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President's Letter

We are rapidly approaching the time for our northern friends to return to the hot south. I don't know about you, but I think this summer has been a scorcher! Good amounts of rain, however, have kept our lakes and ponds full.

It is with deep regret we have received and accepted Barb Akus' resignation from the Board of Directors. Barbara has given eighteen years to Golf Hammock in multiple leadership positions. She has always been willing to "step up" for our association. Her knowledge of GH and its inner working has been, in my opinion, a valuable resource. Our heartfelt thanks, Barbara, for your years of service!! Our best wishes to you as you move to "the next chapter".

Getting the lighting at the main entrance upgraded and working consistently has been more of a challenge than we planned for. Thanks to John McAngus for staying with it and getting the task completed. We have had questions about the speeding questionnaire results. A complete summary was published in the May newsletter and is available at ghoonline.com. The results were published on the outside bulletin board and on two bulletin boards at the Clubhouse since May. If you would like a copy, please contact Millie Grime at 471-9979.

Plans for Halloween were shared at our workshop and meeting. Shirley Kuznarik, chairperson, has requested three extra duty deputies for four hours to assist with security and traffic control. Nell Frewin Hays (Sheriff Dept. Public Relation Officer) met with our committee informing us that our role is somewhat restricted. Even though our roads are private, they are public access roads. Flatbeds etc. are allowable per the sheriff's dept. and no tickets for such can be issued by patrolmen. Shirley and community volunteers will be monitoring activities as well on Oct. 31st. Hours of trick-or-treating are from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

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Looking for a Few Good People

Each year three positions on the Board are available. This year Barb Akus, Tom Senior, and Millie Grime will be either leaving the Board or running for reelection. The Board is looking for people to take a position and help govern the business of the GH Owners Association. Will you please contact Millie Grime, secretary, if you are interested in running for a position? You may call 471-9979 or e-mail cnmgrime@embarqmail.com.

Name _____

Address _____

Years in GH _____

Experience that would help you as you work on the Board _____

Interests,hobbies _____

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Our emphasis will be to monitor/maintain traffic control and security for our residents and guests.

The Board and resident volunteers are developing a written bidding process for Board members to use when securing outside contractors for association work. Please contact Shirley Kuznarik (who is also chairing the committee) at 382-3656 or kuzfla@yahoo.com to volunteer to help.

Lastly, but not least in importance, we need neighbors/volunteers to run for the GHOA Board. Please consider offering your time in service to your community. The only way to keep Golf Hammock the outstanding community it has always been is to have residents willing to give back through leadership. Three positions will be vacant, so is it your time to give back? If you are interested, please contact Millie Grime for a board application. (471-9979). Any board member would be happy to answer questions you might have.

Working for you,
Sandy Todd



"Recipe of the Month" Sweet Potato Orange Cups

Ingredients

- 2 c cooked mashed sweet potatoes
- 2 T butter
- ½ c orange juice
- 3 large oranges, washed
- 1 c mini marshmallows

Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine sweet potatoes, butter, orange juice in a mixing bowl and beat until well blended. Cut oranges in half and remove juice and pulp. Fill cups with mashed sweet potatoes, top with marshmallows. Place in a glass casserole dish coated with oil. Bake 15 minutes. Serves 6.

WANT SOME CASH?

WHY NOT ADVERTISE THINGS YOU HAVE TO SELL ON GHOA BAY?

Our new website www.ghoaonline.com offers residents a chance to advertise FOR FREE items that they would like to sell. All you have to do is provide a description and/or a picture of the item or items you wish to sell and e-mail it to our webmaster, Ruthie, at www.webmasterghoaonline.com and the rest will be taken care of. PLEASE INCLUDE THE PRICE YOU WISH FOR THE ITEM AND A CONTACT NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS. HAPPY SELLING.

IMPORTANT DATES

Trash Pickup is every Monday and Thursday
Yard Debris pickup is the first and third Wednesday

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Non-Emergency -- call 402-7200
Emergency -- call 911

RULES TO REMEMBER

Only 2 dogs are allowed per household. Dogs are to be confined to their own yard or on a leash when being walked. OWNERS ARE EXPECTED TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR PETS.

Fences cannot be higher than 6 feet tall. If a lot owner is contemplating doing changes to his property, (fences, garages, new rooms, patios, new garage, pool, etc.) the change must be Okayed by the architectural committee. Please call Shirley Kuznarik 382-3656 or kuzfla@yahoo.com

Contractors (including yard workers) are not allowed to work on Sunday in GH. Residents and contractors should not start yard work until AFTER 8:00 A.M.

Residents are asked to keep outside lights on at night in order to provide security for the development.

Residents are reminded that lawns are to be sodded front to back and mowed once a week during growing season.

