

# THE BARRINGTONS AT WEDGEWOOD VILLAS CONDOMINIUM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## ***THE NEWS***

June 2024

### **A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Let me start by acknowledging the great attendance of owners at the last Annual Meeting held on May 16, 2024, at the Township Hall. 18 Owners and 3 Proxies out of 40 households shows the interest the majority of our neighbors have in what is happening in our community.

As usual the agenda was adhered to closely as to the past year's happenings. The biggest project discussed and shown in power point format was the upcoming work at the front entry addressing the stagnant drainage and the replacement of the retaining walls on both sides of the bridge. At the same time the "sitting water" issues between Beckford & Tarrington CT's as well as Banbury & Gresham CT's is to be taken care of as part of the upcoming work. An "Informal Information Meeting" was held on June 1, 2024, (at the same hall) to answer questions and go into more detail. The Board has been trying to get the stagnant drainage eliminated since mid-2022 by meeting with the original Landscape Contractor that installed the now existing lay-out. He gave us hopes of a better design and a cost estimate. After patiently waiting and getting excuse after excuse about the delay other landscape companies were contacted. Due to the nature of the work they decided they would not be able to manage the scope of the project, since it required significant equipment and sufficient labor force. In late 2023, Blendon Gardens met with the Board at the bridge, listened and made suggestions and finally produced a workable proposal, architectural & money wise.

The contract was signed on June 6, 2024, and accepted by Blendon Gardens with an estimated timeline around July 17, 2024. The cost of this

undertaken will be between \$50,000 to \$65,000 depending on what adjustments outside of the contract are necessary or needed while the work is in progress. This is a Reserve Fund item and will not generate any potential dues increase. As of the end of May the fund has a balance of approx. \$180,000 mostly invested in CDs with the anticipated cash needed held in a Money Market account.

Usually, it is the practice to get three bids for any planned improvements, but ever since the Pandemic it is about impossible to get anyone to take the time to put a proposal in writing or even show up to look at a job and its requirements. Your Board does its best to move forward by all the Directors using their best judgement as to any expenditures.

In closing, I hope that the before mentioned will help those who could not be at either gathering to understand what will be happening soon.

Enjoy your summer,  
Rosalinde Kaufmann

### **LAWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS**

Due to the high summer temperatures and extensive water usage, DelCo Water has recommended the following:

For homes with 'even-numbered' addresses, please irrigate in the morning or evening on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS only.

For homes with 'odd-numbered' addresses, please irrigate in the morning or evening on WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS and SUNDAYS only.



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Gordon Elliott, Board of Directors

Last year Karen and I took a cruise to Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. I was impressed at the strong sense of community of the PEI residents. The motto “we’ll show up” resonated with me. In such a remote island that was accessed only by ferry that operated between May and December each year until the Confederation Bridge was opened 27 years ago, everyone needed to put community above self in order to survive. On PEI we were told stories of hardship when the residents helped each other through tough times and emerged stronger. It made me think that this sense of community is something we all need to nurture and maintain in the Barringtons in order that we live comfortably and see our investment in our properties remain secure.

Here in the Barringtons, community means maintaining the external appearance of our units so that prospective buyers see a community that cares. It means honoring and respecting the rules we have agreed to upkeep (such as ensuring that our dues payments are in the Barrington’s bank account on 1st of each month, picking up after our pets, keeping our cars in our garages whenever possible, and keeping our decks and personal spaces looking tidy). It also means getting to know our neighbors, helping out with small reciprocating favors, sharing news and common knowledge, taking our turn to serve our community as a member of the Board of Directors from time to time, and supporting community functions. This is not an exhaustive list, but rather some examples where we can nurture and benefit our community at little cost to ourselves.

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### JUNE

- Informal community meeting on drainage project -complete
- Community Irrigation up and running - complete
- Flowers planted at entrance of community – complete
- Gazebo Night Kickoff June 13 - complete
- Summer pruning of shrubs and bushes
- Routine maintenance of black entrance gate - complete
- Tentative timeframe for painting of black entrance gate
- Wedgewood Fireworks at dusk on the 29<sup>th</sup>

### JULY

- Week of 17<sup>th</sup> tentative start date for drainage project
- Gazebo Night at 6:00 pm July 11th

### AUGUST

- Annual external house inspection and communication
- Gazebo Night at 6:00 pm August 8<sup>th</sup>

### SEPTEMBER

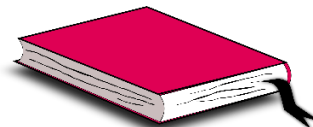
- Gazebo Night at 6:00 pm September 12<sup>th</sup>

### OCTOBER

- Community Irrigation shut off and winterized
- Entrance Holiday Lights installed date TBD

### DECEMBER

- Community Holiday Breakfast date TBD
- Budget preparation for 2025



## BARRINGTONS BOOK CLUB

3rd Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the book club, please let Frances Wright know.

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**Trash Removal**

Website for company: <http://rumpke.com>

Service will be delayed 1 day on these holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day

**Community Website**

Don't forget to check the community website for information such as monthly financial statements, BOD minutes, community directory etc.

<http://barringtonscondos.org>

Login: homeowner

Password: gazebo