



**July 17, 2020**  
**Sterling Woods II – Master Association**  
**Monthly Newsletter**  
**Website: [www.sterlingwoods2.org](http://www.sterlingwoods2.org)**

Dear Unit Owners:

Below you will find various updates, news and reminders. Your attention to these matters is appreciated.

**Amenities Remain Closed**

The pool, clubhouse, gym and playground remain closed until further notice.

**Landscaping Report**

Eastern View completed the first of two shrub prunings for the season. The final pruning will be in September. Mowing and policing of SWII for trash is done weekly.

Lawn Doctor's fourth lawn application will take place either in late August or early September depending on weather conditions. The application will be fertilizer applied to all turf areas. The majority of the application will be granular with liquid to be used on small areas and slopes. Broadleaf weed control to be sprayed as needed throughout SWII. Liquid post emergent of crabgrass to be spot sprayed on or in between visits. Lawn Doctor has noticed heat stress (yellow and brown spotted areas) throughout SWII, but with weather conditions improving (rain), this condition will improve and the lawns will recover from the heat stress.

Bartlett Tree continues pruning trees throughout SWII. Due to weather conditions and the maturing of many species of trees throughout SWII, there have been increased requests for pruning. The costs of which are going beyond our Bartlett contract and the extras budget the Master Board approved for the Landscape Committee. Bartlett is working on a plan to deal with these increased pruning requests. Bartlett's upcoming contract will reflect these additional costs as well as the Landscape Committee's requested extras budget for 2021. In addition, the Landscape Committee is requesting Bartlett to do restoration pruning of large shrubs on sides and other areas of about 138 houses and units. These tree-like shrubs are encroaching on gutters and roofs. Many of these overgrown shrubs are magnolias and are on Logging Trail Road and Silversmith Drive. Bartlett has the equipment and expertise to prune these huge overgrown tree-like shrubs that our landscaper vendor does not. We hope to have this work done this year. Continuing is the inspection for damage from insects, mite pests, diseases and other cultural problems to ornamental trees and shrubs (located at the fronts and sides of units,) through 9/26/20. Where needed treatments will be done.

### **Maintenance Update**

The power washing of buildings and decks and deck staining on Hancock Drive has been completed and this same work is almost completed on Revere Road. The contractor will be starting this work in the Birches on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and the work is expected to be completed in the Birches around August 20<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. The unit owners will receive a note at their Unit three days in advance letting them know when the work will be done at their unit.

### **August Board Meeting**

If you would like to join the Wednesday, August 19<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 408 683 063#. 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...**

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Please do not feed wild animals on community grounds (for example - the wild turkeys).

See the Association’s website for meeting minutes. Newsletters are also posted on the website under Property Manger/Newsletters. The Board Minutes and the budget are posted on the website and are password protected. Please see Kim for the password.

The next holiday that will impact trash pickup is Labor Day. That week, the pickup will be on Tuesday, September 8, 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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