

BARDEN WOODS ONE



Newsletter February 2025

A Message from the Board

Happy Winter! We hope that everyone has enjoyed the holidays they celebrate. As we are compiling information for this newsletter, there is about six inches of snow on the ground and the temperatures are dipping down to 2 degrees this coming week, "real feel -1 degree" - burr!! So, wrap yourselves in a warm blanket and drink a cup of hot cocoa (or whatever drink warms you up!) Also, please be careful driving as the roads are very icy.

Thank you to all who attended the January General Co-owner meeting at the Bloomfield Hills City Office Building. Mollie updated the group on the current financials, the projects addressed throughout the community since our Annual Meeting in June and future projects to address safety and longevity of our community. There was an open forum where many co-owners engaged in great discussions and shared ideas to benefit our BWI community. You will see the action suggested to address each idea in another section of this newsletter. The minutes for this meeting and our January Board meeting are available on our website: www.bardenwoods.com Our next Board meeting is March 12th at 4pm by Zoom. Let Jill know if you would like the link to attend the meeting.

Yes, Punxsutawney Phil did see his shadow but that was over two weeks ago so Spring will be here before we know it!

Mollie, Karen, Barb
Barden Woods I Board of Directors

🎵 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
Karen DeFiore
who lives at 4 Barbour Lane.

After graduating from Andover, Karen matriculated at the University of Michigan and received a BS in Dental Hygiene. After graduation, Karen's grandmother took her on one of her favorite trips, a three-week cruise around the Orient! She practiced dental hygiene until she met her favorite patient, Larry DeFiore. Their first date was tennis, which is still their favorite past time. Larry encouraged Karen to find a career that fit her goals, so she became a pharmaceutical rep for Wyeth, then Merck. Although she loved her career, she couldn't be a top rep and a top mom, so she retired when her second child was born.

Karen grew up at Lahser and Long Lake, so she hasn't gone far. However, she never knew Barden Woods existed until Mollie Proctor bought in the complex! Karen loves and feels honored to serve on the BWI Board. She is passionate about finding the best contractors for our community and enjoys working alongside the Board and other co-owners as they engage in community bonding and volunteering that saves thousands of dollars for BWI.

This and That....

Exterminator ~

Ehrlich has been merged into Rentokil and is organized under the name TerminixEhrlich. They will continue to treat the outside of the buildings for pests monthly. If you need inside treatment, please call them for service at 888-556-2494. Our account number is the same: 1531609.

Co-owner Forum ~

A number of issues were addressed during the open forum at the January General Co-owner meeting, and we would like to comment on each issue.

1. Is it possible to close Roof Reserve and transfer monies into Capital Reserve?

First the Board made a resolution to begin funding a reserve for projected roof repairs and replacements. As an older community it is a prudent practice to establish such a reserve for favorable insurance renewal. The Board did resolve to discontinue funding the Roof Reserve. We did have an outstanding invoice from All Pro for roof work which we paid out of the existing Roof Reserve, depleting it by two-thirds.

2. Why was the cost of rubbish removal service lower in 2024?

There were two quarterly payments made to our previous provider, GFL. Then we transitioned to a new provider at a lower cost.

3. Does the Association retain unit records including Modification Requests?

The current Board has been retaining all correspondence, invoices, modification requests and any other documents pertinent to the operation of the community. All documents are scanned into a dedicated drive for storage.

4. Gutter adjustment needed on Bldg E garage roof and breezeway.

A work order has been submitted to All Pro. The majority of the work will most likely happen in the spring when the weather improves based on conversations with the contractor.

5. Walkway in front of Building B in need of repair near tree in front of 24 Barbour.

This will be reviewed in the spring as this type of work is weather dependent and requires consistent temperatures above a certain degree.

6. Were the concerns raised by Phase 1 recorded in the minutes of the City Council Meeting?

In reviewing the minutes on the City's website, the answer is "no".

7. Woodpecker damage on Building E and F.

This repair is weather dependent and will be addressed in the spring when temperatures moderate.

8. Restoration of eroded landscape behind Building E; Landscape area behind Building D; Landscape around the Pump House.

These will all be addressed in the spring when temperatures moderate. The Board is collecting competitive bids for all necessary work needed on the grounds and compiling a list of activities that can be addressed with a work" weekend".

A Bit of History of Daylight Saving Time ~

Set your clocks! The change takes place at 2 a.m. on those fall and spring mornings. Daylight Saving Time always ends on the first Sunday in November and starts on the second Sunday in March the following spring (this year will be on **March 9**).

Why 2 a.m.?

The thought behind the early-morning swap is pretty simple: According to [LiveScience](#), most people are expected to already be at home and in bed, and that time won't bother many bars or restaurants. It also likely doesn't affect those who have early shifts at work.

Wait, I thought it was Daylight Savings Time.

It sounds odd, but Daylight Saving Time is the correct phrasing. Still, the variation Daylight Savings Time is so common, it's listed as an accepted variation in [Merriam-Webster](#).

No, it wasn't started to help farmers.

In fact, according to [Time](#), the farm lobby campaigned aggressively against Daylight Saving Time. That's because it gave them one less hour in the morning to milk their cows and send their crops to market. Farmers in the U.S. lobbied successfully to stop Daylight Saving Time after World War I, and it wouldn't go back into effect until the next world war.

It's more recent in the U.S. than you think.

President Woodrow Wilson first made it law in 1918, but it was repealed seven months later, the [Chicago Tribune](#) reports. Though President Franklin D. Roosevelt relaunched it in 1942, the time change wasn't official until 1966, when President Lyndon Johnson signed a law to make the start and end dates of Daylight Saving Time uniform across the country.

Not everyone observes it.

Arizona (except for the Navajo Nation), Hawaii, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands don't recognize Daylight Saving Time. Parts of Indiana didn't as well until it was adopted statewide in 2006. Several state legislatures have tried to abandon the time change in recent years. And around the world, only 70 countries actually observe it, according to CNN. A majority of U.S. states have considered legislation to permanently adopt Daylight Saving Time. In the last five years, 19 states have enacted legislation or passed resolutions in favor of year-round Daylight Saving Time: Colorado, Alabama, Georgia, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Idaho, Louisiana, Ohio, South Carolina, Utah, Wyoming, Delaware, Maine, Oregon, Tennessee, Washington, and Florida.

In March 2022, the Senate unanimously voted to pass the Sunshine Protection Act of 2021. The bill allows for moving time one hour forward from what the federal government considers standard time. If passed by the House, permanent DST would have started in November 2023. However, it's now 2025 and the bill has yet to be passed by the House (and if it is passed, it will need to be signed into law by the President too).

<https://www.countryliving.com/life/a62734925/daylight-saving-time-history-facts-trivia/>

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

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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?

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