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DONT FORGET TO CHECKOUT OUR WEBSITE!



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WANTED: PEOPLE TO RUN FOR THE BOARD

EACH YEAR, THREE PEOPLE GO OFF THE GHOA BOARD AND THREE PEOPLE ARE ELECTED TO TAKE THEIR PLACE. WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO RUN FOR THE BOARD FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION IN JANUARY. PLEASE CALL THE SECRETARY, MILLIE GRIME, AT 471-9979 OR E-MAIL HER AT CNMGRIME@EMBARQMAIL AND LET HER KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PUTTING YOUR NAME UP FOR NOMINATION.

Name _____

Address _____

Years in GH _____

Interests and Hobbies _____

Qualifications that would help you be a good board member _____

Anyone or any organization that would like to have dates or information, on any upcoming events, published in the Homeowners' News please drop the information off at the Golf Hammock Pro Shop by the 5th of the month. The slot marked Homeowners' News is in the back of the pro shop near the offices.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A big welcome to John McAngus for joining our GHOA Board as Chairperson of Common Grounds! John and his family recently moved into the Golf Hammock Community from Ohio. It is great to have a new member of our community willing to step up and take a leadership position. Thanks, John.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

November 1, 2013 is the deadline for all information to be turned in for the 2014-2015 Golf Hammock Directory. Make sure you respond to Jean Carlton's request for information. The directory will be only as accurate as you, the homeowner, make it. Remember, we only have a directory published every two years.

November 19, 2013 is the date of our Neighborhood Watch meeting at the clubhouse at 6:30 P.M. Nell Frewin-Hayes, director of Neighborhood Watch groups in Highlands County through the Sheriff's Office, will be the speaker. We would like for anyone who wants information and/or would like to participate in the Golf Hammock Neighborhood Watch to attend. Russ Danser is our chairperson for this program. With 770 living units in Golf Hammock, we need to have neighbors on alert to the happenings within our community.

January 18, 2014 will be our first ever GHOA Community Garage Sale. It will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the parking area of the Sebring Christian Church (to the right, just past the West Entrance, off Hammock Road). Since we cannot hold garage sales within our community, Judy Trier came up with the idea of a community garage sale. Thanks to Judy for offering her leadership and giving our community this opportunity!

SUMMARY

I hope this first experience of receiving the newsletter via the internet is a good one! Our minutes from the October meeting are listed in a separate link on the website. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Ruthie O'Neill at 267-885-4043 or by e-mail at: webmasterghoaonline@gmail.com

**Working for you,
Sandy Todd**

NEW DIRECTORY INFORMATION NEEDED

We are gearing up for the 2014-2015 Directory. Jean Carlton will be e-mailing everyone in GH who has an e-mail address with their directory information. You can reply with any changes or additions you wish to make. Please do not assume it is correct and do nothing. Please reply to her e-mail and let her know if the information is correct or not. If you don't have an e-mail address, you may drop off your information at her home (4336 Duffer Loop). If you have an alternate address, please let Jean know that also. If you have an emergency number, Jean would like that to keep in her files. All information is due by Nov. 1.

NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON WEBSITE, THE LAST WEEK OF EACH MONTH!

**STARTING IN SEPTEMBER, the newsletter will be available online at www.ghoaonline.com.
THE LAST WEEK OF EACH MONTH, SEPTEMBER - MAY.**

FIRST EVER GOLF HAMMOCK GARAGE SALE



It is time to clean out your garages, storage units, and garden barns. We are offering all residents of Golf Hammock the opportunity to have a legal garage sale. We have contacted the Sebring Christian Church, located next to our west entrance, and they have given us permission to use their parking lot and grassy area for an addition wide garage sale.

The sale date is January 18th. The hours will be from 9:00 to 2:00. The cost for a 10 foot by 10 foot area will be \$10.00 with a cleanup deposit of \$10. You will receive the deposit

back at the close of the sale when your area is empty. You may reserve as many spots as you need.

Please contact Judy Trier at 260-242-0612 or jrtrier@gmail.com to reserve you site.

WANT SOME CASH? WHY NOT ADVERTISE THINGS YOU HAVE TO SELL ON G-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 webmaster@ghoaonline.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.

