

Golfview Hills Homes Association

March, April, May and June 2010

Golfview Hills Goes High Tech. Community Joins The Revolution

See, almost like a real newspaper with headlines and everything. Just like a real newspaper, we will be going to our web site to publish most or all of our information. It is important that you get on board.

Our site is www.golfviewhills.org. All the organizations are listed on this site and you can get all the updates you need (or don't need) right there. This will be mentioned throughout this newsletter. However, many of you will not finish this fine tome so I will mention it early and often. Some of you have probably given up by now.

Also being put into play this month is an interface that is set up so all of you can register you email addresses so we can send out information that you may need. The address for this is GVHAdmin@golfviewhills.org. For the subject, enter "Subscribe". No more than one email per week will be sent except for critical notices. You can have your email address permanently deleted at any time by sending an "unsubscribe" request to the administration. This is controlled locally (in Golfview) and there is no fear of your address getting out to the general public. **This is the future and I suggest you take it seriously.** We can make some exceptions and they will be discussed later in the newsletter (That's a hook to make you want to keep reading).

I hope I have this information correct. If not, you will have to wait another month for me to correct it.

Now, on to the last four months.

This is going to be a long one so grab your coffee or perhaps a gin and tonic, sit on your deck or patio and watch the storms arrive. There will be math involved in all of this. However, it will not be on the final exam. Ok. Get ready.

This is your fifth newsletter of the year. You received the first one in February and the second one did not get printed or distributed. Then, the third one was lost in cyberspace somewhere and the fourth one did not actually get composed because I did not attend that meeting. It was the Feast Day of Saint Baudelius who is the Patron Saint of Gout and I

observe that day by consuming mass quantities of food and beverage to the point that I can no longer function (hey, it's a family tradition). I will attempt to give you all the highlights of these meetings and stay away from the lowlights (of which there are many).

Important note for all of you: This Newsletter will be distributed (we think) and (we think) available on the Golfview Hills website www.golfviewhills.org. If you do not have internet service or, if you feel the internet is a communist plot to get your personal information, then call your area representative to arrange delivery. We aim to please. Our aim just isn't always that good.

March

We held the March meeting on March 18th, which is the day after St. Patrick's Day, which is a bad day to schedule anything. The President called the meeting to order and proceeded to smash his thumb with the gavel and then loudly utter a string of obscenities which in turn woke up a few of us and someone made a motion to accept the obscenities into the record and we all seconded that motion and, bingo, we were on our way. I tell you, it just doesn't get any better than this.

By now you know that the corners have been completed and the trimming of the trees in the parks are, to the best of my knowledge, completed. The parks are in great shape. This is a long way from back in the day when all us old folks (well, not so old then) would arrive with a chain saw and a six pack (a great combination) and hack away at the trees. We are lucky any of us are alive and still have all our limbs. This is a better way.

Police Blotter

Someone's car was "keyed" not long ago (while it was in the driveway) and an owner's manual was stolen from that vehicle. The manual was discovered in another auto down the block. The speculation is that a key can be made from the information in the manual. I have attempted to contact the DuPage County Sheriff for verification on whether this is true and to see if this is an ongoing incident in DuPage County. I have not received a reply. By the way, both vehicles were not locked.

Topic: If your vehicle is unlocked, should you keep valuable information or items in said vehicle and did you ever think an owner's manual was anything of value? Talk amongst yourselves.

Updates

If you think there is criminal activity going on in your area you can now report that by text message or email. I am told this is an anonymous report. To report by text enter the word "SHERIFF" plus your message to "CRIME (274637)". Your text message will then be encrypted and forwarded to the Sheriff's Office. To email a tip, go to www.dupagesheriff.org and click the link for ACT Program. A form will pop up, fill in the information that pertains to the tip that you are emailing and then hit the send button. For those of you who don't know how to text or email, just pick up the earpiece on the

wall phone, turn the crank on the left and say, “Mildred, this is George. I need to talk to Andy”. If you don’t get that, then you are way too young. This does not replace emergency calls. You still call 911 for that. If you don’t remember the number, it is listed in the back of the Golfview Directory.

I have researched “The Crime Free Leasing Addendum” and found that it really doesn’t pertain to all of us. There are a lot of “whereas” and “therefore” and “let it be” (wait, not that one. That’s the Beatles. Must have had a flashback) and I won’t report on that. The only thing I can say is that it looks like a good option for those of you who own rental property. You will have to research it yourselves to really see if there is a value for you.

The “Township Deputy Program” is still on hold. I have made many calls and have not received any information (actually I only made one call, but saying “I made many calls” makes me sound better). I have no information for you

New Stuff

This was the meeting that saw Jeannette Wiseman tender her resignation to the board. I don’t think there is a title for her position. She kept the books, yet we have a Treasurer. She took minutes for the meetings, yet we have a Secretary. She took reservations for Zimmerman Park affairs, yet we have a—wait, no title for that. She just did a great job. Jeannette has been a resident of Golfview Hills for about 40 year. She told me she moved here when she was seven years old, so you do the math. It will make her feel better. She has been on the board or serving the board for 16 years. She needs a break. I, for one, will say we will miss you. You have served your community well. Better than most.

April

This meeting was held on the 15th and you all know this is tax day. We really have to start looking at the calendar and pick better dates. The greater part of this meeting was spent with most of us finishing our taxes and the main discussion was to find who had access to an old postage machine so we could be sure we had this date on our mailings. The Post Office, at one time, accommodated people like us by either having workers outside the post office to pick up our forms or have a late pick-up so the post- mark would be correct. Ah, times have changed.

Speaking of the Post Office, did you know we have a new mail carrier? I met him the other day and asked him his name. He said “Who”.

“You”, I said.

“Who”.

