

June, 2021

Summer is here, and the association is busy. This newsletter contains reminders of ongoing work, happy news about life returning to normal (including garage sales), information about dryer vent cleaning, and a little bit about some of the issues the board is dealing with. There is also some brief information about the upcoming road work (to supplement the email sent on June 14). And finally: a celebration of WWPC wildlife.

Ongoing work:

Painting in the Northwest quadrant of the association is nearing completion.

Power washing in the Northeast quadrant is in process.

<u>Deck staining</u> has not yet begun. The following addresses will be stained this year: 436 to 494 West, and 410 to 495 East. Remember that neither the association nor the vendor is liable for damage to your outdoor furniture; be sure to move it out of the way. NOTE: if your deck was repaired or expanded and has new wood, it will not be stained until next year. New wood has to age before it will take stain.

Socialization returns!

A monthly <u>euchre group</u> has formed. If you are interested in playing, please contact Bill or Joanne Hankinson at billandjo09@yahoo.com.

There will be an <u>ice cream social</u>. Meet and reconnect with neighbors! Mark your calendar for July 14, 7:00 p.m., outdoors at the Lakewood entrance. Rain date will be July 15. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Jim or Karen Visser (jimvisser7491@gmail.com).

Garage sales return! (in modified form)

We learned two things during the pandemic:

- Only a small number of WWPC co-owners participate in the annual garage sale
- Those who DO participate are eager to do so.

Consequently, we are bringing back garage sales, with a couple of changes in procedures. The date will be **Saturday**, **July 24 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m**. If you wish to participate, place your own advertisement in The Sentinel or whatever other online media you choose. We will try to do this without instituting one-way traffic (as we did in the past) but the signs directing people not to block



mailboxes or park on the grass are available to anyone running a sale. If you want to participate, please let the secretary know at bamezeske@gmail.com. If it turns out that a huge number of coowners sign up, then we will re-evaluate the traffic controls.

Another summer project: Dryer Vent/Furnace Duct Cleaning

Did you know that dryer vents are a potential fire hazard? The Consumer Products Safety Commission estimates there are 24,000 dryer vent fires nationally each year costing \$96 million per year in property damage. If dryer vents become blocked by lint, heat buildup can ignite the trapped lint.

Warning signs:

- If clothes seem to take longer to dry.
- If clothes are hotter than usual at the end of the drying cycle.
- If the outside vent hood does not open when drying or is blocked by lint.
- If it has been more than two years since the last vent cleaning and you have a long dryer vent run.

Our association receives a group discount through Krystal Kleen:

- 1. Dryer vent cleaning- \$75.00
- 2. Dryer vent plus furnace duct cleaning- \$295.00

Sign up for this service by going to the association website at: http://wwpines.net/index.php/2019-dryer-vent-furnace-duct-cleaning-authorization/. Krystal Kleen will contact you directly. If you do not have computer access, you can email board member Wayne Terpstra (wmterpstra@gmail.com), who will put you on the list.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Krystal Kleen is one of our approved vendors with whom we have worked for years. They are reliable and trustworthy. Contracting with other vendors who advertise with flyers or by mail, even if they are slightly cheaper, is done at your own risk.

Headaches continue...

Shortages of both <u>labor and materials</u> continue to plague us. Please be patient as we try to accomplish as much work on the buildings as possible. If you need to communicate with Wayne Terpstra, the board member in charge of building maintenance, please use the website: http://wwpines.net/index.php/contact-us/ and click on "buildings" in the drop-down menu. If you know of a reliable handyman or building maintenance business that might be interested in doing work here in the association, please get in touch with Wayne.



...But we are grateful for volunteers

An association the size of Waterway Pines simply can't function well without a lot of volunteers. If you pulled weeds from the woods or from the pond, if you pick up trash on the roadway as you walk, if you plan to scoop ice cream, or if you do any one of the numerous small tasks that keep us going, we all thank you.

And especially, we thank this year's building inspectors: Chuck Goulooze, Terry Pollard, Ted Ferrell, Dennis Pacanowski, Jim Rohrer, Ken Vos, Dennis Brendahl, Scott Seekeel, Jerry Cooper, Bill Beiswenger, Sally Van Noord, Ken Van Tuinen, Don Vanden Brink, Hank Krafft, Ron Rinehart, Jeff Stuttman, Dan Ward, Jay Zylema, Nick Medendorp, and Paul Mann.

And we remind everyone: There will be **three board vacancies** in January. We urge you to consider volunteering to serve on the board, and thereby make a significant contribution to your neighborhood. Contact any board member, who will be happy to give you his or her honest assessment of what serving on the board is like. Hint: we are a pretty happy group.

Road and driveway work

Beginning in a week or so, nine driveways will be completely replaced. (You people already know who you are!). After that, all the driveways will be crack-patched and sealed, AND the road will be crack-patched. The board will communicate with co-owners closer to the scheduled work to let you know which sections are being done, and in what order. The challenge is not to drive on the sealed/repaired surfaces for 24 hours after the work is completed, AND to move your car out of the way by 8 a.m. the morning that work is scheduled.

Where should you put your car? Suggestions:

- guests parking spots not scheduled for work,
- along our roads (but NOT on the grass or blocking mailboxes),
- in a friend's driveway that isn't scheduled for work.

If you have a vehicle that you don't need to move, you may leave it in your own garage for the duration of the work. HOWEVER, past experience tells us that the driveway sealant can splash on the rear of your car. If you leave a car in the garage, protect its back end with a tarp or cardboard. Neither the association nor the vendor will be liable for any damage. Questions? Contact Steve Vander Molen by using the website (https://wwpines.net/index.php/contact-us/) and clicking on "roads/driveways" in the drop-down menu.



Wildlife makes life interesting

No deer in the woods east of the association? A coyote has been sighted.

<u>Bees</u>: Two large swarms took up residence on the north side of the bridge early this month. Our resident beekeeper, Brian Waterway, safely re-located them.



As the mayor of Holland, Nathan Bocks, says, "And we get to live here!"