

Home Owners Association Newsletter - March 15, 2020

AGM - Postponed

Due to the uncertainty about the ability for us to gather at the Green Island Country Club, we have taken the decision to postpone the AGM for the time being. A key purpose of the AGM is to invite ideas and feedback for the forthcoming year, so please reach out to Mark Westguard, President if you have any comments or concerns.

*We wish all residents the best of health over the coming weeks.* 



## Mail Theft

In the early hours March 10 a silver SUV circled our neighborhood and stole letters and packages from at least one property. The suspect(s) also scoured various other mailboxes in the neighborhood. The police were notified and security camera footage was provided to them. We would like to remind residents to:

- Collect your mail promptly daily; do not leave it inside your mailbox overnight.
- If your outgoing mail contains valuable items, do not place it in your mailbox for pickup; instead, take it to the post office or hand it to the carrier.
- Before going on vacation, ask a neighbor to collect your mail, or put your mail on hold using the USPS Hold Mail Service.

If you notice any suspicious activity in the neighborhood, please call 911 and report it to the local police. Neighborhood security will be a key topic of discussion at our forthcoming AGM.

## Yard Signs

A polite reminder that yard signs are not permitted in the neighborhood. We understand it can be frustrating when contractors, school and other businesses promote themselves in our yards, but we would kindly ask that residents actively keep our neighborhood free of such signs. A single security signs (6" x 6") is permitted per lot.

Thank you!



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We're please to announce that we have launched our neighborhood website!

We encourage all residents to visit the website and securely register their details. We intend to use this resource to improve communication between residents for security and other general notifications.



## Get Involved

As Board Members rotate off each year, the opportunity arises for Gaines Creek residents to serve on our homeowners association at the board level. If you would be willing to serve as a Board Member, or would like to nominate someone in this capacity, please let us know.

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# Homeowners Association Dues

Dear Gaines Creek Neighbors,

The annual HOA dues were reviewed on March 13, 2020 and it was unanimously decided by the board that they should be increased. The dues have not be raised in over a decade and the costs to the association have increased significantly over the years. Therefore, by action of the Gaines Creek Homeowners Association board, the dues for this year will be **\$350**, a modest increase of \$50.

Please remit your dues to Brenda Willis, 6932 Gaines Ridge Rd, by **Tuesday, April 30, 2020**.

### Dues will considered late after this date and interest (12%) will be added.

If you have any questions regarding your dues, please contact Brenda Willis, Treasurer, at (706) 718-3776 or treasurer@gainescreek.org

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact Mark Westguard, President, at (504) 251-6005 or president@gainescreek.org

# Neighborhood Network

We would like to ask that all residents of Gaines Creek please register using their latest contact details on our website. This will enable us to send you important security and other general notifications electronically.

### Please register online at:

gainescreek.org/register

### Thank you!





# Spring Clean Checklist

Apply fresh *pine straw* or *natural cypress mulch*. *Dyed materials may not be used*.

Remove weeds, rubbish, trash, debris, garbage and other unsightly materials.

Prune and trim trees, hedges and shrubbery.

Ensure recreational (including pool), maintenance equipment and building materials are kept from view.

Remove all yard signs (a single 6" x 6" security sign is permitted). *Yard signs, including contractor signage are not permitted year round.* 



Thank you for keeping our neighborhood beautiful!

Please clean up after your pet.

For more information about the neighborhood homeowner's manual and covenants, visit our website:

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