



December 2024 Newsletter

This issue of the newsletter announces our association officers for 2025, and reminds everyone how to communicate with our board... which ties in with our website review, focusing on the Contact Us and About Us tabs. There are reminders about dues, Christmas decorations, and trash bins, as well as a reminder to sloooooooow down.

Board of Directors, 2025

President	Wayne Terpstra
Vice-president	Marty Vonk
Treasurer	Doug Hayden
Secretary	Julie Ballard
Directors	Dennis Brendahl, Marty Vonk, Bill Weerstra

Areas of responsibility:

Dennis Brendahl	Landscaping, trees, underground sprinkling
Mike Gray	Garbage, ponds, pests
Marty Vonk	Roads and driveways
Bill Weerstra	Building maintenance, annual inspection
Doug Hayden	Snow plowing

Website Review:

As we elect new officers, we thought this would be a good time to remind everyone the best way to contact a board member is through our www.wwpines.net website. The “Contact Us” tab offers a drop-down menu that allows you to identify the nature of your request or question. When you click “submit,” the message is automatically sent to the correct person. This is an efficient method that allows you to be specific, gives us a digital record of your request, and allows the board member to address your issue at a convenient time. Our goal as a board is to respond to a “contact us” message within twenty-four hours, even if it is to say, we received your message and will get back to you. As a general rule, if you haven’t heard anything for a couple of days, please reach out to the President or Secretary through the contact system, so we can investigate if there may be a technical issue.

In relation to the “Contact Us” tab, we also have an “About Us” tab. This tab has two drop down tabs. The first one lists all the officers and their roles and a link to our contact form. The other tab is titled “Newsletters”. All of the monthly newsletters are posted here, so you don’t need to dig through your email to find a copy– just log in and they are all here.

Reminders:

- Association dues for 2025 will be \$425 per month, beginning in January. If your payments are set up to be pulled from your bank account, you do not need to make any changes. The amount will automatically increase. If you use another method, please make sure amounts are adjusted accordingly.
- Christmas decorations should be down by the end of January. In the meantime, enjoy the wreaths, lights, and decorations of the season. And say thanks to Ted Ferrell and Bill Beckman, the volunteers who decorated our bridge for the season.
- We live in Michigan, it is winter, please **slow** down. We have already had damage to infrastructure, including sprinkler heads, mailboxes and a library. Fixing these issues costs money to replace and takes time away from other projects.
- We have several residents to whom winter brings challenges. If you see a way you could help out a neighbor by getting their mail or newspaper, or just checking in on them, please do so. It is part of what makes our community special.
- Next Newsletter will be February 2025!

About trash bins and recyclables:

Does it seem to you that Sunday nights are the windiest in the week? Our pick up times are later on Monday's now, so please consider putting trash bins out Monday morning— especially recyclables (lighter weight and tend to blow), and especially if we have had a snowfall. Anytime the crew has to work around trash bins it will slow the process down. Let's try to make their job as easy as possible. If you prefer to still do it Sunday evening, try not to put out your bins too early on Sunday. The less time they are out in the wind and weather, the better. Most recyclables (paper, cardboard, plastic) are lightweight, for that reason we request everyone to **bag recyclables in clear plastic**. Please be considerate of your neighbors and bag your garbage.

Thanks...

- To Dan Ward whose leadership has kept us organized and on track. We are grateful you were willing to share your time, talents and wisdom with us.
- To Gerry Stoneburner and the landscape committee whose extensive time, vision and attention to detail have kept our neighborhood looking awesome! I know you will continue to help out where you can, which is great— we may not recognize you without your wheelbarrow in tow.
- To all the volunteers who have stepped up and helped to make Waterway Pines a great place to live! A special shout out to Neil Gerry on the landscape committee for all of his dedication, hard work and guidance.

We will be looking for two new board members for 2026!

On behalf of the board, (old and new), we wish you a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!