“You. What’s your name?”

“WHO!!”.

I was going to ask him to spell it but remembered that our postal service has great difficulty differentiating between Hofmeister and Bannon and Madison and Thurlow. So I guess his name is Hu. He seems like a nice guy and I have to say the delivery has been

much better. I don't know if I get all my mail because if I don't get it how would I know. Its like writing on an email "If you don't get this email, let me know". I just know I am not getting anyone else's mail quite as frequently. Make it a point, say "Hi" to Hu.

Stuff

Just so you know we actually do discuss things at these meetings, these are the highlights from April.

- Two homes have been demolished in the past few weeks. No idea if or when construction will begin. We are asking the County, again, to not approve any plans that have not been reviewed and approved by the Architectural Committee.
- The water will be turned on in the parks (you already knew that) and the Porta-John will be put in place (you already knew that).
- Dave Anderson and Pat Cahill are attempting to coordinate a lake cleanup. Be alert. Check that caller I.D. before you answer.
- Suzie Zuver reports that the Park District has a lot coming up but it was none of my concern so I am not going to report on it. However, I will tell you it sounds interesting.
- We will be taking bids for new playground equipment in the next few months.
- The 4th of July picnic will be held on the 4th of July. How about that! But you already knew that.

May

As I said earlier, I did not attend this meeting so I have no idea what went on in the room. Because this thing is really running long, I will attempt to summarize the discussions.

- We have selected a firm to clean and seal the entry signs. I think this work we be completed this summer.
- The drainage problem was completed at 58th & Monroe. Great news. Not so great news is we have a similar problem at 56th & Quincy. Who knew? Well, probably the people who live around 56th & Quincy. The County is being contacted to take care of that situation.
- There were three other occurrences of cars being broken into. Also, there was graffiti on the wood fence at Stough. We are attempting to get the Sheriff to make additional checks in the community, particularly around the parks in the afternoon and evening. If you see anything suspicious (except for me walking around), call the Sheriff.
- The Park District, once again, has some new programs. And, once again, I am not to concern myself about this stuff. So, if you want to know what Suzie Zuver and her posse are up to, go to www.golfviewhills.org and click on the Park District tab. See how easy this is.
- Corners are done. There was some talk of whether the plantings (the trees in particular) would make it. Matt Kamin has informed us that he is guaranteeing

the plantings. The people who live on said corners should perform watering and additional upkeep.

- The July 4th picnic was discussed. That's done. And it was great. A special thanks goes out to Frank, Joan and Toni Portillo for the food and all the hard work. I saw Frank and Joan this morning and told them they can drop off that kind of food at my house anytime they want. Fantastic! NOTE: This, of course, did not happen during the May meeting. This happened on July 5th. I am starting to jump around. Back to the meeting.
- The Village of Hinsdale has attempted a sneak attack on our water bills. They wanted to raise our rates. An agreement that was signed in 1987 does not allow them to do this for another 20 years. See, sometimes its good to have us old folks around. Some of us actually remember important things from the distant past.
- Jim McCarthy has put the Protective Covenants, By-Laws and declarations on our web site. Now we all have available copies. To view these documents just go to (OK, everyone in unison) www.golfviewhills.org and click on the Home Owners tab.

June

The television re-run season must be in full swing and everyone's social calendar must be blank because we had a huge turn-out for this meeting which resulted in a lot of jockeying for position to get the seats in the back of the room. No one wants to be too close to the President, Tim Stanley, because if you make eye contact with him he may appoint you to a new committee. Yep, not much has changed since grade school.

- Jane Novotny will now be in charge of taking reservations for Zimmerman Park. (This is what I mean. Jane sat near the front and, bingo, she received the assignment. You just can't be too careful). She will be the third person this year to fill this role. It must be a tough job because the others have dropped like flies. Be nice to her. We are running out of candidates. The park will only be reserved for parties once per weekend. A deposit of \$250.00 is required. The resident who reserves the park must remove all garbage. If this is done, then your deposit will be returned. Sweet deal.
- Holes are forming around the seawall at Wiseman Park. If anyone has broken bricks to donate, they would be the perfect size to fill the holes. A water line has broken at the edge of Jackson Park. The Hinsdale Water Department has been notified (it is their line) but, as of this writing, they haven't fixed it. There is work to be done at the Jackson Pathway (levee) and Phil Robbin Landscaping has submitted a bid. They will remove the scrubby buckthorn, remove dead trees and any other nuisance type bushes. They will also spray all cut buckthorn with "Round Up" formulated for woody weeds and they will spread hard wood chips.
- You all know the situation with the lake and the sewer overflow. If you decide to swim (or walk) in the lake, take a shower afterwards. This is not only for health reasons, but also for your neighbors. Do you have any idea what you smell like after being in our lake?

- There is an ongoing concern about submerged piers. They are a danger for those boating on the lake. It is up to the homeowner to take care of this problem. You know who you are. If you walk on your pier and your shins get wet, then it is probably you. Just take care of it.
- There is another concern about children using pontoon boats on the lake and speeding (speeding isn't something I ever associated with pontoon boats, but, hey, I don't own one). And, just to remind you, motorized craft need running lights after dark. I just foresee mayhem and disaster coming up this summer with all these pontoon boats out of control if you don't follow the rules. While we are on this subject, I don't live on the lake so I would like to say, "All you kids stay off of my lawn". That's the best I can come up with.
- There was another car break in on Lakeside near Monroe. I don't know if the vehicle was locked or not. I guess it is time we all face reality and start locking the cars and the houses. There was a time we never did either, but times certainly have changed.

That's it folks. I'm sure I missed some things. I promise that you will never receive a newsletter as long as this again. Unless, of course, I decide to run for some office and I need contributions. But that's a whole other subject.