

The Grogan's Mill Village Association Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 16th, 2021, 5:30 p.m. CST

2801 Technology Forest Blvd, The Woodlands, TX 77381

<u>Board Member (Even Year)</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Board Member (Odd Year)</u>	<u>Present</u>
Director Marie Brannen	x	Treasurer Russell Balsamo, Jr.	x
Director Mitzi Fredrick	x	Director Sara Bissig	x
Director Neil Gaynor	x	Past President Edmund Chapman	x
Director Pat Goodpastor	x	President Bruce Cunningham	x
Vice President Emily Hoppel	x	Director Vince Fredrick	x
Secretary Kelly Lewis	x	Director Aaron Hoffstadter	x
Director Franklin Palmer	x	Director Jackson Parker	x
Director John Yoars			

Topic	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Call To Order	President Cunningham called the meeting to order at 5:30.	
Sheriff's Report - S. Medina	<p>The recent shooting started in Grogan's Mill. Thankfully no officers were hit. Isolated incident. The Moco Sheriff put out a release on the incident.</p> <p>Grogan's Mill stats: 32 arrest - 2 misdemeanor, rest felony 1 DWI 5 Narcotics 2 Pub Intoxication 2 Burglary of Vehicles 1 Burglary of Habitation 2 Criminal Mischief 11 Auto Accidents 1259 Calls for Service 27 Alarm Calls 452 Area Patrols 17 Building Checks 12 Suspicious Vehicles 24 Suspicious persons 268 Traffic Stops 98 Vacation Watches</p>	
Resident Comments	<p>Dr Snyder advised the GMVA board that all 3 incumbents to the Township board won their elections and will be sworn in on Wednesday. The board also has incorporation discussions on the agenda Wednesday.</p> <p>The Nature Trail Bridge connecting Panther Creek - spoke to Mr. Powers this morning, it should be completed by end of</p>	

	<p>the year.</p> <p>The township still has 3 COVID testing sites. Veterans Day was last week and was probably the most well attended. Ice rink opens on Saturday 11/20 and the Lighting of the Doves is also on 11/20.</p> <p>Commissioner Riley advised Dr Snyder he is opposed to a Research Forest/Grogan's Mill overpass.</p>	
Program Specialist Report - R. Dodd	<p>The Township Holiday Lighting Competition is underway</p> <p>3R Bazaar was this past Saturday the 13th.</p> <p>Upcoming Blood Drive.</p> <p>Feliz Navi-Dog event at Bear Branch Park Friday 12/19</p>	
GMVA President's Report	<p>President Cunningham welcomed Director Parker to the board.</p> <p>The GMVA filed our annual report with the Township to receive Township funding.</p> <p>President Cunningham advised the board that Treasurer Balsamo has submitted his resignation as Treasurer & the board thanked Treasurer Balsamo for his hard work over the years. Advised the board that Secretary Lewis is willing to take on the Treasurer role and Director Parker is willing to take on the Secretary role.</p> <p>Motion made by Former President Chapman to accept Balsamo's and Lewis' resignations with the election of Lewis to Treasurer and Parker to Secretary, seconded by Director V. Frederick, all in favor, motion passed.</p> <p>TWFM has joined the Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>President Cunningham will be interviewed on a podcast on Wednesday about the TWFM.</p>	<p>President Cunningham added the board will look into a hybrid (in person/virtual) option for meetings moving forward. Requested that all committees put together information to pass onto the next committee board each year.</p>
Review and Act on Minutes	<p>Treasurer Lewis noted the September minutes had a correction and were redistributed as well as the October minutes.</p> <p>Motion to accept both September and October minutes made by Director Goodpaster, seconded by Vice President Hoppel, all approved, motion passed.</p>	.
Treasurer's Report	<p>Director Balsamo reviewed the balance of both the GMVA and TWFM accounts. Insurance renewal is due in Dec. Funding from Township has not yet been received. Donations to Interfaith, schools, and scholarships have all been made.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Treasurers report made by Director Goodpaster, seconded by Past President Chapman, all approved, motion passed.</p> <p>Director Balsamo advised that the vendor we use for the holiday décor mistakenly ordered the final 1/4 of replacement décor the GMVA had not planned to replace until fourth quarter 2022. Suggested we might go ahead and approve the expense, as we had already planned to</p>	

