**February 2024 Update**

*The HOA newsletter is bi-monthly. The next edition will be for March.*

**Landscape & Grounds** *(Glenn Peters)*

We got our first taste of snow in January and our Snow Removal vendor performed very well by all accounts. We were in constant communications with the vendor and made some ‘game day’ calls to extend treatments or crews to ensure a safe community. We had 4 people volunteer to provide winter event assistance if anyone needed, and thankfully there were no calls for assistance. We are well prepared for any additional events but here’s to hoping we don’t need to engage the crews much more this year.

Turning to warmer times we have worked with the Landscape vendor to shift our community flower gardens to a mix of 80% annuals and 20% perennials for the three times a year plantings that are planned. This will result in accumulated savings over time as the perennials do not need to be replaced each year. The landscaping committee will be planning events for community participation to apply some of these savings to further improving our community appeal.

Please share any concerns or recommendations to the landscape mailbox at: landscape@woodllands55.org

**Facilities** *(Anne Stanley)*

I wanted to give everyone a heads-up with regard to some  near-term renovations that will be affecting the clubhouse conference room, and potentially other spaces.  In a recent meeting with Gene and the other Committee Leads we addressed the plan for an additional Danella management team member and the need for additional office space.  As a result of the meeting, the Facilities Maintenance workgroup is evaluating options for modifying the current conference room to be able to accomodate a desk as well as retaining the conference table for continued committee use and vendor meetings.  We also discussed the need to be able to access both the closet and storage area for on-going events and will work out those details as we get closer to the beginning of May when the new person will be on-boarded.

The Courts and Fitness workgroup is meeting this week to address court/net maintenance as well as potential Fitness room updates.

We are working to finalize our survey with regard to clubhouse usage and needs so please be on the lookout for it so we can use the feedback to assist in planning improvements.

Look for further updates on the website and as a reminder, please use the Facilities mailbox to communicate suggestions or other inputs.  (facilities@woodlands55.org)

**Events** *(Linda McElvenny)*

**Happy Hour** - Friday 2/2 at 5 pm

**Poker** - Poker scheduled for Wednesday, February 7 has been **rescheduled** to Tuesday, February 6 due to Fellini’s Dine Around.

**Dine Around** - Wednesday, 2/7 at 6:00pm Fellini Cafe, West Chester.

**Canceled** - **Super Bowl Party** - Sunday, 2/11

**Events Committee General Meeting** - Monday 2/19 at 7 pm

All are welcome as we plan our next quarter events for March, April and May.

**SOS: Save, Organize & Share Photos** - Wednesday, 2/21 @ 7 pm

Are your precious photos and videos hidden in boxes, forgotten on old camera cards, buried in computer files or just sitting on your phone? Protect them from being lost and bring them back to life! Join us for a presentation and learn. Guests welcome! RSVP on Facebook or by emailing *events@woodlands55.org*.

**Bordeaux Wine Tasting** - Saturday, 2/24 at 4 pm

We will “travel” to France to learn about white and red wines from the Bordeaux region. RSVP deadline has passed but if you would like to be added to the waitlist, please email us at: *events@woodlands55.org*.

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**Book Club** - Thursday, 2/29 at 7 pm (**change in date**)

The book is “*The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family”* by Ron Howard and Clint Howard. Please RSVP to Anna Bertsch at *ambertsch@aol.com* if you plan to attend the meeting and have not indicated so on Facebook.

**Euchre Cards** (**canceled**) - Euchre Cards that was scheduled on Tuesday evenings has been canceled due to minimal interest. If you are interested in playing or learning to play this fun, easy to learn game, please contact Ernie or Karen Antczak.

**Fitness Trainer**

Looking for some support with your fitness goals? Need some assistance learning to use the fitness room? We have a certified personal trainer available to help. We offer a Small Group Workout Class on Saturdays from 10-10:45 am ($20 per session) as well as Semi-Private and Private Sessions at your convenience ($30-$60 per session). Contact personal trainer, Monique Bertrando for more information or to schedule. Go to *https://www.mytrainingtime.com/.*

**Service Project**

The Events Committee has a new endeavor! In an effort to give back to the local community, we are collecting the items for the Homeless Support Services Division of Human Services Inc. There is a bin in the clubhouse vestibule where you can place your donations. List of items can be found in the clubhouse and on Facebook.

To contact the Events Committee: *events@woodlands55.org*