Please do not put cut branches and bushes on undeveloped lots .

Please make sure that lawn clippings are removed from paved and street areas when lawn mowing.

Garage sales and estate sales are NOT permitted in GH.

No signs, other than "For Sale" signs can be placed on any lot.

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Debora Peckham and Peter Davidson
2602 Hammock Dr. Unit 5B

Robert and Lori Tincado
4125 Duffer Loop

Fred and Carol Bierline
2913 Summertree Drive

Dan and Jan Hendricks
3900 Cormorant Point Drive

Mark and Barbara Walczak
4400 Pitching Wedge Way

Cathy and Brent Allen
2911 Divot Road

Chuck and Judy Spurgeon
3209 Divot Road

Karen and Tim Edsall
2901 Divot Road

Judy and David Boudia
2801 Sugar Pine Circle

Brenda August
2520 Country Club Road

Golf Hammock Owners' Board Meeting September 3, 2014

Members present: John McAngus, Millie Grime, Sandy Todd, Shirley Kuznarik, Connie Wilhite, Hardric McMillon

Absent: Tom Senior, Barb Akus, Judy Trier,

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President, Sandy Todd

President Todd read a letter from Barb Akus stating that she was resigning from the board effective immediately. Shirley Kuznarik moved that the resignation be accepted. John McAngus seconded. The Board accepted with regret Barb's resignation. She has been a tireless board member on both the GH Owner's Association Board and on the GH Golf Board for eighteen years. The Board wishes her well in her "retirement".

John McAngus revealed that he will be moving closer to the coast and will be leaving the board also as soon as he sells his home.

Discussion followed as to how to replace people until the next Board election. A sign will be placed at both entrances alerting residents that Barb's position is open until Jan.

Minutes, Millie Grime, 471-9979, cnmgrime@embarqmail.com

The minutes were approved.

Entrance and Landscaping, Sandy Todd, clb1919@yahoo.com, 385-4774

The summer months have been spent with Clarke Pest Control fertilizing and insect spraying the viburnum and azaleas. By the way, an adjustment needs to be made in the Clarke bid for fertilizing and spraying our viburnum and azaleas. The original bid presented at our meeting was \$250 per quarter. That was adjusted to \$230 per quarter at Clarke's request. It has been brought to our attention that the oak trees along Hammock Road and Lost Ball need trimming as they are hanging too far over the azaleas. Also, this fall it is time to clear out the palm trees at the main entrance as well as there in the two beds entering the circle.

Undeveloped lots have been mowed as required. One lot remains to be a challenge in meeting our guidelines.

Treasurers Report, Tom Senior, 314-0644, tomseniorjr@aol.com

Treasure's Report for May, June, July, and August

The total income for the period was \$1,477 which included assessments of \$750, late payment penalties of \$200, finance charges of \$263, reimbursed legal fees of \$277, bankruptcy distributions of \$4 and interest of \$33. Total expenditures were \$31,545 which covered common grounds maintenance of \$12,761, electricity of \$2,880, clubhouse rent and our share of utilities of \$1,921, newsletter costs (March, April, and May) of \$1,603, website maintenance of \$450, legal fees of \$1,738, directory costs of \$169, annual liability insurance premium of \$7,061, lot maintenance of \$200, front entrance electrical work \$2,144, security costs (Halloween) of \$480 and administrative costs of \$139.

The total cash (including savings) at the beginning of May was \$231,101 and decreased to 201,013 at the end of July since expenses exceeded income by \$30,068.

Common Grounds, John McAngus, JohnMcAngus@yahoo.com, 440-935-4708

There have been some problems with the lighting along the walls. Bulbs have burned out quickly and have been replaced only to burn out again. I am working with the company who worked on the problem originally to get things corrected.

Architecture, Shirley Kuznarik, 382-3656, kuzfla@yahoo.com

Approved:

Widen driveway and new sidewalks

Two swimming pools, including additions to patios and enclosure

Four sheds

Lakes, Barb Akus, akusba@centurylink.net, 314-0255

We have had a good summer with the lakes, all the rain has kept the lake levels up and the water clear. One of our residents took it upon himself to pay to have the water in Lake Clara tested. The results were, there was no type of bacteria in

the water and it's one of the cleanest lakes they've seen.

We recently have had a bloom of algae on Lake Marlene and the tech came out on 8/28 to treat it. They will be sending their wetland crew to treat the ditch between Lake Clara and Lake Elaine.

Clubhouse, Barb Akus, akusba@centurylink.net, 314-0255

Over the summer, we started having a card night every other Tuesday night. This has been very successful with as many as 20 people attending. The next one will be Sept 16th at 7:00 P.M. Bring your own dimes and your own refreshment. Wendy Hardy will be taking over Lakes and the Clubhouse. I know she has lots of ideas to get our residents involved in more activities. The monthly Thursday night game night will probably resume in Oct. Wendy can be reached at 863-414-3727 or gdhardy54@centurylink.net.

