on this issue, please contact Senator Kyle Walker at 1-800-382-9467 and Representative Chris Jeter at 1-800-382-9841. You may also write to them c/o of Indiana State Capitol, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

**Be A Good Neighbor!**

**Autumn leaves will soon be falling! Please remember that burning leaves is illegal in Fishers, Lawrence and Indianapolis! The fumes are a health risk to children and adults with lung conditions and blowing burning leaves can start a fire. Please bag your leaves and put them out for pick up.**