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# Walden Woods News

## June 2006

### A MESSAGE FROM JOE

Your Conservancy Board of Directors has decided it's time to change the format and agenda of the monthly Conservancy Board meetings to conform to the Bylaws of our community. Until now, the meetings have been used to cover topics relating to any and all of the three existing Councils: Woodmoor, Ridge and Village. This agenda occasionally made for lengthy meetings and posed an inconvenience to attending unit owners with limited interest in the issues of other Councils. With the addition of *Country Walk's* Duplex and Townhouse Councils, the Conservancy will be comprised of five distinct Councils having their own unique budgets, problems and issues.

**To keep the Conservancy meetings to a manageable duration and not inconvenience attendees with Council-specific issues, the meetings will now cover only Conservancy issues** (i.e., matters that relate to the entire community). The agenda will include issues relating to the pool, meeting house, tennis courts, ballfield, walking trails, and ponds. They may also include developer issues, inter-Council issues, Conservancy budgetary issues or policies and procedures that affect the entire community.

Each Council Board will schedule and conduct its own meeting to cover applicable council-related issues and budget concerns. **The Village Council Board has already scheduled a meeting for Monday, June 19th at 7:30pm, at the meeting house.** Your Conservancy Board feels this separate meeting approach will allow for greater in-depth coverage of individual Council issues and budget reviews for all unit owners. If you have any questions or issues you wish your Council Board to review, please contact one of your elected Board representatives:

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| Village Council  | Joe Sikora, 219-0713<br>Rick Ericson, 683-8999<br>Joe Palladino, 298-9937 |
| Woodmoor Council | Deb Giampolo, 688-4699<br>Barry Towers, 298-9050                          |
| Ridge Council    | Charles Wimberley, 285-8293   |

As always, of course, you may direct any immediate concerns to our Property Management representative, Frank Goeckler, at Elite Management, 888-666-8300.


- Joe Sikora, Conservancy Board President

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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), Ruth Johnson (688-5128), or Joe Sikora (219-0713).

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**Overheard at the Pool Party:** "Getting old really sucks. I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement and new knees. I've had to fight prostate cancer and diabetes, I'm half-blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, and take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia, have poor circulation; and hardly feel my hands or feet anymore. Thank God I still have my drivers license". 




## COYOTE CAUTION

Because of all the new construction going on in and around Walden Woods, coyotes are being driven out of their normal food-providing habitat and several of the critters have been spotted recently within our community. **While they do not pose any real threat to humans**, there are some things all of us should know about coyotes and what we can do to discourage their becoming a permanent fixture here.

First of all, coyotes are usually shy and almost everything they do is motivated by food. They hunt alone or sometimes as a pair, but rarely as a pack and are most active at dawn or dusk. They will eat almost anything, but their primary sources of food are rats, mice, rabbits, frogs, insects, wild fruits, and any type of carrion. In some instance, they will prey upon unprotected cats and small dogs. For the latter reason, and for our general peace of mind, we should all take heed of the following advice:

1. **Secure your garbage!** Coyotes will raid plastic containers with tight fitting lids and out the trash the same morning that pick up open trash material. Secure your garbage in tough keep it in secure buildings when possible. Take is scheduled, not the previous night.
2. **Don't feed or try to pet a coyote!** Feeding, act tame and over time may lead to bold "natural" food, the more wild they remain also carry rabies or other diseases. whether direct or indirect, can cause coyotes to behavior. The more they rely on their and the more wary of humans. They may
3. **Keep your pets safe!** Although free car than by wild animals, coyotes do larger dogs as competition. Keep your roaming pets are more likely to get killed by a view cats and small dogs as potential food and pets restrained - especially at night.
4. **Keep bird feeder area clean!** Because coyotes prey upon, use feeders designed to birdseed attracts many small mammals that keep seed off the ground.
5. **Feed your pets indoors!** Outdoor feeding attracts many wild animals to your door.
6. **Close off crawl spaces under porches and sheds!** Coyotes use such areas for resting and raising their young.
7. **Don't let coyotes intimidate you!** Don't hesitate to scare or threaten coyotes with loud noises, bright lights or water.
8. **Educate your neighbors!** All your efforts are futile if your neighbors unwittingly continue to provide food or shelter to the coyotes.



Coyotes do serve a purpose by getting rid of dead animals as well as rodents and other animals in conflict with people. If you should see a coyote that you feel poses a threat to you, your family or pets, however, contact the Animal Control Division of the Windsor Police Department, 688-5273. Or go buy a Road Runner. 

### PARCEL C PROGRESS REPORT

As you may have noticed, construction has begun on our long-promised recreation area on Parcel C (south side of Walden Meadow Road up on the Knoll). Culbro, Walden Woods' original developer, is clearing and leveling the open field for baseball/soccer activities, preparing the surface of the new tennis court, and getting the hiking trail ready to

join up with the Johnson trail already in use (*see January issue*). The new trail, once completed, will be about 0.6 mile long and extend to the new ball field when the Country Walk developer removes the mountain of soil now blocking that end of the trail. Everything should be ready for our use by early August.

