



The Woodlands Newsletter

THE WOODLANDS AT ISLIP
120 Finch Lane • Islip, NY 11751

July 2013

We would like to thank all the shareholders who attended our annual meeting and participated in the election, personally or by proxy, no matter for whom your vote was cast. We would also like to welcome new neighbours who have joined the community in the last 12 months. If anyone has an item(s) that the community might benefit from, or need to be aware of, please do not hesitate to write it down, submit it to the above address (Attn: newsletter) or email it to woodlandsbd2011@yahoo.com, and we will try to include it in any future issues

—The Woodlands Board of Directors, 2013

The New Board of Directors for 2013

Jan Fineman - President
Al Monday - Vice President
Erika K. Arroyo - Secretary
Bill Wenger, Jr. - Treasurer
Jane Ott - Director
Pam Ward - Director
Jeff Greenside - Director

*** Happy 4th of July!!! ***

We hope all shareholders, their families, and friends had a happy and safe Independence Day weekend.

Let us all remember, and take a minute, to pay tribute to the bravery and sacrifices that many Americans have made to ensure the freedoms we enjoy now.

BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Courtesy of Al Monday

The Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute notes that most states started enacting bicycle helmet laws in the late '80s. Falling off a bicycle can result in serious head injuries. In New York, anyone younger than 14 must wear a helmet, whether riding a bike or as a passenger. Injuries to the head account for the majority of bicycle-related deaths and injuries. The state has implemented laws that apply state wide so we ask parents to make sure their children wear helmets at all times when on bikes, skateboards, etc.

As the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee points out, since bicycles often serve as a child's first vehicle, people tend to view them as toys. Considering the inherent dangers of riding a bicycle in traffic, they are more than that. Various public agencies in New York provide guidance regarding traffic rules and regulations and the necessary bicycle-related equipment needed to keep cyclists safe.



2013 Pool Hours

Monday & Tuesday: 1:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday – Friday: 12:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 11:30 a.m.–7 p.m.



Holiday Hours: 11:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Summer Barbecuing

Please remember that the use of gas or charcoal grills is not allowed on the decks of, or in, individual units. Electric grills are permissible, and shareholders can also use the propane grills located by the pool area. This is a Town of Islip ordinance, since there is the potential danger of loss of life and property if we have a fire.

Hospitality Events Calendar

Due to delayed pool opening and earlier “iffy” weather, only two summer events have definite dates:

- Scavenger hunt: Sunday, July 21
- End of season party: Saturday, Aug 24

In lieu of a calendar, all other events will be announced as they are planned and relayed via Call ‘em All.

Outdoor Decor

Our complex is looking better than ever with many shareholders planting gardens, refurbishing their decks, and making other improvements. Although this is a positive thing for our community, we are a cooperative and have to maintain a consistent look in all areas, as well as adhere to our house rules with regard to what decorations/enhancements are allowed.

New lattices will be put up to camouflage the gas pipes installed in some buildings. These are to be kept clear of any decorations or hanging objects.

MAINTENANCE AND ONGOING PROJECTS

- There is ongoing repair work and road construction as we continue to address cracks, holes, and other weather damage to our roadways and sidewalks.
- You may have noticed that security cameras are being set up around the complex. Shareholders will receive more specific information on these once they are completely set up.
- Lattices will be put up around our gas exhaust pipes for camouflage.
- Buildings will be painted as time allows.

STAR Program FYI

Courtesy of Bill Wenger

New legislation requires all homeowners receiving a Basic STAR exemption to register with the New York State Tax Department in order to receive STAR exemptions in 2014 and subsequent years. This is part of a new initiative to protect New Yorkers against the costs of inappropriate or fraudulent STAR exemptions.

All Basic STAR recipients will receive information on when and how to register. Seniors receiving Enhanced STAR are not affected by the new registration requirement. They must, however, continue to apply annually, or participate in the Income Verification Program.

Homeowners will not have to register in order to receive their 2013 STAR exemptions.

If you have questions about the new registration program, call (518) 457-2036.

CAUTION REQUIRED

There has recently been a major backup in the sewer system of certain buildings. When investigated, a lot of female sanitary products and/or paper towels were found, causing the blockage. *Please DO NOT dump anything except regular toilet paper down the pipes.* Fines will be imposed on anyone found to be disposing of improper items that clog our sewer system. This costs us all money and time!

Neighbourly Courtesy

With the warm weather and vacation time upon us, we are all outside more often. Let’s make sure to pick up after ourselves as we walk around, or barbecue on our decks. **Please do not** toss cigarette butts around the grounds. They don’t biodegrade for decades. There are trash cans in several locations around our complex for this purpose.

❖ Ongoing Dumpster Issues ❖

Disposal of inappropriate materials in our household dumpsters is still going on:

- With more ongoing construction in the summer, large items of furniture (desks, tables, chairs, couches, doors) or discarded appliances have been seen or reported to the Board and to our Superintendent. These should be taken to the area behind Pathmark and at the end of Arch Lane, not put in regular dumpsters since they take up space meant for regular household garbage.
- Please note that shareholders are responsible for letting contractors know where to properly dispose of construction debris, and contractors should be hauling away most of it.

Shareholders are requested to call or write to the Board, or let Charlie know, if anyone is observed misusing regular dumpsters.

Bus Trip to the Wineries

Courtesy of Jane Ott

The bus trip to the North Shore wineries this past Sunday, June 30, was a very nice experience. We had music and karaoke on the bus on the way, and went to three different wineries (Pindar, Palmer, and Baiting Hollow). We had lunch at Palmer, and saw rescued horses at Baiting Hollow, besides doing wine tastings. We got home a bit past 6 p.m. A good time was had by all!