

BARDEN WOODS ONE



Newsletter
October 2024

A Message from the Board

Happy Fall! We hope that everyone enjoyed their summer.

First, we would like to welcome our newest co-owner, Barb Ritsema, who now resides at 22 Barbour Lane. She is a very busy lady, but if you get a chance to see her on the property please stop and introduce yourself.

We continue to improve the gardens and landscaping outside of the normal maintenance schedule. This Saturday, October 12th a group of us will be working on loading wood and garden debris into a trailer to be hauled away. We have many areas with fallen limbs and trimming needs. Let us know if you have noticed any area that needs attention, and we will see what we can do.

As we wind down the year, the Board is working on the 2025 budget and looking forward to sharing our outlook for 2025 sometime in the new year. Stay tuned.

Enjoy the fall colors, apple cider and Halloween ~ all the good things October has to offer.

Your Board,

Mollie, Karen, Barb
Barden Woods I Board of Directors

Fall Back!

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3rd!!

Construction Project - Garage Building E

We are very grateful for the patience of Judy Fitzpatrick and Carla & Michael Young. The project has been well overdue for many years. The levied assessment for lifting and leveling the garage was considerably less than the potential liability costs (including safety and damage) that we may have incurred, due to the condition of the garage. All are happy that they will be able to park their cars in their garage this winter!!

Beautification

Please remember that trimming of BWI planted shrubs and trees is being done on a determined maintenance schedule. If anyone has any concerns please contact the Board.

Signs

It has been traditional for some to wave the United States flag at one's front door. As a gentle reminder, our bylaws state that the only outside expression allowed is a 3' x 5' flag. This practice has preserved the pristine sophistication of the community. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Section 10. Signs. Except for a U.S. flag no larger than 3' x 5', no flags, notices, advertisements, pennants or signs, including "for sale" and "open house" signs, shall be displayed which are visible from the exterior of a Unit without written permission from the Association, unless the same are in complete conformance with duly adopted Association rules and regulations.

Election Information

Our next federal election is on November 5. Bloomfield Hills offers not only **absentee voting**, but also **early voting** at City Hall on Saturday, October 26 – Sunday, November 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

- Early voting is not available on Monday, November 4th, but individuals may still request an absentee ballot on that day. The ballot must be voted in the office; one cannot leave with the ballot.
- An individual may register to vote on Election Day, but only in the Clerk's office at City Hall.
- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5.
- Please note that we are in Precinct 2 and our polling location is the Congregational Church of Birmingham, located at 1000 Cranbrook Road. Barden Woods residents do not vote at the firehouse.

Library News

Did you know that, as a resident of the city of Bloomfield Hills, you can become a member at the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham? To obtain a library card, simply visit the library and show your driver's license.

The Baldwin Library has wonderful resources, especially for seniors! Many educational classes are available, including computer and tech instruction. As a library member, you will receive email notifications every month about ongoing events. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

Next Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 14 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.

🎵 *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
Barb Ritsema
who lives at 22 Barbour Lane.

Our new neighbor, Barb Ritsema, is a local who was born and raised in Birmingham.

As a child, Barb attended Birmingham Schools, including Groves High School where she met her husband during her sophomore year. She continued her education at Michigan State University, where she received both her bachelor's and graduate degrees.

She and her husband married in 1975 and would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary next year. Unfortunately, Barb was widowed six years ago.

After thirty years of service as a teacher, Barb had a second career as a pharmaceutical sales representative for 16 years, a position she loved.

Barb has a daughter in Chicago and a son and daughter-in-law in the Indianapolis area, as well as three young grandchildren. She is also the proud grandmother of two grand dogs and the occasional caretaker of Jimmy, her favorite pooch borrowed from her dear friends down the street.

Now retired, Barb loves to travel, works out daily, enjoys playing Mahjong, Rummikub, and Euchre, loves dining out, and plays golf. She plans to spend the winter in Naples, Florida.

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 bardenwoodsone@gmail.com

Maintenance issue?

Contact MCM at 586.775.5757

jcubba@mi-condo.com (Jill)

skracht@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