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2015 ELECTION RESULTS

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Thank you for your participation in the election process of your Association. The election for the 2015 Board of Managers for the GHEHA was held on January 31, 2015. Total acreage votes cast were 537.57 out of 1255.11 acres in the subdivision.

The results of the election are as follows:

Judy Coker – 501.14 acres
Bonnie Hebert – 501.14 acres
Susan Chartier – 483.58 acres
Steve Roberts – 501.14 acres
Ron Trupp – 501.97 acres

Write-in votes were as follows:

Robbie Roundtree – 5.23 acres
Tony Savoie – 5.23 acres
Larry Pisher – 5.23 acres
Eric Lowe – 15.3 acres
Jerry Carroll – 5.01 acres
Betty Shackelford – 5.01 acres
Ben Minden – 5.01 acres
Tommy Peters – 8.19 acres
Cheryl Peters – 8.19 acres

Your new Board of Managers met on February 9, 2015, and their positions on the Board are as follows:

President: Steve Roberts
Vice President: Bonnie Hebert
Secretary: Judy Coker
Treasurer: Ron Trupp
Special Assistant: Susan Chartier

ANNUAL BUDGET

The 2015 proposed annual budget in the amount of \$35,160.00 was approved by 88% or 497.59 of the total acre votes cast on this proposal. Therefore, each member's annual assessment for 2015 is \$28.01 per acre owned.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4.3.1 OF THE GHACC RULES AND REGULATIONS ON ELECTION BALLOT

It was suggested by members that the living square footage requirement of 1500 be increased to 2000 living square footage. The Board felt that this is a revision that needed feedback by the membership.

So the Board placed an amendment on the 2015 ballot to decide whether to amend 4.3.1 of the Architectural Control Committee Rules and Regulations which currently states, "No single family residence shall be constructed with a living area less than 1500 square feet".

This amendment was APPROVED by 77% or 437.67 of the total votes cast on this proposal.

Accordingly, Section 4.3.1 of the GHACC Rules and Regulations is amended to read as follows:

4.3.1. No single family residence shall be constructed with a living area less than 2000 square feet, heated/cooled living area, exclusive of open porches and garages.

This amendment is EFFECTIVE on approved, submitted plans to GHACC on or after May 1, 2015.

ASSESSMENT DUE DATE

Your invoice for the 2015 annual assessment is enclosed with this Newsletter.

The assessments are due by **APRIL 30, 2015**, and will become delinquent on **MAY 1, 2015**. The Association has expenses that are currently due so your prompt remittance is appreciated.

Our documents allow for up to 83 days for the Board to act and request the overdue assessments. In accordance with our documents, a Demand Letter(s) for delinquent assessments will be sent out on May 1st, of each year, via certified mail. As per our documents, the delinquent member is responsible for the cost of the certified mailing of the Demand Letter. This, of course, would not be necessary if not for the few that choose to ignore the April 30th due date. The Demand Letter itself calls for payment within seven (7) days, and if not received, the next action would be to take it to the Justice of Peace for Small Claims Court. We regret having to do this and apologize to anyone that may take offense to it, but please take note that this does not apply to you if you regularly pay your assessment on time.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Many thanks go out to the Election Committee, which consisted of Jessica St. Pierre, Kirk Aymond, Tonya Hahn and Linda Wolford. Art Price volunteered as alternate.

SUMMARY OF THE 2015 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our election/membership meeting was very positive, and we had a very good attendance. Mr. Todd Kraft, the new Constable for Fifth Ward, thanked everyone for their support. He wants to be very active in our community. Mr. Kraft's contact number is (985)

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276-7695. For traffic concerns in the area, you can call the hotline at (985) 276-1310. For criminal issues in our area, you can call Captain Richard Magee at (985) 809-8200. Mr. David Holloway with Smith & Core Real Estate gave us some positive statistics in our area. His handouts from the meeting will be on the website. The Board thanks all members for their support.

CRAWFISHMAN TRIATHLON

Due to the unavailability of parking in Grande Hills Estates, the Crawfishman Triathlon will not be held in our subdivision this year.

DISMISSAL OF APPEAL

On December 15, 2014, Judge William J. Knight signed an Order dismissing Plaintiff Eric J. Lowe's Appeal of the Final Judgment in No. 2009-15391, Division "J".

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in the process of seeking volunteers for our committees. If you are interested in volunteering a little time and meeting new friends in your community, please call one of your Board of Managers so we may add you to the list of volunteers. We need your help in our community.

Committees:

- Architectural Committee
- Landscape and Maintenance Committee
- Welcome Committee
- Lake Committee
- Liaison Committee

KEYS FOR BOAT LANDING

If you are interested in obtaining a key for the lock on the gate at the boat landing, please call A.J. Ostarly at 504-258-7626.

A deposit in the amount of \$10.00 will be required to obtain a key. Should you move out of Grande Hills you will be required to turn in your key to receive your deposit. A sign-in list will be kept for members holding keys. Take note that the keys are numbered and traceable to the individual that signed for the key.

GHEHA ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

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 Travis and Jessica St. Pierre, Chairpersons, 103 Grande Hills Blvd., (985) 886-6038 or (504) 390-2177 or Mike Wolford, 105 Pimlico Dr., (504) 915-7703, for a Certificate to Proceed to be issued. **NO CONSTRUCTION SHALL BEGIN WITHOUT AN APPROVED CERTIFICATE TO PROCEED.**

SPEEDING

Several members have brought to the Board's attention that motorists have been speeding on Fairgrounds Blvd. and streets within our subdivision. This situation was brought to the attention of our newly elected Constable while speaking at our annual meeting. He said for speeding problems call (985) 276-1310.

CYCLING, JOGGING, WALKING

For the safety of all, please consider wearing reflective clothing when cycling, jogging, and walking at dusk.

Motorists, be aware that there are many people who walk, cycle and jog in our subdivision. Please be cautious.

BOARD OF MANAGER MEETINGS

If any member has a matter that needs to be brought before the Board, please

call one of your Board of Managers for the date of the next board meeting so you may attend.

With family commitments, school activities and full-time jobs, it is very difficult to schedule ahead of time monthly board meetings for the year. For this reason, the Board requests that you give us a phone call and we will gladly let you know when the next board meeting is scheduled.

REMINDERS **Change of Address?**

Please help the Association keep track of new ownership, changes of address, and telephone number changes. Any changes should be directed to Board Member Ron Trupp 985-809-1180.

Any questions should be directed to your Board of Managers:

Steve Roberts, 985-809-6279
Bonnie Hebert, 985-867-9137
Judy Coker, 985-893-0858
Ron Trupp, 985-809-1180
Susan Chartier, 985-809-1455