



Guthrie Lakes LYRIC

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Support Guthrie Lakes, Run for the Board!

Ever consider running for the EFPOA Board of Directors to use your expertise to guide our Guthrie Lakes community? Our nine-member Board elects three new members each year; they serve for a 3-year term. Board membership presents a wonderful opportunity for residents to not only serve their neighbors and their Guthrie Lakes community, but allows you to use your unique professional and personal skills to improve our neighborhood, and help set direction for the present and future.

The Board generally meets 5-6 times per year, always on Saturday mornings at the Clubhouse at 9 or 10 AM. Each person elected is assigned an office or committee chair position to hold while on the Board. These are determined at the first meeting of the new Board. Do consider running; we'd enjoy your participation.

Call for Nominations!

This communication is the official "Call for Nominations" to fill three, 3-year EFPOA Board of Director vacancies that begin July 2014. The current terms end July 31, 2014 for these members: Tony Esson (current President), Brian Wilson (Director), and Fred Novack (Director). We are very grateful for the valuable service and contributions made by these neighbors.

Please consider nominating yourself or encourage a neighbor to run this year. Those running must be a property owner in good standing (dues paid), and submit a brief resume (200 words or less) that states why they would like to be on the Board; share your background, experience and expertise. Resumes are sent to the EFPOA Elections Committee, PO Box 40, Waters, MI 49797 and must be post marked no later than May 24, 2014. More details will be included in the next issue of the Lyric.

Open EFPOA Board Position: Interested?

A 14-month position on the Board has become available. It will go from May 3, 2014 through June 30, 2015. If interested, contact President Tony Esson at tony@anthonyessonarchitect.com.

From the President

By Tony Esson

As I sat down to pen "From the President", it became obvious to me that I didn't have a "hot topic" to use as the basis for this article. Considering some of the bumps in the road over the last six months and where we are now, not having a hot topic is a nice change.

Lacking a hot topic, here are a few things of note:

Fellowship and camaraderie at the clubhouse are on the rise. Even though we are in the winter doldrums, we continue to have good attendance at events. If you haven't been to an event recently, stop in and check one out. (The soups that came to the "Soup Social" were excellent and the 25 people at the recent Taco Super Bowl event had a great time!)

We are no longer in a precarious financial position. At the end of 2013, we ended the year with a positive bank balance, and have begun receiving dues for the 2014 season. Although not everyone was pleased to have an increase in our annual dues, everyone does seem to understand that dues needed to be increased to maintain the level of amenities that we provide to our members. With the increase in dues we are no longer operating on a deficit budget. The increase will also allow us to tuck a little away so that we will have money available in the future without having to go to the bank for a loan.

The snow continues to fall and it is cold outside. I have done everything I can to improve the weather, but unfortunately it is something that we will have to live with until spring arrives.

The sense of community that many of our members bring to this association always brings a smile to my face. Together we can do great things.....

Winter Clubhouse Hours

Mon-Tues-Wed-Thurs 10-12 AM and 4-8 PM

Friday 10-12 and 4-10 PM, Saturday 10-10, Sunday 10-5

What Activities Are Happening in Guthrie Lakes??

While there are fewer activities scheduled in February and March due to the number of "snow birds", we have a Pancake Breakfast on the first Saturday of the month & some other supper events.

- Saturday, February 15th - **Post Valentine Spaghetti Dinner** at 6 PM... for any spouses or significant others who forgot to do something the day before on Feb. 14th! Enjoy a cheap date (\$3 dinner) of spaghetti, garlic bread & salad. Bring your own beverage and bring the whole family!
- Saturday, March 1 - **Pancake Breakfast** - 9 AM - \$3
- Wednesday, March 12, **Activities Committee Meeting** - 7 PM at the Clubhouse
- Saturday, March 15 - **St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Pot Luck Dinner** at 6 PM includes corned beef, cabbage, potatoes & carrots; bring rolls/bread or a dessert to pass and your own beverage (\$5)
- Wednesday, April 2 - **Activities Committee Meeting** - 7 PM at the Clubhouse
- Saturday, April 5 - **Pancake Breakfast** - 9 AM - \$3
- Wednesday, April 16 - **Hot Dogs, Chips & Beverage** - 5 PM - \$2 (such a bargain!)
- Saturday, May 3 - **Next EFPOA Board Meeting** - 10 AM after the 9 AM Pancake Breakfast

NEXT New Year's Eve (2015)!

The Activities Committee is working toward having a family New Year's Eve Pig Roast dinner NEXT New Year's Eve, December 31st of 2014. Such an event has been held in the past and many residents enjoyed this activity. The Activities Committee meetings to organize and plan this event will be announced well in advance.

New Security System Purchased; Installed Soon.

A modern 12-camera security system will soon be installed at our Clubhouse that will monitor both inside and outside activities. After several thousands of dollars of Freon was stolen from our air conditioning unit last year, the Board determined that improved security monitoring was needed. This will also help assure residents that they are safe when approaching the Clubhouse, and when using our parking lot, especially after dark.

Got Big Trash?

Remember that Waste Management will pick up ONE bulk item each week with your regular curbside trash pick-up such as mattresses or furniture. If you have an appliance to get rid of (dishwasher, refrigerator, stove), call them **ONE BUSINESS DAY** in advance of your regular pick-up day to let them know; call 1.800.796.9696

NOT in the EFPOA Directory... but Want to Be??

