



July newsletter

After last month's novel-length newsletter, this one will be a snap to read: some reminders about rules and regulations, information about landscaping, information from Ottawa County about Lakewood Boulevard, and a belated thanks.

Reminders

Why keep my garage door closed? There are two reasons: first, the association bylaws mandate that garage doors generally be kept closed; second, an open garage door is an invitation to a variety of unwanted critters. Birds like to build nests in the overhead garage door openers—even if there is usually enough activity to keep them from laying eggs and raising a family. Chipmunks, voles, and mice are attracted to anything edible, including bird seed or pet food, and sometimes even cardboard which can make good nesting material. Keeping the door closed avoids all these problems.

Pick up after your dog, including in the woody areas and along the grassy stretch of East Timberlake. Walkers, other dog owners, the lawn crew—no one wants to see or to step in a mess. Please be a good citizen about this.

Guest parking is for guests and for the occasional use by co-owners. Please park your vehicles in your own driveway whenever possible.

Landscaping news

Lakewood entrance: The ongoing work on Lakewood Boulevard is taking a toll on the irrigation system and grass at the south entrance. The road work isn't finished, but the county does seem to be making an effort to restore what they have disrupted. There is nothing we can do to make the area look better until the work is done. Might as well be patient.

Landscape committee:

The newly formed landscape committee consists of these seven co-owners: Linda Bol, Sally Farabee, Ted Ferrell, Neil Gerry, Nick Medendorp, Joy VandenBrink, Sally Van Noord, and board member Gerry Stoneburner. As noted in an earlier association email, this group will begin to review the property over the next several weeks. Their goal is to assure our



landscaping remains fresh, healthy, not overgrown or over planted, and is a positive identifier of our community. The work will be on-going and will take years, but it is now beginning.

Pond weed raking and clean-up

Some raking has already occurred. Co-owners who wish to help clear the weeds are invited to pitch in. Here is what board member Gerry Stoneburner said in an earlier email:

*DJs, our lawn service, will pick up any plant material on the banks **next Thursday, July 21**. Neighbors on the ponds who want to rake weeds are asked not to place the pond weeds on the banks earlier than a day or two before the pick-up. You can rake the pond weeds to your shore line. Then, the day or two before the pick-up, rake all the pond weeds onto the banks or up onto the lawn. Placing the pond weeds for a longer time on the lawn could kill the grass. Thank you.*

Lakewood Boulevard

The Ottawa County Road Commission has scheduled road resurfacing along Lakewood Boulevard from Lakeshore Drive to 144th Avenue, and it is anticipated that **the work will begin July 25**. Here is information they have sent us:

“The road will remain open to traffic during construction as the work shall be completed using lane closures and traffic control (one-way flaggers). The road resurfacing will take place in several stages and may take some time to complete. Inclement weather may also be a factor in the timely completion of the project. Please be cautious and wary as to the direction of traffic during work hours when lane closures are in place as you are entering or leaving your driveway as a flagger may not be visible to you from the location of your driveway. Work will also consist of replacing 25 sidewalk ramps and detectable warning surfaces.

Once the new asphalt surface has been paved on the roadway, please avoid parking on the road and the shoulder for at least a week. This will help minimize any potential damage to the new pavement.”

And finally, a belated thanks to our community gardeners Joy and Don Vanden Brink and Ted Ferrell who planted annuals at both entrances earlier this summer. We appreciate the work these folks take to make Waterway Pines a little more beautiful.