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# WALDEN WOODS NEWS

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## Community Garden

If you drive down Lochview or Jacobi Drive you will notice that a large fenced area has been set aside adjacent to the ball field. Next spring, this area will be transformed into the Walden Woods Community Garden. There will be 30 garden plots available for a nominal fee to residents. Any Walden Woods residents interested in one of the spaces will submit their name into a lottery. If you are among the lucky ones selected in the lottery, you will be able to grow and maintain your own garden in a sunny spot!

## Meeting House Update

The Meeting House Committee has elected a new Chairperson, Alana Herrick. Alana recently reported that gardens around the Meeting House have been updated and the patio area has also been repaired. Painting projects are also being planned for later this year to refresh and renew this community gathering place.

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To submit information, photographs or articles for inclusion in our newsletter please contact Communications Committee member,  
Genevieve Lattimer  
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Conservancy Board Meetings are held at 7:00\* p.m. on the last Wednesday of every month at the Meeting House. All homeowners are invited to attend.

\*Please note new meeting time!!

## Terrific Tag Sale Day

A huge thanks to everyone who participated in our annual Neighborhood Tag Sale, held this year on June 11. The weather held up perfectly, more than 34 families participated, and hundreds of shoppers came through our streets. Former Conservancy Board Member Marian Farley said, "The tag sale seemed to be an overwhelming success."

In addition, after expenses were paid, the proceeds from the annual tag sale were donated to the Windsor Food Bank – so even our broader community benefitted from our efforts!

## Windsor Food Bank

Windsor's Social Services department has recently announced that the Food Bank pantry is depleted. More and more needy families are coming to them for assistance and current donations cannot keep up with the demand. Walden Woods' Social Committee will be conducting a food drive on October 1. Please read the fliers when they are e-mailed and consider participating. It's easy to help!



*Some of our young residents enjoy the pool.*

## CHANGES TO POOL RULES

At a recent Conservancy Board meeting, the issue of modifying the pool rules was once again discussed. This issue brings up a variety of opinions and concerns. If you have comments on the subject that you would like to share for consideration, please contact Jeff Byers at Elite Property Management (jeff@elitepm.com) or your Council's representative on the Board.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to mark your calendar!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18  
NEW RESIDENT WELCOME MEETING  
2:00 P.M.  
The Meeting House

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1  
ANNUAL FALL FOOD DRIVE  
Volunteers will pick up donations right at your door!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5  
GAME NIGHT  
6:30 P.M.  
The Meeting House

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3  
HOLIDAY PARTY - ADULTS  
The Meeting House

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4  
HOLIDAY PARTY - CHILDREN  
The Meeting House

## ASSISTANCE NEEDED...

There are currently two vacant spots on the Conservancy Board (one opening in the Duplexes, one in the Townhomes).

Additionally, the Conservancy Board is looking for a Secretary to take notes and publish minutes of their meetings. If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, please contact Conservancy Board President, Barry Towers (860-298-9050).

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*I never get tired of the blue sky.  
~Vincent van Gogh*

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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE INFO

Once again, the weather cooperated for a summer Social Committee event. Approximately 50 adults and children participated in the August 20 Ice Cream Social at the pool.

Kids of all ages competed in noodle races in the pool, sack and three-legged races on the lawn, and a hula hoop contest. Our beautiful grounds provided a lovely setting for enjoying ice cream and visiting with neighbors.

Keep in mind that the pool is closing for the season on Sunday, September 18. We all hope that you will enjoy the last few weeks of summer at the pool!

## GREAT POND VILLAGE

Several Walden Woods residents attended an informational meeting this summer facilitated by the Town Manager and developers of Great Pond Village. This is a long-term project that is slated for the expansive former Combustion Engineering property on Day Hill Road. The developer is proposing an area mixed with residential and commercial properties – everything from apartments targeted to young professionals to very upscale single-family homes.

The Town of Windsor is involved in extensive planning right now and will continue to hold community forums on the financial and development aspects as the project moves forward. If you would like more information or to see dates and times of future meetings, please visit [www.greatpondinwindsor.com](http://www.greatpondinwindsor.com).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you know, volunteers are a big part of what keeps Walden Woods running efficiently, looking great and reduces costs. Please consider sharing your time and talents with your neighbors.

Some groups that are currently operating and may be of interest to you include, current *ad hoc* committees - Boundary Committee, Community Garden Committee, Deck Committee, and Landscaping Expense Committee.

Additionally, this summer many residents also expressed interest in exploring the feasibility of adding a playground to Walden Woods. Please consider volunteering to join this group, as well.

Contact Genevieve Lattimer ([Genevieve.Lattimer@comcast.net](mailto:Genevieve.Lattimer@comcast.net)) with your interest and she will forward your response to the appropriate committee lead.

WALDEN WOODS IS HOME TO  
MANY PETS AND CHILDREN.  
PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS WHEN  
YOU ARE DRIVING IN THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD. THE LEGAL  
SPEED LIMIT IN ALL  
RESIDENTIAL AREAS IS  
25 MPH.



## DAY HILL ROAD MOTOCROSS TRACK REBUILDS...

Several residents have noted an increase in construction activities on the MotoTown motorcycle track off Day Hill Road.

One Walden Woods resident contacted Windsor's Planning and Zoning Department and spoke with staff there who indicated that an

application has been submitted by the same owner who operated the indoor motorcycle track.

The new application includes an outdoor track, an entertainment stage, a sports field, and go-kart track. A public hearing on the application will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Windsor Town Hall. If you are interested in hearing more about this development project, please plan to attend the meeting.



*Cocktail party August 19 at the home of Barry Towers for all Walden Woods volunteers who serve on boards or committees.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Both pool cabanas will be refurbished this fall. Jeff Byers of Elite Property Management is overseeing this effort so that entirely new cabanas will be ready for next year's pool opening. Thanks, Jeff!
- The Welcome Committee meets once a month at the meeting house with new Walden Woods residents. If you haven't been to one of their welcome events in the past, be sure to attend one soon!
- Deck awnings have been approved for townhomes and most duplex models by the Conservancy Board. For more information or a copy of the awnings standards, please contact your Board representative.
- The Meeting House committee is looking for individuals interested in attending weekly Yoga sessions, monthly Book Club, or Mom & Me programs.
- A group of volunteers keep our community looking great, running smoothly and reduce administrative costs. Consider joining a standing Committee or an *ad hoc* Committee today.

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*Be yourself.  
Everyone else is already taken.*

*~Oscar Wilde*

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## A HURRICANE STORY

BY BOB ELLIS

While hurricane Irene was blowing through Connecticut, one of our neighbors was packing up to come home from a vacation spot in Maine. He e-mailed me around mid-afternoon on Sunday to find out if we had power - thinking it would make more sense to stay in the comfortable conditions he was enjoying rather than come home to the inconveniences of life without electricity. I e-mailed back: "*The rain has stopped, the wind has died down to a breeze and we never lost power. Come on home.*"

We all know what happened next. The confidence we all felt, thinking that we were to be spared the need for candles, D-size batteries and Coleman stoves vanished that night. The power went out at 8:45 p.m.

Knowing that my neighbor was on his way back to a house that "could be without power for a week **or more**," I frantically tried to contact him with the bad news. No luck. I could almost see the look of surprise and disappointment on his face when he arrived home the next day.

Ironically, my neighbor arrived home Monday night - at 8:45 p.m. Driving into the dark community, he entered his home, turned on a light switch and lo and behold, the entire neighborhood lit up!