
GRANDE HILLS ESTATES

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2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION RESULTS

Thank you to all the members who participated in this year's election by sending in your ballots and attending the annual meeting. A quorum of 502.04 acres is required to hold the annual membership meeting and election. Total acreage ballots submitted this year were 616.97 acres.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

The election for the 2016 Board of Managers for the GHEHA was held on January 30, 2016. Total acreage votes cast were 571.83 acres or 45.5% out of 1255.11 acres in the subdivision.

The results of the election are as follows:

Judy Coker – 533.03 acres
Bonnie Hebert – 523.99 acres
Susan Chartier – 513.15 acres
Steve Roberts – 551.10 acres
Ron Trupp – 515.57 acres

Write-in votes were as follows:

Robbie Roundtree – 5.23 acres
Eric Lowe – 21.36 acres
Betty Shackelford – 5.87 acres
Paige Roundtree – 5.23 acres
Tommy Peters – 8.19 acres
Michael Cramer – 5.01 acres

Craig Guidry – 5.01 acres
Jessie Scott – 5.01 acres
Joel Blazek – 5.01 acres
Hank Scavo – 5.01 acres
Cheryl Peters – 8.19 acres

Your new Board of Managers met on February 4, 2016, 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 2016 proposed annual budget in the amount of \$16,485.00 was **APPROVED** by 96.85% or 586.04 acres out of 605.09 total acre votes cast on this proposal. Therefore, each member's annual assessment for 2016 is \$13.13 per acre owned. This is a reduction from last year's budget.

BALLOT ON AMENDING THE BY-LAWS REGARDING ATTORNEY'S FEES ON

LITIGATION/ARBITRATION

The result of this vote was **APPROVED** by 475.87 acres out of 584.44 acre votes cast, which is 81.42%. Amendments to the By-Laws require a simple majority vote once the requirement of reaching a quorum (502.04 acres) is met to hold a membership meeting. This amendment will be incorporated in the Association's By-Laws and posted on GHEHA's website, www.grandehills.org.

BALLOT ON ACT CREATING DEED RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS REVISION - ANIMALS

The revision regarding a change in the animal restriction **DID NOT PASS** since any change to the Act Creating Deed Restrictions and Covenants requires 51% of the total acreage (627.55 acres of 1255.11 acres) in

Grande Hills to accept the change. The total acreage that selected "Yes" to the change was 447.14 acres, which is 35.63%. The total acreage votes submitted were 603.49 acres, which is not even half of the acres in this subdivision.

If you did not submit your ballot regarding this Deed Restriction change on animals, another personalized ballot is enclosed with this newsletter for you to mail to the Association at GHEHA, P. O. Box 395, Bush 70431. This is your Association and you need to give your opinion as to what you would like to see happen in this subdivision regarding the change in our Deed Restrictions regarding animals. If you do not agree with a change we want to hear from you. This is a very important issue affecting Grande Hills Estates. So whether it is a "yes" or "no" vote, please mail in your ballot. The deadline is **EXTENDED to MARCH 14, 2016**. ALL OWNERS OF YOUR PROPERTY ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN THE BALLOT.

ASSESSMENT INVOICES

Your invoice for the 2016 annual assessment is enclosed with this Newsletter.

The assessments are due by **APRIL 30, 2016**, and will become delinquent on **MAY 1, 2016**. 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

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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 Donna White. Art Price volunteered as alternate. Thank you to Mike and Linda Wolford for supplying the computer and printer.

SUMMARY OF THE 2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our election/membership meeting was very positive, and we had a very good attendance. It was nice to see some of the newest members in our community.

Sean with GH Waste Services introduced himself at our meeting and promoted his sanitation company.

Mark Salvetti and Mike Wattney with the Crawfishman Triathlon discussed the upcoming triathlon event in May.

There was discussion on receiving newsletters by email. If anyone would like to receive their newsletter by email please send your email address to the Association by going on the website, www.grandehills.org and sending an email through the website.

There was detailed discussion on the sanitation companies now servicing our area. Also, there was discussion on recycling in Grande Hills.

CRAWFISHMAN TRIATHLON

The Crawfishman Triathlon was able to secure parking for their annual

event in our subdivision. The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 22, 2016, and for next year it's set for Sunday, May 21, 2017. The Triathlon invites all residents in our subdivision to join in the festivities. If you would like to volunteer, please go to their website. This triathlon contributes to several charitable organizations in St. Tammany Parish.

RECYCLING FOR GRANDE HILLS ESTATES

Since moving to this lovely area a year and a half ago, we have become aware of the very limited recycling options for those living outside the Mandeville, Slidell, or Covington city limits of St. Tammany Parish. Currently, we make the 20 mile drive every two weeks or so to one of two of the only drop-off recycling containers we are aware of in St. Tammany. These containers are located at the Rouses Market on Hwy. 22 in Mandeville and on Girod Street in Old Mandeville. Details on these two locations can be found on the Keep Mandeville Beautiful website, www.keepmandevillebeautiful.com.

Having recently lived in an area where curbside pick-up of nearly all recyclable and compostable materials was available, we became aware of the very small amount of actual refuse created by most households, including ours. For us, our recycle bin was always more full than our trash bin, which we sometimes did not even need to take to the curb every week. With the generous composting options offered to us, we rarely had to dispose of kitchen or yard waste. Of course, St. Tammany has a long way to go to meet these same types of service levels, and citizen education and public support would be necessary to bring about the type of widespread recycling and composting options we describe here. But, maybe it's time to make a small start in that direction. If there is enough interest in our area, I would like to begin exploring the

different options available to us and our neighboring subdivisions of Whipoorwill Grove and Money Hill. Collectively, we probably have enough households to make something happen closer to us, and we probably have several options available to us. If you would like to lend your support to this effort or volunteer to get involved, please send an email to Ross Richardson at rossr1958@gmail.com. Even if you are not able to get involved, please feel free to offer your opinions about what you feel would make sense for you. I will look forward to hearing from many of you and reporting back on my findings in a later communication. Thank you!

SANITATION COMPANIES

To assist you in selecting a sanitation company, the following companies now service our area.

Progressive Waste Solutions
63209 Highway 434, Lacombe 70445
985-781-3171
www.progressivewaste.com

GH Waste Services
P. O. Box 1605, Slidell 70459
985-788-5611
www.ghwaste.com

Smelly Kelly's Trash Service
1518 Grady Ave., Picayune, 39466
601-799-1107
www.Smellytrash.com

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

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

will gladly let you know when the next board meeting is scheduled.

REMINDERS **Change of Address?**

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.

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.

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 can be traced to the individual that signed for the key.

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

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.

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