



## **GHPOA Summer Newsletter 2015**

Well spring is officially over and summer is here. It has certainly been a hot start to the summer season, but we are used to it. Following are some of the issues that the GHPOA board has been working on over the past few months.

### **FRONT ENTRANCE:**

We had an unfortunate experience this spring in that someone stole two of the carriage lights on the East end of the wall. Fortunately, we were able to find exact replacements and had them installed quickly. It is probably a sign of our times that someone would find taking the lights as an acceptable approach to meeting their needs. But, perhaps more importantly we should take this event as a warning and make sure that we are all securing and protecting our property. The board will revisit its earlier consideration of adding surveillance cameras at the entrance.

### **LIGHTING:**

The lighting replacement along 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been completed and the feedback has been very positive. If you see any lights that are not working, please call Ocala Electric and report the outage.

### **DESIGN CONTROL COMMITTEE:**

A reminder to homeowners who wish to renovate and/or improve their property, that they must get prior approval from the Design Control Committee before starting the project. Such projects as erecting an addition to the home, putting in a pool, erecting a fence, changing exterior paint colors, or any form of exterior structure, etc. are all subject to deed restrictions and must be approved by the DCC. **We also want to remind owners who rent their property that they are responsible for their renter's compliance with the GHPOA deed restrictions.** If you have any questions, please direct them to the DCC chairman at [DesignControl@ghpoa.org](mailto:DesignControl@ghpoa.org). Applications can be downloaded from the website at: [www.ghpoa.org](http://www.ghpoa.org).

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

The Board meets once a month, usually on the first Tuesday of the month for approximately 1 ½ hours. Our nominating committee recruited three homeowners to serve on the board this year. But, as often happens, some Directors have had changes in circumstances that make it impossible for them to continue to serve on the board. Accordingly, we have a number of vacancies and invite interested property owners to volunteer to serve on the board. It is an excellent way to learn more about the neighborhood while simultaneously helping out.

## **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL:**

At a recent board meeting, there was a suggestion that we look into contracting with a property management company to take over the work tasks that the board has to undertake, particularly covenant violation enforcement, accounting, and reporting tasks. At this time, we have received one proposal which is being evaluated by the board.

## **REMINDERS:**

**The speed limit in the neighborhood is 25 MPH.** There have been a number of complaints regarding people driving in excess of the limit and we have had recent incidents of reckless driving and drivers behaving like they are on a race course. We have asked the Marion County Sheriff's Office to provide some coverage for speed enforcement, so please comply with the speed limit and avoid a ticket. As far as the reckless driving incidents, we have identified the repeat offenders' vehicles and are providing their vehicle information to the Sheriff's Office.

Our community is a deed restricted community and as such there is no soliciting allowed. If someone comes to your door soliciting, please inform them that they are breaking the law and need to leave. If they do not vacate the community, please let someone on the board know so that we can contact them, their company, or their organization. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

It has come to our attention that some vehicles have been parked overnight along the roadways in the neighborhood, a violation of the deed restrictions as well as a safety hazard. It would be unfortunate if someone accidentally collided with these vehicles in the dark. All vehicles that are to be kept overnight must be kept in a garage or on a driveway, not on the street.

A secondary parking issue involves parking on the grass. Like parking on the street, parking on the grass should be avoided except for short-term purposes during an event.

Also, as a reminder, all dogs are to be on a leash when not on the owner's property and all 'business' done by their pets need to be picked up and disposed of. Let's keep our community free of these little 'land mines'.

Lastly, if you are having work done around your property and the contractor places a sign in your yard, please remind that contractor that these signs must be removed immediately upon completion of work. Although we understand these signs are a marketing tool for the contractor, they are not allowed to remain indefinitely. Let's keep our residences as sign-free as possible.

## **COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION:**

Thank you to Amanda Finke for replacing the flowers at the front entrance. We appreciate the fresh and inviting appearance they provide.

Plans are underway to refresh the cul-de-sacs at the top of 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. Rd. and on 78<sup>th</sup> Court. Some additional landscaping is planned for completion sometime this summer.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES:**

It has been suggested that an Activities Committee be formed to plan various community events. If you would like to participate, or have any suggestions, please contact a board member. This will only be successful if there is enough interest expressed.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.