



(Photo submitted by Anne Holland)

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

Dear Unit Owners:

The Master Board and REI wish you an enjoyable Labor Day Weekend. Below are operational highlights here at Sterling Woods...

Pool Closing

The last day the pool will be opened for swimming will be on Sunday, September 12th. The Board will monitor the weather and, if the closing date gets extended, a notice will be emailed to the community and signs will be posted at the clubhouse.

Note: Per City of Danbury directive, effective Sunday August 15th, **masks must be worn by all**, regardless of vaccination status, in the downstairs hallways and bathrooms.

Amenity Update

Due to another surge in COVID-19 infections within the non-vaccinated population, the upper/main level of the clubhouse and the fitness center will remain closed. You will be notified once the board decides to open these other amenities.

Tropical Storm Henri

Thanks to all of the unit owner volunteers that were at the pool on Saturday, August 21st and banded together to assist with removing, stacking and securing the pool furniture in anticipation of the storm.



Maintenance Work

The power washing of buildings and decks and deck staining on Pinnacle Way and Cypress Drive has been completed.

The new playground is being delivered on or around August 30th and the installation will begin shortly thereafter.

The following work has been approved and will be done in the near future:

- The guardrail in the entranceway will be stained.
- Miscellaneous painting work was approved (list generated by the Maintenance Committee and includes painting certain columns, doorframes, etc.). Some lampposts will also be painted.
- Asphalt crack filling will be done on Silversmith Drive and certain areas on other roads in the community too. There will also be some asphalt repairs done in the community and on the access road off of Revere Road.

The Board is reviewing concrete repair/replacement and caulking bids received and meeting with contractors to discuss this work.

Landscaping Report

The Landscaping Committee has begun our fall shrub inspection in all the villages. The purpose of the shrub inspections is to remove and replace dead and dying shrubs. Shrub inspections are done in the spring and the fall of every year. In the spring, we also remove and replace large overgrown shrubs (blocking windows, garages, gutters, siding, and end units' stone walls). To be put on the list for removal and replacement of large overgrown shrubs (which is done in the spring), please contact Kim Murray from REI. Fall reseeding work is scheduled between the middle of September until early October.

The Committee would like to remind residents to be careful when walking or walking their pets not to walk over the begonias (the flowers) on the Silversmith Drive medians. We would like to keep the flowers on the medians as long as possible.

Bartlett Tree Experts continues pruning of trees throughout Sterling Woods II. Every year, in our contract with Bartlett, one-third of all the trees are pruned. There are summer and winter prunings. However, weather conditions this year have accelerated tree growth, and in turn, we have had many requests beyond the one third number to be pruned. We are spending extra money outside of the contract to meet as many of these pruning requests as we can.

The last of four monitor treatments of trees and shrubs, where needed, at the fronts and sides of units/houses for insect & mite pests, diseases and cultural problems that could impact plant health is scheduled between August 30th - September 25th.

Our final lawn application No. 5 is scheduled for late September/early October. This application is winter fertilize in a blanket application to all turf areas. The majority will be granular with liquid used on small areas and slopes. This year, lime will be applied to the entire property. Liming is done every other year.

Political Sign Policy

Only one political sign - regarding candidates for election (town/city, state or federal) or political issues such as budgets, town/city rule/law changes - is allowed to be displayed at each unit. Signs are allowed to be displayed 14 days in advance of voting/election matters. Signs must be removed within 48 hours of the vote/election. Signs must be no bigger than 2'x 2'. Signs cannot be placed on the common or limited common elements (example: on steps, in driveway, on front lawn). Signs may be displayed inside a Unit window only.

September Board Meeting

If you would like to join the Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 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 702 075 237#. 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. However, 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 a week prior to the meeting. Your questions will be addressed at the end of the Open Session Board Meeting. The Board will also give you an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the meeting.

Some routine reminders...

We would like to remind all owners that dryer vents should be cleaned out at least once per calendar year. REI does offer this service. Unit Owners can contact Carl Webster at (203) 744-8400 ext. 131 or via e-mail at cwebster@rei-pm.net for more information regarding this service.

Smoke detectors should be tested every six months and batteries should be replaced in your smoke detectors at least once every calendar year (or as recommended by the manufacturer of the unit). Unit Owners should replace their smoke detectors every 10 years (or as recommended by the manufacturer of the installed unit). Remember to also change the batteries in your thermostats.

Please note that you can put your garbage containers at curbside for pickup either after dark on the night before pickup or on same day as pickup. Your garbage containers should be brought inside your Unit the same day as the pickup. Garbage containers should be stored inside your Unit.

Please make sure that you secure your garbage and recycling to prevent debris from blowing out of your containers due to windy conditions. Your garbage can should have a tight-fitting lid on it.

The fall dumpster day will be held on Saturday, October 23rd. More details will be sent as we get closer to this date.

The next holiday that will impact trash pickup is Labor Day. That week, the pickup will be on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

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 or she can be reached at (203) 744-8400, ext. 153. If you have an emergency, call (203) 744-8400 and hit 0.

Sincerely,



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