



October 2021 Newsletter

This brief edition of the newsletter contains information from the October annual meeting, a warning about chipmunks, and a reminder about cleaning up annual plants.

The annual meeting on Monday, October 11, was viewed by about sixty devices on Zoom. We are aware that some residents were sharing zoom devices, so we consider this a good turnout—comparable to the numbers we had in 2018 and 2019 when we met in person. Moreover, ballots were received from 87 units, or 58% of the association—a result that is also in line with other years. Thank you for your participation!

Newly elected board members are Dan Ward, Gerry Stoneburner, and Duane Sturuss. We thank them for volunteering.

We also express our appreciation for the three volunteers whose terms expire in just a few weeks: Brian Waterway, Steve Vander Molen, and Jim Visser. Each has made significant contributions to our community.

There is a Power Point presentation of Monday's meeting, including the budget and financial details, available on the wwpines.net website. It includes details of the past year's work and of finances. It also includes information on the year's sales and the names of new co-owners. Take a look, especially if you were unable to attend the meeting.

Also take note that beginning on January 1, the monthly association fee will rise to \$320, after holding steady for two years.

Chipmunks

We have been seeing a lot of these critters. If you have them around your unit, you may want to take steps to discourage them. Why? Chipmunks burrow, and we have at least one building in the association whose front porch was undermined by chipmunks. If you browse online sites, you discover that strong aromas can deter these guys: essential oils like mint, clove, cinnamon, and eucalyptus are allegedly effective at deterring chipmunks. One site recommends a homemade tea of garlic, hot peppers, water and liquid soap, pureed in a blender then dispensed in a spray bottle. (Beware of handling the peppers, or breathing in the mix when you blend it.) Live traps are an



option, if you have an idea where to release the trapped animal. Less humane traps are essentially oversized mouse traps called “rat traps”: try your local hardware store. Consider keeping your garage closed, also. These guys like to get in and eat whatever seed or animal food you have on hand. Keep your eyes open: chipmunks are cute, but are definitely a nuisance.

Bagged lawn and yard debris will be picked up and removed one more time this fall on October 21. At this point in time, DJs is planning to complete the fall cleanup and do one more mowing before the end of the month.

Finally, if you plan to leave for all or part of the winter, please fill out an extended absence form, and take note of the accompanying checklist for winterizing your unit.

(http://wwpines.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Extended_Absence_Form.pdf)

And here’s a thought for the fall, wherever you are spending the time:

Nothing Gold Can Stay

Nature’s first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf’s a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

Robert Frost (1874-1963)