## ODDS AND ENDS

### HELP!!!!

by Rick Ericson, Standards Committee Chair

With John and Carrie Cardascia leaving our community, I need a replacement volunteer from the Ridge to serve on the Standards Committee. Our committee is responsible for helping homeowners understand what external changes can be made to their homes without interfering with the agreed to aesthetic standards of the community. It is important that each Council within Walden Woods be represented on the committee to express balanced opinions.

The Committee meets on a weekday night once a month, sometimes twice during summer months. We often meet informally on a couple of Saturday mornings for one to two hours, if necessary, to evaluate a unit owner's request at his/her dwelling. Additionally, we do surveys; write, publish and distribute educational materials; participate in occasional projects in support of other committees or on our own.

If you are interested in joining us or if you have any questions, please contact me at 683-8999 or [richardericson@cs.com](mailto:richardericson@cs.com). 🐶

### WINE TASTING PARTY

by Cori-Lynn Webber

Your Recreation Social Pool Committee is planning a Wine Tasting Party at the Meeting House on Saturday October 14th. This event has a budget from the Board, but it will require a per person charge of \$10 to cover the costs. Wine will be available to taste and order, but not take home. More details will be made available, but right now



the committee just wants to know if you might be interested in attending this party. A lot of work goes into setting up these events, so please let us know if the effort is worth it to YOU!

Please respond by emailing me at [cwebberesq@conversent.net](mailto:cwebberesq@conversent.net), or dropping a note at my house, 80 Pierce Blvd. I look forward to hearing from you. 🐶

### GOLF OUTING RESERVATIONS

by Bob Ellis

After we announced that Walden Woods was having its very first Golf Outing at the Traditions Golf Course on September 10th, about 30 homeowners indicated their interest in participating. Because space and tee times are limited, I'm now taking the names **and checks** of any homeowner (including those of you who have already expressed an interest) wanting to reserve a spot on one of the foursomes. It will be a Scramble type tournament with gifts, box lunches, prizes and guaranteed fun. If interested, please send or give me a check for \$45 made out to the Walden Woods Conservancy. I'm at 144 Morning Glory Court. **The deadline for signing up (and paying) is August 10th.**



Also, if you happen to work for or own a business that might be interested in some low-cost publicity, you may want to consider donating some merchandise or a service certificate that can be used as a prize, gift or raffle item at the outing. Your company will be verbally and visually credited for its generosity at the outing. Contact me for additional information (688-5949 or [wwgolf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wwgolf@sbcglobal.net)). 🐶

### TAG SALE RESERVATIONS

by Ruth Casagrande

As previously announced, our second annual community tag sale will be held on August 12th from 9am to 3pm. The sale will take place on each participant's own driveway rather than at one central location.

**If you want to participate, please notify me at 688-9504 or [rcas10@netzero.com](mailto:rcas10@netzero.com) ASAP.** A \$5 donation will be needed to help offset the cost of advertising and signage needed to route buyers to appropriate locations. Instructions and more specific information will be made available in the July issue of this newsletter. 🐶

## POOL PARTY A BIG SPLASH



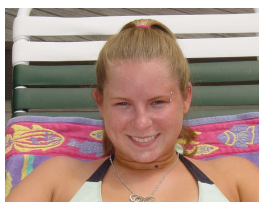
Good planning, good weather, good food, good friends and good neighbors. It was a nice combination that made for another great Memorial Day Pool Party. A round of applause for event coordinator, Cori-Lynn Webber and the Social and Recreation Committee who planned and hosted the event. A special thanks to volunteers Joe and Sheila Sikora, Dick and Joyce Armstrong, Jack Keenan, Deb and Paul Giampolo, Polly and Bob Ellis, and Jan and Jackie Moller for all the cooking, serving and smiling.

### MEET YOUR POOL ATTENDANTS

A big welcome to Keegan Stiles and Paige Schneider, the Pool Attendants hired by Elite Management this year to help manage and monitor the pool area from 10am-6pm. Keegan is at the pool Monday -Friday and Paige is there on Saturday and Sunday.



Keegan



Paige

### GOSSIP COLUMN

Far be it for this newsletter to spread gossip about residents, but we heard that Paul and Deb Giampolo had an argument last week that ended up with each giving the other the silent treatment. When Paul realized he had to rely on Deb to wake him at 5:00AM the next day for an early morning business meeting, he wrote her a note rather than break the silence: "Please wake me at 5:00AM." He left the note where he knew Deb would find it.

The next morning, Paul woke up to discover it was 9:00AM and he had missed the meeting. Furious, he was about to go and see why Deb hadn't wakened him when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. It read:

"It's 5:00AM. Wake up".

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Mon, June 19th @ 7:30** Village Council Board Meeting at the Meeting House

**Wed, June 21st @ 7:30** Conservancy Board Meeting at the Meeting House  
**NOTE EARLIER DATE THIS MONTH.**

**Sat, August 12th, 9 am- 3 pm** Community Tag Sale (contact Ruth Casagrande, 688-9504)

**Sun, Sept 10 @ 1 pm** Golf Outing (Bob Ellis, 688-5949)