

After a long absence, the quarterly newsletter has been revived. Articles provided address the questions, concerns, and interests of our neighborhood

Question

Why is our homeowner's association sending me warning letters for the political signs in my yard?

It violates our restrictions

"Hold on!" you protest, "That's illegal- candidate Barnaby J. Jones told me the state law was changed when he gave me the sign for my yard." They are partially informed in this case. Although Tennessee passed a law in July of 2017 that prohibits homeowner's associations (aka HOA's) from having rules preventing campaign signs or posters- they didn't read all of it. Section 2 of Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1089 states that only restrictions modified on or after July 1, 2017 are affected by this new law.

Our restrictions were last modified on 7 March 2014, so this law does not apply in our situation. This was confirmed with the offices of our state representatives Rep. Bill Dunn and LtGov Randy McNally.

"Wait," you say, "doesn't the Constitution protect my right to free to speech?" Although the First Amendment does

guarantee freedom of expression, it applies predominantly in public settings, not private. While city or county government can't tell you to put your signs down, the HOA can because it is a private organization that you choose to join when you moved into our subdivision. An HOA is a legal entity set up at the time of a shared community's development for the benefit of the entire community. The HOA is responsible for enforcement of the existing by-laws, covenants, and restrictions. Paragraph 17 of our Declaration of Restrictions prohibits these types of signs.



Whether you agree or disagree with this position- we would love to hear your opinions on this issue. Please send your feedback to larryp456423@gmail.com

Question

Where do I get a replacement key fob for our pool?

Contact Betty Gaddis

If you in need of a fob, the cost of a replacement is \$30.00 and you can contact Betty Gaddis at 865-688-4668 or email gaddis1042@comcast.net

Event

Pool opening

Saturday, May 19th

Summer is fast approaching and the residents of Sterchi Hills are invited to the opening of the pool for the 2018 season on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Pool hours and rules are found on the HOA website.

Please be sure your HOA dues are up to date in order to gain access to the pool. Dues will not be accepted at the pool opening.



Event

Annual Pool Cookout and Special Election

Saturday, June 2nd, noon until 2 PM

On February 20th the Annual Meeting of Homeowners did not have enough homeowners in attendance or ballot votes by mail to reach a quorum for a vote. Next year's election will be on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 2:00 PM with an alternate date of January 20th, but in the mean time we wish to conduct a "Special Election". This Special Election will be held in conjunction with the Annual Pool Cookout on Saturday, June 2nd, 2018.

This is the official notification, a proxy vote is included if you cannot attend. This is an extremely important vote because we have several at large board members that have not been confirmed by a vote.

- Alan Mobley
- Kathleen Zaugg
- Jeff Cook



If a quorum is not reached in the special election to be held on June 2nd, at the Annual Pool Cookout, the board appointed members will be confirmed.

If you are interested in serving for 2019, please contact Hank Fennell at 865-803-6413. The officer positions on the board will have reached their term limit in 2019.

A digital copy of this newsletter is available at our HOA website sterchihillshoa.com Future newsletters as well as the HOA by-laws, covenants, restrictions, schedule of monthly meetings, meeting minutes, and annual budget can also be found there too.