



December 18, 2017

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

Dear Unit Owners:

On behalf of the Master Board and REI, I wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy Healthy New Year in 2018!



As you know, we recently held the Annual Owners Meeting for ratification of the proposed 2018 budget. After Board presentation, and a question and answer session with the owners, the proposed 2018 budget was unanimously ratified. As a result, there will be a 5% increase in common charges.

New coupon books are in the process of being sent out to Unit Owners. Please do not send in your January payment until your 2018 coupon book has been received. Unlike in years past, late fees will not be waived in January since you will receive the new coupon books with enough time to be able to make your January payment on time.

From the Master Board

The Master Board thanks Mike Palica (Elms Representative), for his many years of valuable service on the Master Board and we welcome Maureen Dunkerton as the new representative from the Elms.



Dumpster for Christmas Tree Disposal



The Association is once again offering a disposal of Christmas trees special service for the exclusive use of its unit owners. A dumpster will be placed in the parking area at the top of Revere Road (across the street from the clubhouse). The dumpster will be dropped off on January 2nd and picked up on January 12th. If the dumpster is full before January 12th, it will be removed early. Please understand that no artificial Christmas trees will be accepted for disposal. Your formerly live trees, free of all decorations, will be welcome and accepted at the disposal site.



Trash Removal – 2018 Holiday Schedule

The trash and recycling removal service provider (Winter Brothers) has informed the Association that there will be no services on the following major Monday holidays in 2018. On these days, your trash will be picked up on the following day, Tuesday:

New Year's Day – pick up will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Memorial Day – pick up will be on Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

Labor Day – pick up will be on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

Holiday Decorations

The Board greatly appreciates the donation of time and work from the following unit owners: Carole & George Torro, Julia Brzezinska, Frances Revell, Norma Schlaeger and Claire Hines. We thank them for putting up the decorations at the entranceway to Sterling Woods and in our clubhouse. They look dignified and highlight the festive mood of the season!

A new Sterling Woods Club has been formed: Learning to Play Bridge Lessons

If you are interested in learning how to play Bridge, the first session (opening the bidding and the initial responses, rule of 20 will be discussed) will be held on January 8, 2018 at the Platinum clubhouse from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

Lessons focus on modern bridge basics. Any player who wants to learn or strengthen basic bidding and playing skills is welcome to attend. There are 16 sessions and since each workshop stands on its own, interested players can join the group at any time. For a listing of all lesson topics and dates, please see the flyer posted in the clubhouse entranceway or that will soon appear on the Association's website. Feel free to bring a friend, your partner or come alone.

If you have any questions, you can e-mail Georgeann at gkishner@comcast.net or contact Kim at the on-site office.

Some routine reminders...

We would like to remind Unit Owners that parking on the street is not allowed. Also, please do not park your car in the visitor's lot. Your cars should be parked in your driveway and in your garage. Also, please note that the snow removal vendor uses visitor parking areas during a storm for the temporary placement of snow. The availability of these areas is critical during a snow storm. Do NOT move your car from your driveway to the visitor's lot during a storm to make it "easier" for the vendor to clean your driveway. It actually hinders the snow removal effort and is a violation of the parking rules.

As I am sure you know, many residents enjoy walking in the community. If you walk on the road at night, we encourage you to wear reflective clothing or carry a form of illumination.

According to our Master Rules and Regulations document, holiday decorations are to be removed ten days after the holiday. Your cooperation in following this rule will be appreciated.

Out of respect for your neighbors, we again remind pet owners to be diligent in regards to curbing and picking up after your pets.

See the association website for 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, Sci-Fi Book Club and Bridge Lessons.

The January Master Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 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 kmurray@rei-pm.net and the on-site phone number is (203) 748-0859.

Sincerely,



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