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Community Garden Committee

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Note: from Chair – Diane Bernier

Have you taken a walk to the community garden lately?

You will see corn, eggplant, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, beans, broccoli, carrots, radishes, brussels sprouts, tomatillos, peppers of all kinds, basil, parsley, and much more. WOW!



The weather has been great for growing plants. New and veteran gardeners are enjoying their beautiful gardens and their abundance of fresh produce. It is not too late to get a plot: peas, lettuce, beans and other fall crops still can be planted.

Call Diane at 860 219-1419



*A Big Thank you to Our Garden Angel!
Happy Gardening.*



**Pool Closing for Season
8:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 8, 2013**

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Recreation & Social Committee

The annual pool party kicked off the summer with Bart's returning as caterer. The event was well attended even though we had to use the rain date for the first time ever. The pool water was a bit cold, but that did not stop the children and some brave adults on that beautiful day from enjoying the pristine pool.

With the summer winding down, the Recreation & Social Committee is looking towards the fall. But, let's not move too fast. We are not quite ready to leave the "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" behind. Summer has its own pace; therefore, events have been low key. The committee is looking at ways to facilitate gatherings of the community that do not require much planning. One of these events is sending out a note to meet at Summerwind Events. Summerwind is a local outdoor concert venue located off Blue Hills Avenue. Two concerts were attended by Walden Woods neighbors. Joyce and Dick Armstrong were recognized by the balloons tied to their chairs. We are looking forward to doing this again next summer. When you see an announcement, just show up, buy your own ticket, bring your own lawn chairs, and even your own food and drink is allowed even though Vito's is there selling food.

Mark Your Calendar

September 7 – Dog and Bike Faire – BIG EVENT at the ball field near the community garden. See attached flyer for details of the contests and the list of vendors that will be at this event. **DON'T MISS THIS ONE!**

In **October** we will hold our annual food and coat drive for the benefit of the Windsor Food Pantry. Your generosity is appreciated.

Connecticut Winery Tour – This event will need a commitment in advance. Please contact Theda Marinelli at thedamarinelli@aol.com if you are interested. If there is enough interest, a date will be set. The fall is a perfect time for this trip! **Don't delay, contact Theda today.**

New York City and the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall – Join your neighbors for a fun day in New York and enjoy the famous Rockettes. We have identified some existing trips with local tour companies. **The flyer is attached.**

Keep your eyes peeled for a **PINK FLAMINGO** by the pond patio on a Friday night. This will be the sign for an impromptu gathering to take place there that evening. Simply show up with a snack to share, beverages of your choice in plastic containers or boxes ☺, and a spirit of fun.

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 1 Standards - 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Meeting House Not Available
- 3 Meeting House Rented
- 7 Special Board Meeting
- 14 Duplex & Townhome Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Village Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Conservancy Board 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Book Club - 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Meeting House Rental

Recreation & Social Committee

Roland Bernier, Chairman
Dick & Joyce Armstrong
Diane Drew
Bill & Gail Klopfer
Kathy Larkin
Tom & Margy Schuck
Shelia Thompson
Jim Veseskis



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Watch for another Bunco Night this Fall

The Mission of the Recreation & Social Committee is to look for opportunities to build a sense of community within Walden Woods. We are always looking for new ideas and new energy. If you would like to join, simply show up at one of our meetings. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Meeting House at 7:00 p.m.. For more information contact Roland Bernier at rbernier73@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 Meeting House _
Not Available
- 5 Standards - 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Game Night
- 7 Dog and Bike Faire –
Ball Field
11:00 am – 3:00 p.m.
- 8 Pool Closes for Season
- 11 Duplex & Townhome
Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Village Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Rec & Social - 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Conservancy Board
- 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Book Club - 7 00 p.m.

The Work of the Documents Committee:

Walden Woods is governed by a Declaration, a set of By-Laws, and a set of Rules. The first two were adopted and recorded in September of 2005 in the Town of Windsor land records. The third has been changed from time to time.

The development rights of Connecticut Windsor Developers have expired. There have been substantial changes to Connecticut's Common Interest Community Act. Our Conservancy and Council Boards have gained practical experience about the methods and difficulties of managing a community as diverse as ours.

A Documents Committee has been formed to bring the three documents up to date. It is a painstaking process. When the drafts are finished, they will be reviewed by the Board, by our lawyer if the board deems it necessary, and then by you under "Notice and Comment." The Declaration and the By-Laws will require a two thirds majority affirmative vote to be adopted. The committee will keep you updated as we progress.

Walden Woods Website:

Committee Members listings, updated calendar events, pictures and much more Walden Woods information can be found on our Website.

