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Do you remember when you were a little kid, and you thought the year 2000 was so far away, it would never happen? Well here we are, friends—well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

This newsletter contains a brief word from the new president of our board of directors, Jim Visser, followed by a farewell message from outgoing president Don Vanden Brink.

Dear co-owners,

As you may now know, Don VandenBrink is stepping down from the board of directors after six years of service to the Waterway Pines Community, and the last four years as our president.

Those of us who have served with Don have come to three conclusions: Don cares deeply for this community and its residents, he has served with distinction in his diligence and in the quality of his leadership, and he leaves behind a role model of service we all strive to emulate.

With the legacy of friendly and superior service that Don exemplified, we look forward to working with you, our fellow co-owners, to keep Waterway Pines the high quality and friendly community it has come to be.

Don, thank you for your years of excellent service to our community. You will be missed.

Sincerely,

Jim Visser  
WWPCA Board President

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## The Last Word

OK fellow co-owners, go ahead and admit you really always wanted to be in a position to have "The Last Word". Well, this is officially mine as I leave the board at WWPCA.

It has been my distinct privilege to serve this community as a board member for the past six years, four of which were in the position of president on the board. We have a great community in which to live. We also have a great group of volunteers serving on our all-volunteer board, who daily oversee the details and routines of management. I so would like to thank each individual for your volunteer service, for your kindnesses and for your commitment to excellence in all things. In countless ways you have supported our community. I trust you will hear my heart and accept this as my thanks and gratitude for each of you who has so wonderfully supported the board and me individually over these past several years.

We have a great group of committed co-owners who have willingly stepped up to continue serving in the capacity of board members going forward. I can tell you from my experience that serving with a group of willing and capable board members is a wonderful gift! Let's all agree to openly communicate with our board and to support them in their effort as they serve. I assure you each of our board members has a servant heart and wants to do what is right for each individual co-owner as well as for the association. Our board takes very seriously their responsibility to maintain quality of life while they carefully plan for the unknowns of the future of Waterway Pines.

I would encourage you all as well to stay in touch with your neighbors and get to know those you have not yet met. From October 2017 to October 2018 we had eight new co-owners buy into Waterway Pines. Let's agree to be a good neighbor and make every effort to make these folks feel welcome and get connected to the network of support so many of us have enjoyed over the many years. We are not the same community we once were. Both the buildings, and we are ageing. We certainly have opportunity to support one another in fresh new ways. The old adage still holds true: "to have a friend, be a friend." If you are willing to make that first step in a new relationship, I am confident you will find a very welcoming community here at Waterway Pines.



Toward the end of the year the board made a decision to amend two items in our Rules and Regulation. One had to deal with estate sales. Previously we allowed estate sales for one day only. It is difficult to find a service willing to conduct a one-day only estate sale. When the original rule was made, we were doing lawn mowing on Fridays. We now mow lawns on Thursday, except on rare occasions. We deemed it prudent and accommodating to extend the time we allow for estate sales. The board approved making this a two-day event if desired by a co-owner and approved by the board on a case-by-case decision.

The second change made was to allow the limited use of power equipment. We have individuals in the association who have been willing to help with organized clean up events. In addition, we occasionally have a fallen tree that needs to be cleaned up and hauled away. In the past we have not allowed a co-owner to use necessary power equipment to facilitate such projects. That caused considerable expense and a loss of time in the process. We will now allow the use of such equipment provided there is a "waiver of liability/hold harmless" form on file and when the project is under the supervision of a board member. We believed this reasonable and prudent since we are expanding our base of volunteers in our effort to maintain and beautify our community.

Well friends, hopefully 2019 is off and running in a positive direction! Many of you are absent from WWPCA at this time of year. We miss you. Enjoy your time away, stay well, and return refreshed in the spring. For those of us remaining in the community, it has been a pleasant and largely snow free winter to date. Some of us like that, some not so much. For some, snow is a beautiful thing!

So, my final words are: Stay well, live forward and cultivate a servant heart. I appreciate you.

Don Vanden Brink