

Report on Homeowner's Association meeting June 16, 2016

Our current President Andrew Kneisler opened the meeting and started by making sure that everyone is aware that ANY resident can invite another resident to join eNeighbors. If you go to the Directory on the eNeighbors web site, and you can't find the resident you are looking for, there is a link at the bottom of the page that says:

Can't find who you're looking for? [Invite them to join.](#)

If you will click on the "invite them to join" part, it will open a page where you can insert the new person's email address and send them an invitation to join eNeighbors.

Please, if you know of a neighbor who is NOT participating in eNeighbors, get their email address and invite them to join. It makes our neighborhood stronger to have good communication. If you see a new person moving in, get their email address and get them to join also – it's a good reason to go meet the new people anyway!

Billie Lenz is our HOA Treasurer and she reported that most homeowners had paid the \$50 HOA fee that we are collecting this year (for the first time in 10 years). So far 90 homeowners have paid their HOA fee, but she has 13 homeowners left that still have not paid their fee. If you have neglected to get that paid, please do so right away! She reports that we have \$6,222.20 in the bank at this time, which should be enough to cover our HOA expenses for many years.

Billie has been the HOA Treasurer for about 16 years and we thank her for all her dedication and good work. She is moving away soon to another home and we are going to need a new Treasurer. If you would be willing to take on that responsibility, please contact any board member, or send out a general email to TheBoard@GladAcresEstates.com Please step up and volunteer your services. Thank You.

Our current HOA deed restrictions are from the 1980's and have been amended many times. Often it is very difficult to follow, since there are usually amendments to the amendments. This can make selling our homes difficult since people can't figure out what the restrictions say. We discussed having a law service go through and straighten these restrictions out, but we feel that the expense would be very high.

We are looking into either finding a newer subdivision that has a set of deed restrictions that we can copy from, or a set of "boiler-plate" deed restrictions that we can use in order to completely re-write our deed restrictions. We would try to maintain all the same restrictions and freedoms that were in the original, but make the restrictions readable. If any homeowner happened to be in violation of the new restrictions we would have a clause that "grandfathered" any violation until such time as the property was sold, so only the new owners would have to be in compliance.

If we are able to accomplish this task, we would have to have a vote of all homeowners and have a 75% YES vote to make these changes. Look for further communication from your board members in the near future.

Before our area was annexed by the city of Overland Park, if you wanted to burn brush, leaves and grass you would get a burn permit from the local fire department. Now you must get that permit from the city. They are available on line and there is no cost.

<http://www.opkansas.org/city-government/fire-department/fire-permits/>

Just follow the above link to the burn permits information page. Near the top it says “Applications are available **online**; there is no fee.” If you will click on the word “online” it will take you to a form to fill out, they want to know your name and address, when you want to burn, what you want to burn, etc. etc. etc. They MAY send an inspector out to make sure the burn will be safe, but with the amount of land we have, they don’t usually give us any problem. There are some rules: You MUST stay and supervise the fire, and don’t start a fire if the wind is below 5 MPH or above 15 MPH. It must be daytime, at least 1 hour after sunrise. See the information page on the link above for more details.

There continues to be a minor problem with kids, up to and including teenagers who are using the ponds in the neighborhood as public fishing ponds. Parents need to instruct their children that ALL ponds are private property. Most folks will not have a problem giving them permission BUT THEY NEED TO ASK!

Also, some kids have been irresponsible and left fishing hooks and fishing lures out on the ground where young children and/or pets could be hurt by them. They have also left trash for others to pick up. I always ask the kids to catch and release, to keep the fish in the pond for others to enjoy catching, but I have seen some kids treating the fish poorly, trying to see how far they can throw them, or otherwise hurting the fish. Please ask your children to be good neighbors and good sportsmen and sportswomen.