	<p>fund. Motion to accept made by Director Goodpaster, seconded by Past President Chapman, all approved, motion passed.</p>	
Committee Reports		
3R Bazaar	<p>Director V. Frederick noted the GMVA had come in 4th or 5th place in the light bulb collection. Also noted the GMVA collected the most batteries of all the villages, thanks to Director Yoars' year-round efforts.</p>	<p>Director Brannen noted a committee report has not been compiled yet but will complete one.</p>
Adopt-a-Path	<p>Director M. Frederick noted we need to set a date for an event. Added that Zoe Killian requested we might do Adopt-a-Path events quarterly.</p>	
Christmas Lighting/Decorations	<p>Director Brannen noted the décor should go up the week after Thanksgiving.</p>	<p>Director Brannen will compile our vendor information for next year's committee.</p>
Earth Day Green Up	<p>Director M. Frederick noted that Director Yoars has put together and submitted committee information.</p>	
Farmer's Market Committee	<p>Director Hoffstadter and Treasurer Lewis are now Leads on the committee. Director Hoffstadter added that the layout has been increased to add more vendors and improve traffic. Added that we are currently rotating 7 food trucks, with 2-3 per week. The new Market Manager is doing well. Currently updating the operational policies.</p>	
Finance/Audit Committee	<p>President Cunningham noted Director Balsamo will have assistance in the annual audit by Director V. Frederick and Director Gaynor.</p>	
Communications - Newsletter/Community Magazine /Social Media	<p>Director Hoffstadter advised the board we have hit a record increase in open rates, and subscribers to both newsletters have increased.</p>	<p>Will put together committee information along with Vice President Hoppel.</p>
National Night Out	<p>Specialist Dodd noted we had about 30 NNO parties in Grogan's Mill.</p>	
Review of Bylaws	<p>President Cunningham did a review of the bylaws.</p>	<p>Director Balsamo noted we should review bylaws on signers for checks next year during our official review period.</p>
Scholarships	<p>Director Balsamo advised the committee changed the dates to get out scholarship information to get information out to schools earlier and that they have information put together for an incoming committee.</p>	

Sunshine Committee	Director M. Frederick sent a card to Treasurer Balsamo and has a description of responsibilities written for new members.	
Volunteer Recognition Dinner	Treasurer Lewis is waiting on a response from Blue Lion on options within the GMVA budget. President Cunningham noted if Blue Lion doesn't work out, we can reach out to Chef Chan's, Mainly, or Papa Amadeus.	Treasurer Lewis and Director Bissig to follow up with businesses within the shopping center for options for the GMVA dinner.
GM Shopping Center	President Cunningham noted he already gave an overview during his President's report but also encourages all to support our local businesses.	
Infrastructure committee	Director Gaynor noted we might reach out to Commissioner Noack regarding repairs for crosswalks.	
Reports from other Woodlands organizations		
Law Enforcement Advisory Council Representative	Director Palmer noted the law enforcement advisory meetings, while are much more detailed than the GMVA's monthly update from the Sheriff, cannot always provide detailed information in order to not compromise ongoing investigations.	
Parks & Recreation Advisory Council Representative	Past President Chapman went over his committee report for the month noting the Nature Trail Bridge should be completed in the first quarter 2022.	
School Liaison	Vice President Hoppel advised that Dr Knoll accepted our invitation to speak at the January GMVA meeting and added Wilkerson's new gym should be completed in time for the return after winter break.	
MUD Liaison Report	Director Gaynor noted the consolidation of MUD 1 and 6 failed by a very small margin and also noted the very low voter turnout.	
Woodlands Township Environmental Services liaison	Director Gaynor advised that the storm water inlet markers have gone Woodlands wide. There is a presentation on Wednesday to the township board on this. Director Gaynor will also give the GMVA quarterly report to the Township.	
RDRC/DSC Liaison	Director Palmer and Director V. Frederick added details to the RDRC/DSC committee report.	
Adjourn Meeting	President Cunningham motioned to adjourn at 7:34pm.	

