



(Photo submitted by Anne Holland)

**July 26, 2023**

## **Sterling Woods II – Master Association Monthly Newsletter**

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Dear Unit Owners:

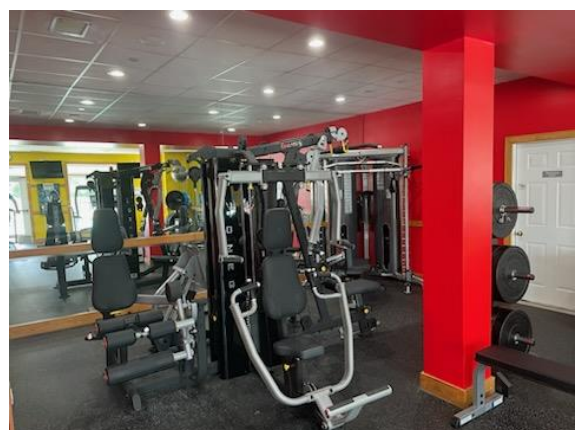
Below you will find various updates, news, and reminders. Your attention to these matters is appreciated.

### **Maintenance Updates**

- The roofs and gutters are currently being replaced on Revere Road.
- The power washing and deck staining work is almost completed on Logging Trail Road and Silversmith Drive. The contractor will move on to Hancock Drive towards the end of the week of July 24<sup>th</sup> or the week of July 31<sup>st</sup> weather permitting. After this work on Hancock Drive is done, this same work will be done on Revere Road.
- The pool pump was replaced.
- The board approved replacing 70 pre-cast steps at various units. This work has begun. If your unit is getting your steps replaced, you will receive notice from the contractor prior to the work being done and you may see Call Before You Dig at your unit marking the area as this is required.
- Front metal handrails will be painted in the Willows and Summit Villages in August. At this time, the contractor has not provided the date this work will start.

### **Fitness Center Update**

The new fitness center equipment has been delivered, new TVs were installed in the fitness center and the fitness center was painted.





## **FITNESS CENTER: New Fitness Center Equipment Complimentary Training Session – August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Please join us for a 1- hour complimentary tutorial of the new fitness equipment located at the Sterling Woods Fitness Center on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. provided by Brian Lederman, owner of Dendron Training.

A second training session will also be held but at this time, we do not have the date of the second training session.

## **Surplus Equipment from the Gym Replacement Project**



As a result of the gym upgrade project, the committee retained a few items that were deemed to be of possible value to unit owners: 3 HD Samsung 25-inch TVs with associated wall mounts, a set of dumbbells from 2 lbs. - 30 lbs. (2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30 lbs.) and an abdominal muscle chair. These are being made available to any unit owner who wants them. If you have any interest in any of these items, please let Kim know which item(s) by August 18<sup>th</sup>. If there are more requests than we have items, a simple lottery for the items will be conducted. Please contact Kim with any questions.

## **A new club has been formed – Advanced Duplicate Bridge Group**

A new club has been formed – Advanced Duplicate Bridge Group. This club will meet every other Monday night in the card room in the clubhouse from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. starting on July 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information or if you have any questions, you can e-mail Barbara Milne at [barbarammi@comcast.net](mailto:barbarammi@comcast.net).



**Fall Dumpster Day** - the association has arranged for the fall dumpster day program – it will be held on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. More details will be provided as we get closer to the date.



**The July Landscaping Report is attached.**

## **Political Sign Policy Reminder**

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.

## **August Board Meeting**

The next board meeting is Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. It will be held in person at the clubhouse, or you can attend electronically. If you choose to attend electronically, call (203) 666-8107 and then enter the conference ID number which is 456 693 764 #. 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 – if you join via conference call, 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. The board also gives those in attendance either in person or via conference call an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the meeting.

**Some routine reminders...**

The next holiday that will impact trash pickup is Labor Day. That week, the pickup will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

The Maintenance Standards state Unit Owners shall have the gas fireplace in their unit cleaned and serviced every five years. If your fireplace is due to be cleaned and serviced, it is recommended to do so before the cold months arrive as it is much more difficult to get an appointment during the cold months.

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, you can call 203-744-8400 and hit zero.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Art Stueck', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Art Stueck  
President  
REI Property and Asset Management

Attachment

## LANDSCAPE REPORT

### JULY 2023

The landscape committee (LC) wants to remind unit owners that the Landscape Regulations allow for six potted plants to be kept in front of their units and each potted plant is not to exceed 24 inches in height. Any number above the allowed six potted plants should be put in the back of the unit, that is, on the patio area or on the deck.

Trimming of shrubs throughout SWII is done twice a year. If you have recently moved to SWII, and want your shrubs trimmed when they are done in June and September, please check with Kim to make sure your unit is not on the “No Prune List”. Previous unit owners do not always inform us that they are moving and tell us to remove their unit from the “No Prune” list.

**Gonzalez Landscaping** - After undergoing drought conditions, we are now experiencing rainy conditions, which have caused some delays in scheduled landscaping work such as weeding and trimming of shrubs. The landscapers are working to resume scheduled work as soon as possible. Normally, Thursday is the day of the week when landscaping services are performed, however, when a holiday occurs during that week, Friday is the day when landscaping services are performed. Policing of trash continues on a weekly basis.

**Bartlett Tree** - All of the following foliage treatments have been completed: on blue spruce trees to help suppress needle cast disease and on ornamental trees to help suppress scab, rust and anthracnose. Bartlett also in April, June, July and September inspects and treats plants throughout SWII such as boxwoods, ilex, privet, cotoneaster, arborvitae and other ornamental shrub for insect and pests diseases and cultural problems that could impact health.

**Lawn Doctor** - Because of the humidity and rain/heat combination we have seen red thread on some lawns. Red thread on turf grasses appears as small bleached to light pink or red patches. The leaf tips or margins may be covered with fine pink to red threads, giving the turf an overall pink coloration. The nitrogen in the next fertilizer application should help push out the red thread. It is not harmful and will go away. The next lawn application is scheduled for July 25, 2023, weather permitting, and will be fertilizer, broadleaf weed control and a blanket preventative insect control targeting first generation chinch bugs but also helps reduce ticks in lawn areas.