



March, 2023 Newsletter

This edition of the newsletter contains a wealth of opportunities for volunteerism, a couple of reminders of summer deck work, information about the annual garage sale, and a follow-up to new social opportunities presented last month.

Requests for volunteers: there are many opportunities to get involved here at Waterway Pines. Some involve occasional work; some are ongoing. Some require physical effort; others can be done at your desk. Here's what we are looking for now, and in the near future.

- **Building inspections.** The annual building inspection will kick off on May 20 in Wayne Terpstra's garage at 1321 Timber Crossing. You don't need special skills: Wayne will show you what to look for. It's a job that can be done on your own schedule over a week or two. If you are interested in helping out, please email him at wmpsterpstra@gmail.com. It's a good way to meet your neighbors.
- **Grounds clean-up.** Volunteers are needed to pull up weeds, clean out trash, and generally spruce up the property. Meet on Saturday, May 20, at 9:00 at the bridge. There might be donuts afterwards. Mark your calendars.
- **Pond raking/weeding.** The sub-committee on ponds continues to work to improve the water quality, especially in the north pond. Sometime in June, co-owners who are able are asked to rake weeds from the ponds' edges. More information will be available closer to the date, but all help is appreciated, whether you live on the ponds, fish there, or just enjoy looking at the water.
- **Serving on the board.** Two board members are in their final year of service. If you are even the teeniest bit interested, talk to a board member.

Reminders:

Deck and porch furniture can be put out on May 1, and left in place through the end of October. EXCEPT:

If YOUR deck is scheduled to be power-washed and stained, you must wait to put out your furniture, or plan to move it when the workers come. This year, staining will happen during the week of June 19, weather permitting. Work will be done on the west side of the association at units beginning with 285 Timberlake East through 430 Timberlake East, plus 1320-1333 Timber Crossing.



In accordance with a new maintenance practice started last year, ALL units will be soft-washed the week of June 19, weather permitting. You won't need to move furniture for that, but you will want to move/protect any plants: the soft-wash process uses a mild soap that may damage plants and flowers.

Annual garage sale:

This year's garage sale will be on May 20. If you plan to hold a garage sale, it's time to start gathering things. More details will follow, closer to the date.

Two new social initiatives

- **Meals/dishes for neighbors.** In response to last month's newsletter, four people have stepped forward to organize this. They are Betsy Sturrus (325 West), Annette Nowicki (324 West), Deborah Ottsen (360 West), and Shannan Chada (317 East). If you are interested in joining them, or if you would like to receive a meal or dish, please contact Betsy Sturrus (bsturrus1@yahoo.com or 616-844-8068).
- **Dinner groups.** Ten people (six units) have indicated an interest in meeting with neighbors for dinner. If you are among them, Betsy Sturrus will contact you (or perhaps has already). If you want to add your name to the list, there is probably still time if you act now (bsturrus1@yahoo.com).

Let's hope that by the time you read this, spring will be in the air, and not just on our calendars.

And if you are walking, biking, or driving through the association, don't forget to do the condo wave!