The Grogan's Mill Village Association November 15, 2021, Committee Reports

3R BAZAAR

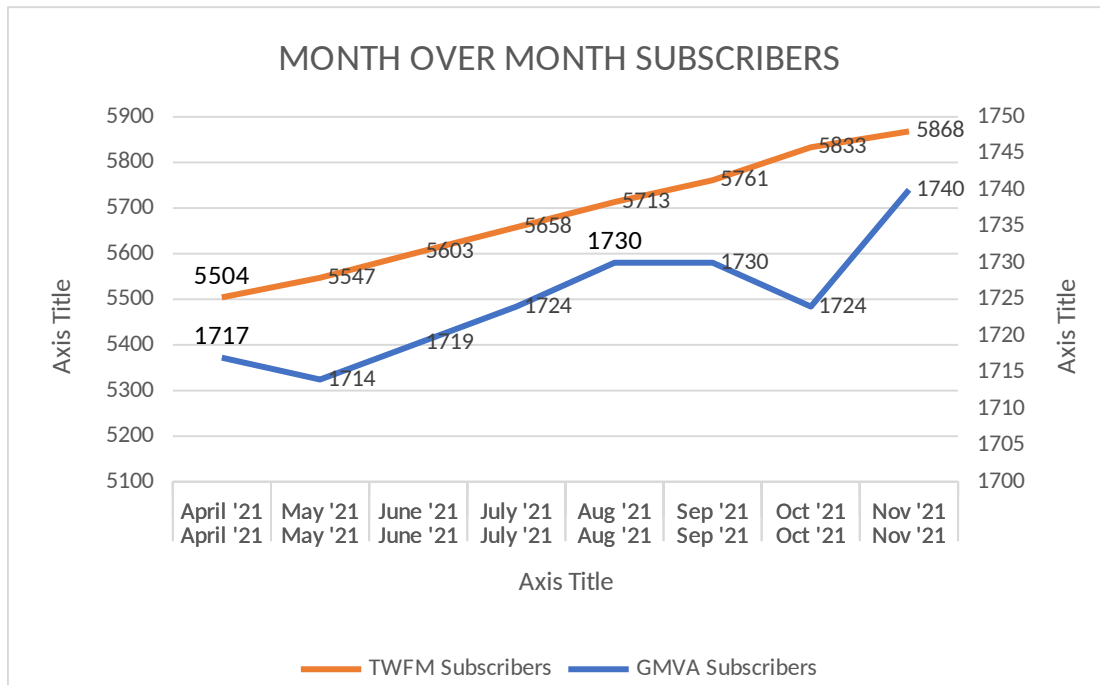
We have approximately 1000 pounds of batteries. Director John Yoars loaded these on Saturday morning and went by The Woodlands Farmers Market to pick up any additional batteries and light bulbs. He then took all to the township event for collection.

