



OCTOBER

Ancient Origins of Halloween

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago, mostly in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1.

This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31, they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth.



In addition to causing trouble and damaging crops, Celts thought that the presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the volatile natural world, these prophecies were an important source of comfort during the long, dark winter.

To commemorate the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities. During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes.

When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires, which they had extinguished earlier that evening, from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter.

Did you know? One quarter of all the candy sold annually in the U.S. is purchased for Halloween.



OCTOBER 30, 2022, KOA BOARD ELECTION (*We need candidates*)

Article 3.2 Voting.

Members shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. When more than one Person holds an ownership interest in a Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as those 'Owners themselves determine and advise the Secretary prior to any meeting or referendum. The vote attributable to a Lot shall be suspended in the event more than one Person seeks to exercise it.

Pre-election comments from your 2022 elected President

Since taking our HOA from a management firm to a self-managed HOA we've accomplished a lot in two years. Thanks to your board members, both past & present, here are just a few things I would like to highlight.

- Redesigned entrance islands to reflect a safe low-visual profile, a clean modern landscape design.
- Uncluttered the pool landscape over-growth opening up a 360° visual into Kid-land
- Added a Pool cover "huge Georgia Power cost savings" 40% power savings in the first season.
- Changed over from sand to clear clean "glass filtering system" and saved HOA hundreds of dollars long-term.
- Addressed the needs of our families with NEW Kid-land Additions ~ Horseshoe Pits ~ Cornhole.
- Repaired sunken pool decking four feet all the way around the pool.
- Pool buildings repainted & some additional roof repairs.
- Resurfaced / Striped the Pool Parking lot.
- Launched "See Something Say Something" Huge success!
- Informational signage on the south entrance island "community awareness messages."
- Monthly newsletters that inform & engage our community to include informational "e-blast topics."
- New web design and monthly PDF updates on CC&Rs and financials (balance).
- LEASE AMENDMENT overwhelmingly passed (final ballot count was 98 in favor ~ 2 against).
- Currently we are at of RENTAL limit (*see amendment on our home page*).
- **COMING SOON** a "NEW LOOK" to the Kensington Entrance.

- Your home value has gone up due in part to the overall "subdivision curb appeal." Thanks neighbors...
- Our revenue (yearly HOA dues) are at 99.43% as of 9/1/2022. The strongest owner paid response in 22 years.
- CC&Rs compliance issues are way down in 2022. A few issues with LANDSCAPE, and SPEEDING mostly.

All that being said, we did have a few incidences that the KOA board had to address. The pool (shut down 3-days) due to pool safety concerns, nighttime street parking was addressed with the help of Douglasville PD, noise nuisance, and a few homeowners landscape "curb appeal" scenarios. In most cases one-on-one communication resolved these concerns expressed by you folks to the board. As you've heard me say before it's a matter of RESPECT.

