



Newsletter, May 2020

Below you will find a summary of all sorts of things that are happening in the association, and a few that are not happening yet (and might not happen at all). There is an important heads-up about information that will be coming to you regarding the association's insurance policy. There is also a new way to enjoy the Waterway ponds, a reminder to leave an emergency key with your neighbor, and a request for volunteers.



(Photos courtesy of Bill Hankinson)

What's happening?

Sprinklers are on and moles have returned! *From Paul Kehnle:*

It is spring, folks, and the sprinkler system has been turned on as of Saturday the 9th. As cold as it was that day, I wondered if we were turning on sprinklers or snow making equipment. We are on the same twice a day schedule as at the end of the last season. The times have been cut back for the spring but will be increased as the season gets hotter.

Another sign of spring is that the moles are active. We have already had our mole control folks out for the Lakewood entrance infestation.

If there are other issues please contact me through the WWP email site.

Driveway repair is back on track

You may recall that our contractor in 2019 failed to complete any driveway work. We have engaged a different contractor for 2020. Four driveways are scheduled for



replacement, two for patching, and thirty-three for crack filling. We hope to see this work begin when the weather allows.

In 2021, there will be additional crack filling, and all the driveways will be sealed.

Work at the James Street entrance is nearly complete. New young trees have been planted, and dead or dying trees have been removed.

Landscape work by our contractor DJs is underway. The spring clean-up has been done. Mowing and lawn treatments have started. Mulching should occur in the next week or so.

Maintenance work:

- **The spring inspection tour** will finish this week. All of the items this year are exterior. Thanks to Steve Vander Molen, Bill Hankinson, Ted Ferrell, Dennis Pacanowski, Jim Rohrer, Chuck Johnson, Dennis Brendahl, Hank Krafft, Jerry Cooper, Bill Beiswenger, Richard Mezeske, Ken VanTuinen, Dick Ward, Al Persenaire, Al Neilly, Wayne Terpstra, Dan Ward, and Jay Zylema. Thanks also to Ron Rinehart for help in recruiting volunteers. And thank you, fellow co-owners, for your cooperation and support in this important maintenance activity.
- **Pop-up drains**, many of which had been covered by grass, are being cleared.
- **Mold washing** of the north walls of buildings in the western half of the association is set to go forward in the next couple weeks. Mold is unsightly, and potentially damaging to structures.
- **Deck washing and staining** is scheduled for June 15-19 at these addresses: 285-430 West, and 1320-1333 Crossing. If your deck is scheduled for work, it **MUST** be clear of furniture, rugs, etc. You may leave a grill on the deck. Thanks for your cooperation.
- **REMINDER:** If you have windows with broken seals, or that do not open or close properly, report them via the website using "buildings" on the drop-down menu: <https://wwpines.net/index.php/contact-us/>

What's not happening?

Free trees requested from the Holland BPW through the Arbor Day Association are scheduled to be available in September.



The ice cream social may not happen in July, because gathering in large groups at that time might not be wise. We welcome any suggestions for an appropriately “social distanced” neighborhood event.

Heads up about a change in insurance!

The association has a new “all-in” insurance policy from Farmers Insurance. The new policy covers more than the old one, at a lower price. You will hear more about this change, and what it means for your individual insurance policies in a mailing that will appear later this month. As it happens, the new policy will also require a small change in the by-laws regarding insurance coverage, and you will hear about that as well.

Big changes at the South Pond Landing

When the association was first developed, the landing at the south end of the south pond was intended to be an access point for all residents who did not live on the water. There was an asphalt pad, and a retaining wall. It was a place where people could launch a kayak, have a picnic, or just sit and enjoy the water. Over the years, the area deteriorated and become overgrown.

In 2019, co-owners asked if the area could be refurbished, but there was no money budgeted for that. An effort to raise money from co-owners was not successful. But the area continued to deteriorate. It seemed clear to the board that something had to be done.

Now, work in that area is underway, paid for in part by reserve funds and in part by money budgeted for landscaping. The old, rotted retaining wall has been removed and will be replaced with new treated lumber. The asphalt pad seems sound, and will be cleaned. Two co-owners have donated a dock, which has been placed at the landing. All are invited to use it (though not until the work is finished, please). There are plans to construct a simple kayak rack where residents who don’t live on the pond can store a kayak or canoe, and to purchase a treated wood picnic table—less costly than the one proposed last year—with donations from additional two co-owners.

The space is open to all as a paddle destination, a place for a picnic, or just a spot to read.



Emergency Access Key: June 1 deadline approaches

Sixty-six of 148 co-owners have responded to the board policy (announced in February) that the board must have a record of the location of an emergency access key to your property. We recommend that you leave a key with a neighbor, in case of the unlikely (but possible!) water leak, gas leak, fire, or other emergency that requires someone be able to get into your unit without damaging the door or windows. Please send information to bamezeske@gmail.com. Thank you.

Pond cleanup this year will be June 16-18. Volunteers are needed to rake weeds out of the pond margins, and pull them up onto the grass to dry. The landscape crew are scheduled to pick up the weeds on Saturday, June 20.

We hope this finds you and your families well, and safe. Maintain social distance, wash your hands, and wear those masks in public!



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