

## **White Horse Park Election Postponed**

White Horse Park will hold a “town hall meeting” on the first Saturday 30 days after the Covid 19 ‘Stay at Home’ and gathering restrictions are lifted in Maryland. Our Annual Meeting will take place on the fourth Saturday after The town hall meeting. For example. if the restrictions are lifted May 14, the town hall meeting would be June 13 and the annual meeting would be July 11.

Nominations deadline will conform to the Bylaws. Article VI, Section 4 allows “Any member in good standing...[to] file a nomination, in writing, for director with the Board secretary at least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual meeting.”

**Maryland Stay at Home restrictions lifted - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday+30 days – Town Hall Meeting**

**THE DEADLINE FOR RESUMES is 17 Days before the Town Hall Meeting**

**Town Hall Meeting + four Saturdays = Annual Meeting and Election**

**Attention: Any member in good standing interested in serving on the WHP BOD, should submit a resume to Billie Reynolds, Park Manager, at [whpcamd@yahoo.com](mailto:whpcamd@yahoo.com).**

**All Owners, please be aware of the Board of Directors and the Community Updates sections of the website for updates and postings. Resumes of qualified candidates will be posted shortly after the deadline.**

While it is true that most owners vote via mail, the Board is concerned that there are other areas of the election that will be neglected without traditional meetings (Meeting prior- where candidates are introduced, and Annual Meeting, where votes are cast/counted/newly elected neighbors are announced)

For example, while we are under a “stay at home” order, our election committee will not be able to gather to count ballots. More than likely we will not have a May meeting and therefore an opportunity as is traditional to meet the candidates. Candidates won't have the opportunity to meet the community, speak, and respond to questions on matters that owners feel are critical. We would be denied the opportunity to have a personal feel for how each candidate handles him/herself.

There is not a Facebook page affiliated with WHPCA or its management. Less than 1/4 of our membership accesses Facebook anyway. Much of the campaigning taking place, is on various social media or in the park and therefore being missed by seasonal owners who are honoring the “stay at home” order.

This Board intends to be a strong advocate for ALL owners, and believes that ALL owners in good standing must have a voice in this election. We hope to provide every owner with a well-informed, well-rounded perspective.

Remember, we are experiencing the first ever worldwide pandemic. Even Maryland Primaries have been postponed. Our election is a top priority, and we will restore it as soon as we are able. Once we can have our typical 'May Meeting' where candidates have the opportunity to speak to the community, we will move forward with the election.

The board plans to also incorporate a Q&A, so that community questions can be addressed, and then shared with all owners, prior to casting a vote. After that opportunity, we will hold the election.

PRECISELY HOW THIS WILL WORK (based on consultation with our attorney):

The current directors whose terms expire this year serve until the annual meeting is held. If a director resigns before the meeting, the remaining directors may select a replacement to serve until the next annual meeting.

Respectfully,

Melissa, Norm, Ed, Barb, and Tim