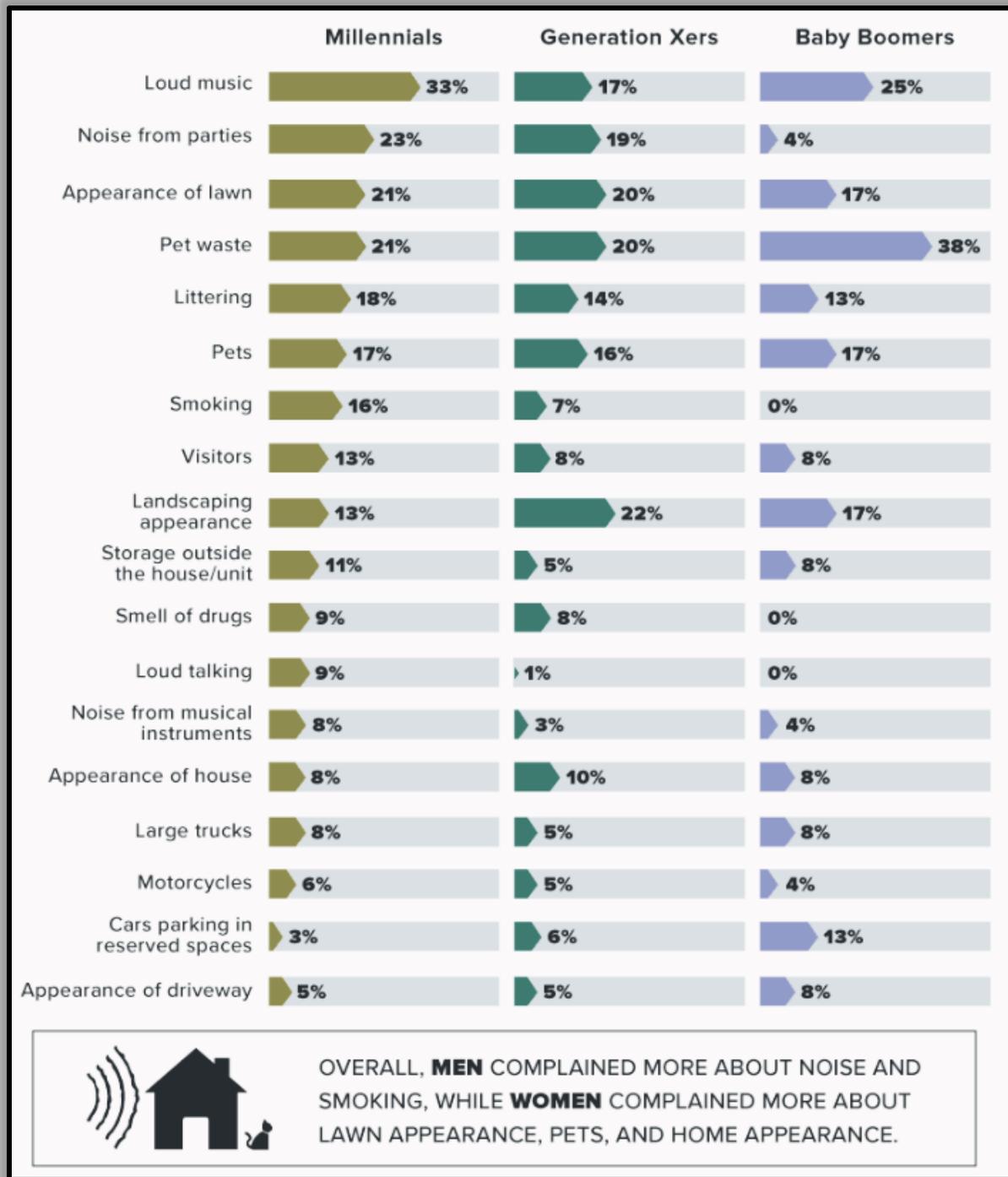
What will be on the ballot? YOU! Want to make a change, have an active role on the board as you see it, or just want to help improve our Kensington community, I encourage YOU to run.

Open Board Positions: **President ~ Treasurer ~ Secretary**



TOP HOA COMPLAINTS

(Homes & Apartments USA)





IMPORTANT

NOTICE

.....PLEASE READ

https://www.kensingtonowners.com/_files/ugd/0945b7_4936ad539cbe40879bf486f5b9e44f3b.pdf

*The Kensington Homeowners Association Covenants Have Changed! As a homeowner wanting to sell **you will need to inform any potential buyers of the amendment. The ramifications, all necessary doc's etc.***

- **Page 2** Definitions
- **Page 3** (b) Leasing Permits.
- **Page 4-5** (iii) Compliance; Liability for Assessments.
- **Page 5** (A) Compliance with Declaration, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations and Architectural Standards

*This amendment effects every one of us in Kensington, **it is now registered with the State***

Thank you!

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/ahs>



SENIORS TEXTING CODE:

ATD: At The Doctors
 BFF: Best Friend Fell,
 BTW: Bring the Wheelchair,
 BYOT: Bring Your Own Teeth,
 FWIW: Forgot Where I Was,
 GGPBL: Gotta Go Pacemaker Battery Low,
 GHA: Got Heartburn Again,
 IMHO: Is My Hearing-Aid On,
 LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out,
 OMMR: On My Massage Recliner,
 OMSG: Oh My! Sorry, Gas,
 ROFLACGU: Rolling On Floor Laughing And Can't Get Up
 TTYL: Talk To You Louder.