Granada Newsletter, May, 2009

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Revised Granada By-Laws

On April 21, 2009 a Granada Owners' meeting was held to vote on the Granada Revised By-Laws.

The Granada Election Committee counted the voting ballots on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

After counting all the voting ballots, the Granada By-Laws were **PASSED by 21%** of the majority of voting owners.

We would like to express gratitude to our Election Committee, Mary Olson, Alexis Robinson and Cathy Withrow.

Neighborhood Watch: At the Granada resident's meeting, Sgt. Routh of the Hazelwood Police Department provided information on forming a Neighborhood Watch Program at Granada.

Katie Yowell, resident of Granada Condominiums, has volunteered to form the Granada Neighborhood Watch Program.

Granada's First Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at the Granada Clubhouse on May 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. After this meeting, monthly meetings will be held at the Granada Clubhouse and we will keep owners notified of all meeting dates.

All Granada Residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Information on Neighborhood Watch:

Neighborhood Watch is coming to our community and we need you to get involved!

Neighborhood Watch helps prevent crime in our neighborhood. Criminals do not like to come into neighborhoods where there is an active Neighborhood Watch Program. The City of Hazelwood will provide Granada with Neighborhood Watch signs after Granada has formed a successful neighborhood Watch Program.

What's in it for you? Safer streets and homes, community spirit, camaraderie with your neighbors, stronger

relationships with law enforcement, and so much more.

And it's easy to participate in Neighborhood Watch! Neighborhood Watch embraces and strengthens many things we're already doing, such as watching out for each other's home or working together to solve problems. But Neighborhood Watch brings along the power of organization and the ability to focus energy and resources.

Often Neighborhood Watch Groups get started because there have been incidents in the community that have caused concern – acts of vandalism, burglaries or auto thefts. These are the types of crime that Neighborhood Watch is the most successful in reducing. An Active Watch group can also help reduce drug dealing and open-air drug markets, discourage gangs, improve the security of young people, and help older neighbors stay safe from crime.

Why Get Involved? You and your family will be safer: Neighborhood Watch will provide guidance on leading your family through a fire drill, preparing a disaster preparedness plan, and assembling a disaster supplies kit. When you work with your neighbors in Watch activities, you'll learn to look out for homebound seniors or latchkey children and in return, you'll learn who's looking out for you.

New to the Neighborhood?

Neighborhood Watch is a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors and find people who share your interests. Knowing your neighbors also makes it easier to recognize strangers who may not have legitimate business in your neighborhood.

<u>Website – Granada Condominiums</u>

Granada has a new website. The address is **www.granadahazelwood.com**

Under the <u>Contact Information</u> section of the website, you can send an email to the Granada Office.

Under the <u>Work Order</u> portion of the website, you can submit a work order request to the Granada Office.

<u>Under Helpful Forums</u>: You can view and print the New Granada By-Laws

Phone Numbers, City of Hazelwood:

Mark Zehner, Animal Control Officer 565-1354.

Animal Control can help with the following issues: Pets running loose or unsupervised. If you have any complaints about pets such as owners not cleaning up after their pets, information you may have on a pet not being properly taken care of, i.e. leaving the pet outside unsupervised for long periods of time. Animal Control can also be contacted for squirrels in your attic; they have live traps to put in your attic.

Hazelwood Code Enforcement Officers:

Joe Novy: 839-3700, Ext. 5066

John Matz, 513-5063

<u>Hazelwood Police Department:</u>

838-5000

Hazardous Waste Collection Event

The St. Louis County Dept. of Health will be hosting three household hazardous waste collection events in late spring. One of them will be in our area.

Date: Saturday, May 16 Time: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Place: St. Louis Community College at

Florissant Valley

Items that will be collected include leftover household chemicals such as paints, stains, auto fluids, fuels, lawn and garden products, fluorescent lamps and rechargeable batteries.

Large Item Pickup at Granada

The City of Hazelwood will be delivering a large dumpster to Granada for pick up of large items. The dumpster will be here *June 25th to June 27th* and will be located in the clubhouse/pool parking lot. You may place large items in this dumpster

Swimming Pool: The Granada Swimming Pool will open on May 25, 2009. (Weather permitting) Enclosed is a 2009 Pool Pass Application. Please be sure to turn in your application to the office prior to the Pool Opening Date in order to obtain your 2009 Pool Pass Card.

Pool Rules:

- 1) The owner of the condominium must apply for a pool pass.
- 2) The owner must provide proof of residency for ALL residents of their unit before a pool pass can be issued.
- 3) Residents who live with owners, have a pool pass and are 16 years or older may swim without the owner present, but may not bring guests.
- 4) No one is allowed to enter the pool area without a pool pass.
- 5) Owners who do not live at Granada are not allowed to use the pool.
- 6) Renters who wish to use the pool may purchase a pool pass for \$30.00 and proof of residency.
- 7) Children under 16 may not use the pool without a parent present.
- 8) Each person that enters the pool area must list their names in the pool sign-in book.

Barbeque Contest - Granada

Granada will hold a Barbeque Contest on June 28, 2009. The organizer of the event is Granada Resident Diane Carmona.

Barbeque Contest Rules:

- 1) Entry fee of \$5.00;
- 2) There will be 3 judges assigned to be the official tasters;
- 3) All participants must have their finished barbeque at the judges table (in front of the pool area) by 4 p.m. on June 28, 2009
- 4) Judges will be judging on taste and tenderness;
- 5) There will be one winner of the cash prize and bragging rights for the next year;
- 6) Cash prize will be determined by how many contestants enter. Winner takes all;
- 7) All contestants will supply their own equipment and meat to barbeque.

Recent Expenditures:

<u>Pool Painting</u> – The Granada Pool was repainted in April/May, 2009 - Cost of Labor and supplies: \$635.00

<u>Balcony Project</u> - Several Balcony Units were recently put up for sale at Granada and therefore, the balconies have to be brought up to the new Hazelwood Code prior to Sale.

Each balcony must have newly constructed support beams and poured concrete piers underneath each balcony. The cost of this is \$4,753 per balcony.

In May, 2009 – Granada will provide updates to three balconies: Cost of Project: \$14,259

<u>Tree Removal:</u> Dorsey Tree removed three dead trees from the Granada Property: Cost \$2,200

Accounting Fees: For Preparation of Granada 2008 Tax Return - \$3,400

<u>Parking Lot Resealing</u> – The Parking lot for 8701-8715 will be resealed in May, 2009. Cost \$1,169

Mandatory Insurance Coverage by

Owners: All unit owners must maintain an insurance policy covering at least \$5,000 property damage and liability (aside from any personal coverage) to cover the Association's Master Policy deductible. The Master Policy is written to cover the buildings and common elements. The unit owner suffering damage to the interior of unit will be responsible for paying this fee. Contact your agent if you have questions.

Pet Problems: Despite numerous notices to residents, we continue to have owners not cleaning up after their dogs. If you observe an individual not cleaning up after their dog, please notify the office. Individuals not cleaning up after their pets will be charged a fee if our maintenance staff has to clean up after your pet.

Maintenance Requests: Owners must call in all maintenance requests to the Granada Office. If you rent a condo in Granada, you must contact your owner and have the owner call in any requests for maintenance.



Neighborhood Watch Meeting Granada Clubhouse 8748 Santa Bella Drive

May 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.