



Newsletter, April 2025

As spring is officially here, activity at Waterway Pines is picking up. We need your help! There are several opportunities to volunteer in this issue, as well as requests for garage sale participants. The bulk of this issue will be devoted to water, read on to discover why.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Building Inspections: This is an important process that we perform every spring. It allows us to maintain the buildings in a proactive manner. All training is provided, you do not need to be a carpenter or handy person, and the inspections can be done at your own pace/schedule. To sign up or find out more, please contact our board member in charge of buildings through the website, by selecting buildings on the contact form. Bill Weerstra will get in touch with you to give you more details, or answer any questions.

The opportunity to serve for this activity is fast approaching, volunteers will meet at Bill Weerstra's garage at 257 W at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 26th. Inspections can be performed anytime through May 10th.

Spring Clean-up: We are asking for volunteers to help with the spring clean up to be held May 17th. This group will meet on the bridge at 9:00 a.m., and I am told, there may be donuts! This is generally light landscaping work, again, no special skills needed. It is a great time to meet some neighbors or reconnect with neighbors you haven't seen in a while. To sign up, simply use the contact form on the website, selecting landscaping. Dennis Brendahl will be in contact with you to confirm.

Note: a yard waste dumpster will be delivered this week and placed in the southwest section of the development. Please deposit only yard waste in this dumpster.

Garage Sale: This year's garage sale will be held May 17th. If you are interested in participating, please contact the secretary through the website, and she will put you in touch with other interested co-owners. That way, you can generate digital, print, or social media advertising, and coordinate picking up the signs from a board member.

Board Members: We need two people to step up and volunteer for a position on the board to begin in January 2026 for a three year term. No prior experience is needed! We have support and training for anyone starting out.



Can you see a place where you fit in? Do you already have skills or interest in certain areas? Are you interested in learning new things? Do you have questions? Do you need more information? Remember, without a volunteer board going forward, the current board will have to make significant changes in how the association operates. That likely means hiring a management company, which will entail additional costs (in dues), a layer of bureaucracy between co-owners and vendors, and the likely change of some of our vendors. We need you!

To volunteer for the board, beginning in January 2026, contact Julie Ballard through the website contact forms. Julie can also answer questions or put you in touch with people who can give you more information.

To volunteer for any of these opportunities, use the following link, selecting the correct contact person:

[Contact Us | Waterway Pines Condominium Association](#)

Calendar for 2025 - mark your calendars for upcoming events

Conduct building inspections (volunteers needed)	April 26th - May 2nd
Spring clean-up (volunteers needed)	May 17th
Garage sale	May 17th
Pond clean-up	TBD
Building washing & deck staining	June 23rd - 27th
Ice cream social	July 9, (rain date July 10)
Annual meeting	October 14th

Tip: Wait to wash your windows after the soft building washing in June to avoid having to rewash them.

Water, Water and more Water:

Fishing in the Waterway Pines Condo Ponds

The WWP ponds are an attractive feature of our condo association. Many of us enjoy fishing ourselves and with our grandchildren. The fish in the pond appear to be healthy



but their overall numbers are still somewhat low. Fish are planted in the pond in April-May.

Please remember that only WWPC co-owners and their guests may fish in our ponds.

When fishing, please practice catch and release fishing with barbless hooks (pinch the barb on the hook closed with a pliers). To help the fish survive, try to minimize the contact the fish has with you and the ground and return the fish to the water as soon as possible.

Please do NOT return pike and catfish to the ponds. Due to the excessive predatory impact of pike and catfish, if you catch a pike or catfish, please remove it from the pond and dispose of it. (Or enjoy it for dinner :<)

Enjoy Fishing!

Pond Alert: Our first pond treatment will be April 23rd. Please note, there is no contact for people, pets and livestock for 24 hrs after treatment.

Water Rate Changes from HBPW:

We have been notified that the Holland Board of Public Works is changing their rate structure. Starting this summer, they will be slightly reducing the residential water rates, but significantly increasing the irrigation rates. The Waterway Pines board is doing its due diligence in researching ways to reduce the cost of irrigation, further updates to follow.

This is a good time to bring awareness to how we use water, and try to eliminate any wasteful uses, like leaky pipes. The fact that we live near the largest bodies of freshwater in the USA, does not release us from being good stewards of that precious resource.

Tip: One method to determine a leaky toilet valve is to put food coloring in the tank, and if any of it seeps into the bowl prior to flushing, you know you have a leak. This type of leak can be costly.

The next WWPC newsletter will be in May, 2025.