

# The Gates HOA Newsletter

July 2019

Summer

## Gates HOA Board of Directors Report

The Gates HOA Board met July 9th and 16th to complete a lengthy agenda which included special maintenance and landscape requests, financial reports and budget projections, building inspections and planned maintenance, landscaping concerns and updating our Rules and Regulations. Of note, the



Board affirmed its responsibility for maintenance of all trees within The Gates but funding removal of trees on personal property was beyond that responsibility. Our new LED street lights produced a cost savings but the pest control/termite treatment contract cost increased. A prior source for replacement window muntins (grids) has been contacted and will be shared with homeowners when stock availability is verified. To help clarify fence and deck renovation for homeowners undertaking these tasks, the Board approved two items: (1) Fence Guidelines and (2) Fence and Deck Wood Sealer Policy and Request Form. Once every 5 years, upon request of the homeowner, the HOA will provide 2 gallons of sealer for use on the exterior of fences and decks. Information on deck floors, fence and gate interior finishes is also in these documents now available on the HOA website ([www.hoamgtcompany.com](http://www.hoamgtcompany.com)).

## Planned Maintenance and Improvements

In addition to ongoing minor repairs to roofs, siding and trim to keep buildings water tight, concentrated effort to replace extensive rotten siding on the 120-122 building is underway. Painting estimates have been requested for both the 120-122 and 108-110-112 buildings. An estimate has also been requested for chimney and siding repairs for the 108-110-112 building. Select tree removal around the 108-110-112 building is scheduled for the first week of August prior to siding repairs. The target is to complete painting of these two buildings before the end of fall.

**Landscape Updates:** Hopefully you have been enjoying the greenery and blooms in The Gates. Additional dwarf gardenias were planted around the entrance area. The interior island was refreshed with dwarf drift roses, loropetalum, and Mexican sage. Many thanks to the volunteers who have assisted with planting and watering: Susan Beck-Frazier, Judy Harvey, Kathon Ramey, Janet Roberts, Susan McGhee, Dan Moriarity, Brian Muzyka, Joy Nethercutt, and Don Vickers. As we continue to nurture the plants through this first growing season, if you see a plant wilting from the heat or lack of water, please give it a drink of water.

Another pleasant sight in The Gates is the healthy sod planted last summer in the '200 Project' area. Thanks to Richard Lucht, Patti Weeks and Greg Hurley for their commitment to watering it through the first year! The large plant and tree area in front of 201 still awaits landscaping; however, an initial proposal has been received.



## ***Spread the Word...***

Please encourage your friends who enjoy walking their dogs in our neighborhood to be mindful of not "watering" our landscaped areas. If you look around, you can tell the favorite spots that pets use for pit stops: that one dying boxwood, the smallest abelia or hosta, or a struggling shrub in your yard. It would help for owners to guide their furry friends away from the shrubs, flowers and ornamental trees. Visit a different big pine or oak tree instead!



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## **Say HELLO!**

*Did you know there are new  
homeowners on every  
street in The Gates?  
Say hello and welcome them  
to our neighborhood!*

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