



January, 2020, Newsletter

Ice warning!

It's winter in Michigan, and even though there are plenty of walkers (and even bicyclists!) taking advantage of the early winter dry spell, we all know that it will end sooner or later. Ice on the association roads is inevitable, just as it is in other places where there is limited vehicle traffic, and where salting is done only at corners.

So, swallow your pride. Don't take risks on the ice. Yes, it is okay to use your car to get your mail, even if that wastes gas and feels silly. Yes, you can ask a neighbor to push your garbage container back to the house, if you worry about slipping.

Remember to use only lawn-friendly de-icers on your driveway and sidewalk: Calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, and potassium chloride are widely available, and actually work better than rock salt. Use any chemical de-icer sparingly: give it time to work.

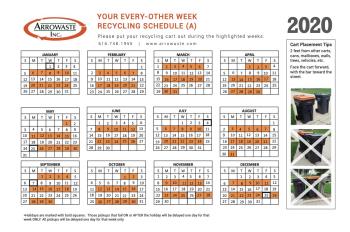
The association will continue to apply de-icer to the Lakewood and James Street entrances. Be safe out there!



Planning for the future

There will be elections for two openings on the board of directors in at the end of 2020. Please consider how you might contribute to the community at Waterway Pines by joining the board.

Recycling calendar for 2020 (also available shortly at wwpines.net)



Message from the president, Jim Visser

Here is a brief status report on two initiatives underway by the Board of Directors.

- First, as you know, the board is conducting a Reserve Study to determine our long-term capital
 needs (buildings, landscaping, infrastructure) through 2040, and the reserve finds needed to
 fund those needs. This study is underway, and we hope to complete it in time to help us set our
 2021 budget. Undertaking this study reflects the board's policy to be proactive in assessing our
 capital needs and meeting them cost-effectively.
- Second, our bylaws require the board to periodically review our association insurance policy on our buildings and grounds, and that review is now underway. This is done to update our coverage and to assure that we pay competitive premium rates for our association's insurance.
 We will inform you of the results of this review as soon as it is completed. If any changes in the policy impact your personal home owners insurance, we will so inform you as quickly as possible.

Thank you, Jim Visser

Wishing a happy and prosperous new year to all!