

**Walden Woods Conservancy  
Committee Reports  
May 2017**

**Community Garden:**

#1, Only 2 residents applied for plots this year before the May 17th deadline. The remaining 4 plots have been paid for by returning gardeners.

#2. Garden season 2017 is looking great. Plots are growing many kinds of produce and we look forward to a great harvest.

#3. The 3 large community planters have been stolen from in front of the garden gate.

**Communications:**

Preliminary discussions have taken place with our website developer about making our website interactive for two functions:

- a: Submitting and tracking AAIs on line
- b. Submitting and tracking issue and request for property repair reports on line.

Committee will be asking the board for approval to pursue further.

**Documents:**

Documents Committee is submitting the proposed rule that is attached.

**Environmental:**

The Environmental Committee is gearing up to spray a few areas on the walking trails for poison ivy. This is a yearly issue but we've made great progress in eliminating a good portion of the poison ivy in the last few years. On-going trail inspection as well as pond inspection is going on.

More involved projects like staining the staircase on the Marble Faun Cul-de-sac and small wooden platform on the blue trail will take place when weather permits.

**Meeting House:**

The faded signs regarding event parking have been removed from the posts on either side of the Meeting House.

As the MH parking has never been chained off, the two outside posts at the entrance to the parking area will be removed. They are a hindrance to the mowing.

**Rec & Social Committee:**

We briefly discussed the events we put on, community interest, and the manpower needed to run these.

- Given the small numbers who attend the Soup-er Bowl party, we will no longer run this event – at least for the foreseeable future.
- Roland will reach out to the previous organizers of the Diwalhi party to see if they will run this again this year. With the exception of a budget that the Rec & Social Committee provides for this event, it is entirely run by the Indian community within Walden Woods.

- Regarding an adults-only party at the pool with music provided by Ken Forrester and other musicians within our community, the committee decided this might be a bit aggressive for us, especially with the challenge of seeking out interested musicians. So we decided to scale this back and simply plan an event with the following format:
  - Music will be provided via CD, Pandora or some other resource using a speaker system. Dick may have a system we can use.
  - Event will be BYOB.
  - Attendees will be asked to bring snacks that everyone can share.
  - Rec & Social Committee will provide setups and a large party pizza.
  - Event will be scheduled for July 22 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
  - Roland will contact Marco, who attends the pool, to see if he can close up at 9:00 that evening rather than the usual 8:00.
  - The community will be contacted prior to the event to let them know that the general pool hours for that day will end at 5:30 to allow for event setup.
  - Lynne volunteered to chair this first event, with support from the rest of the team, as usual.
- Wine Tasting at Brignole Vineyards
  - Lynne still needs to follow up with them.
  - Considering a Sunday afternoon in September.
- Olive oil tasting event at Olive a Little
  - Shayne still need to follow up with Olive a Little – probably closer to the event, tentatively scheduled for some time late October.

Other notes:

- Monthly Rec & Social Committee meetings will be moved to start at 7:15, allowing time for the yoga class to wrap up before we start. Roland will tell Peter to change this on the Walden Woods calendar.
- Dick suggested that we consider purchasing another easier to use pop-up tent if we have enough money in the budget. We could also use a couple of coolers. We will revisit this after we see how close we came to our pool party budget after the event.
- Roland announced that he will be leaving the Rec & Social Committee following the Memorial Day Pool Party event. This resulted in a conversation regarding the scarcity of people resources for this committee (there would only be 4 active members left) and the labor required to run many of the events sponsored by this committee. Rather than extend the length of this e-mail with the details of this discussion, I will send out a separate e-mail specifically around this topic.

Regarding the pool opening party:

- Roland will remind Jason at Dom's that he should cut back on the salad quantity, since we always have a lot left over. He will also ask Jason to bring along extra veggie burgers, since we ran out last year due to a few people changing their choice at the last minute.
- We will keep the price the same as last year: \$6. Roland did increase the budget for this event this year to cover for more people, as we had last year.

- As usual, we will include a request for volunteer help both on the flyer and also in Peter's note that he sends to the community. I will send the flyer to Peter this afternoon.

I believe that's it. The chart below has all of the details we agreed to. If I have anything wrong or missing, let me know.

**Standards:**

**Welcome:**

April 20, 2017 to May 23, 2017

Welcome Letters Sent: 6

- 1 Duplex (Owner)
- 1 Townhome (Renter)
- 3 Village (2 Owners, 1 Renter)
- 1 Woodmoor (Owner)

Visits: 3

- 2 Townhome (Renters)
- 1 Woodmoor (Owner)

Visits to be Made: 7

- 2 Duplex (Owners)
- 1 Townhome (Renters)
- 3 Village (2 Owners, 1 Renter)
- 1 Woodmoor (Renter)