THE GH LENDING LIBRARY

Thanks again to all of you who've donated books to our Lending Library. It sure is appreciated. We have quite a varied collection for your reading pleasure. **For right now, please hold all further donations as our shelves are full.** We'll let you know as soon as we're able to accept more books. When you borrow a book, PLEASE, put it back in its proper place. Fiction books are alphabetical by author's last name, except for the few authors who have designated shelves of their own. Nonfiction and Misc. also have labeled shelves. When borrowers return books properly, it makes it easy for everyone to find just the book they want. Thank you very much for your cooperation and HAPPY READING! Millie Anderson

SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

November 1 — Report cards go home
November 13 — Early Release
November 22 — Progress Reports go home
November 25-29 — Holiday — Thanksgiving

IMPORTANT DATES

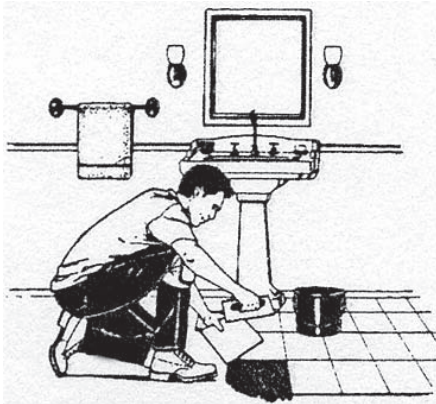
Trash Pickup is every Monday and Thursday
Yard Debris pickup is the first and third Wednesday
November 1 — all information for the new directory must be in.
November 19 — 6:30 P.M. at the Clubhouse,
Neighborhood Watch
Meeting with Nell Frewin-Hayes (all welcome)

LAKES IN GOLF HAMMOCK

Lake Judy (off Cormorant Point Dr and on golf course)
Mills Pond (at back of GH off Duffer Loop)
Lake Clara (between Divot Road and Par Road)
Lake Elaine (can see from Duffer Road)
Cormorant Pond (has an island in the middle, is in CP)
Lake Marlene (on Sugarpine Circle in CP)

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

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The following stats are for the months of Sept. Our inventory in Golf Hammock of homes for sale is still very low. This tells us that the market is in transition. With the smallest inventory in years this is the time to sell if you been thinking about it. Give me call to sell or buy.

Homes for Sale in Golf Hammock	8
Lowest price	\$97,500
Highest price	\$415,000
Homes under Contract	3 (1 is vacant lot)

HOMES SOLD	3
Average days on Market	20
Highest price	277,900
Lowest price	180,000
Median price	220,000

Because we are a smaller more rural area our housing recovery is coming about more slowly, but we are getting back to a more normal, balanced market.

www.sebringflhomes.com

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.
 - No signs, other than "For Sale" signs may be erected on any lot.
 - 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 PLACE YARD DEBRIS ON UNDEVELOPED LOTS.
- PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT LAWN CLIPPINGS ARE CLEARED FROM ALL PAVEMENTS.

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John and Christine McAngus
Son, Brandon
3415 Par Road

Gene and Debbie Martin
3039 Lost Ball

There may be more families that we are not aware of so if you know of new residents that have not been welcomed, please contact either Ellyn Losse @ 385-6294 or Trish Broksch @ 471-3737.

**Let's Go
Someplace
Together!**



Current Tours:

Mt. Dora

Golf at Deer Island

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Live from the Met

Historic Lakeland

Dali Museum/Chihuly

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and more.....

Pick-up in Lake Placid, Sebring & Avon Park

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"Recipe of the Month"
Pumpkin Bundt Cake



Directions

In a large mixing bowl, combine the first 7 ingredients. Beat on low speed for 30 seconds: beat on medium for 4 minutes. Pour into greased and floured 10 inch fluted tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-55 minutes or until a wooden pick comes out clean. Cool in pan for 15 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. Serve with whipped cream.

Yield 16 servings.

Ingredients

1 Pkg Yellow Cake Mix
 1 Pkg (3/4 oz.) Instant
 Butterscotch Pudding Mix
 4 Eggs
 2 T Pumpkin Pie Spice

3/4 C Water
 3/4 C Vegetable Oil
 1 C Canned Pumpkin
 Whipped Cream,
 (Optional)

GOLF HAMMOCK OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2013

Members present: Sandy Todd, Barb Akus, Millie Grime, Judy Trier, Hardric McMillon, John McAngus

Absent: Tom Senior, Jean Carlton, Shirley Kuznarik

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

President, Sandy Todd introduced John McAngus as the new chairperson of Common Grounds. John is a new resident who lives on Par Road and works with his son, Brandon, in their construction business. Barb Akus moved that the Board approve John as the chairperson of Common Grounds. Judy Trier seconded. Passed unanimously.

