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GHI's Labor Day Festival Booth was "Fun in the Sun"

By Lauren Cummings

It may have been hot outside, but there was always a festive atmosphere in the GHI booth where members of the Marketing and Member Outreach Committees, along with other volunteers, spent Labor Day weekend telling festival goers why GHI is a fun place to live. The theme was "Fun in the Sun in GHI" and the booth was decorated with beach items and included a fish toss game for kids.

Volunteers also passed out free Flavor-Ice to help stay cool. Our booth won second place for best theme and GHI was awarded \$75.

To build community, volunteers gave stickers to members showing what style home they live in Block, Brick or Frame. It was fun to walk through the festival and see GHI members smiling and high-fiving other members with the same home style. Volunteers also sold 631 raffle tickets for a chance to win \$450 in local restaurant gift certificates. The lucky winner was Kathleen Gallagher and the raffle brought in more than \$550 to help fund the Annual Member Picnic coming up on October 6th.



Volunteer Barbara Havekost helps kids play the fish toss game. Photo by: Lauren Cummings

We had 38 potential new buyers sign up to learn more about our co-op and 24 members sign up for the weekly GHI E-News. Members also wrote messages to say why they love living in GHI. A few of our favorites were:

"I love walking and biking everywhere!"

"I love that our cooperative has so much common green space."

"I love the maintenance staff and the walkable neighborhood."

"I love GHI because neighbors know each other by name and stop to chat."

Members of the Marketing Committee also volunteered on Saturday during the Labor Day Festival Information Day. Members sat at a table and talked with several people throughout the day, many who were interested in learning more about the history of our community and the prospects of buying a home in the co-op.

Next year, consider how you can help GHI participate in the Labor Day Festival. It's a great weekend to join together to celebrate our community and also to promote our co-op as the most walkable, livable community in the area.



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Phase Two Underway in Pilot Program

By Susan Walker

Phase Two of the Pilot Program is progressing well. The crawl space sealing and insulation in block and brick Pilot homes have been completed. Attic insulation has been installed in the brick and frame Pilot homes and the impact of these 'envelope' improvements is being monitored to determine the effect on the members' comfort and unit energy costs. Next will be the replacement of windows and doors, and the installation of bathroom exhaust fans in all 28 Pilot homes. Wall insulation and vinyl siding for the block and frame homes will also be installed this year. A contract has been awarded for the windows, doors, and siding with a completion date of November 2013.

Phase Three, the last phase of the Pilot Program, involves testing alternative heating systems. Recommendations from the Buildings Committee have been presented to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

Much has been learned during the Pilot Program regarding contractor availability, as well as how to bundle the tasks so that contractors will bid on the work. The information gained from the Pilot Program will inform discussions and decisions regarding the Homes Improvement Program. The Buildings Committee also continues to seek additional funding to decrease the membership cost of these important home improvements.

All members are encouraged to attend Buildings Committee meeting and visit the website at www.ghi.coop/content/pilot-program for more information. To receive emails about the Buildings Committee's work, e-mail Jim Cohen at jimcohen@umd.edu.

Member Announcements

City of Greenbelt No Longer Issuing Leaf Bags

Due to budgetary constraints, the City of Greenbelt will not be providing paper bags for leaf disposal this fall. Members should put their leaves either in paper leaf bags that they purchase or containers for pick-up by trash collectors. The City will pick up piles of leaves that are at the curbs of single-family homes however, this service will not be extended to residents in GHI's townhomes.

Monthly Communicator Debuts

We hope you enjoy the first edition of our monthly Communicator newsletter. It is our goal to keep members informed with more timely information. Enjoy, and consider using the door hanger bag on your dog walk or as a produce bag at the grocery store.

Kitchen Renovation Contest

Win Co-op Grocery gift cards! Deadline October 31.
<http://ghi.coop/content/kitchen-renovation-contest>

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the GHI Administration Offices on Hamilton Place, and are open to all GHI members. Dates are subject to change.

October

3	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
5	11:00 am	Pre-Purchase Orientation
6	1:00 pm	GHI Annual Picnic
9	7:30 pm	Architectural Review Committee
10	7:00 pm	Board/Finance Work session
10	8:00 pm	Member Input Session (Budget)
11	- -	OFFICE CLOSED *
14	7:00 pm	Member Outreach Committee
14	7:30 pm	Marketing Committee
15	7:30 pm	Companion Animal Committee
16	7:00 pm	Woodlands Committee
17	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
21	7:00 pm	Pre-Purchase Orientation
23	7:00 pm	Buildings Committee
25	- -	OFFICE CLOSED *
28	7:00 pm	Communications Committee

November

2	11:00 am	Pre-Purchase Orientation
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Call 301-474-6011.

Updates to the Member's Handbook

The following are changes recently made to the Member's Handbook of Rules and Regulations. These changes are provided as inserts with this issue of the Communicator.

X.B.2a Improvements, Alterations and Additions, the following was added: *Except for bathrooms, which require a GHI permit.* Please remove page identified as 55-07/56-10 and replace it with insert 55-13/56-13.

X.N.2 Buildings Openings: Windows, Doors, Skylights, the following was added to the chart: *in additions only per X.N.2.a*, in the acceptable column. Please remove pages 63k-12 / 63l-13 and replace with 63k-13/63l-13.

"SEE YOU THERE"

GHI 2013 Members' Annual Picnic

October 6, 2013

1:00 P.M.—3:00 P.M.

Hamilton Place