



## Newsletter: April, 2020

This edition of the newsletter contains lots of information about what's happening, and what isn't; a new rule regarding docks on the pond; and reminders of some of the (nearly) normal activities that are going forward. We hope that this finds you all safe and well.

### Coronavirus pandemic

You don't need the newsletter to tell you that much has changed in the past four weeks. Here are some ways that our condo operations are being affected:

- **Our vendors** are observing the state of Michigan's stay-at-home orders.
- **Spring landscape clean-up and mowing** will be delayed at least until May. It may take 2-3 mowings to get our lawns looking normal again. Please be patient.
- **Non-emergency building repairs** will be delayed. As soon as the restrictions are lifted, our vendors will be here to do what needs to be done, although they will be 2-3 weeks behind. Thank you for your patience.
- The **scheduled June garage sale** has been postponed indefinitely.
- The installation of the **Little Library** near the bridge has been delayed.

There are SOME activities that are going forward.

- The **board of directors** is meeting as usual, but from our homes, via Zoom.
- Areas needing treatment for **termite infestations** that were identified last year will be treated. If you are affected, you should receive a phone call. If you do not, please contact Paul Kehnle ([pkehnle32@gmail.com](mailto:pkehnle32@gmail.com))
- **2020 Inspection Tour:** Yes, we are planning our annual building inspection involving volunteers who will conduct an inspection of all building exteriors during May 11-15. No contact with the co-owner will be necessary, as we are asking each co-owner to report any interior issues, including window function, directly through the contact page at the association website ([wwpines.net/index.php/contact-us/](http://wwpines.net/index.php/contact-us/)). We will be recruiting and training volunteers from May 4 to 9. This is an important information gathering activity that will guide our maintenance work for this year and budgeting for next year.
- **Deck cleaning and staining** is tentatively scheduled for June 15-19 for the following addresses: 285-430 Timberlake West and 1320-1333 Timber Crossings. Everything on the deck must be removed except the grill. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



### **Free trees from Holland Board of Public Works and the Arbor Day Association**

Co-owners succeeded in reserving nearly thirty trees during this early spring promotion. Thanks to everyone who participated! The tree distribution has been postponed until September, which is as good a time as April for tree planting.

### **A delicate subject: plumbing in the time of coronavirus**

Cleaning wipes, paper towels, and other materials are not intended for disposal via our toilets. Significant clogging can affect not only your own household, but also main sewer lines, and can require extensive repair (and put your own toilet out of commission). Don't try to flush anything that isn't meant to be flushed.

### **Cloth face mask project**

Early in the month, four association members made more than sixty masks for Waterway Pines residents. Thanks to Barb Fehlig, Barbara Mezeske, Miriam Terpstra, and Joy Vanden Brink who made and distributed these masks in less than a week. We don't need to wear masks when we are outdoors; they are intended for when we are in public. If you choose to wear a mask, make sure that your nose and chin are both covered; fit the mask snug to your face, with no gaps; don't remove the mask until you are home. Launder the mask after each outing. And remember that hand washing and social distancing are still necessary.

**Rules for docks:** At the March board meeting, a change to the rules and regulations regarding docks was enacted. Here is the new wording, with changes marked in bold type:

***Only co-owners living on the waterfront are permitted to install and maintain a dock subsequent to a Modification Request Form submitted to the Board for approval. Although installation of a dock requires Board approval, once installed, the dock is the private property of the waterfront co-owner who is responsible for its proper maintenance and is liable for its use by the co-owner and guests.***

Rules regarding the size of the dock, the dock approach, materials, maintenance, decorations, and storage (optional) of the dock remain unchanged.

You can see all the rules and regulations for the association by going the website [wwpines.net](http://wwpines.net) and clicking on "documents."



### Unsightly Walkways?

Have you noticed your concrete sidewalk or patio has turned a dirty greenish black color? This is probably due to dirt and mold. According to our bylaws (Master Deed, Article V, C.1) co-owners are responsible for maintaining their individual patio, porch and sidewalk. But how to make it look normal again? Try this: to one gallon of water add 1 cup of laundry bleach; to this add one-fourth cup laundry detergent. You can use this in a spray bottle for smaller spots or pour onto the concrete surface and brush with a broom or scrub brush; let stand for 30 minutes and rinse. You may have to repeat. Be careful to avoid plants and clothes.

### Euchre, anyone?

A group of Euchre players has been meeting once a month at different homes for about fifteen years, usually on the third Saturday of the month at 7 p.m. The host/hostess often provides dessert, while players bring drinks and snacks. Currently, there are about ten regular participants. Are you interested in joining the group? Will you be eager for socialization when the restrictions on groups are lifted? If yes, contact Bill and Joanne Hankinson ([billandjo09@yahoo.com](mailto:billandjo09@yahoo.com)) and we'll all wait for better times!

### On Monday, March 23...



...this happened.



## **Last thoughts**

When this is over, may we never again take for granted  
A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbors  
A crowded theater  
Friday night out  
The taste of communion  
A routine checkup  
The school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend  
The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath  
A boring Tuesday  
Life itself.  
When this ends  
May we find  
That we have become  
More like the people  
We wanted to be  
We were called to be  
We hoped to be  
And may we stay  
That way—better  
For each other  
Because of the worst.

--Laura Kelly Fanucci, 2020