# TIMBER VALLEY HOA NEWSLETTER

# **Geese Police**

Over the years many homeowners have complained about the geese.

At the 2017 Annual Meeting it was decided to investigate ways of controlling the geese. The board took on this responsibility during 2018 but did not act because, as was expressed by homeowners at the 2018 Annual Meeting, the geese problem had subsided.

After discussing a variety of options and approaches as well as considering the various costs, the board voted to hire Geese Police to clear the geese from Timber Valley.

Geese Police use border collies to chase geese and will be present twice a day every day. Service is scheduled to start on March 1, 2019.

We encourage pet owners to keep their dogs inside while the Geese Police border collies are on the property. The goal is to avoid any unfortunate clashes between animals. We are hopeful that the service provided by Geese Police will be successful.

As always – Do NOT feed the geese!

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## New Timber Valley Website

Please visit <u>www.hoatimbervalley.com</u> to view the new website.

Part of the motivation for a new site is that many homeowners have requested an option to pay dues on-line. There is a \$10 service fee, which is simply to cover costs, but we hope this new option is more convenient for homeowners.

Overall, the goal was to create a cleaner website where all the information about Timber Valley was readily accessible. We intend to keep the site regularly updated.

To provide feedback on the site please contact Megan Judson at <u>hoatimbervalley@gmail.com</u>

## Annual Dues:

Thank you to every homeowner who paid their dues on time. Unfortunately, several homeowners missed the deadline and incurred late fees.

As a reminder – if dues and fees are not paid during March of this year then the account will almost certainly be sent to our attorney for collection.

Please contact Megan Judson at if you have any questions, or to arrange a payment plan.

#### Spring is almost here!

Now is good time to plan those spring projects. Timber Valley has made great strides over the past several years and we encourage everyone to think of ways they can improve the curb appeal of their home.

#### **Advertising**

If you would like to advertise in the newsletter, or the Timber Valley website, please contact Megan. Ads are free for Timber Valley homeowners.

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## **By-Law Changes**

### Repealing the Staggered-Term By-Law

The Staggered-Term By-Law was introduced in 2013 as a way of providing for alternating two-year terms for board members. The theory was that there would be more continuity on the board. Unfortunately, successive boards did not enforce, or follow, this by-law because it proved to be unworkable.

Consequently, the board voted unanimously this month to repeal the Staggered-Term By-Law and return Timber Valley to annual elections.

It is much easier to administratively manage annual elections and it also provides more accountability for board members if elections are held every year.

The repealed by-law is included in this mailing.

## Adoption of a Geese Control By-Law

This month, the board also unanimously approved a geese control by-law.

Geese have been a constant problem in Timber Valley and while many boards have urged homeowners not to feed the geese, unfortunately, feeding of geese still occurs.

By adopting a "No Feeding By-Law" we are on stronger legal ground for enforcing a no feeding policy.

The new by-law can be viewed on the reverse of this page, or on the Timber Valley website.

#### UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT TO RESOLUTIONS

#### BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

#### TIMBER VALLEY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned, being all of the Directors of Timber Valley Homeowners' Association, Inc. ("Corporation"), do hereby authorize and take the following corporate actions:

WHEREAS, Canadian geese and other waterfowl are causing property damage and unsightly conditions throughout Timber Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Directors desire to dissuade Canadian geese and other waterfowl from residing in Timber Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, the following resolution is unanimously adopted:

**RESOLVED** that Article IX of the By-Laws of the Corporation be adopted as follows:

**Geese Control** 

"No person shall feed waterfowl, which shall include but not limited to ducks and Canadian geese, on any property located within the sub-division of Timber Valley."

This written authorization shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation for insertion in the corporate minute book.

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