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

The minutes were approved as corrected.

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

The responsibility for Undeveloped Lots in Golf Hammock falls under this title so you all need to know that a letter was sent to all lot owners on Oct. 1. This letter informed them of the new Standing Rule passed by the GHOA Board on September 5, 2013 stating that, "Undeveloped Lots should be mowed as follows: 1 in spring, 2 in summer and 1 in fall (four times a year)". The consequence of violating this rule is spelled out in Article XXII, Section 4 or found on the last page of the new booklet everyone just received in their last newsletter. The lot owners have been given 30 days from October 1 to mow.

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

The total income for September was \$2,303 which included assessments and late payment penalties of \$382, advertising income of \$1,745, reimbursed legal fees of \$100 and interest of \$76.

Total expenditures were \$15,259 which covered common grounds maintenance of \$8,009 of which \$4,668 rent, our share of utilities and supplies of \$525, legal of \$1,214, work done at the West Entrance at the cost of \$4,535, website changes and maintenance of \$200, lot maintenance of \$100 and administrative costs of \$9.

Consequently, the total cash (including savings) at the beginning of September \$166,594 and decreased to \$153,638 at the end of September since expenses exceeded income by \$12,956.

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

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

Approved: 14 by 18 foot screened in attached patio room.

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

We had an outbreak of Bladderwort on Lake Elaine. This weed does not root, so it's not too dangerous. It also eats things like mosquito larvae which is a good thing. The bad thing is, it looks bad. Aquatic Weed Control came immediately after I called and sprayed the Bladderwort. The bad thing is that as it dies, the sun will dissipate it. Unfortunately, we did not get steady sun, but lots more rain which kept it floating around in the lake. Several of our residents helped clear the overspill every time it got blocked and threw the dead weed up on the grass. I called Aquatic about this problem and they were here the next day to take away the LOADS of dead weed and whatever was left on the weir.

Unfortunately, the dead weed is not disappearing and is in fact blocking the overspill again. I e-mailed Aquatic on Sat. and hopefully they will be down early this week to clear it again.

The lakes were all sprayed on 9/28. The water level is high and will probably remain that way as long as we continue to have daily showers.

Hardric McMillon ordered the signs requested by Cormorant Point (fishing residents only—no swimming allowed). Thank you Hardric. Hardric and Curt Passafume put the signs up. Thank you both.

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

The clubhouse has been rented out for Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10:00-2:00.

Russ Danser will be having a Neighborhood Watch meeting on November 19 at 6:30 with Nell Hayes and committee members. Any interested people are invited to attend.

Tai Chi is still being done twice a week. If you'd like to join, call Sue Beson, 385-9678 for more information.

The ladies (gentlemen are welcome) continue to play Mah Jongg on Tuesday and Friday morning. For more information call Millie Grime at 471-9979.

Bridge is played occasionally.

The library is still active, please take advantage of this great opportunity for free books to read.

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

I have received several complaints for the month of September. Each complaint was handled with a letter.

All complaints were of the usual variety:

Outside landscaping work on Sunday	Uncompleted work on front exterior
Boat on driveway	RV parked in driveway
Trailer and auto in yard	Wood stacked on driveway
Items stacked and vehicles parked by Back garage	Sprinklers spraying road and getting car wet
Lawns needing sod	

I have gone by each complaint address and have found most people are now compliant to our Covenants or have given a schedule when they would be completed. One homeowner will be working correcting the front of her exterior as soon as possible. I did find one home that still had the boat in the driveway and will be sending out a second letter.

Golf Hammock used to be known for its pristine lawns and landscaping. Now that our grass growing season is here, it has become very apparent that several homes in our community need to be totally sodded or have large areas that need new sod. Letters have gone out to eight residents and more will be sent in the coming month.

When calling or writing 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 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

I received calls/e-mails from 45 more people who wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter. This brings the total number of 115 people. I'm sure there will be more. Bulk mail rates require at least 300 newsletters be sent. However, if less than 300 people ask for a hard copy, Custom Printing can simply put the newsletter in an envelope and put it through the meter.

