



## Spring/Summer Newsletter



### Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at Amy Beverland School. 49 property owners attended in-person and 26 participated online. In addition, 104 property owners submitted proxies. Our Treasurer, Geist Patrol and all Committee Chairs presented a recap of 2022 accomplishments and plans for 2023. A Q&A session followed the meeting. Unfortunately, the City Councilors from Indianapolis (Ali Brown) and Fishers (Pete Peterson) were unable to attend the meeting as their presence was required at city council meetings. David Hofmann, Deputy Mayor of Lawrence, did attend.

### Responsibility, Maintenance and Repair of Sidewalks

A question was raised at our Annual Meeting regarding ownership of GHPOA sidewalks. Numerous GHPOA sidewalks are urgently in need of repair. Indiana Homeowner Association law states that Association dues may only be spent to repair, improve or replace assets owned by the Association. The responsibility for sidewalk repair and maintenance has been carefully researched. All GHPOA sidewalks located in Marion County are the responsibility Indianapolis and Lawrence. Per an ordinance passed by Fishers, the property owner adjacent to the sidewalk is responsible for repair and maintenance. Therefore, GHPOA is unable to use Association dues to pay for any sidewalk repair or maintenance. To report damaged, missing or uneven sidewalks in Indianapolis, contact the Mayor's Action Center (<https://www.indy.gov/agency/mayors-action-center>) or call 317-327-4622. In Lawrence, visit <https://www.cityoflawrence.org/report-potholes> and complete the "Contact Us" form, selecting streets and sidewalks from the drop-down menu.



**Immediately contact Geist Patrol at 317-842-8082 to report any suspicious person, vehicle or activity.** They are always available to assist GHPOA residents.

**Emergency on your property?** By providing Geist Patrol with your emergency contact information (phone and email), they can immediately notify you of any emergency. You are encouraged to visit their website (GeistPatrol.com) and provide this information. Geist Patrol will never sell you information and would only share it with law enforcement agencies in exigent circumstances.

**Taking a vacation?** Geist Patrol will conduct a daily vacation check on your home. Visit GeistPatrol.com. Login or register and request this service.

**A very special thank you to Admirals Sound resident and F. C. Tucker Broker, Patrick Tumbarello, for his ongoing sponsorship of our holiday American flag display!**



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

**Have an idea for a community-wide event? We'd love to hear about it! Contact information for all Directors is located on our website, GHPOA.com, under the "Contact Us" link at the top of the home page.**



**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.



### **2022 Social Events Recap!**

**Halloween “Trunk or Treat”** On Halloween hundreds of GHPOA residents participated in our first community-wide Halloween event held in the Geist Chapel parking lot. As always, Geist Patrol provided security. Photos were posted on our Facebook page, Geist Harbours.

**“Here Comes Santa”** On Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, welcoming the holiday season and riding in their sleigh, Santa and Mrs. Claus drove through GHPOA communities. Geist Patrol provided security as Santa’s elves tossed candy canes to hundreds of GHPOA children. Photos were posted on our Facebook page, Geist Harbours.

**“Letters to Santa”** Santa’s mailbox was placed at Geist Patrol headquarters and the Officers ensured that all letters placed in the box were promptly shipped to the North Pole.

**“Deck the Homes”** For the 6th year, GHPOA residents began the holiday season by entering this contest. Our judge, **Admirals Bay resident Brenda Fraser**, the owner/designer of Dragonflies & Bows, drove by each home entered in the contest. GHPOA thanks the following merchants for generously donating prizes with a total value of \$1,000: **Estes Design, Wolfies at Geist Marina, White’s Ace Hardware, Charleston’s Restaurant and Eddy’s Neighborhood Bar & Grill.**

- **Grand Prize Emeritus – Shirley and Larry Halbach (Feather Cove I)**
- **Grand Prize Winner – Samantha Walton & Scott Gartenman (Admirals Sound)**
- **1st Prize Winner – Karen and Stephen Bobos (Masthead I)**
- **2nd Prize Winner – Sophia and George Walton (Admirals Pointe)**
- **3rd Prize Winner – Sandy and Karl Siebe (Admirals Sound)**



### **Community Accomplishments**

- Your Directors welcomed 129 new property owners during 2022.
- During 2022, the Development Control Committee reviewed 212 applications.
- Damaged street poles and signs were repaired, replaced and painted.



### **Projects Underway**

- Yearly maintenance of all landscaping, bedding areas, entrance signs.
- Yearly Inspection of all GHPOA street poles and signs.
- Evaluation of the trees located on the Carroll Road berm.
- Evaluation and selection of a snow removal contractor and management company.



### **Save the Dates!**

- **GHPOA Community Garage Sale** – Friday and Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Geist Half Marathon** – Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>
- **“Halloween Trunk or Treat & Parade”** – Geist Chapel, Tuesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- **“Deck the Homes”** - November 24<sup>th</sup> through December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **“Letters to Santa”** – November 24<sup>th</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **“Here Comes Santa Meet & Greet”** – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Christ Presbyterian Church