Violations and Complaints, Judy Trier, jrtrier@gmail.com

15 violation letters were written during the months of June, July, and August

4 concerning yards needing work, sod and shrub trimming, or tree removal

1 for dead trees and shrubs

1 for clothes left on line to dry for too long

2 for boats in drives

2 for trailers in drive

1 for RV in driveway

1 dog running loose

1 for ATV's driven on roads

A second letter concerning yard condition

A second letter concerning boat in yard

A letter was sent to a local realtor, at their request, describing what work needed to be done in a yard to bring it up to our restrictions. This house has been sold and the work in the yard completed.

When calling or writing me about a complaint, please give me the street name and house number. The more information you can give me the quicker I can get to the offenders. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Please send all future complaints or suggestions to Judy Trier at jrtrier@gmail.com or call 260-242-0612.

Secretary, Millie Grime, 471-99979, cnmgrime@embarqmail.com

Elections for three new Board members will be in January of 2015. We are looking for people to run for the Board. Barb Akus, Millie Grime, and Tom Senior's terms are up at that time.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SELL, SEND A PICTURE OF THE ITEM TO RUTHIE, OUR WEBMASTER, ALONG WITH THE PRICE YOU WANT FOR IT. ALSO HAVE A PHONE NUMBER YOU CAN BE REACHED AT SO THAT PEOPLE CAN CONTACT YOU.

CHECK OUT OUR GHOABAY ON OUR WEBSITE. LOTS OF NEW ITEMS.

Data Base/Directory, Connie Wilhite, wilhite1530@comcast.net, 658-1854

Thank you once again for all you do. The information you provide helps keep the directory database accurate and up-to-date. Also, I want to send out a special thank you to Patsy White. Patsy decided to visit all the homes on Country Club Road and verify information for each resident.

Neighborhood Watch

A volunteer is needed to head the Neighborhood Watch Committee.

Roads, Hardric McMillon, hrmcmillon@embarqmail.com, 382-9579

Removed "slow sign" from West Entrance and replaced sign post
On Waterwood, replaced "Stop" sign with "Yield" sign.

Remember:

1. Progress Energy will install a street light in front of your for a monthly fee.
 2. Report street light outages to Progress Energy by calling 1-800-228-8485.
- Visitations, Ellyn Scholl-Losse 385-6294 mizles226@yahoo.com and Trish Broksch 471-3737, tbroksch@embarqmail.com
There were five visitations this month.

Old Business

Shirley Kuznarik reported that the Halloween Committee met on July 24th. In attendance were Sandy Todd, Roxie McMillon, Judy Trier, Nell Hays. It was an informative meeting where the committee learned that flat beds are, in fact, legal on Halloween. The group also learned that GH cannot refuse entry to those who want to trick-or-treat in our community. We can provide traffic control. The committee determined the best that they could do was to provide a safe environment for residents and those coming into the community. It elected to hire three police officers, one for each entry and one for the roundabout. They also ask that two volunteers be stationed with the officers at each position. The request for the three officers was put into the Highlands County Sheriff's Office immediately because it is hard to get officers for that evening. PLEASE CONTACT SHIRLEY KUZNARIK IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING.

Shirley also presented a list of items that the Board should consider when selecting contractors. She asked for volunteers to work on this committee. Victor Divietro, Ellyn Scholl-Losse, Trish Broksch, and Shirley Kuznarik agreed to be in the group.

New Business:

None

NEIGHBORS COMMENTS

Neighbors attending: Millie Anderson, Roxie McMillon, Wendy Hardy, Richard Johnson, Victor Divietro, Ellyn Scholl-Losse, Trish Broksch, Joyce Rowe, William Baur, Lois Worthington

One resident asked if anyone knew why there was a police car in GH that day.

Millie Anderson announced that she has written her fourth book called Papa's Promise . It is available on Amazon.com
It was suggested that the Board vacancy be advertised for 30 days at the entrances to GH.

Another resident wanted to know if the card players on Tuesday nights are paying dues.

Someone complimented the Halloween Committee for doing a good job, but questioned whether the committee could spend money for the policemen when the meeting wasn't posted. Hardric McMillon moved that the Board pay three policemen to be present on Oct. 31. Seconded by John McAngus. Passed unanimously.

Another resident was worried that even though flatbeds are legal on Halloween, if a child got hurt, would GH residents be liable.

It was suggested that signs be put at both entrances to advertise that three board vacancies are coming up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Millie Grime, Secretary

Workshop, Tuesday, Sept.30, 4:00, Clubhouse

General Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 1 , 7:00 P.M. Clubhouse

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