

#### NEWSLETTER **JANUARY 2022**

# **Happy New Year neighbors!**

### And welcome to the first neighborhood newsletter.

Meet your newly elected Board of Directors for 2022:

Sudheera Vemula - President Sarah Soh – Vice President Mike Morgret - Treasurer Scott Conway - Secretary Nicole Penke – Member at Large

#### SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY HOA OPEN MEETINGS:

MARCH 15, JUNE 14, SEPT 13, DEC 13

#### SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS OPEN TO RESIDENTS:

APRIL 14, JULY 14, OCT 13

(Virtual links to listed meetings will be sent via email.) Link to previous meeting minutes: https://www.jotform.com/tables/212845659890167

### **QUESTIONS & COMMENTS?** Please email us!

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#### TIPS FOR ARC APPROVAL:

- 1. Submit online form via Grandchester website, click on **"EXTERIOR CHANGES"**
- 2. Obtain neighbors' signatures. These neighbors are the ones who will have a clear visual sight to the project.
- 3. Submit a plot plan with detailed information about the project. Pictures are also helpful. More is more!
- 4. ARC has 30 days to render a decision after completed submission request.
- 5. Check out the Architectural guidelines in the **"DOCUMENT INDEX"**



## What makes our neighborhood so beautiful? You!

## We are seeking volunteers to help us manage our beautiful neighborhood.

Listed below are committees and their descriptions. Please email us if you are interested in serving as cochair or volunteer. A co-chair position fulfills leadership duties in addition to being Board liaisons. You will be contacted when a vacancy occurs for co-chair positions. Please specify co-chair or volunteer position in your email.

- 1. Architectural Review Committee:
  - Reviews residents' requests to modify all exterior changes, including landscape.
  - Ensures changes are aligned with neighborhood aesthetics & culture per Architectural Guidelines.
- 2. Social Committee:
  - Organizes events throughout the year to encourage building relationships amongst neighbors.
  - Calls for community volunteers on as-needs basis depending on scale of event.
- 3. Amenities (Pool & Clubhouse) Committee:
  - Preps & oversees maintenance of pool area during pool season per Pool procedures & guidelines.
  - Manages clubhouse rentals and use per Clubhouse procedures & guidelines.
  - Assist with building maintenance work orders. •
- 4. ByLaws Revision Committee:
  - A temporary committee to review language of ByLaws and help guide the revision process.
  - Qualifications from legal profession & experience required.
- 5. Environmental Committee:
  - Review lake testing reports, advise on protection of wildlife's natural habitats & resources, advise on stormwater management, monitor litter & pollution, participate with township on environmental protocols, and pursue energy conservation.
  - Require conversations with township authorities and develop partnerships with adjacent • neighborhoods.
  - Qualifications and experience in area preferred.
- 6. Nomination Committee:
  - Makes nominations for elections to the Board.
  - Positions are voted & appointed by Board of Directors per ByLaws.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Neighborhood "Beautification Project": everyone can help maintain our neighborhood. Please pick up any trash you see when out for a walk. Please email us with ideas!
- Chinese New Year event by Social Committee coming soon!
- NABR App release and use for all! •

## HOLIDAY FESTIVE LIGHTS

Peterson's house on Glenvale was a big hit with our neighbors!



Want your pet to be featured? Please email us.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Still waiting for a winter wonderland? Sidewalks are not included in community's snow removal plans.
- It is a smart idea to remove hose, turn off the water valves & drain the hosebibs during freezing temps to prevent a pipe burst, yikes! The valves are in your crawl space.
- You may have already received your HOA due(s) for the • year. Thank you in advance for your payment!
- Christmas trees will be chipped and picked up as part of yard waste. Make sure to remove all decorations and nails.
- Garbage and Recycling are picked up on Thursdays and • Yard waste is picked up on Fridays. If day falls on a holiday, then it will be next day.

Report pick-up failures by calling Apex Utilities.

- Previously, stormwater management was paid through your property taxes. Starting in the new year, this will change to Stormwater Utility fee included in your monthly utility bill.
- Harris Nuclear Plant will conduct their siren test on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS:**

- GRANDCHESTER MEADOWS (919) 757-1718
- APEX UTILITIES (919) 362-8676
- DOMINION ENERGY 1-877-776-2427
- GARBAGE, RECYCLE & YARD WASTE (919) 362-8676