



## **Coves at Wilton Creek E-Bits**

**May 24, 2017**

### **May 15, 2017 Board of Directors Highlights:**

Board members present were Maggie Hurt, Jack King, John Koontz, Jeff Loustaunau, Peg Meushaw and Carolyn Schott. Property manager Mary Amparo and nine homeowners attended as well.

**Manager's Report:** Mary Amparo stated that she had completed a disclosure packet for 983 Wilton Coves Drive.

**Mariners Point:** Mariners Point Building # 2 will be receiving a new roof and modification of the gutters. New neighbors are Phil and Cynthia Kummer.

**Vice President:** Jeff Loustaunau reported that the Charters are almost complete

**Treasurer:** Due to the high level of activity on various projects, time is still required to review the details of the last 4 months and should be completed by the end of May. A procedure was approved to make sure that all approvals for expenditures from the reserve accounts are well documented with signatures from both the president and treasurer. Reserve Fund investments are still in a wait-and-see status. 2018 Budget preparation are underway with a request for guidance from Buildings and Grounds and Water/Sewer Committees.

**Communications Committee:** Carolyn Schott stated that the committee is hoping to finish the preparation of the Directory for the printer in the next couple of weeks.

**Social Committee:** Maggie Hurt reported that the next social will be the Independence Day Celebration on July 1<sup>st</sup>, hosted by Carl and Mary Johnson.

**Water /Sewer Committee:** John Koontz stated that both systems are in very good condition. Other activities includes **monthly flushings on the first Tuesday of each month between 12:00 and 4:00**, w/s budget will be submitted shortly, continuing to evaluate digital meters and Sydnor is preparing a proposal to pull well #4 a little early to replace a failed check valve and perform the triennial rehab. They will also acquire the specialty lubricant needed for the bearings on transfer pump 2. The committee is looking into the feasibility of a solar array to reduce electricity cost for pumping water and methods to resolve issues with late payments of water bills.

**Building and Grounds:** Steve Hayes is seeking a date from the contractor who will repair the tennis court.

**Ponds and Dams:** Jeff Loustaunau's report stated that the trial contract with Solitude Lake is underway focusing on Otter and Turtle ponds. Heron Pond algae are being controlled through the efforts by Joyce Livingstone who is manually removing the algae.

**Landscaping Committee:** The project has been completed within the budget provided and the Board voted to dissolve the committee at the recommendation of the committee chair, Mary Galloway.

**Old Business:**

- **The ACC Document Revision:** Still under review.
- **Signage and Tending Dock Projects** are still working toward completion.
- **Electric fireplace:** The Board is seeking a volunteer from the community who is interested in this project to research it and to bring cost and installation information to the Board at the next meeting. Volunteers should contact Peg Meushaw, president.

**New Business:** None

**Open Forum: The following topics were addressed in the two Open Forums.** How will the new watering system be protected from freezing, light socket for the entrance sign has been replaced, wasn't the fireplace suggestion put to bed last year, downstairs floors need regular maintenance, thanks to the couple who regularly picks up trash along our roads, Route 3 clean-up program will resume after VDOT cuts the grass along the road.

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**Other Bits:**

**On a sad note:** Our condolences and prayers go to Bill DeBeau and his family on the loss of Carol early this week.

The Board is reaching out to the community for a **volunteer to research the types of electric fireplaces**, costs and installation requirements as this idea was presented to the Board by a member with support from some others. Please become involved and help provide the information for this suggested addition to the clubhouse.

Please note that we have received information that **ticks are reported to be worse** this year than before.

**Turtle Crossing:** "For the next few days, please drive cautiously beside Heron Pond - female turtles are crossing the road to find high ground and lay eggs...! Then they run back to the pond. "

**Save the Date:** Independence Day Celebration will be on July 1<sup>st</sup> hosted by Carl and Mary Johnson

**.Water Saving "Bit":** If you have an electric dishwasher, use it only for full loads and use the shortest cycle possible. Many dishwashers have a conserver / water-miser cycle.



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