

LAKEPOINTE GARDENS

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ITEMS ADDRESSED IN THIS ISSUE:

- **Annual meeting -recap (highlights)**

The meeting was held on October 19, 2019, and 29 members were in attendance. From this group, we managed 27 votes which included 5 proxies. The candidates for election to the Board of Directors at the time of the meeting were LaVonne Silhavy and John Paris. There being no further nominations from the floor, the slate presented by the Nominating Committee was declared elected by acclamation.

John Knauff, President, welcomed the attendees and talked about his pleasure living in and serving the community.

Barb Precourt, Entertainment Committee, reported on the annual garage sale as being a success with more participants than previous years.

LaVonne Silhavy, Entertainment Committee Chairperson, talked about the effort to get members together for various activities. The response was not favorable with only seven members responding.

Mona Loomis, Landscaping Committee Chairperson, talked about the 3-year plan of introducing perennials to complement the annuals at the Vale Park entrance.

Mike O'Meara, Financial Manager, reviewed our overall financial status and talked about his plan to upgrade our returns on maturing Certificates of Deposit for the new year.

Bob Wirtz, Operations Manager, gave an update of old and current business as follows:

We are experiencing some vandalism on the Vale Park fence, east end. Two incidents of broken pickets and one of graffiti were all covered by police reports.

For the first time since its inception, the POA residents will experience a fall leaf removal to include the backyards. Let's hope the weather cooperates.

Violation of covenants, Section 2.24 "unsightly yards," led to the issuance of five citations with fines ranging from \$25 to \$100. The Property Values Committee will be enforcing this violation.

Under New Business, the 2020 proposed budget was approved by the members present.

Following the adjournment of the annual meeting, the Board of Directors met to elect officers for the upcoming year. Results are as follows:

President - John Knauff

Vice-President - John Paris

Secretary/Treasurer - LaVonne Silhavy

Director - Mona Loomis

Director - DeJuan McDuell

- **Sidewalks:**

In the spring of 2017, the city's Streets and Sanitation Department was presented a folder containing photographs of our broken sidewalks. The response was, "We never do sidewalks the same year that we repair the streets." Filling a few potholes must be their version of repairing streets. Returning in 2018 with the same goal in mind, this time being told that there is a sidewalk committee out there reviewing all conditions and rating them for priority. Guess we didn't rate very high. We will try again in the spring with a firmer approach.

- **Thanksgiving Dinner:**

Unless you are planning on serving them as the main course on Thanksgiving Day, you've got to stop feeding the geese. Feeding the wildlife is a violation of the rules and will get you some major fines. We actually had a family that was forced to leave the subdivision several years ago for this reason among others. So, whoever is throwing bread crumbs and crusts out in front of the lake, **STOP IT!**

- **Winter Parking Rules:**

Winter parking rules are now in effect. No street parking is allowed. City snow plows and our contractor's equipment must have unhindered access, as well as ambulance service and postal service. Violators will receive citations and fines.

- **Salt or No Salt:**

The subject of salting driveways and sidewalks came up again during the discussion period at the annual meeting. Some residents feel this may be the cause of the grass damage along the driveways and walks. It should be pointed out that we only salt three to four times during the winter season. In a recent meeting with our landscaper, he was doubtful that the salt was causing any turf damage, but rather blames it on the trimmers and careless operators. If you trim the grass too short, it will die. Maybe we could try varying our sidewalk and driveway trimmings next spring to every other week or once a month. Something to think about.

- **Lakepointe Drive Exit to Vale Park Road:**

For all those residents, myself included, that stressed a near miss experience with a pedestrian or cyclist approaching the intersection from the West on the sidewalk, guess what? There is a stop sign right where it should be and if we stop before entering the intersection and look both ways, we'll avoid any close encounters.

One more comment in closing, it was nice to see a representative of the Condo Association in attendance at the annual meeting. Hope this is a sign of things to come, as we need to work together for the good of all residents of the community.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season,


Bob Wirtz
Operations Manager