



**May 21, 2020**  
**Sterling Woods II – Master Association**  
**Monthly Newsletter**  
**Website: [www.sterlingwoods2.org](http://www.sterlingwoods2.org)**

Dear Unit Owners:

We hope this newsletter finds you doing well as the health crisis continues. Attached you will find a very important letter with a COVID-19 update. Please remember if your unit is rented, please pass along relevant information to your tenants.

**Pool (and pool deck), Clubhouse (and fitness Center) and Playground**

As mandated by State Health directives, the pool (including the pool deck) and gym **must** remain closed until June 20, 2020. The clubhouse will also remain closed until further notice. As indicated previously, the pool is being treated to protect the water and equipment and so that it can be quickly opened when permissible and advisable. The furniture will remain in storage until that time.

Based on insurance and legal advice, in conjunction with and guidance from various Homeowner Association resources (as indicated in the attached COVID-19 update), the Board has determined that the playground also needs to be closed.

Opening dates of all these common community amenities will be announced when available as the Board and REI continue to monitor the government mandates and related association guidelines.

**Unit Owner Interaction with Vendors** – we would like to remind all owners that association service providers (i.e. snow removal, landscaper, trash removal, etc.) are not allowed to take direction from Unit Owners. If you have any issues or concerns, you must notify Kim Murray and she will assist you.

**Landscaping Report**

The Landscape Committee is teleconferencing every two weeks with its members and vendors. In addition, the Landscape Committee is using emails to communicate.

Reseeding work was completed on April 30<sup>th</sup>, plant replacements and large shrub removals were done on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Mowing and policing of SWII for trash is done weekly. Lawn Doctor will be putting down crabgrass pre-emergent on or around June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be applying Grub Control on or around July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Bartlett Tree, for safety concerns, removed the following trees this month: two purple plum trees damaged by weather conditions at 1905 and 1702 Bradford (both these trees will be replaced with crabapple trees since they are on front lawns). Also, in the rear of 1104 Bradford, two elms trees (in the preserved area) were removed because they both had Dutch Elm Disease and were in danger of falling and causing damage to the unit. Also, various foliage treatments on various trees and shrubs was started and continue throughout the summer.

### **June Board Meeting**

If you would like to join the Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> Sterling Woods Open Session Board meeting at 7:30 PM, which will be held via conference call, you can call (203) 666-8107 and then enter the conference ID number which is 504 715 74#. When you call in, you will be put into a “lobby” and when the meeting is ready to begin you will be “brought” into the meeting.

Please note - you will be muted during the meeting. But, you can listen in. If you have any questions you would like the Board to answer, you should e-mail your questions to Kim Murray at [kmurray@rei-pm.net](mailto:kmurray@rei-pm.net) prior to the meeting or call and leave a message for Kim at (203) 748-0859. Your questions will be addressed at the end of the Open Session meeting. The Board will also give you an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the meeting.

### **Some routine reminders...**

We have noticed gloves and wipes on the ground and in wood line areas around the community. Please properly dispose of any litter back at your home. I would like to remind residents to not discard their dog waste bags on association grounds.

The next holiday that will impact trash pickup is Memorial Day. That week, the pickup will be on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

If Kim or I can assist you in any way, please let us know. You can leave a message for her at (203) 748-0859 or e-mail her at [kmurray@rei-pm.net](mailto:kmurray@rei-pm.net) or if you have an emergency or need immediate assistance, you can call REI's main number 24/7 at (203) 744-8400 and hit 0.

Sincerely,



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