

 **GLENWOOD FOREST NEWSLETTER** 

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**NOTICE OF GFOA SPRING GENERAL MEETING:
BACK CREEK VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
10AM SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023**

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER

READING AND APPROVAL OF FALL MEETING MINUTES

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, TREASURER'S REPORT, CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, COMMITTEE REPORTS

OPEN FORUM

MOTION TO ADJOURN

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have 3 immediate issues facing our organization: inflation, members not paying dues, & lack of Volunteers to run the Board. Our largest expense by far is our roads. Road maintenance right now is budgeted at \$80,000.00 annually.

That doesn't include snow removal, which is budgeted currently at \$20,000.00 per year.

Our annual HOA DUES of \$300.00 times 365 lots gives us a projected annual income of \$109,500.00. Approximately 75 to 100 of members DO NOT PAY their dues each year. Last year's budget was \$150,000.00. Simply put, our income is

not as high as our expenses. The only reason, we are able to pay our bills currently is that we had two years with almost NO road work done and we discontinued our contract for Security Services. The money previously budgeted for Security is being used to cover the shortage. Obviously, we **CAN NOT** continue in this manner. We will either have to increase our dues significantly or discontinue most of the services in our community.

There are many services that we must have. Accounting, gypsy moth treatment, insurance, lawn care, legal coverage, newsletters, office supplies, postage, and utilities are required. There are many other needed services, such as, the cost of filing liens on properties in arrears, space for meetings, website support, etc.

Your volunteer Board of Directors put time and effort into keeping our organization running smoothly, but we can't fix this alone. There are not enough volunteers to run our Board. We have no one willing to be President, the position required to sign any contracts for the GFOA. We also need a Secretary, as well as, several Directors at Large positions. Please consider volunteering.

Please come to our Spring Meeting prepared to contribute your ideas in a fair, open-minded, and respectful manner. In such a diverse group, there are bound to be differences of opinion. We don't all necessarily assign the same value to things, so we vote and we accept the results of that vote. Sometimes, we modify our ideas and bring them up for a vote again. The outcome is still determined by the vote of the eligible members. Whatever the outcome, we need to remain friendly and work together without personal attacks, so our members and our roads continue to serve the needs of the community.

Doreen K. Schaffner, GFOA President

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi, everyone, my name is Karen Barry. I am the GFOA Board Chairman. I would like to welcome all the new homeowners here in the Forest. We encourage everyone to get involved with the Board of Directors. Run for office. Join a Committee (or two). Help make your community better.

Karen E. Barry, Chairman