



Any day now

Walden Woods News

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WALDEN WOODS NEWS is a monthly publication produced and distributed by homeowner volunteers for the edification and enjoyment of all Walden Woods homeowners. Questions, ideas and news contributions may be submitted to any member of the Communication Committee: Bob or Polly Ellis (688-5949), or Ruth Johnson (688-5128),

The things that come to those who wait will be the things left by those who got there first.

EARTH DAY IN WALDEN WOODS- April 22nd

Mark it down on your calendar or put another post-it on the fridge. Our Environmental Committee, headed by Warren Johnson, is inviting all homeowners to participate in a community-wide Earth Day “party” on Sunday, April 22nd to remove trash and debris along Walden Meadow Road and the hiking trails (*see related article on page 4*). The clean-up effort will be conducted in conjunction with the town of Windsor which will provide trash bags and gloves to assist in the clean up and will pick up the bags afterward. The objective is to improve our aesthetics and help us to become a community more aware of and concerned with our environment.

The party will start at noon down by the Walden Pond dam on Walden Meadow Road and should last about two hours. Weather permitting, there will be grinders, soft drinks, trash bags and work gloves at the dam for all volunteers. A coat and tie for this party is not required, but volunteers should wear long pants and long sleeve shirts because there is some poison ivy in the woods. Boots or sturdy footwear are also recommended

If you and/or your family would like to participate, please contact Warren at 688-5128 or warrenruth@comcast.net. Our thanks to Warren and his committee. This is a great opportunity for everyone to make a direct contribution toward making Walden Woods a nicer place to live.



2007 CONSERVANCY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS STATUS REPORT SUMMARY

PROJECT	COST	STATUS
Pool Area Grill Replacement	\$1,200	On back burner (pun intended)
Cabana Door Repair	\$3,000	Completed
Cabana Stall Painting	\$1,500	Completed
Pool Fencing Replacement	\$9,598	Active; should be completed by mid-May.
Tennis Court Screen (new)	\$400	Not yet ordered.
Bridge Railing Replacement	\$8,352	Completed
Meeting House Vinyl Siding	\$26,400	Started Apr 9 th ; should be completed in 3-4 weeks
Meeting House Roof Replacement	\$12,000	Completed

WELCOME COMMITTEE ADJUSTS TO NEW CHALLENGE

Faced with an influx of new Duplex and Townhome homeowners in Walden Woods, our understaffed Welcome Committee, headed by Janet Terkildsen, has had to improvise. Normally, a "team" of two volunteers will visit each new homeowner, cookies and documentation in hand, soon after the new homeowner moves in. The objective is to ensure each new homeowner not only feels welcome in their new environment but feels more comfortable with an awareness of the amenities available, the rules and regulations, how we're governed and who to call for help.

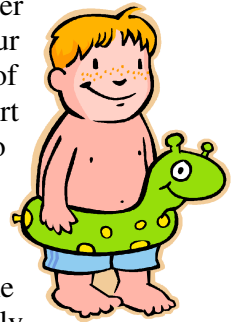


Among Country Walk newcomers recently "welcomed" are: (l-r) Carol Chong, Dianne Timpson, Lisa Hebert-Losier and Desiree Hennessey

With so many new Country Walk homeowners, however, the logistics of arranging, coordinating and conducting these individual visits on a timely basis becomes difficult. To resolve the problem, the committee now invites all new Duplex and Townhome homeowners to a group presentation at the Meeting House on a monthly basis. Conducted by committee members in an informal "fire-side chat" format, the meetings are well attended and provide the same cookies, hospitality and information as the individual visits –with a side benefit of introducing the new neighbors to each other. Continuation of these monthly meetings will depend upon the need. A May meeting is already planned.

POOL ATTENDANTS NEEDED

It's a little hard to get in the summer mood when we're all still wearing our winter jammies, but the opening of the swimming pool is just six short weeks away and we need to hire two Pool Attendants: one full timer to work during the week from 10 – 6 and one part timer to work the same hours on the weekend. The Attendant's duties, while not terribly complex, are critical:



1. Unlock the gate to the pool at 10:00 AM
2. Check the chlorine level of the pool once a day.
3. Verify the Walden Woods residency of people entering the pool area.
4. Monitor improper behavior
5. Lock the gate to the pool at 6:00 PM if not in use.

For these few tasks, the Pool Attendant is financially compensated and he or she gets to meet some nice people while relaxing and getting a nice tan. **This is not a life guard position.**

If you know of a responsible individual, 18 years or older, who may be interested in making a commitment to filling either position, please have them **contact Alyssa McAllister at Elite Management, 1-860-678-8300, x 18.**

SNOW PLOW DAMAGE

If you've taken a walk around the community, you've probably noticed a good amount of damage to the sod, curbing and sidewalks caused by snow removal equipment this year – especially after the last (hopefully) March storm. Never fear; all will be repaired at no expense by Russo Landscaping, our righteous and honorable snow removal and landscape contractor.



FOR THOSE OF YOU THINKING ABOUT MAKING AN EXTERNAL CHANGE TO YOUR PROPERTY, PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE AN "AAI" FORM (COPY ENCLOSED) AND SUBMIT IT TO ELITE MANAGEMENT FOR APPROVAL **BEFORE** MAKING THE CHANGE.

