

## Message From the Board.

NOVEMBER 2020

Everyone knows this has been a crazy and difficult year and most of us can't wait for it to be over! On behalf of the Board of Directors, we sincerely hope you have a safe an enjoyable holiday season!

A Christmas toast to you all: May you never forget what is worth remembering nor ever remember what is best forgotten. Best wishes from

Your Board of Directors

## **Results of Survey**

We want to take a moment to thank all of you that were involved in the Speedhump survey. This was a very important decision and we are glad that people stepped up to be part of this important community concern.

#### Here is a break down of how people voted. 38 total votes were received 14 In favor of and 24 opposed.

We did not get the amount of responses we hoped for but we received enough to help make our decision. Speed humps will not be installed in the community. After reviewing the survey responses and looking into the cost, we don't feel they would be the best way to spend Association funds. We will continue to explore speed control options but in the meantime use your best judgement when driving in our community. While we are not the police and have no policing powers, if we all work together, we can keep speeding in the community to a minimum.

Thank you to all of you who participated in the survey. We may consider more surveys in the future and hope to get a better turn out every time, so keep your eyes peeled.

#### Don't Be That Turkey!

Just a reminder that we all have to get approval from the Board of Directors to make changes to the exterior of our property. Even if you think it's a small, insignificant change, call

our management team. It could save you THOUSAND\$. Even work in your backyard may have major impacts on your neighbor's property and the community. Make that quick call and find out if your plans will be in compliance.



## <u>Are you Speed</u> Racer at Heart?

Well, if you are, we are asking you to keep it on the track or at least outside of the community where it is safe to be a lead foot. We have



several families with kids and pets that may be in the streets unexpectedly. If you are driving too fast you may not have enough time to stop before a tragedy happens. The speed limit in our community is **15** MPH and needs to be followed. We are all in a hurry from time to time but the few seconds you could save by speeding through the community is not worth somebody's life.

Another driving concern that we see is people being distracted while leaving their homes. Take a moment to send that "I'm on my way" text or to set your navigation while still in your driveway.

Please, drive safe in the community and where ever you drive so you, and everyone in the community are around to read the next amazing issue of our newsletter!

I bet Santa and his elves have downloaded the app! Don't be left in the proverbial snow and go **DOWNLOAD IT NOW!** 

Text gtvhoa to 59248 to download it!

## **Brightening the Season!**

It's time for our annual holiday decorating contest and boy do we need some brightness in our lives to round out 2020. Grab your elves, wipe off the Bahs and Humbugs and get to decorating!

The rules are the same this year as they have been in the past, tons of fun, neighbors helping neighbors and of course LOTS OF MONEY!

There will be a total of six houses that win prizes but the community will be the true winner. Prizes will be 1st through 3rd and will be awarded to each side of the community; three prizes for the Collina and three for the Quartettes. There is a total of \$900 up for grabs so share your holiday joy and put some moolah, cheddar, dough, cold hard cash, in your pocket!

We know everyone celebrates the holidays differently and we want to let everyone know, no matter how you celebrate, we encourage you to join in the fun and show your holiday spirit!

Judging will take place on December 18th so make sure your house is ready. Winners will be announced in early January.

## We interrupt this broadcast for a message from the Grinchy Commission!

Remember all holiday decorations must be taken down within 30 days of the holiday in which they represent.

Don't let the Grinchy Commission ruin your holidays and start your year off on a bad foot. Get out there, have the most wonderful holiday you can and just make sure your decorations are down by February 1, at least the outside ones. If the inside of your house is like Christmas all year long, we won't judge you.

# Is it getting bright out here or is it just us!?

If you haven't noticed, our streets and parks are much brighter! Your Board of Directors have been working on updating and upgrading the lighting in the community.



## **Speaking Of Keeping Things Bright!**

With 2020 being so crazy for everybody, we wanted to share a few recipes that may help brighten your holiday season.

Feeling a little Grinchy this season? Maybe this punch will make your heart grow 3 sizes after you try it.

2 packets: Lemon-Lime Kool-Aid
1 can: Frozen Limeade Concentrate
2 cups: Sugar
Red Sugar (For the glass rim)

8 Cups: Water 1 Liter: Ginger Ale 4 Cups: Pineapple Juice

Need a festive snack? Try these Candied Pecans!

2 cups: Pecans
2 Tbs: Butter
1/4 Tsp: Sea Salt

2 Tbs: Brown Sugar Spice them up with Cayenne pepper!

1/4 Cup: Maple Syrup (The Real Stuff!)

1. Put nuts in heavy-bottomed skillet over medium-high heat, stir often until lightly browned and fragrant.

2. Add butter, stir until melted and nuts are all coated.

3. Add maple syrup, sugar, salt, and cayenne; turn heat down and cook, stirring until liquid has evaporated and nuts are evenly coated.

4. Spread on parchment paper covered tray to cool.

5. Makes 2 cups. Store in covered container for up to 3 weeks. ( But we bet they won't last that long!)

#### Simmer Pot Recipe

Use an old pot to simmer any combination (or all!) with plenty of water. Keep an eye on the liquid level! Cinnamon stick, citrus slices, whole cloves, fresh cranberries, and for December, add a small sprig of pine branch! Your house will smell AMAZING!



While our community is brighter now with the

crease the night time visibility around the com-

munity by making sure that your exterior lights

light on has been shown to help deter crime and

steer the evil elves away. Also, make sure that if

The more light in the community, the less places

criminals have to hide. Let's all work together to

are in good working order. Keeping the porch

you have coach lights they come on at night.

make the season and our community bright!

upgrades, we are asking for your help to in-

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