

The Bridge

Winter - December 2009

The official newsletter of the Goldenview Park Homeowner's Association

Announcements

Annual Meeting Report

The annual Board meeting was held on November 19th at 6:30 pm in the Goldenview Middle School gymnasium. At this year's meeting, we heard an update from the President, reports from the various committees, ratified the 2010 budget, and elected new Board members.

We thank all homeowners who came and participated in the meeting, as well as the homeowners who submitted their proxies enabling us to get on with the business of the Association.

We missed seeing many of you. This is a great time to meet your Board members, hear all about what's been going on in the subdivision, new items, budget, etc... Plus, what better time to hear from you, the homeowner. As members of the Association, it would be great to hear your feedback.

Board Member News

We are pleased to announce that Scott Ivany has been re-elected to the Board for another 3-year term. We would also like to welcome our newest Board member, Tamara Starkel, as she was elected to fill the seat vacated by Bridget McLeod. Thank you Bridget for volunteering your time to serve on the Board.

Immediately following the annual meeting, the newly elected and continuing Board members held a brief Board meeting to elect Association Officers.

The following is your 2010 Board of Directors:

Eric Bretthauer – President
Eric Waterman – Vice President
Bill Babylon – Treasurer
Gina Dundas – Secretary
Bill Bernier – Member at Large
Scott Ivany – Member at Large
Tamara Starkel – Member at Large

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Board Information

If you were unable to come to the annual meeting and would like to speak with someone or have an issue or concern to report, please contact Real Estate Unlimited

The Board meets monthly, so if you wish to attend a meeting, please express this interest to the folks at Real Estate Unlimited so the necessary arrangements can be made.

News of note & updates

Snowplowing








Earlier this year, the GVPHOA Board of Directors requested proposals for snow plowing in our community, as the previous 3-year contract had expired. After a long due diligence process, your elected volunteer Board made the decision to change to a new snow plowing contractor. As evidenced from the new contractor's unacceptable performance during and after the Thanksgiving weekend snow fall, the Board acted swiftly in terminating the newly executed contract and has re-secured the previous contractor to perform the work. Fortunately, through negotiations with the previous contractor, we were able to preserve most of the substantial savings that our 2010 budget was based on.

Please know that your Board worked hard during and after the snow event for several days trying to rectify the issue. Your patience was appreciated.

Website Update

Check out the Goldenview Park Home Owners Association Website @ www.qvphoa.com

On the website, you will find:

-  Information about the GVPHOA
-  Online Newsletter
-  Latest GVPHOA news and events
-  Alerts such as bear sightings, local occurrences, and other pertinent information
-  Online forms for architectural and landscape changes and paint approvals
-  Goldeview Park subdivision map
-  Other general information

- ✓ Add the website to your favorites and check for updates and new additions from time to time

Winter Trash Pick-up

As we all know, trash and wind do not mix well. Please take the necessary steps to ensure that your trash is put out on the day of pickup and not out the night before. The winds can be very unpredictable at times causing many trash cans to be blown over and trash be scattered all over the subdivision.

There are still a few trash cans looking for their homes scattered around the community. Without an address or name, they are more difficult to identify. It would be a good idea to mark your trash cans with your address or name.

If you see trash or debris around the neighborhood, please take a moment to pick it up and dispose of it properly, as this will help keep the neighborhood clean and the ditches and culverts clog free.

The trash mishap a couple of weeks ago was due to our normal trash crew being on vacation and their substitute not knowing the proper pick-up times and route. This issue has been addressed.

Vandalism

Please keep an eye out to deter vandalism and get involved by taking the time to report the incident to the authorities, Real Estate Unlimited. Don't put yourself in danger and don't do anything rash, but please do what you can to help by observing and reporting.

Last year a record amount of damage and cost was incurred from stolen or broken playground equipment, damage to the electrical system on the covered bridge, shot out street lights, and graffiti on the bridge.

In fact, in 2008, more than 1/2 of the cost of maintaining the street lights for the year was due to vandalism and over \$4,000 in street light repairs alone. The numbers are not as high for 2009, but we have still experienced vandalism to street lighting, the playground, and the bridge. Once again, please help by observing and reporting when you see it happening or discover it after it has happened.

2010 Committee Members

Volunteers Welcome!

Landscape & Architectural Control

- Bill Babylon
- Eric Bretthauer
- Eric Waterman

Grounds

- Scott Ivany
- Bill Bernier

Communications

- Tamara Starkel
- Eric Waterman

Social

- Gina Dundas
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Reminders

Here we relay homeowners feedback (concerns, complaints and requests, etc):

Pets

We are a dog loving group and ask for everyone's consideration in cleaning up after your pets. Please respect and consider the plight of those whose homes, and their yards, which are situated on main thoroughfares and get an uneven share of the dog walking traffic (and all that 'goes' along with it); even the yellow spots.

Incidentally, some of our mail boxes are also suffering significant corrosion at the base due to frequent dog urine. If your pet 'prefers' the mailbox, you might suggest another location to keep HOA replacement costs down.

Please do not let your pets run loose in the neighborhood or the park. The park is not an area to exercise animals and was designed for the use of people. Where you may love and trust your pet, not everyone feels the same. All pets must be leashed in GVP.

Speedsters

Please watch your speed while driving through the neighborhood. There are concerns and complaints regarding visitors, homeowners and teenagers driving a bit too fast in the subdivision. Remember, there are many people who walk; including children to and from school. Let's keep our subdivision safe!

FYI: As reported In the Fall 2005 Newsletter – speed humps were put in because, “We were told by the MOA traffic department that Bridgeview Drive was the most unsafe road studied in the city this past year. The traffic count on the lower Bridgeview in August (when the study was completed) was 1900 vehicles per day with at least 15% of the vehicles traveling faster than 32 mph. The count on the upper part of Bridgeview was 425 vehicles per day with at least 15% traveling faster than 35 mph”.

Parking

Several homeowners reported safety concerns over vehicles parked on the street. Overnight parking on the streets is not allowed. During the winter, it makes it very difficult for the snowplowing company to plow our roads in the subdivision if vehicles are parked on the street.

Neighborhood Noises

Please try to limit any noise that may be considered offensive in nature, this way everyone can enjoy the peaceful winter days and the quiet winter nights (i.e., barking dogs, noisy wind chimes, etc...)

Moose

Moose are quite often roaming our streets and yards, please be aware as you drive and walk through the neighborhood.

Declaration and Bylaws Reminders

Please read your Declarations. This is the thick book given to you before you purchased your lot or home. You signed a receipt saying you read and understood all the declarations and bylaws before you could purchase your lot or home. It is assumed that you are familiar with these rules and regulations of GVP. You are expected to abide by them. The HOA association does have the power to fine non-compliant homeowners. We will always make an effort to notify a homeowner and give them a reasonable amount of time to comply. But...ignorance of the Declaration and Bylaws is not an excuse.

Emergency Numbers:

Police – 911

Chugach Electric – 563-7494

Fire – 911

Enstar – 334-7600

Anchorage Water and Waste Utility – 564-2700
