THE MORNINGSIDE CHAT

Fall Newsletter

HALLOWEEN GOLF CART CONTEST...

I hope that all of you have been able to participate in at least some of our Social Events this Fall. The latest was our Halloween Golf Cart Contest!

And the winner is…

Dave Morrison of 412 Sarah Ct. He designed the Quarantine Machine. Dave and his family will enjoy $30 to Matt's Small Town and $15 to main Street fudge shop donated by Legacy Christian Church and $40 to the NGC Theater donated by The Vineyard Church. We want to thank both churches for their generous donations and congratulate Dave Morrison for his outstanding entry!

ANNUAL MEETING(S) – SOCIAL BUDGET AND VOTING…

The Annual Meeting of the Morningside Subdivision Home Owners Association was held on September 6, 2014. The Minutes of that meeting will be attached to this Newsletter.

The next Annual Meeting of the Morningside Subdivision Home Owners Association will be held in May 2015. There are two main reasons for this change; 1) the weather was just too hot in September, and; 2) there was a great deal of interest in our Social Committee Budget.

The Board of Directors (BOD) is responsible for establishing an annual budget for the HOA each year. Once the budget is proposed, the BOD votes on it and if passed, the BOD is responsible for managing the budget throughout the year.

In 2014, the BOD approved a $1500 Social Committee budget. As you all know, there were strong opinions voiced on either side of that issue. One of the opinions stated was that the resident didn't feel that they had gotten their say in how the money was being spent. Well, that's true. It is the BOD's sole responsibility to establish and manage the annual budget. However, since this was such a contentious issue this year, the BOD has decided to give you an opportunity to weigh in on the Social Committee Budget next year.

The Annual Budget will be established by the BOD in April of 2015. The budget will be presented to the HOA at the annual meeting in May – before we have a chance to spend any money on social activities. This will be your opportunity to "have your say" on the social budget. The exact date and time of the meeting will be posted in February.

There will also be a **Special Meeting of the HOA** called in **October** for the purpose of electing a new BOD. The BOD currently consists for five members, three officers and two members at large. Each of the BOD members are assigned various duties and responsibilities in addition to their requirement to attend monthly meetings. If more than five people announce their intention to run for the BOD, the election will be held at the Special HOA Meeting in October. If five people or less express an interest, they will be considered to have run unopposed and will take office for the next two year term in January 2016.

Anyone who would like to run for the BOD must make their intentions known by August 1, 2015. We will put out more information on the election process as the time gets closer.

END OF SUMMER BLOCK PARTY...
Many of you were able to join us for the End of Summer Block Party. We had a great time and hope that all of you did too!

We did receive feedback from numerous people that they thought the Block Party should have been held at a single venue. Therefore, next year that is exactly what we intend to do.

Unfortunately, we can't tell you yet what that party will look like until the aforementioned issue with the Social Committee Budget is resolved at our next HOA Meeting. But whatever it is, we're going to have a great time with all of our neighbors!

CITY CIRCLE (SENOIA INFORMATION)...
Bob Werner, Code Enforcement Officer for The City of Senoia, would like to pass along that Crooks Tire Shop in Senoia does accept old/used oil for recycling for free. You can contact Crooks Tire Shop for more information.

PRESIDENTS Q&A...
Communication is best when it is two way. To that end, we decided to add a Q&A section to the newsletter. So, here we go!

The first question - Does anyone else have issues with Armadillos digging holes in their yards?

The answer is a definitive – YES! The armadillos have been terrible this year. But, we have a possible answer. The City has traps! You can call the City at **770-599-3679** and see if they have any traps available. Be aware that if you catch one, it is your responsibility to dispose of it. Please contact the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or a professional exterminator to find out what is required before you go armadillo hunting/trapping.

The next question - Is there any interest for a clubhouse? I believe there is room across the parking lot from the pool. It could be used for birthday parties, bunko/poker tournaments, social events, etc. I understand this would be an additional cost, but might be something we could do with volunteer help from the neighborhood to keep costs down.

The answer is the same as for the Playground. If there is enough interest to form an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate the costs and all the ramifications involved in building a clubhouse and/or a playground, the BOD will convene an Ad Hoc committee to study the issue. The proponents will have to get four members in good standing plus one BOD member to form the committee. The committee should have representatives from both sides of the issue represented. Once the committee has thoroughly studied the issues involved in the proposal(s) they will present the report to the BOD. The BOD will review the report and present the findings to the HOA at the next regularly scheduled Annual HOA Meeting. If there is still enough interest, a vote will be scheduled.

LINKEDIN...
We had a suggestion that a Morningside Subdivision LinkedIn Page be established. I have an IOU on this. The reason it is taking so long is that I have to have my own LinkedIn account to establish the page and I can't do it until I officially retire from the FAA due to a possible conflict of interest. I will have the new page available next month.

Hope you all have a great Fall -

We will "Chat" again in January! ☺