
GRANDE HILLS ESTATES

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BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT

President – Jill Vybiral
VP/Secretary – Larry Pippins
Treasurer – Ron Trupp
Board Member – Judy Coker
Board Member – James Smith

Some of your 2009 Board and Committees accomplishments are as follows:

- Lowered yearly cost of Insurance
- Lowered cost of lawn services
- Extended the boat ramp
- Placed post and plants around boat launch site
- Centralized & organized Association records in one file cabinet
- Standardized Elections procedures and forms
- Set up new Web sites
- Developed detailed job descriptions for all Board members
- Organized dirt from Parish for Lake boat launch area
- Survey of Association Membership
- Collected all pass-due assessments but one. A lien will be placed on this property before year-end.

Legal Defense Fund

The Board has been served with a subpoena from: Eric Lowe, Dr. Craig Guidry, Betty Shackelford, Thomas Vermillion and Mary Lee Oliphant-Wood. Several issues have been raised in this suit, but the most significant involves the validity of our current Articles of Incorporation and our Association Bylaws. Your Board has been advised by our Association lawyer, Mr. Bill McGee, not to discuss further details of the suit.

As noted in our General Membership meeting in September, your Board has discovered excess funds in our financial account and it is our intention to return this excess by lowering membership assessments in 2010.

However, **depending on the legal costs** associated with the above-mentioned suit, the amount of assessment reduction over 2009, if any, cannot be determined at this time.

ASSESSMENT REMINDER

The end of the year is fast approaching. **If you have not paid your 2009 assessment,** the deadline is **December 31, 2009** after which time delinquency fees will be incurred. You may mail them to: GHEHA, P O Box 395, Bush, LA 70431. Please call Ron Trupp at 809-1180 if you have any questions.

Boat Launch/Landscape & Beautification

The Chairman of the Boat Launch Committee, Rick Geraldi, has the keys to the boat launch entrance at the Lake. In order to get your own key, please call Rick at 985-892-1091 to arrange for a time to sign for a key.

NOMINATION FORM

The Nomination form is attached for the Board of Managers. Nominations will not be accepted after the postmarked date of Nov. 20, 2009.

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CERTIFICATES TO PROCEED

As stated in the Grande Hills Architectural Control Committee Rules and Regulations, all plans for building structures, additions, fences, pools, etc. are to be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for review in order for a Certificate to Proceed to be issued. Please contact committee members:

Jack Usserry II- 898-2889
Justin Morgan -504-289-8321
Jack Usserry Jr. - 871-7534

Certificates can be found on the web site GHE@grandehills.com

Any questions may be directed to your Board of Managers:

By letter to our mailbox:
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Bush, LA 70431

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SURVEY RESULTS

In August, your Board conducted a survey designed to ascertain Association membership opinion regarding various issues raised by Association members. Of the 58 members who responded, there was overwhelming support for the current lot maintenance, fencing, and animal Deed Restrictions. Additionally, most feel the current assessment system is fair and properly administered and would support moving the assessment due date to earlier in the year. Over 77% feel the current By-Laws reflect the needs of, and protect, the Association membership. Two items from the survey, specifying the assessment due-date and possible Board election cycle changes, will be included on the next election ballot.

From your Board of Managers, we wish you a happy and safe Halloween.