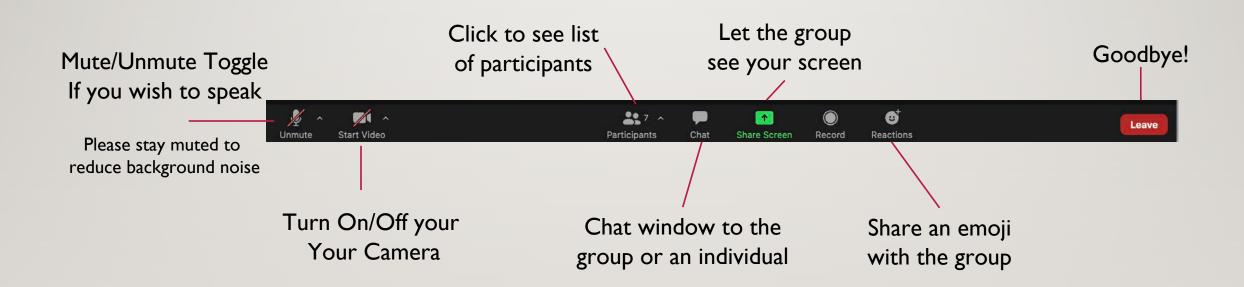
# COUNTRY TRACE

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 25, 2021

# ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS REFER TO THE BOTTOM MENU RIBBON



# WELCOME HOMEOWNERS! YOUR BOARD AND SUPPORT STAFF

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#### COUNTRY TRACE HOA

- Operate in accordance with the provisions in CC&Rs, By-Laws and A.R.S.
- Protect the character and value of Country Trace homes and homeowner interests
- Maintain the common areas (Monument Corners)
- Serve the financial and fiducial responsibilities to the community

#### PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY

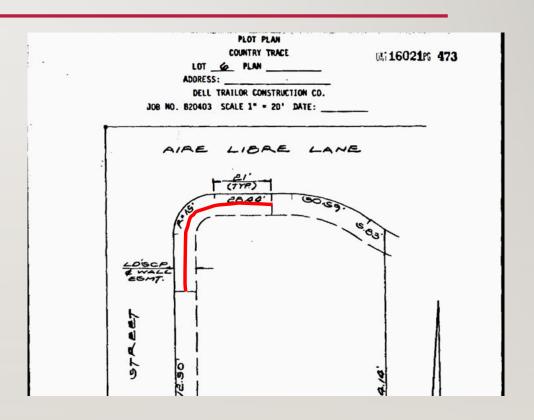
- Architectural Committee provides aesthetic guidance to homeowners and the Board as stipulated in the CC&Rs, such as:
  - Paint colors new this year!
  - Approvals for new structures/pools get COP permits first!
  - Visibility and parking of vehicles (RVs, motorcycles, commercial vehicles, etc.)
  - No home businesses (home office excepted)
  - No livestock dogs and cats only no chickens, etc.
  - No visible antennas (without Board approval)

#### **COMMON AREAS**

- Landscape Committee is responsible for helping the board with the aesthetics and functional integrity of the common monument corners
  - Infrastructure electrical and plumbing
  - Plantings & décor
  - Lighting
  - Paint/Stucco

### WHAT IS A COMMON CORNER?

- Easement provided in the Community Declaration from 1983 for 7 street entries around the community (14 corners)
- Extends from the interior of the Sour Orange shrubs to the sidewalk, and from each end of the monument wall.
  - Does not include any other plantings/trees on the lot, regardless of who planted them or how they get water.



#### FIDUCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Operate with transparency in finances and board matters
  - Posting board meeting minutes
  - Posting periodic budget summaries and spending plans
  - Set annual dues to cover operating expenses and savings goals
- Provide digital technologies to make it easier for homeowners to
  - Communicate with the board and each other
  - Pay annual assessment and modernize the financial systems
  - Obtain HOA information (governing documents, etc.)