Check it out: www.waldenwoodsct.com – Mark it as a favorite. ☺

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Our Environmental Committee

The Environmental Committee is pleased to announce that there is a new way to access the trail system. At the end of Marble Faun a set of stairs has been built to allow you to safely get down the bank to a short path that leads to the blue trail. The connection is just north of Vernal Pond #2. From that point you can head Northeast toward the entrance way to Walden Woods or Southwest to the blue terminus at Last Leaf. You can also take the yellow trail just past the Vernal Pond Bridge and head back to the Pond Patio. Take advantage of the trails and enjoy the beauty of Walden Woods.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

3 Standards - 7:00 p.m.

4 Movie Night

9 Duplex & Townhome
Council - 7:00 p.m.

16 Village Council - 7:00
p.m.

17 Rec & Social - 7:00 p.m.

30 Conservancy Board
- 7:00 p.m.

31 Book Club - 7 00 p.m.



Recycling Facility

The town has agreed to contact the recycling company that is used for Windsor for a possible tour of it's facility. They indicated that a group would be the best for the tour. If you are interested, please contact Amy Beresky at aberesky@hotmail.com.



A big tail wagging thanks to all Duplex and Town Home dog owners for being diligent about picking up after our best friends.

Investigation into www.poopprints.com, a fool proof DNA system for finding the offender, has been temporarily put on hold.

Thanks again and keep up the great work!



The beauty of Walden Woods is enjoyed by all. With the field mowed out front the grass is sweet

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Fast Service When it Counts:

This summer's weather has certainly been unpredictable. We have had our share of heat, rain, thunderstorms, and lightning. The tree shown below was hit by a lightning strike. Fortunately, Russo had it cut, removed and the stump ground within 24 hours. There are times when the weather delays some landscaping services, but in this case the weather prompted quick action from Russo. Thanks.



Split Tree



Meeting House Event

The Meeting House:

The picture above shows the beautiful way our Meeting House was decorated recently for a celebration. The Meeting House is one of your best amenities. It can be rented for a very small fee. Check out the details at www.waldenwoodsct.com

How Much do you know about Walden Woods?

How many homes are there in Walden Woods?	180	284	360	404
How Many acres make up Walden Woods?	153.341	88.753	202.931	
What is the 2013 income/budget of Walden Woods?	\$496,341	\$741,989	\$984,344	
Walden Woods is a...	1) Home Owner Community	2) Condominium Association		
	3) Common Interest Community	4) Designated Municipality		

Answers are posted at www.waldenwoodsct.com

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Stale Senior?

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing you can do is keep your mind young." – Mark Twain

Are you a senior resident with too much time on your hands and not enough to do? Getting tired of watching re-runs of Bonanza? Need a little stimulus to get you more involved with life?

The answer to your doldrums could be ALP, an Adult Learning Program sponsored by UCONN and one of the 300 Lifelong Learning Institutes affiliated with Elderhostel. It is a self-governing, non-profit organization composed largely of retired people who share a common goal to keep their minds sharp through ongoing education. Members are provided the opportunity to participate in seminar-style courses and field trips dealing with current issues, history, literature, health, the arts, and science. Courses are taught in Bloomfield at the Seabury and Duncaster Retirement Homes by members of ALP as well as guest educators, judges, clergy, and other experts on specific topics.

ALP membership is open to everyone. If interested in learning more about the program, contact Bob Ellis, 860 688-5949 or visit ALP's website at alp@uconn.edu. The fall semester begins September 24, 2013

Reminder: Questions about the property, concerns or requests should be sent to:

Elite Property Management Contact:

Jeff Byers

860 758-7773

e-mail: jeff@epmlc.com

Issues involving services should **NOT** be directed to Russo.

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IMPORTANT MONTHS AHEAD

The next few months are important. The Council and Conservancy operating budgets for 2014 will be proposed, discussed, modified, and readied for the vote in December. The Reserve Study will be reviewed. Items may be added or deleted. Project timing may be changed. We urge you to attend the Conservancy and Council Meetings and be part of the process.

2013 Conservancy Board of Directors:

Dale Herrick, President (Duplex)
Brian Onessimo, Vice President (Ridge)
Cori-Lynn Webber, Secretary (Woodmoor)
Andrew Lattimer, Treasurer (Woodmoor)
Susan Atwater (Village)
Warren Johnson (Village)
Joe Sikora (Village)
Diane Bernier (Duplex)
Vacant (Duplex) – *Volunteer Needed*
John Boccuzzi (Townhome)
Glenn Brand (Townhome)
Susan Raupach (Townhome)

Minutes for the Conservancy Board Meetings are posted at
<http://www.waldenwoodsct.com/government/>