

COUNTRY TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

The special election ended on June 17, 2020, with an encouraging number of voters participating (81 total). Presumably, the absentee ballot and online voting options were well received. These methods will be evaluated for permanent additions to in-person voting at the annual meeting.

As per HOA bylaws, the elected board subsequently elects director positions among itself. Following are your elected board directors and their positions.

President: Ted Frederick
Vice President/Counsel: Chris Mathers
Treasurer: Rich Warren
Secretary: Jackie Hoffmann
Digital Communications Officer: Vivian Pemberton

As a reminder, this was a special interim election, and the annual meeting in January will hold a new regular election.

Thanks and appreciation are extended to the previous board for their efforts and service.

Chris Vasilas will remain the HOA's accountant, but is no longer a member of the board. He provides important continuity in board transition, as well as an independent 3rd party in financial matters and HOA history.

A new non-elected position known as Compliance Director and Community Ombudsman has been created. This role is specifically designed as an individual independent of the board to a) act as a resource for the board to help resolve interpretive issues with the bylaws and Arizona statutes, and b) act as a non-board resource to hear and represent any concerns of homeowners to the board in the event of conflict or dispute. It is important to note that this does not preclude or prevent individual homeowners to come directly to the board. We are happy to announce that Marty Mogalian has accepted this role for the balance of 2020. We hope this new role is seen as valuable to homeowners and we will review the new role and its effectiveness in the annual meeting in January 2021.

On preliminary review of the financials, we are unable to pay operating expenses for the balance of 2020 without dipping into our reserve funds. This will be analyzed in much greater detail to determine what, if anything, can be done to minimize impact to the reserve. More information will follow as available with a full financial and reserve analysis.

Other important tasks on the new board's agenda:

- An understanding of the 2019/2020 landscape project: what was completed, what remains to be done, what the total expenditure has been. Following that, develop a “Modernization Roadmap” that will envision common area cosmetic changes with schedules mandated by funding availability.
- Deferred electrical and plumbing maintenance at the common corners
- Actively working on dues in arrears, to bring those accounts current
- An overhaul of the countrytracehoa.com website
- Addressing gaps from the external audit/community review from 2018
- Community color-palate update
- Bylaws and CC&R review

We have formed 5 committees to handle the volume of project work, including homeowner input and participation in the process. Each committee will be chaired by a board member as follows:

- Landscape Chair: Ted Frederick
- Architecture Chair: Chris Mathers
- Finance Chair: Rich Warren
- Social and Nominating Chairs: Jackie Hoffmann

For those who have historically served on these committees or signed-up on the recent ballots, the Chairs will be reaching out to you in the coming days/week to schedule introductory meetings. Note that committees will be required to meet at least monthly and the Chairs are required to provide summaries of activities to the Board at each monthly meeting. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the chair of the area you’re interested in.

Finally, if you are not already on the email communication list, you are encouraged to contact Secretary Jackie Hoffmann at email address below to be added.

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