## OVERVIEW Q&A

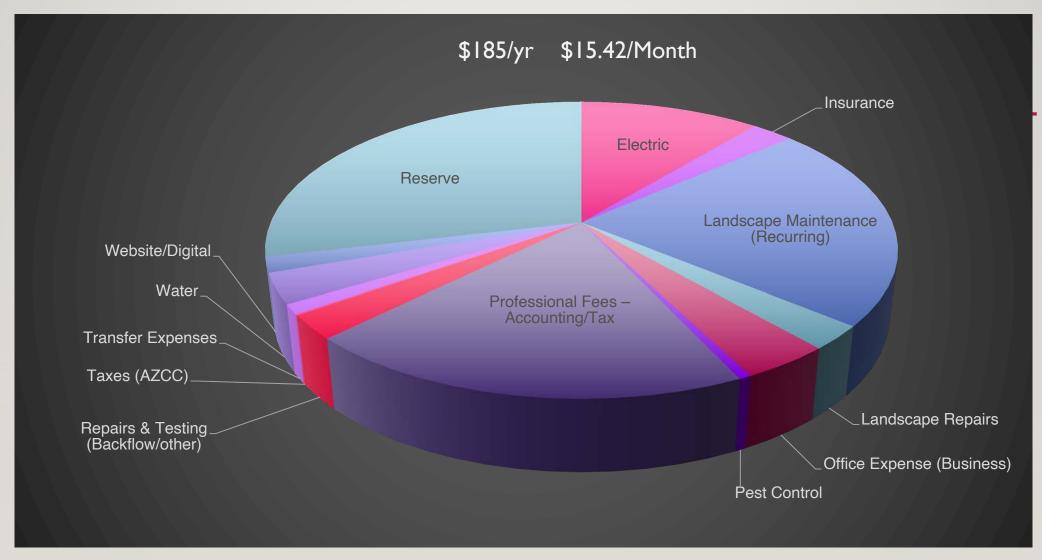
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### **FINANCE**

|        | INCOME                         | 2020<br>Budget | 2020 Actual                           | 2021<br>Forecast |
|--------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| INCOME | Homeowner Assessment (Revenue) | \$30,063       | \$31,674*                             | \$34,225         |
|        | Interest (Bank)                | \$470          | \$75                                  | \$0              |
|        | Interest/Penalty               | \$500          | \$808                                 | \$150            |
|        | Transfer Fees                  | \$2,000        | \$4,500                               | \$4,000          |
|        | TOTAL INCOME                   | \$33,033       | \$37,057                              | \$38,375         |
|        | Notes                          |                | *1st half \$92.50<br>2nd half \$70.00 |                  |

### WHERE YOUR ASSESSMENT GOES



### **FINANCE**

**EXPENSES** 

| EXPENSES                                | 2020<br>Budget | 2020<br>Actual | 2021<br>Forecast |
|---|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Bank Service Charges                    | \$0            | \$11           | \$15             |
| Electric                                | \$3,200        | \$4,132        | \$4,200          |
| Water                                   | \$1,900        | \$1,230        | \$1,260          |
| Insurance                               | \$1,000        | \$943          | \$975            |
| Landscape Remodel (prior board)         | \$0            | \$6,190        | \$0              |
| Landscape Maintenance (Recurring)       | \$7,500        | \$8,216        | \$8,627          |
| Landscape Repairs                       | 1000           | \$925          | \$1,000          |
| Meeting Expense                         | \$300          | \$0            | \$0              |
| Office Expense (Business)               | \$700          | \$1,475        | \$1,500          |
| Pest Control                            | \$350          | \$175          | \$200            |
| Professional Fees – Accounting/Tax      | \$6,000        | \$6,500        | \$7,500          |
| Professional Fees – Legal (prior board) | \$0            | \$12,100       | \$0              |
| Repairs & Testing (Backflow/other)      | \$500          | \$250          | \$1,000          |
| Taxes (AZCC)                            | \$50           | \$50           | \$50             |
| Transfer Expenses                       | \$200          | \$450          | \$400            |
| Digital (website, Zoom & Quickbooks)    | \$150          | \$120          | \$635            |
| EXPENSE TOTAL                           | \$22,850       | \$42,767       | \$27,362         |

