



# The Grange Homeowners Association

## What's New With Us ...

### **Board Membership**

At our Annual General Meeting held in November, a new board was elected to serve our community. We said thank you and good-bye to Chuck Nelson and Kevin Schell. The GHOA happily welcomes the new and returning faces to the board:

- Sandor Takats (*President*)
- Maureen Ungarian (*Vice-President*)
- Mike Grove (*Treasurer*)
- Don Jones (*Secretary*)
- Sean Brooks (*Director of Communication*)
- Michael Robin (*Member-at-Large*)



### **Donation to Glastonbury Community League**

During our AGM, a motion was put forward to make a donation towards the spray park being planned and built by the Glastonbury Community League. Homeowners at the AGM voted to donate **\$6,028** towards the spray park project.

This money came from the remainder of an initial gift from the developer of the Grange to use for capital improvements in the community. The members present felt that the spray park was a suitable project for this fund; one which will be a great benefit and provide increased value for all homeowners.

### **Community Renewal Plans for 2014**

We have big plans in mind for our community in 2014! First off, we aim to complete the painting of public-facing fences within the Grange in areas north of Guardian Road. This will include the fence that runs along Whitemud Drive. Secondly, we intend to re-mulch and weed several of the shrub and tree beds throughout the community for a fresh new look. Finally, we plan to look into additional grass maintenance along pedestrian walkways as well as in high visible locations. This will supplement any grass maintenance currently provided by the City.

Additionally, the Board is looking into the possibility and viability of hosting a community gardening event, where homeowners would fill planters around the community and be able to connect with each other. The Board will arrange for all of the materials and provide direction; we just need volunteers to help get things planted! If this is something you may be interested in, please feel free to let us know.





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## A Few Words About Fees ...

### 2014 Budget

As part of the budgeting process for the 2014 year, the Board mapped out planned expenses for community renewal in order to determine required funds needed each year. As well, the Board has continued to take on more responsibilities in order to lessen the expense on outside professionals.

Together, these initiatives will allow future Boards to more accurately plan out expenses as well as to put money aside for larger jobs. **As a result of these initiatives, it was determined that there will be no fee increase for 2014! ☺**

### Payment Reminder

To all those who have paid their fees to date: *Thank you* – your commitment allows us to continue moving forward.

All 2014 invoices attached to this letter are due by **March 31**. Please ensure that you pay your invoice on time so that the Board can focus on our mission – to improve the community for all members!

### Collection Initiatives

After many unsuccessful attempts to collect several years' worth of arrears from certain members, we are left with no other alternative than to proceed with Small Claims suits against these members. For other members in arrears, we will be turning the matter over to a collection agency. Please be advised that members that are in arrears are responsible for all collections costs incurred by the Association in its attempt to recover those fees owed to it from those members.

### New Contact Info

As part of our previously mentioned efforts to reduce unnecessary spending on outside professionals, the Board has decided to phase out the role Caskey and Company provided. Recently, Caskey and Company had only been acting as a point of contact for phone calls for the Association.



The Board has decided to setup a voicemail service for our members. This will allow our homeowners an effective means of communication with us as well as allowing us greater control in assisting homeowners. Contact info is below!

### How can I stay informed and/or reach the GHOA?

- The GHOA has a website, [www.TheGrangeCommunity.ca](http://www.TheGrangeCommunity.ca), where members can find information and any announcements relating to our community.
- You can email the GHOA at [info@thegrangecommunity.ca](mailto:info@thegrangecommunity.ca).
- You can leave us a voicemail at **(780) 328-6889**. Your call will typically be responded to within 3-5 business days.
- Find us on Facebook!

