

BARDEN WOODS ONE



Newsletter

February 2024

A Message from the Board ...

Happy Fall everyone! Well, we have survived one major winter storm and cold, dark nights so far yet now we are enjoying some almost spring like weather. Crazy!! If you are starting to think of spring projects, please remember that the community has a modification request process in place that should be respected by all. We will be sending out the process as written in the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations in the next month or so. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need clarification, please contact us at BardenWoodsOne@gmail.com. Also, as a reminder to all, if you have an activity or repair that you are planning and you question who should incur the cost (you or the condo association) please have a discussion with the Board or Management before you make an outlay of cash. It is difficult to reimburse co-owners without prior approval from the Board. So, let's figure that out before you get started.

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS: Because of the neighborhood in which we live, we seem to be more vulnerable than ever to nefarious people snooping around our community. We have had strangers walk up to back doors, tamper with mailboxes and the like. Please if you notice anything or anyone strange let the board know. We address this with the police and with our neighbors in Barden Woods II so that we are all in sync. We are looking into providing better surveillance and perhaps video coverage for our entrances to help keep us all safe. We welcome your thoughts and/or observations.

Mollie, Karen, Barb
Barden Woods I Board of Directors

Mark Your Calendars -

Our Barden Woods 1 2024 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4 from 6:00 –9:00 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills City Hall. Please plan to attend and participate – more information to follow.

Important Planning Commission Meeting -

The request to combine the lots at the former Dittrich Furs location at 39515 Woodward Avenue is being revisited this Tuesday, February 13th at 4:00 pm at City Hall. We have been notified because our property is within 500 feet of the subject property. Many of us were in the audience during the original presentation and we encourage you to join Mollie at the meeting this Tuesday. She will forward the proposal on Monday.

Useful information -

Thank you to Natalie Marz for sharing this important information with us!

Our Barden Woods homes are almost fifty years old, and our plumbing is aging. A recent TODAY.com article shared tips for avoiding kitchen sink and other plumbing back-ups. A disposal is meant only for the little bits of food that remain on your dishes after that initial scrape into the garbage can.

Marla Mock, president of Molly Maid, told TODAY.com that home cooks should steer clear of tossing a range of things into their garbage disposal, including fat, grease, oil, seafood shells, meat, bones, fruit pits and starchy foods like pasta, potatoes, and oats. Starches, including rice, are a disposal no-no.

One of the simplest things you can do to help mitigate risk of a backup is to make sure that before you run the disposal, you start running some cold water and then after the disposal is off, let that cold water run for you know, another 45 seconds to a minute. That way, any food debris has a chance to catch some water and flow out of the trap and then down further into your drainage system.

The problem is less about the wear and tear on a disposal and more about the impact of the items on your draining system.

🎵 *Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood?* 🎵



As they often ask on Sesame Street, who are the people in your neighborhood?

This month's highlighted resident is **Judy Martinek**, who lives 16 Barbour Lane.

Judy Martinek was born in 1933 in Detroit, Michigan. She is a proud graduate of the University of Detroit where she received degrees in both Journalism and Education. Following her graduation, Judy taught in Detroit for two years, before raising her family – three sons and a daughter – just a mile from her current home.

In 1981, she joined the staff of St. Hugo School as a school secretary and office manager. She retired from that position in 2015 at the age of 82!

In 1988, Judy decided she wanted to downsize and stay in the immediate area. When #16 Barbour Lane came on the market, she jumped at the chance and purchased her home on 08-08-1988 – lucky numbers, indeed!

Her four children and six grandchildren live across the US, from NYC to San Francisco.

Judy believes deeply about life-long learning. She belongs to SOAR, the Society of Active Retirees, and takes classes in all different areas of study, including art, business, current events, history, politics, literature, science travel and more, both in person and on Zoom. She also belongs to a book club at the Bloomfield Township Senior Center and loves to read and share books.

Judy spends most of the summer months at her cottage on a small lake just south of Gaylord. She says, "I feel so blessed to live in this beautiful community where I was on the Board for maybe 20 of the 35 years I have been here. Deeply grateful for such kind and helpful and fun neighbors!"

February Reminders ...

- Please park in your garages when snow is predicted. It makes the job much easier and more efficient for our snow removal company and protects your property from falling limbs and branches.

Neighborhood News ...

Duffy Wineman's ninth grandchild was born December 13, 2023, in Winnetka, Illinois. Aria Constance Wineman completes her happy and healthy family of four, along with her big brother, Wolfgang. (You may recognize Wolfgang, as he is a frequent and gregarious visitor to Barden Woods, Building F.)



Next Board Meeting -

Thursday, February 15th at 4:00 pm on Zoom.

If you would like to attend, please notify Jill Cubba and she will send you the Zoom link. We will be following Robert's Rules of Order in conducting the meeting, allowing co-owners' comments at the end of the agenda.

Our newsletter will keep you apprised of
all that is happening at Barden Woods One.

Have something to share?

New job ... new grandchild ... new pet ... new garden ... or just news? We want to know.

Send your information to Duffy Wineman at jwine2216@aol.com.

Maintenance issue?

Contact MCM at 586.775.5757

jcubba@mi-condo.com (Jill)

skratch@mi-condo.com (Sue)

Board question?

BardenWoodsOne@gmail.com

(Your inquiry will go to all three Board
members for their prompt response.)

Insect Problem?

Contact Erlich Pest Control

at 248.477.4853

Our account number is 1531609