



September 2024, Newsletter

While the cooler weather is not in our near future, the annual meeting will be here before you know it. In this edition you will find important information regarding the upcoming meeting, as well as some important dates and reminders.

### **Important Dates**

- DJ's will begin shrub trimming the week of **September 23rd to 27th**. We encourage everyone to have their shrub's trimmed at this time. No more growth can be expected this year.
- The last pond treatment of the year will be **October 4th**. Reminder, there is a no contact advisory for humans and pets for 24 hours after treatment.
- Annual Meeting **October 15th**. See below for details
- Fall clean-up date is TBD, we will send out an email once that is scheduled.
- Sprinklers will be turned off in early October.
- DJ's will trim back perennials in late October.
- Outdoor furniture needs to be removed by October 31st.

### **Annual Meeting**

Annual meeting, October 15, Harderwyk Ministries, 1627 W. Lakewood Blvd. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Come early and meet the neighbors!

We will start the formal part of the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The format will be the same as last year: cookies, coffee, and lots of socialization before and after the agenda. Nothing for you to bring: it's all on us!

Speaking of agenda, you will receive via email (or hard copy, if you don't have internet) a packet of information the week before the meeting. The packet will include the agenda, the 2025 budget (including 2025 dues), a summary of how association funds have been spent, election information, a ballot, an evaluation of the board, and an extended absence form (for all of you snowbirds).

Ballots for next year's board members, evaluation forms, and extended absence forms can be turned in before the meeting at 352 West (Dan Ward) or 487 East (Julie Ballard).

### **Reserve Fund**

Reserve funds, and our commitment to properly funding them remain in place. Three years ago we committed to increasing our reserves to a point where we have enough money to forestall or at least to minimize the need to issue special

assessments. We are now entering the final year of our three year plan to increase our reserve funds.

We spoke to you in past years about the concept of co-owners paying for “usage” of big-ticket items. A shorthand way to think about this is that if you live here for 15 years, and your roof has an expected 25-year life, your dues are paying for 15 years of that time. The roof may not be replaced during the time you live here, but you are receiving the benefit of having that roof.

If you have questions about reserves, or about which projects (like driveway and road repair) have tapped into the reserve funds, please send them in advance of the annual meeting to our treasurer, Doug Hayden, through the contact tab on our website.

**Reminders and Education**

*Outdoor Lighting:* When it comes to outdoor lighting, when in doubt, ask. We would be happy to guide you in what is permissible and what is not. Generally speaking, holiday lighting that is temporary is okay. Below is the regulation, section G, (which can be found on our website).

- Co-owner installed outdoor light that is not allowed:
  - 1. Landscape lighting, including in mulched areas.
  - 2. Colored light bulbs in any exterior lighting fixture.
  
- Co-owners may put up lights and decorations during the Christmas season provided:
  - 1. Such installation does not damage the vinyl siding, railings or pillars, or the cedar window trim.
  - 2. All exterior lights or decorations are removed prior to January 31.
  - 3. Co-owners exercise good taste in decorating their units and maintain any decorations or lighting they set up.

Also, keep in mind any decorations or ornaments that are affixed to the building, whether seasonal or year round, need board approval. Basic rule of thumb is, if you will be penetrating the exterior of the building, it needs approval. This can be obtained through the website, wwpines.net, forms, modification request.

*Recreational Vehicles:* As a reminder, any recreational vehicle can only be parked on property twice in a thirty day period, for a maximum of 36 hours each occurrence. Anything longer needs board approval.

**Waterway Pines Social Groups**

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