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

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 Cypress Drive. The contractor expects this work to be completed by mid-August weather permitting.
- The power washing and deck staining work has been completed on Pinnacle Way. The contractor has started the power washing and deck staining work on Cypress Drive.
- 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.).



Fall Dumpster Day - the association has arranged for the fall dumpster day program – it will be held on Saturday, October 19th. More details will be provided as we get closer to the date.



The July Landscaping Report is attached.

Note from the Landscaping Committee regarding planting in common areas:

There have been two instances on Pinnacle Way where Unit Owners have put plantings in common areas. Plantings in common areas are determined by the Landscape Committee only. No unit owners should take it upon themselves to put plantings in common areas. Any unauthorized plantings may be removed by our landscapers and charged to the responsible unit owner.

New Club – Bridge Club on Thursdays

A new bridge club has been formed. They will be gathering on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. They will meet every Thursday starting on August 1st. The contact for this club is Lucille Melian. If you are interested in joining this club, you can e-mail Lucille at lucille.melian@gmail.com.

August Board Meeting –

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 21st 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 156 560 624#. 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 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 general, simple informational questions at the end of the meeting. Unit Owners with more substantive questions or comments may be directed to ask to be put on the agenda to speak formally at the next board meeting.

Some routine reminders.....

The next holiday that will impact trash pickup is Labor Day. That week, the pickup will be on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

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 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,



Art Stueck
President
REI Property and Asset Management

Attachment

JULY 2024 LANDSCAPE REPORT

The Landscape Committee (LC) wants to remind residents that we will be doing our fall shrub inspection sometime in late August or early September. Please let Kim Murray from REI know if you have a dead or dying shrubs and want a replacement for it and the LC will check it out. Also let her know if your lawn has bald spots and needs reseeding work in the fall so we can add it to our fall reseeding list.

Gonzalez Landscaping. Trimming or pruning of shrubs took place the last week of June. Our next trimming will take place in the fall, that is, late September or early October. All shrubs must be trimmed to keep SWII looking neat and well kept. Mowing, weeding and policing of trash is done on a weekly basis.

Bartlett Tree. Most of the Bartlett contracted services have been done. We have been getting requests for extra pruning (which is an extra expense not covered in the contract). Because of budgetary constraints, we will honor as many requests as we can. However, the trimming we cannot get to, we will have them done in the winter (Jan./Feb.) and billed in 2025. Just a reminder contracted winter pruning work includes: 110 maples from the center island dividing Silversmith, from the entrance to the water tower access rd. and trees (69 maples and 96 pears) on the left side of the development (Heartwood, Logging Trail, Silversmith, and Cypress).

Lawn Doctor. The third lawn application, which included grub control, a 90-day fertilizer and broadleaf weed control, was applied on July 2, 2024. The next application is scheduled for some time in August.