

August 4, 2008
Sterling Woods II – Master Association
Danbury, CT
Website: www.sterlingwoods2.org

Dear Association Members:

It is with regret that I must inform all residents that Tom DuCharme, after many years of service, has resigned his positions of Birches Village and Master Board President. I have been in the association management field for over twenty years now and I will always consider Tom to be among the very best of board volunteers that I have worked with. It has been a pleasure to work for and with him.

I hope you all share in appreciating the vast amount of time and dedication that Tom provided to your community. If you would like to pass along a message of gratitude, you can do that through our office.

On the bright side, George Holland has been elected to replace Tom as your Master Board President. George is the President of The Summit and now the former Master Board Treasurer. In addition, Stan Kishner has been elected to serve as President of the Birches Village and as Treasurer of the Master Board. These two gentlemen should continue the heritage of strong leadership here at SW2.

The Second Annual Sterling Summer Social was a great success. We were very fortunate to have beautiful weather for the second year in a row. All those who attended expressed their gratitude to Renee Strazza and her Social Committee for organizing this fun evening event for resident adults. Renee in turn wanted to publicly thank Robert McNamara, “Rockin Rob”, a resident here at SW2. Rob volunteered his services as DJ for the evening - which helps tremendously in keeping event costs down. If you can ever use a DJ, we highly recommend “Rockin Rob” – he lives at 2502 Pinnacle Way

For those of you who are enjoying the pool, we wanted to let you know that the last day the pool will be opened is Sunday, September 14th. The last day the pool attendant is on duty is Monday, September 1st (Labor Day).

Lately, there has been mention in the Wall Street Journal and other publications of a fecally transmitted parasite named Cryptosporidium which causes gastrointestinal illness. This parasite is chlorine resistant and easily transmitted through water. To help keep our pool healthy, we ask that all pool visitors take the following preventive measures for the safety and well being of all.

- 1) If you have diarrhea, wait for two weeks after it resolves before entering pool.
- 2) Do not swallow pool water and try to avoid getting it in your mouth.
- 3) Take a shower before entering the pool and wash your hands after using the toilet or changing a diaper.
- 4) Take your children on bathroom breaks and check diapers often.
- 5) Change diapers in a bathroom or diaper changing area, not at poolside on lounge chairs or tables.
- 6) Wash your children thoroughly, especially their bottoms, with soap and water before swimming.

Most importantly, the rule preventing children with traditional diapers in the pool should be strictly adhered to. It is important to note that while traditional diapers are not allowed in the pool, special “swim diapers” currently are. We also ask that if possible “rubber pants” be worn over the swim diapers. Please report any violations to the office.

One of your fellow residents asked that we pass along some very important smoke detection information. It is recommended that smoke detectors be replaced every 10 years. Kidde still makes the model that is currently installed in SW2 units as well as some newer models with better smoke detection or ones which have smoke plus CO detection. All of them use the same connectors/wiring as the originally installed model but some might require that the mounting bracket be changed. The Kidde website (www.kiddeus.com) provides information about the various products.

Our landscaping firm has asked that owners not water their lawns on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This will improve conditions while they are on site on Thursdays for lawn cutting. Thanks for your cooperation.

A few general reminders include...

The next Master Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20th. The Open Session will begin at 7:30 PM. If you would like to be heard, please notify our office the week before the meeting so we can place you on the agenda.

Please note the following dates – there will be a one day delay in pick ups due to the holidays listed below...

Monday, September 1, 2008 Labor Day

Monday, October 13, 2008 Columbus Day

All pickups will be delayed one day following the holiday for that week.

See the association website for association meeting minutes and information about the various social clubs that are available to all residents here at Sterling Woods – Social Events, Bunco Night, Bridge, Book, Knitting, Children’s Arts and Crafts, and Poker. Just click on “Social Activities”.

If Jenn, Kim or I can assist you in any way, please let us know. Jenn can be reached on site at (203) 748-0859 and her email address is jfisher@reipropertymanagement.net. Kim’s email address is kmurray@reipropertymanagement.net but her on-site office hours are limited during the summer.

Sincerely,

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