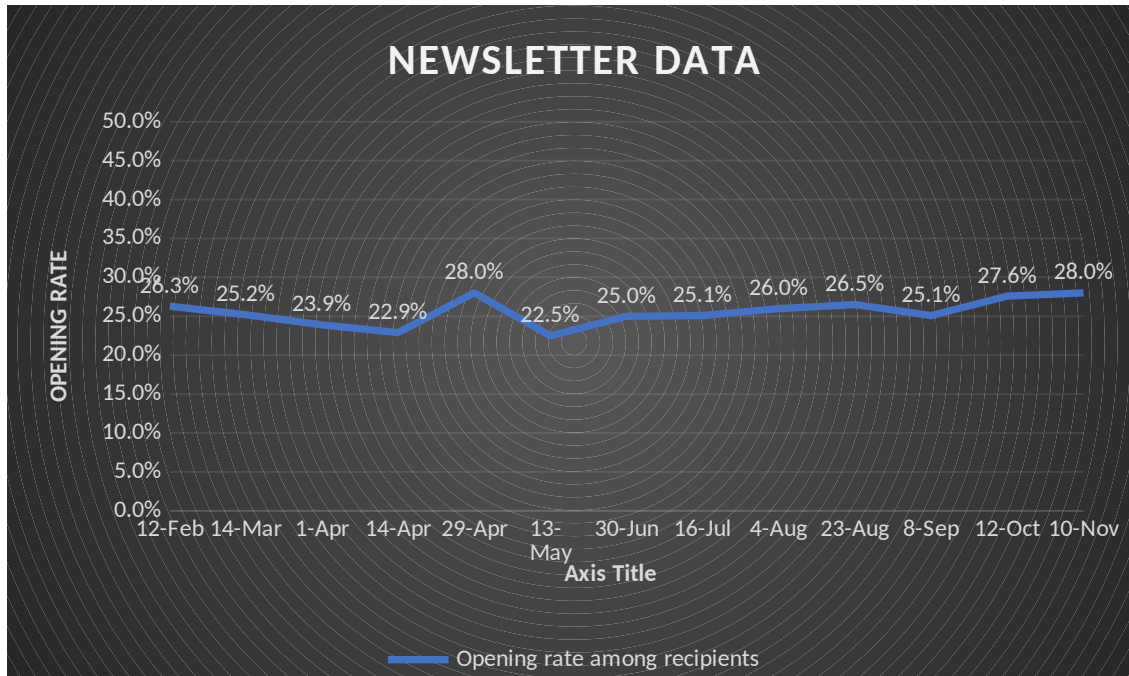
M. Brannen, M. Fredrick, J. Yoars

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The communications committee published one GMVA newsletter in October, but there was insufficient content for a second publication. The first November issue was published on time and should continue to be published bimonthly when content is available.

Subscriber counts for The Woodlands Farmer's Market newsletter continues to grow consistently month to month. After a slight decline in decline in October, subscribers to the GMVA newsletter increased sharply to and reached a record high. Opening rates for the last two publications exceeded the YTD averages with November's first issue already matching the highest open rate of the year, less than 7 days after publication.





M. Brannen, A. Hoffstadter, and E. Hoppel

EARTH DAY GREEN UP

Misty, Vince and John are always there. From year-to-year others come to help. We normally have about 6 board members there. The Township provides all necessary items, we help with assignments for cleanup and handouts.

M. Fredrick, J. Yoars

FARMERS MARKET COMMITTEE REPORT

Kelly Lewis and Aaron Hoffstadter are the new leads for the Farmers Market Committee. Kelly and Aaron have knowledge of every detail of the Market's operations since they acted as pinch hitters as manager while we were searching for a replacement.

A new layout was introduced in November that allows for more vendors and provides more traffic at all vendors booths.

There are 60 plus vendors most Saturdays.

The new layout, additional food trucks, and live music give the market a very festive vibe.

New signs were purchased that are larger and more visible from the roadway.

The Market will collect food for the Interfaith food pantry in December.

Year to date (10/31) net income \$15, 588.33

Cash in Bank \$30, 675.26

S. Bissig, N. Gaynor, P. Goodpastor, A. Hoffstadter, E. Hoppel, and K. Lewis

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

- **Bridge Renovation – Nature Trail Bridge - Bridge Near Grogan’s Mill Shopping Center:** The Grogan’s Mill bridge renovation continues and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2022. The delays on this project are largely related to supply shortages and longer than normal lead times.

- **Streetscapes Program:** Over the course of the past 18 months, the streetscape programs has been under review and the current contract with BrightView expires in December 2021. The Board approved two bids- one with BrightView (Right of Way Mowing and Entrances) and one with Berkley (Town Center). Township staff will provide trash removal on the rights of way. It is estimated that this program will save \$450,000 per year while enhancing the standards and specifications for this program.

- **Capital 2022:** The Board of Directors approved the following projects in Grogan’s Mill for 2022.
 - Expanded Docks at Riva Row Boat House to handle the increased volume of kayak rentals.
 - Sawmill and Loggers Hollow playgrounds will be replaced
 - Grogan’s Point Tennis Courts- Resurfacing

E. Chapman

RDRC/DSC LIAISON

RDRC:

Applications: total 21

17 approved

1. Approved Brick white. trim tan to white, Garage door tan to white, siding Gray, Siding Brown to dark Blue.

2. Approved only if fence erected three feet back from front facade. RDRC will follow up after installation.

3. Approved no conditions.

4. Approved no conditions.

5. Approved Hardi Board.

6. Approve with Stone coated steel will replace Pacific Tile. note: GREAT INPEOVEMENT.

7. Approve Hardi Board.

8. Approved garage door no conditions.

9. Approved brick and siding color Iron ore

10. Approved condition's Siding Gray, side doors Westchester Gray. Trim Aqua Sphere Garage Doors Westchester Gray.

11. Approved conditions Meets Code and Pass inspection.

12. Approved conditions must Meet Code and pass inspection.

13. Approved conditions Must Meet Code and pass inspection.

14. Approved conditions --Brick to match Brick.

15. Approved conditions don't increase hard surface.

16. Approved conditions must meet code and pass inspection.

17. Approved conditions to meet code and pass inspection.

Information:

Charles Powell retired the end of October Michael Pechanec is our new Covenant Administration Specialist

Disapproved:

4 disapprovals

DSC nothing

F. Palmer