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July 7, 2017

Sterling Woods II – Master Association Monthly Newsletter Website: www.sterlingwoods2.org

Dear Unit Owners:

Below are some operational highlights of our activities here at Sterling Woods II.

Proposed Changes to Article XI of the Rules & Regulations - Swimming Pool

Enclosed you will find proposed changes to Article XI of the Rules & Regulations – Swimming Pool Area. If you have any comments about the proposed changes to this rule, please mail or e-mail them to REI. After the 10 day notice and comment requirement is met, and if the Master Board votes in the affirmative to adopt this new rule, final ratification occurs and we will send all residents updated rule pages which you can insert into your rule book. A full set of the rules can be e-mailed any time if you cannot locate your hard copy (or if you prefer electronic files).



<u>Flu Shot Clinic – hold the date</u>: The Association will once again sponsor a Flu Shot Clinic on Tuesday, September 26^{th} from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM at the Platinum Club. More details will be provided shortly.

Water Usage Report

If you would like a copy of the 2016 annual drinking water quality report which has been provided to the Association by the City of Danbury, please stop by the on-site office for a copy or let Kim know and she can e-mail you the report. The report is intended for water customers but it comes to the Association as they are responsible for paying the bills. This report can also be found on the Association's website.

Landscaping Committee Report

Mowing will start on Cypress Drive in July. Spring shrub replacements have been completed. The Landscaping Committee is now compiling a list for the fall. Pruning of shrubs is completed. Continuing on a weekly basis, is policing of SW for trash including Nabby Road.

On June 7, 2017, the second lawn application which was a blanket application of fertilizer with crab grass control was applied to all turf areas. In addition, broadleaf weed control was sprayed as needed throughout SWII and insect control (chinch bugs and as a side effect ticks since they are both insects) was applied in a blanket application. The next lawn application is fertilizer in a blanket application with Acelepryn for grub control to all turf area, and liquid will be used on small areas and slopes. Also, broadleaf weed control will be sprayed as needed and liquid post emergent of crabgrass will be spot sprayed on or in between visits. This application is scheduled for July 11, 2017, weather permitting.

Completed in June are the following services - the second of four monitor inspections of all ornamental trees and shrubs located at the fronts and sides of units for insects, pests, diseases and cultural problems and to provide treatments, and the second of two foliar treatments to spruce trees for needle caste disease. Also, Nabby Road maintenance - prune designated trees to provide appropriate clearance for pedestrians, subordinate rapidly growing lateral branches, remove dead and broken branches and remove poorly attached branches. This includes removing resulting debris —also includes removal of vines and objectionable small trees.

Upcoming work in July includes: summer pruning of designated maples, ornamentals (crabapples and purple plums), white pines and spruces, and arborvitae (trees around utility boxes and near some units). Also, the third of the four monitor visits to check for insects and or diseases of shrubs in front and sides of units and treat them is scheduled to be done.

Maintenance Update

The Maintenance Committee provided the Board with their list of suggested work to be done in 2017. REI has requested bids for some of the work (for example: painting work).

The paving work on Cypress Drive has been completed. The areas behind the new curbs will be seeded in the fall. The power washing and deck staining project has begun. Unit Owners affected by this project will receive a notice in their mail bins two days prior to the work beginning on their unit.



Pool Schedule

For those of you who are enjoying the pool, we wanted to let you know that the last day the pool will be open is Sunday, September 10. The pool furniture will be kept out for an additional week.

From the Master Board

The Master Board Members thank Kim Murray, our REI on-site manager, for her handling of the daily notices, changes, etc., regarding the paving of Cypress Drive and the power washing and deck staining on Hancock Drive, Revere Road, Logging Trail Road and Silversmith Drive. Her attention to detail and hard work made these projects successful with minimal interruption to Unit Owners.

The Master Board thanks Bill Karten, Director Oaks Representative, for his service on the Master Board and we welcome Mary Boylan as the new representative from the Oaks.

Some routine reminders...

The next holiday that will impact trash pick-up will be Labor Day. That week the pickup will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

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 II – Bridge, Canasta, Computer, Poker, Mahjong and Sci-Fi Book Club.

The July Master Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 7:30 PM. The Open Session will begin immediately following the Executive Session which begins at 7:00 PM and ends at 7:30 PM. Let us know, one week in advance, if you would like to be placed on the agenda and the subject matter that you would like to cover.

If Kim or I can assist you in any way, please let us know. Kim's hours are approximately 7:30 AM until 2:30 PM. Her email address is <u>kmurray@rei-pm.net</u> and the on-site phone number is (203) 748-0859.

Sincerely,

Art Stueck - President REI Property and Asset Management

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