

Villas of Oak Pointe Spring Newsletter

March 15, 2024

The Villas Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15 at Oak Pointe C.C.

Sign in at 6:00 pm – Meeting begins at 6:30 pm

As we enjoy an early taste of spring, we thought it time to share what will be happening in the Villas in the coming months and to review events since our last newsletter in November 2023.

Monthly Dues - Effective March 1, Villas **monthly dues** were increased by \$5.00 per month. This recommendation was made at our Annual Meeting last April and after a review of the Long-Term Planning Committee's report and discussion from the floor, it was decided this approach would boost income to cover increasing costs and save for future projects. At this time, the plan is to continue this pattern March 1 of each year. This increase will be in lieu of increasing dues by \$25.00 every few years.

Special Meeting - At a Special Meeting held on November 14, 2023, the Villas community voted to eliminate the Restrictive Covenant agreement with Oak Pointe Country Club. An executed copy which has been filed with the Livingston County Register of Deeds and can be found in the Documents section of the Cummings website.

Villas Website – We would like to thank Marsha Choley who has volunteered to manage our website. We are hoping to update our directory at this time and asking that you review your information and let Marsha know if you have any changes. If you wish, you may submit a current photo to Marsha at marsha.choley@gmail.com. Also, please send Marsha pictures you may have from past Villas events. If you are a committee chair or member, please be sure your photo is up to date.

Contractor List – If you have had good results with a contractor and would like to share their contact information, please do so by emailing Marsha Choley.

Guard House restoration was completed in the fall. As many of you may have noticed, paint has been chipping around the upper windows. As soon as weather allows, those areas will be repainted.

The **Social Committee** will announce event dates in a separate communication. On December 9th, Villa's residents gathered for the annual **Holiday Party**. Thank you to the Social Committee for a lovely evening.

Boats are scheduled to be docked the last week in April or the first week of May, weather permitting. After the boats are docked, we will ask for volunteers to help with annual cleaning. Additionally, the Boat Committee could use one or two volunteers to work with Chris Bentley on maintenance and repairs. In early April, residents will receive an email from Jack Sawka with

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details for completing boat documents for current boat users and instructions for new residents on how to become a boat user.

The **Architectural Committee** is reviewing and will be updating approved paint colors specific to each Villas model. Remember, homeowners **must** submit a request to the committee for all work that affects the exterior of your home to include but not limited to, painting, window replacement, roof replacement, landscaping modifications, additions, decks, and porches.

“Motorized Vehicles Prohibited” signs – To ensure the safety of all residents, we will continue to look for a solution that will alert drivers of motorized vehicles that driving on our walking paths is prohibited. We will keep you advised.

Yard Waste Pick Up will be on Wednesdays starting in April and run through November. The cost is \$80 for the season. Please call Waste Management at 866-797-9018 to set up your account and make payment. WM has asked for calls to come in towards the end of March as our start date has not been established.

Summer Projects:

Spring Cleanup – Clean-up of common areas such as entrance, cul-de-sacs, and pinecones on Moret Court will begin as weather permits.

Resurfacing/repair walking paths will begin in late April/early May. As this is a big project, we will notify you in advance of the start date.

Pond Maintenance. We are looking to address shoreline erosion and beautification of some of our ponds. We would love to have a team of residents’ help lead this project. To get involved, contact Brett Ellis or any board member.

Special Recognition – We would like to extend special thanks and recognition to the following residents for their volunteer work. Without the involvement of our volunteers our community would not be what it is today!

Boat Committee – Chris Bentley, Brett Ellis, Jack Sawka, Al, and Ann Marie Sopha, Luke Sewell
<https://villasof oakpointe.com/boat-committee>

Book Club – Christie Christian

Facebook Page – Kirk Schutter, Lois Yardley

Long Range Planning – Jim Graff

Pond Committee – Brett Ellis, (in need of volunteers)

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Social Committee – Lisa Mancini, Annette Bently, Carol Cameron, Mary Ellen Ellis, Jan Felske, Diana Paterson, Del Salka, Sheila Tarnacki, Julie Suchadolski, Pat Wolney

Sunshine Committee – Diana Patterson,

Villas Website Management – Marsha Choley

Board of Directors – Brad Robinson, President; Lois Yardley, Vice President/Secretary; Carlene Reinhold, Treasurer.

An Invitation from the Villas Board

As you can see, maintaining and preserving the beauty of our community takes a Village. With that being said, we cannot expect the same residents to do all the heavy lifting. Fresh ideas are always welcome. We need your help! Please consider getting involved by reaching out to anyone listed above. This also applies to the Board of Directors positions! For the board to leave a legacy we need to build a bench of residents who are willing to step into committee or Board positions in the future if current volunteers need or would like to step down.

Villas Volunteer Needs: We need volunteers for several opportunities to help support our community.

- The Villas Board: Throw your name in the hat this spring to become a Board member.
- The Boats: Chris Bently and Brett Ellis need one or two volunteers to work with them on maintenance and repairs.
- The Pond committee: We would like to establish a team who could work with Brett Ellis on the current and future needs of our ponds. This team would work to identify what needs to be done to eliminate future shoreline erosion and would make beautification recommendations.
- Landscaping Committee: This committee is responsible for community beautification, resident requests for landscaping updates and projecting what the community might need to assure the future of our landscaping esthetics,
- Architectural Committee - Currently Alice Riemenschneider is working with Carlene and Lois to update paint, trim and roof colors. Going forward, the architectural committee would be responsible for assisting residents with roof, paint and trim color selection per the guidelines established as well as any structural modifications.

To get involved with any of these committees, contact any committee chair or board member.

If you have read this far you genuinely care about the beautiful community we live in! We appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Brad, Lois, and Carlene