

## **To All Woodside Village Co-Owners**

The proposal below is designed to address a concern expressed by several co-owners regarding the permissible media to be used in constructing driveways in Woodside Village. The proposal involves creating a small committee to meet in order to determine whether the Woodside Village Bylaws should be amended to permit media other than asphalt to be used. If you are interested in participating, please let our treasurer, Earl Ryan, know at [eryan.research@gmail.com](mailto:eryan.research@gmail.com).

*Your Board of Directors*

### **Addressing the Bylaw Provision Related to Driveway Construction**

#### **Woodside Village**

The current Woodside Village Bylaws were adopted nearly 30 years ago and have not been materially amended since then. They contain provisions that are technologically out-of-date and some that simply do not make sense to a number of co-owners (e. g., we may have one dog *and/or* one cat).

Among the issues that have generated controversy is that of the construction of driveways. The Bylaws provide that they must be made of asphalt and they prescribe the thickness of the base and the asphalt layer. A number of co-owners have concluded that this is excessively restrictive and that other media should be allowed for driveway construction. Some have argued that the retention of this provision in the proposed Bylaws that were voted on last year was a factor in their defeat.

Those who support the current provision argue that a uniform appearance of driveways is preferable to a “checkerboard” look that would be created if media other than asphalt were permitted. Further, they point to the fact that the roads and pathways in Woodside Village are all asphalt and that the introduction of concrete or brick driveways would detrimentally change the character of the neighborhood.

Those who oppose the current provision argue that asphalt, while initially inexpensive relative to the other options, is not attractive and requires continual maintenance, with sealant required periodically, and ultimately replacement. Moreover, the Bylaws admit of only limited ways of expressing individual tastes in the exterior of our properties and if options for driveway construction were permitted, some variety could be added without detriment to the overall appearance of the Village.

*Proposal.* It is proposed that a small committee, not to exceed 7 members, be appointed by the Woodside Village Association Board of Directors from a list of volunteers, to examine the issue, determine if a change should be made and, if so, draft an amendment to the Bylaws that would implement that change. The proposed amendment would then be forwarded to the Board for their approval and subsequent submission to the co-owners for approval.