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ASSOCIATION BYLAWS UPDATE...

by Vicky McGillin, Vice-President

At the upcoming annual meeting of the Ravenwood Forest Property Owners Association on Sunday, April 22nd you will be asked to vote on revisions to the homeowner's association Bylaws.

The Association bylaws has been in place since 1994, providing an organizing body for the homeowners in this neighborhood, offering a means by which neighborhood issues can be addressed and overseeing upkeep of the common property. The original Bylaws have seen us up to this point.

Why change now? There are two primary reasons: First, the Bylaws have not been reviewed in years and, a comparison with Bylaws of similar neighborhood associations made it clear that some of the wording needed to be revised. Second, we found a number of sections which left some critical elements unspecified so revisions were crafted to provide clarifying language.

Many of the changes just make the existing language clearer and more appropriate for association Bylaws (such as adding formal titles for each section of the Bylaws). We have cleaned up the descriptions of the officer's duties, terms of service and execution of their duties, and we have added a section that allows for the removal of officers (a necessary but hopefully unneeded section). The original Bylaws were also a bit vague on the criteria for calling a meeting, quorum and voting. The changes are designed to make explicit what has been implicit in the past.

Your vote is important. Revisions may only be "adopted by affirmative vote of a majority of all the members entitled to vote under the terms and conditions of the Bylaws existing." Please take the time to read the proposed changes and *VOTE* (you will be provided both with a "marked up" copy that shows precisely what has been added/deleted as well as a "clean" copy that hopefully will read smoothly as the final version). Everyone will be mailed both copies of the Bylaws, as well as a proxy form if you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting.

We look forward to your participation in this important time in our Association and community on Sunday, April 22nd at 3:00pm at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Family, 419 Turnpike Rd., Mills River.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Annual Meeting of the Ravenwood Forest Association is
Sunday, 3:00 pm April 22nd, 2018 at
The Episcopal Church of the Holy Family
419 Turnpike Road, Mills River
(weather related alternative date: April 29th, 3:00pm)**

***It is vital for you to VOTE on the update of the Association BYLAWS
If you cannot attend, please use the Proxy Form to be mailed to everyone.***

2018 Board Members

These Ravenwood residents and neighbors have volunteered their time and expertise to serve on the *Ravenwood Forest Association*:

Wade Astin (At-Large)
Terri Dyer (Treasurer)
James Gaillard (At-Large)
Ally Murphy (Secretary)
Vicki McGillin (Vice-President)
LiB Shore (President)
Cameron Tatone (At-Large)

Please use our website contact page: RavenwoodForest.org
to connect to any board member with issues, suggestions, or questions.

**TIME TO RENEW YOUR
RAVENWOOD FOREST ASSOCIATION 2018 MEMBERSHIP!**

Being a paid member gives you a voice in the direction of this community and contributing in a tangible way. \$50 is the annual cost for home owners, \$30 for lot owners.

You can join/renew online at RavenwoodForest.org, using your credit/debit card, securely and safely with PayPal, and you don't need a PayPal account.

Join your neighbors in helping keep our neighborhood a wonderful place to live.

If you prefer, mail a check to our Treasurer:

Terri Dyer, 345 Ravenwood Ln., Horse Shoe, NC 28742