### **FINANCE**

**Overview** 

(Before Capital Projects)

|               | 2019<br>Actual                      | 2020 Budget | 2020<br>Actual                                     | 2021<br>Forecast |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|------------------|
| Revenue       | \$41,238                            | \$33,033    | \$37,057   | \$38,375         |
| Expenses      | \$57,976*                           | \$22,850    | \$42,767**   | \$27,362         |
| Net Income    | (\$15,738)                          | \$10,183    | (\$5,710)  | \$11,013         |
| Cash Reserves | \$42,429                            | \$52,612    | \$36,819   | \$47,832         |
| Notes:        | *Landscape remodel<br>(prior board) |             | **Legal fees and add'l<br>landscape (prior board). |                  |

### **FINANCIALS**

## POTENTIAL CAPITAL PROJECTS (discretionary one-time spend)

- Recommend replacing Electrical Pedestals on all corners.
- Legal support to update governing documents
- Quickbooks Implementation
- Reserve Analysis to determine appropriate savings rates needed

| 2021                 | Forecast   |
|----------------------|------------|
| Revenue              | \$38,375   |
| _Expenses            | (\$27,362) |
| Net Income           | \$11,013   |
| Electrical Pedestals | (\$20,000) |
| CC&R/By-Laws update  | (\$5,000)  |
| Quickbooks           | (\$2,000)  |
| Reserve Analysis     | (\$1,500)  |
| Adjusted Net Income  | (\$17,487) |

### **FINANCIALS**

#### **RESERVES**

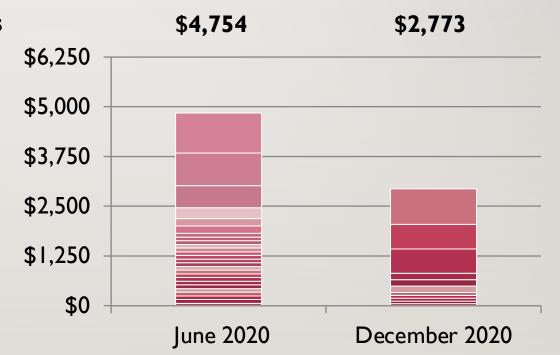
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#### **FINANCE**

#### **Delinquent Assessment Recoveries**

- 41% reduction (Jun-Dec)
- Reduced by \$1,981
- Delinquent homeowners reduced from 27 to 12
- 3 homeowners account for 77% of the outstanding receivables



#### **FINANCE**

#### **Potential other capital projects:**

- Aesthetic improvements to signage, paint, & lighting
- Plant material improvements
- Relocate and protect back flow preventers

#### **Potential Capital Improvement Funding**

- •In-kind donations (time and/or materials)
- Homeowner contributions to Capital Improvement Fund
- Revise current fee structure
- Special assessment
- •Increase dues



# INFLATION OPTIC AVERAGE PRICES 1983 - 2021

| ltem        | 1983*     | 2021**    | Increase |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Gas         | \$1.25    | \$2.68    | 114%     |
| Postage     | \$0.20    | \$0.55    | 175%     |
| Car         | \$6,100   | \$33,000  | 441%     |
| Home        | \$105,000 | \$340,000 | 224%     |
| Incomes     | \$12,133  | \$79,500  | 555%     |
| CPI         | 101       | 260       | 157%     |
| CT HOA Dues | \$144     | \$185     | 28%      |

\$185 in 2021 is equivalent to \$72 in 1983

\$144 in 1983 at 2% per year yields \$305 in 2021

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# COMMITTEES DIGITAL

- New, modern Country Trace HOA website created and went live in July
  - HOA documents available on the website
  - Newsletter delivered via the website
  - General meeting packet delivered on the website
  - Payment Portal added in December
- Still to do:
  - Create a Country Trace logo for the website and for official documents
  - Create membership area (password protected)
    - Integrate with Quickbooks so homeowners can look up what they owe, have paid, etc.

# COMMITTEES SOCIAL & NOMINATING

- Social Covid-constrained activities but still hosted:
  - Halloween socially-distanced chili and candy event
  - Holiday food drive 700 pounds gathered for local food shelters!
- Nominating
  - Formalized and documented the nomination processes
  - Great job in their recruiting efforts 3 new candidates!

