



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Community Improvement District (CID)

The Board decided to abandon the CID effort since it only received about half of the signatures needed to move forward with the petition. The signers represented only about 25% of the total residents. After several efforts made in 2007-2008 by the Board to communicate the importance of the CID, the subsequent low turnout at the meetings held, and overall response rate from the neighborhood, it was determined that continuing to pursue a CID was not something the majority of Graeler Park residents favored at this time.



Trash Program

Residents are reminded that trash and recycle containers are to be placed at the curb the night before or by 6:00 am on trash pick-up day. They should be promptly retrieved from curbside by the evening after they are emptied. Some residents are leaving trash and recycle containers for too long at curbside causing an unsightly clutter in the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Pets

Residents are reminded that being a good neighbor includes managing your pets. Animals are not to be allowed to roam off-leash outside of their own yard and constant barking or aggressive behavior is an annoyance and can be frightening to your neighbors. Please take appropriate measures to control your animals.



Graeler Park Calendar

- April 22- Earth Day
- April 25- Pool Cleanup Day
- May 1- Assessments Due
- May 25- Memorial Day (Pool Opens)

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Special Assessment

The Graeler Park Community Association Board of Directors is considering the creation of a legal fund. The fund would be used to cover the normal legal expenses associated with community organizations, the costs of legal actions to collect delinquent assessments and our legal insurance deductible if the Association ever is sued. We would create the fund with a special assessment to raise \$6,000 and then an annual assessment to keep the fund balance at that amount.

Our Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions require a special meeting of the community to approve the assessment. That meeting will be held later this year in conjunction with our annual meeting in June and a binding vote will be held. A simple majority of those in attendance is required to pass the assessment. We will also open for discussion the need for another special assessment for overdue repair items at the pool, specifically the driveway and the pool decks.

2009 Swim Club

A healthy community flourishes with neighborly participation in activities and with volunteer efforts. Many residents and outside members enjoyed regular swimming outings, barbecues, and birthday parties at the swimming pool throughout the 2008 season. Our growing swim team of seventy swimmers led by Laura Landmann, Linda Murphy, Diane Dyn, and our new coach Gillian Allen highlighted 2008. Our team for the first time in many, many years won 4 of our 5 swim meets and placed third in the conference. The water aerobics program led by Carol Underriner is going strong, so please consider participating in this free healthy social activity. The garden club led by MaryAnn Hale has the grounds looking better than ever.

The pool works well and looks good. Volunteers made repairs to pump motors and filter grids, reinstalled lights to the clubhouse to finish the roof project and repainted the buildings, among other things. The volunteers responsible for 2008 improvements included Greg Dyn, Jerry Adams, Jimmy Selyuta, and John Marren. We still need to accomplish two repair projects that will take years to fund; the driveway entrance needs new asphalt and the pool decks need some work. These two maintenance projects might be addressed with special assessment funding. Our annual pool clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday April 25.

The 2009 season is expected to operate in the black even after some minor repairs and equipment purchases. Outside members supplement our assessment to cover annual operating expenses. We used a pool management company in 2008 with generally good results, but barely affordable. We plan to save money by hiring a full time pool manager and use local lifeguards from our swim team who are getting their Red Cross certification. The manager, who is also an experienced lifeguard, will train, schedule, and oversee the daily operation of the pool. We will utilize volunteers to handle payroll, accounting, pool maintenance, and repairs as needed.

Included in this mailing are your 2009 pool registration form and a copy for a friend. Please submit the resident portion with your payment or drop off in the Pool mailbox. If you have a non-resident friend or family that has interest in joining our pool, feel free to give them the non-resident portion of the registration.

Jerry Adams