I worked with Robert Freeland of Artistic Frames and Images to have signs made for the front and west entrance. Many thanks to my husband, Chuck, who put the website, sign up so that it couldn't be stolen. I think you all will agree, the signs look wonderful. The west entrance signs will be put in soon.

I bought two boxes to be placed on the doors of the Clubhouse. One is a "real estate" box where we can place extra newsletter and the other is a lockable mailbox so that people can easily put their ballots in it when we vote for our new Board members. Residents can simply drive up to the door and drop their ballot in the mailbox and drive away.

We have four advertisers in our newsletter this month. All Star Tile/ All Star Pressure Washing are running two ads and have paid for both for the entire year. Eileen Mculecky of Keller Williams has two ads this month. A new advertiser to our paper is Orange Blossom Tours. Please consider doing business with our advertisers. These ads will also appear on our website.

I am happy to report that Sandy Todd, Hardric McMillon, and Shirley Kuznarik are running for re-election to the Board. If there is anyone else who would be interested in becoming a Board member, please let me know immediately.

Data Base/Directory, Jean Carlton, 502-727-6911, jnjcarlton@comcast.net

Sandy Todd reported for Jean Carlton that Jean had 809 names in her data base, 353 have e-mail addresses. Jean sent out notices to all who had e-mail addresses. Only 117 replied. There was no response from 236 people contacted. Jean would like to have all information by Nov. 1 and to the printer by Dec. 1.

Jean received two bids for the printing of the directory. The lowest bid was from Bogus Printing for \$1650.00 she recommended that we accept this bid. Barb Akus moved that we accept Bogus's bid. Seconded by Judy Trier. Passed unanimously. The advertising for the directory is going well. Money for the advertising will pay for most of the directory.

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

Activities for this period:

Some concerns were expressed by some residents of Cormorant Point about the paving. These concerns were communicated to Donnie of Excavation Point. Steve Fox, Donnie, and I walked the entire newly paved area in Cormorant Point to assess the concerns made. Donnie said that he will address some of the concerns. At the writing of this report, he had not gotten to it as they are behind schedule due to the rain.

Patched two potholes
Erected signs on lakes in Cormorant Point

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 four visitations this month.

Neighborhood Watch Russ Danser 382-9957 phoenenu@aol.com

Reminders:

1. Keep garage and golf doors closed especially if you are not at home.
2. Keep bushes low around your home.
3. Turn on outside lights at night. A LIGHTED AREA IS A GREAT DETERENT TO CRIME.
4. Keep an eye on your neighbor's property and ask them to keep an eye on yours.

Old Business

Judy Trier, chairperson of the community garage sale, reported that the first ever garage sale would be held on Saturday, January 18 at the Sebring Christian Church from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Residents will be able to rent a 10x10 space for \$10.00 and a deposit of \$10.00 that will be returned once the space is cleaned up at the end of the day. Residents can rent as many spaces as they wish but must bring their own tables. Judy will have an application in the next newsletter.

New Business

The annual meeting is tentatively set for the 21 or 23 of January. The Sebring Christian Church as offered their meeting room at no charge. More information is needed to decide on time and place. A preliminary budget will be forthcoming that is balanced. The actual budget will be passed at the November meeting.

There was a concern about an above ground LP tank that had been placed on a resident's yard. The convenient that covers this violation is the "obnoxious to the eye" clause. It was suggested that the Board have the LP tank fenced so that it cannot be seen.

Some residents have expressed concern about the poor appearance of some of the hedges along Hammock Road. Since the hedges belong to the property owners, there is not much the Board can do to make any changes. It was decided that Sandy speak to the president of Cormorant Point and see if anything can be done.

NEIGHBORS COMMENTS

Neighbors attending: Wendy Hardy, Nancy Beatty, Trish Broksch, Ellyn Scholl-Losse, Joyce Rowe, Jim and Rose Cookman, Fred and Nora Norton, Cindy Bowser.

There were no neighbor comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Millie Grime, Secretary

Workshop, Tuesday, Nov 5, 4:00, clubhouse

General Meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7:00 P.M. Clubhouse



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

TUESDAY, NOV. 19

6:30 P.M.

**PLEASE JOIN NELL FREWIN-HAYS
FOR AN INFORMATIVE TALK ABOUT
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
AT THE CLUBHOUSE**

ALL WELCOME!!!

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