# COMMITTEES ARCHITECTURE

The approved paint palette has been updated!

- 12 body colors (6 new)
- 12 trim/accent colors (8 new)

These colors can be found at:

CountryTraceHOA.com

<u>DunnEdwards.com</u> (Color Ark)



Country Trace has a Dunn-Edwards color reference book.



# COMMITTEES ARCHITECTURE

- CC&R Enforcement
  - HOA needs a consistent enforcement process
  - We are in exploration stages of formalizing a violation resolution processes
    - Notice, Cure period, Fee schedule, Appeals, etc.

# COMMITTEES LANDSCAPE – COMMON CORNERS

- Infrastructure
  - Received bids for electrical and plumbing improvements
  - Approximately \$20,000 for electrical pedestal replacements
    - Budgeted for 2021
  - Preliminary bids for plumbing/backflow repairs/updates waiting until new plantings require it
    - Backflow testing only in 2021 budget. No capital spend on plumbing planned for 2021
- Aesthetics
  - Early exploration stages
  - Retained services of Landscape Architect who has worked on other Dell Trailor community common areas
    - We have some preliminary renderings but need tuning
  - Any proposed changes will have community involvement and feedback prior to any work

### LANDSCAPE POLL

How important are the corners to the community?

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## **ELECTION**6 CANDIDATES FOR 5 SPOTS

- Please get your ballot in the mail by Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - We anticipate finalizing the election results by Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021
  - Straight voting no cumulative voting per A.R.S.
  - After the election, the new board will hold a special meeting to draw straws for the terms (1, 2 & 3 year terms), and vote on roles
- Questions?

# NEW BUSINESS — 2021 SHORT TERM RENTALS

- A number of homeowners have expressed concern about short-term rentals in the area
- Country Trace's lack of restrictions in STR has driven significant investment interest in Country Trace homes and surrounding areas
  - Home appreciation alone does not necessarily justify STRs as they do introduce risk into the community noise, refuse, parking, etc.
- Amendment to the CC&Rs to prevent STRs may be legally challenging and would increase costs
  - Argument that it changes the foundational relationship between the homeowner and the HOA
- There are several State, County and Local ordinances that prohibit noise, parties, parking violations, etc.

### SHORT TERM RENTALS (STR)

Current regulations and how to address problems

| State of Arizona                                | Current legislation prevents cities and towns from prohibiting short term rentals. A <b>Transaction Privilege Tax</b> license is required.   |
|---|--|
| Maricopa County                                 | All rentals (any duration) must be <b>registered as a rental</b> . Check at <u>maricopa.gov</u> .  |
| City of Phoenix<br>(Country Trace Jurisdiction) | All Short Term Rentals are required to be <b>registered</b> . A certificate with the <b>local contact information</b> and registration number must be posted within 10 feet of the front door.  A standard notice with <b>prohibited uses (per city ordinances)</b> must also be displayed. Find this list at <a href="mailto:phoenix.gov">phoenix.gov</a> . The local contact will receive a violation if they are not available within 60 minutes of police contact. |
| Phoenix Police<br>(Country Trace Jurisdiction)  | Enforce prohibited uses and respond to noise/nuisance complaints. Police can issue violations and support hosts in the removal of guests that are in violation of house/lease requirements.  |
| Country Trace HOA                               | Currently <b>Country Trace does not have minimum stay requirements</b> . Amending the CC&R can be a time-consuming, costly, and legally-intense process.   |
| Country Trace Home Owners                       | Contact the local host every single time you have a concern. Call the police for prohibited use or noise concerns.   |

### NEW BUSINESS — 2021 CC&R / BYLAWS

- CC&Rs and By-Laws do need updating
  - Requires 75% of eligible homeowners to vote in-favor
  - Required for any amendment to the CC&Rs/By-Laws
    - Such as restricting STRs or supplemental fees/capital improvement
- Special assessments or change in annual assessment require 67% of the required quorum (60% of homeowners) for that purpose in attendance in a meeting to vote in-favor.

### NEW BUSINESS – 2021 OTHER