



July, 2021, Newsletter

This edition of the newsletter recaps recent events, makes some suggestions about being good neighbors, and looks forward to what's coming in the next few months.

It's all history!

The road and driveways project has finished (except for one guest parking spot that has yet to be striped). What a relief! Thanks to everyone who moved cars around to avoid the work areas. Thanks also to the landscaping crew from DJs and the workers from MSR who adjusted their schedules to stay out of each other's way. Tick that one off the to-do list!

The **ice cream social** happened this year! Around seventy people showed up Wednesday evening to break their diets. A special thank you to all of the board members who scooped, and to the crew of workers organized by Karen Visser who put out the tables, set up the toppings, dealt with the trash, etc. etc. Best of all, it didn't rain.

Neighbors: something to think about

Internet access: all but ten households in the association have access to internet. Those ten rely on hand-delivery of this newsletter and other essential mailings, but do NOT receive the shorter email messages that go out to everyone else. This includes things like Marketplace listings, the ever-changing schedule for our recent road work, alerts when we learn of someone's death, etc. If you know that one of your neighbors doesn't have internet, try to pass along any information that you receive via email from Waterway Pines.

Serving your community by serving on the board: The terms of three of our seven board members expire in December. Two persons have volunteered, but that's not enough. Historically, we have sometimes had only the number of volunteers we have needed. But at least twice in the last seven years, we have had a competitive election. There are lots of reasons to serve on the board (see past newsletters), but the best is this: board service allows you to make a direct contribution to the success of the association, which is a significant component to the value of your own property. A well-functioning board manages the budget, maintains the buildings and grounds, communicates to residents, and plans for the future. You could be a part of that.



What's the alternative to a volunteer board?

Answer: a management company. We are aware of at least one local association moving in that direction, chiefly because residents are not willing or able to volunteer. They anticipate such a move will cost \$40-\$50 a month in additional HOA fees. Moreover, there will still have to be a residents' board to interface with the management company. Our current board sees this as an additional and expensive layer of administration between co-owners and the various vendors who work for us. We hope we do not have to resort to this solution.

Coming events

Repair and maintenance work:

A number of co-owners are waiting on repairs of different kinds. We haven't forgotten you. However, we are still having difficulty securing contractors. We are trying to address work issues as quickly as possible with the resources available to us at this time. We appreciate your patience, and are hopeful that this situation will improve soon. Thanks, Wayne Terpstra

Dryer vent/furnace duct offer from Krystal Kleen: The clock is ticking on this one. If you are still interested, sign up at the wwpines.net website, or with Wayne Terpstra, by August 1. Nearly thirty co-owners have taken advantage of this service.

Garage Sale, July 24, 9 a.m. to 1p.m.

Nine co-owners have signed up to participate in this scaled-down version of the previous association-wide garage sale. A lack of broader interest prompted this change from the big event we have had in the past. Participating co-owners will post signs and be responsible for keeping cars off the grass and away from the mailboxes.

We have arranged for a local non-profit (The Eagles Nest) to pick up leftover items at 2 p.m. on the 24th. Items should be left at the end of the driveway for pick up. Additionally, if you have items you want to donate but do NOT want to have a garage sale, The Eagles Nest will pick up those items as well if left at the end of your drive at 2 p.m.

Labor Day concert and sing-along

One of the good things to come out of our 2020 COVID experience was the somewhat spontaneous concert held by the Kleinheksels and DeWyns in their backyards at 296 and 300 East Timberlake. Nearly fifty people showed up, masked and in lawn chairs, or in kayaks and paddleboats, to enjoy the evening and the company.



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Here's the good news: John and Sharon, and Evert and Irene are going to do it again! So mark your calendar: Saturday, September 4, 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair. There might be ice cream. 😊



It seems to me that you can't end on a better note than that.