

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM HOME ON THE GREEN

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HOTG magazine and the Ourbgcc.com website have become invaluable institutions within our community.

The website was the creation of a small group of residents at virtually no cost other than a small annual donation from the Social Committee to sustain the annual registration of the domain.

As a result of the aging of the software, funding of development will be required shortly. As no income source other than the generosity of the Social Committee and the free labour of all those involved exists, those involved with the website have examined ways to fund the update as well as provide needed infrastructure to back up the webmaster Peter Sims.

Peter and the staff of HOTG including volunteer photographers have worked closely in the past few years to share and distribute content to the community and to expand on coverage of social activities printed in brief in the magazine.

A proposal was put before the HOTG Board by HOTG's publisher, Donna Clark and Ourbgcc's Peter Sims to integrate these two entities under the HOTG Board providing succession and resource sharing to strengthen and update the website as well as strengthen the magazine's online presence. It is also seen as a potential means to expand the distribution of content of the magazine as well while still providing a valuable resource for the condo corporations to distribute information.

HOTG has a surplus, some of which can address an immediate need for funding as a one-time cost to modernize and enhance the capabilities of our website.

Both the staff of Ourbgcc and Senior Staff and Board of HOTG have unanimously agreed on the integration of the two entities under the oversight of the HOTG Board. The Board's mandate will be expanded to include both communication vehicles.

The Board has approved the increase of Directors from 5 to 6 members with the addition of a Director largely responsible for the operation of the website and the continuation of the HOTG Publisher as a Director responsible for its operation.

The Board has approved the immediate appointment of Peter Sims as Director responsible for the website.

The Board has approved the expenditure for a one-time cost of upgrading the website and securing hosting services. The HOTG Board further has approved an increase in the annual operating budget to cover the cost of yearly registration fees and other annual costs.

The HOTG magazine advertising revenues can fund both operations without the need to place advertising banners on the web site.

Both entities see this as strengthening and improving the communication to our community. Both the magazine and website play important roles now and by bringing the two closer together we believe we will have stronger vehicles and enhanced communication for the benefit of our residents.

John Gorman

Chair – HOTG Board