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Dear Severn Woods neighbors,

It was a pleasure to meet all that could make it at the Homeowner meeting last week.

A little about me, my name is Tom and I've been in this community for just over 3 years now. I made and maintain the website <u>http://severnwoodshoa.org</u> as well as our new Facebook page <u>https://facebook.com/severn.woods.hoa</u>. I'm a meticulous documenter, I pride myself on being on top of things, and I respect my neighbors like they were my own family.

I know it's always potentially scary when a new Board member comes on especially when you, the homeowner, did not decide it because it was all done at the Board level. If it provides any comfort, I promise to do my absolute best to break that cycle once and for all. I would like to go beyond that then to put in rules on the Board to prevent this HOA from ever being someone's personal fiefdom. The Board and I are ambitious about and in the process of seeking legal counsel now, actually, on setting up procedures for formal elections, procedures for electronic or mail-in voting, procedures for how to remove Board directors, and much more. We also wish to define and make public a list of Board ethics that all directors need to adhere to that homeowners can expand upon as time passes.

We want to be more transparent and as of today on the website you can read the last three Homeowner meeting minutes as well as the last three Board meeting minutes. We want to aggressively re-pursue the casino grants. We want to help bring better awareness and make it easier for you to utilize all the services Anne Arundel County has to offer. We want to reach out more with all the good things happening in the community. We want no surprises as it relates to our rules and procedures. We want more homeowner meetings and more opportunities to hear ideas on how to improve our Association and its common spaces. We want more chances for all homeowners to get to know one another and lastly we want to continue to foster a community that's as happy and safe as possible.

As we continue the technological transition of this HOA into the modern era, please consider following us on <u>Facebook</u> and sending us an email requesting to join our distribution list. We have 47 out of 115 homeowners currently signed up and would like to make it easier, faster, and more eco-friendly to give you access to everything. Anyway, thank you all for your time.

Sincerely, Tom Friedrich (President)

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