TAX TIME



To pay proper respect to the 100th anniversary of the 16th Amendment, we're listing the taxes that have been "bestowed" upon us during the last 100 years:

Accounts Receivable Tax
 Building Permit Tax Commercial Drivers License Tax
 Cigarette Tax Corporate Income Tax Dog License Tax
 Federal Income Tax Federal Unemployment Tax Fishing License Tax
 Food License Tax, Fuel Permit Tax Gasoline Tax Hunting License Tax
 Inheritance Tax Inventory Tax Liquor Tax Luxury Taxes
 Marriage License Tax Medicare Tax Property Tax Real Estate Tax
 Service Charge Taxes Social Security Tax Road Usage Taxes
 Sales Tax Recreational Vehicle Tax School Tax State Income Tax
 State Unemployment Tax Telephone Federal Excise Tax Telephone
 Federal Universal Service Fee Tax Telephone Federal, State And Local
 Surcharge Taxes Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge Tax
 Telephone Recurring And Non-Recurring Charges Tax Telephone
 State And Local Tax Telephone Usage Charge Tax Utility Taxes
 Vehicle License Registration Tax Vehicle Sales Tax Watercraft
 Registration Tax Well Permit Tax and Workers Compensation Tax

And if that makes you shake your head, you should also know that 100 years ago, we had absolutely no national debt.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

The shinbone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

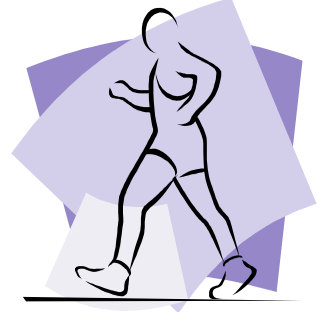
SOCIAL COMMITTEE ACTIVE

It's hard to believe that until just three years ago, Walden Woods did not have one social event to bring homeowners together and help develop the spirit of a real community. When homeowners took control of the association in 2004 after 12 years of developer control, one of the first things we did (after electing our Board of Directors) was to establish the Recreation and Social Committee.

And haven't they done a good job? The committee, headed by Jan Moller, just finished coordinating their third annual Great Egg Hunt Party (*see photos on page 4*) and are already making plans for more events:

Memorial Day Pool Party: Our third annual Pool Party is scheduled for Monday, May 28th. Generally the most popular event of the year, this year's party will not disappoint anyone. Good food, excellent weather (guaranteed) and activities for the kids will blend nicely with a lot of socializing with friends and neighbors. Details are coming.

Walden Woods Walk: The first annual walk will take place on Sunday, June 24th. Tentative plans are for participants to meet at the Meeting House where maps of optional paths through the community and the new hiking trails will be handed out. After the approximately one hour walk, everyone will meet back at the Meeting House for snacks and bragging or complaining. No charge for this event, but participants will be asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Windsor Food Bank. Invitations containing specific information will be delivered in time for everyone to go out and buy new sweat bands.



Golf Outing: With so many new homeowners moving in, we're expecting to have an even bigger and more enjoyable golf outing this year. Scheduled for Sunday, September 16th at The Traditions Golf Course here in Windsor, the outing will again be an 18 hole event. The format will be a scramble type tournament between foursomes arranged by individual average scores to enable balanced competition for fun and prizes. September seems a long way off, but the golf committee needs to get an idea of the number of golfers for effective planning. Anyone who is interested in participating (men or women) should contact Bob Ellis at 688-5949 or Barry Towers at 298-9050.

HIKING TRAILS OPEN



With the installation of brand new signs to mark their entrance, the hiking trails are now open this year for use by all Walden Woods homeowners. The "Blue Trail" is about 1/2 mile long and begins on Walden Meadow Road just behind the second pillar at the Marshall Phelps entrance to Walden Woods. The trail runs along the woods at the edge of the flower field and then turns right into the woods and towards the large pond where it meets up with the "Yellow Trail". The Blue Trail is in good shape except

for some springtime mud for about forty feet near vernal pool #2. Hikers should wear boots for at least the next several weeks. Hikers continuing on the Blue Trail will exit at Last Leaf Circle.

The "Yellow Trail" entrance is near the Dam. This 1/3 mile trail is in good shape and intersects the Blue Trail, where hikers can turn left toward Marshall Phelps Road or Right toward Last Leaf Circle



COMINGS AND GOINGS

103 Knollwood South:

Goodbye Pennie and Charles Campbell

Hello Joanne Leboeuf & Dorothy Steiner

331 Mercer Lane:

Goodbye Kimberley & Ricardo Rodriguez

Hello William Heath

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 22 Earth Day Cleanup: meet at Walden
12 – 2PM Pond Dam. Contact Warren Johnson,
688-5128 or warrenruth@comcast.net

Mon, Apr 23 Village Council Board Meeting at the
@ 7:00 Meeting House

Wed, Apr 25 Conservancy Board Meeting at the
@ 7:00 Meeting House

EGG HUNT PARTY

Thanks to Social Committee members Sandra Baker, Joyce and Dick Armstrong, Jan Moller and his two daughters Hannah and Charlotte for coordinating another successful Great Egg Hunt on March 31st. And thanks to all the egg hunters and their helpful parents for making sure all the games were played, the hot chocolate drunk and not a single egg was left behind.



Jan & Hannah Moller



Sarah, Jonathon, Genevieve (Mom) & Emily Lattimer



"Junior" & Tameka Walker