The last 2013 EFPOA Directory was distributed in July 2013; if you never got a copy, stop by the Clubhouse and ask for one. IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR NAME IN THE DIRECTORY, AND WANT TO BE ADDED TO THE NEXT ISSUE, contact our Business Manager, Sherice Esson (manager@efpoa.com) with your information (all addresses, phone numbers and email addresses) or go online at the EFPOA web site (www.efpoa.com) and fill in the form provided on the home page. Being listed in the directory is a great way to contact and get to know your neighbors!

Locked Dumpster Implemented at the Clubhouse

"Because of continuous misuse, it has been determined that a locking dumpster is necessary. See Clubhouse attendant on duty for access."

This is the sign you will find on the new locked dumpster at the Clubhouse. To many full-time residents have been dropping off trash here that should be left for pick up as part of the regular Wednesday roadside trash collection. Weekenders can use the dumpster by getting the key as noted above.

DIDN'T GET YOUR ANNUAL DUES NOTICE???

Due to wrong addresses or changes in ownership, some residents did not receive this year's annual dues notice mailed in January. Please contact:

* Business Manager, Sherice Esson (efpoa@efpoa.com OR call 989.732.1942) or

* Treasurer, Nancy Gregg (njgregg65@gmail.com OR call 989.732.4579)

They will make sure you get the dues notice. You can now pay with a credit card at the Clubhouse or through the EFPOA web site at www.efpoa.com.

Interested in a Neighborhood Garage Sale and Craft Fair next Summer??

Yes... summer WILL come eventually, but the Activities Committee would like to know if there is resident interest in participating in a community garage sale along with a craft fair held at the Clubhouse. Food and beverages would be offered; share your thoughts about such an event with Business Manager, Sherice Esson (Email to: manager@efpoa.com or call 989.732.1942).

Where are you pushing YOUR snow??

Not out onto the public street, we hope! That is against state regulations! Public Act 82 of 1978, Section 257.677A states that you are not to "deposit snow on any roadway". Doing this is a misdemeanor with a possible 90 days in jail and \$100 fine! So DON'T put your "Private Snow" on our public roads! Your driveway snow should be pushed off the road so that residents don't have to drive through it.

Loose Dogs around Your House??

Animal Control in our county is with the Animal Shelter and their phone number is 989.705.7632. They recommend the following options for Guthrie Lakes residents.



- * If you know who the dog belongs to, contact them to let them know that our Deeded Restrictions for Guthrie Lake has a leash law requirement for all dogs.
- * If the owner does not respond, call Animal Control at the number above and they will call the owner. Three calls about the same dog gets the owner ticketed!
- * If you can catch the the dog (...like throwing a hot dog in your garage, then closing the door!), then call Animal Control; they'll pick up the dog, and post it's picture on their Facebook page. The owner will have to come pick up the dog after all shots and tags are verified as being up-to-date.

Cherry Capital Connection Expanding

With a pending lease on our Clubhouse tower, Cherry Capital Connection will be seeking new internet customers from Guthrie Lakes. They made a presentation at our last Board meeting and will likely increase the tower height and add other equipment to improve services. For those interested in more information, call them at 231.264.9970



Interested in an auction of vacant lots organized by EFPOA?

We have many residents who are trying to sell vacant lots and it's been suggested that we hold a "Lot Auction" to help residents in this endeavor. It would probably be held this summer at the Clubhouse. If interested, contact our Business Manager, Sherice Esson, at manager@efpoa.com or call her at: 989.732.1942

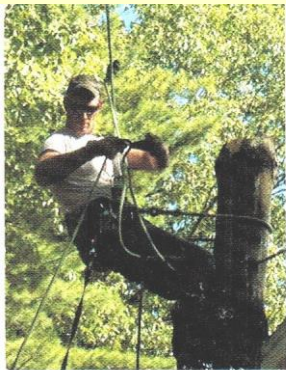
What's the Deal about the EFPOA Propane Gas "Group"?

Currently 88 EFPOA residents are "members" of this community propane group that annually negotiates a price for gas; this year the group went with Ferrell Gas. The gas company calculates the typical annual usage for the members who "join", and then quote a price for that total estimated gallons. This year the contract for these 88 users was based on 55,000 gallons of propane for the year. All 88 members are then "using" gas at the quoted price from this total gallon amount. Currently the members have used about 38,000 gallons of this 55,000; if more gas is needed this year than 55,000 due to our colder winter, the gas price will return to the current market level. The current Gas Group price goes through June this year. So.... don't be surprised if your gas bill takes a jump in May or June (contract ends in June) when you go to fill up. Sherice Esson, our Business Manager, will keep residents informed about when to sign up or "join" the group for next year. Watch the Lyric newsletter and our EFPOA web site for details (www.efpoa.com). You need to tell the gas company each year that you are a part of the EFPOA Gas Group and want their negotiated price.

P.S. Due to this cap of 55,000 gallons this year, new members are not able to "join" the group after the initial price quote; they would be using gas allocated to current members. Then the group might run out early and have to pay a higher price. Join the group in the summer so your typical annual usage will be included in the overall total calculation.

Got a Business You Want to Advertize Here and on the EFPOA Web Site??

We are considering accepting business card ads from Guthrie Lakes residents who operate businesses; these would be put in each issue of the Lyric (usually at least 4 issues per year) and would also be put on our EFPOA website. If you are interested in this marketing option, email Polly Buchanan, Communications Chair at pbuchanan@emich.edu. The ads would look like the example below, and would likely cost \$50 a year for residents. The EFPOA Board will discuss rates at the next Board meeting, May 3, 2014.



Scott's Tree Service

- *Tree Trimming and Removal
- *View Clearing
- *Storm Damage Cleanup
- *Emergency Service
- *Firewood for Sale
- *Licensed and Insured

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