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Re: Follow up to Campaigning on City Property

Dear Candidate:

The deadline for election petitions was August 7th and now the field of candidates running for the open seats on the Beachwood School Board and Beachwood City Council is set. With a busy campaign season ahead, we wanted to follow up and clarify the application of some of the rules regarding campaign activities at City events in the fall. Please note that all the rules discussed in the first letter still apply.

First, the City's policy prohibiting campaign activities in City buildings and the Aquatic Center also applies to "Barkwood", the City's new dog park set to open in late September. All campaign activities are prohibited within twenty-five feet (25') of the entrance to the dog park, as well as inside the dog park.

Second, campaign activity is prohibited inside, as well as within twenty-five feet (25') of the entrance and exit, of all City events. This includes, but is not limited to, Shred Day, Movie Night, Honkin' Haulin' Hands-on Trucks, the Barkwood Grand Opening, and the Fall Festival. While it is important to recognize that everyone has a right to free speech, it is also important to respect the rights of others and to ensure that these City functions are not disrupted.

Finally, campaign activities include, but are not limited to, the distribution of campaign handouts, such as candidate literature, towels, coupons, and food/snacks. Campaign activity also includes requests for residents to sign petitions for candidates and issues. The depositing of any campaign handouts on City property or inside City buildings is expressly prohibited, and you may not place a sign anywhere inside City buildings or on City property.

We thank you for your cooperation. A full copy of the policy is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Diane A. Calta