



(Photo submitted by Anne Holland)

**September 17, 2021**  
**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.

**Pool Closing**

The last day the pool will be opened for swimming will be on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>, **masks must be worn by all**, regardless of vaccination status, when in the downstairs hallways and bathrooms of the clubhouse.



**Dumpster Day**

The spring dumpster day has been scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2021. The dumpsters will be available to residents from **6:00 AM until 1:00 PM** (unless they are filled earlier). Note – the time range is different than past dumpster days. The dumpsters will be in the parking spaces by the playground. There will be a monitor at the dumpsters while they are on site. The role of the monitor is to catch non-residents attempting to dump at SW2, prevent dumping on the ground and not in the containers and to prevent inappropriate materials from being dumped.

Items not allowed include hazardous wastes (gasoline, oil, propane, paints, Freon, etc...), AC units, car tires, brush and tree stumps, rocks, cement, and car batteries. If you are going to dump lawn mowers or other such equipment, they must be drained of all oil and fuel. **You must have proper proof of identification and SW2 residency with you.**

**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.

## **New Playground**



The new playground has been installed. The Board would like to thank Valerie Dawson, Mary Boylan and Maureen Dunkerton for getting this project completed. We have heard from many owners saying they love the new playground and from the smiles in the pictures above it sure does look like the kids do too!



## **Maintenance Work**

Caulking work (mostly on front steps), concrete repairs/concrete replacement and replacing four pre-cast steps is scheduled to begin at the end of September. Miscellaneous painting work (certain columns, doorframes, etc.) will be done in the near future. This work is generated from the Maintenance Committee's spring walk around.

## **Landscaping Report**

Fall aeration, reseeding lawn work and shrub replacements are scheduled for late September or early October. Shrub replacements are compiled from a list made by the Landscape Committee who does a personal inspection of each village. Dead and dying shrubs are replaced and some overgrown shrubs are replaced each season. Overgrown shrubs can grow above windows, gutters and touch siding, and in some cases, cause insect infestation. Unit owners should let Kim know if they want to be put on the spring list to remove and replace overgrown shrubs. Also, when shrub replacements occur, mums will be planted in the entranceway and along the SWII clubhouse.

Pruning of trees will continue throughout the winter. Because of weather conditions, planting of some replacement trees, in front of units was delayed and should be done late September or early October.

However, other tree removals, that do not present safety concerns, will be removed during winter work and, if needed, be replaced in the spring. The final monitor treatment of designated trees and shrubs at the fronts and sides of units/houses for diseases and cultural problems will be completed by September 25<sup>th</sup>. Deer repellent treatments are applied in the spring and fall to certain shrubs, e.g., arborvitae. The fall treatment is scheduled to be applied sometime between October 18<sup>th</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our final lawn application No. 5 is scheduled for the last week of September or the first week of October, weather permitting. This application is winter fertilizer 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.

### **October Board Meeting**

If you would like to join the Wednesday, October 20, 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 947 483 036#. 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](mailto: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...**

The December Owners and Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Additional information regarding these meetings will be sent to you as we get closer to the meeting.

**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.

Please clean out any papers or debris in your newspaper slot in the mail stations.

There will be no delayed trash pickups for the remainder of the year.

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](mailto: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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