

# Watersong Community Association Newsletter

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#### The President's Corner

This year has been one of making major improvements in our Watersong community. Rip Rap along our ponds has enhanced the looks of our ponds and it will keep the sides from eroding. In the near future a new light will be installed on Jade Cove. I want to thank the Watersong Board for all the work they have done this year to keep our community beautiful. I look forward to serving you in 2019.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Sincerely, Richard Nesseth President, Watersong Community Association

#### **Watersong Web Page**

As a reminder, the Watersong web page can be found at <u>www.watersongfw.org</u>. Our covenants, newsletters, meeting minutes and other important information are hosted there. Feel free to check it out. We do our best to keep this up to date, if you see something that is out of date or have a suggestion to make it more useful, please let a board member know.

#### **Care Committee**

Peg Nesseth is in charge of sending cards to Watersong residents in the event of illness, death or birth. Please contact Peg at 704-1920 or at *rpnesseth@ymail.com* if you know of a resident who should be acknowledged.

#### **Resident News**

We would like to acknowledge the following new residents to the Watersong Community and extend a warm welcome to each of you. We hope that you feel comfortable in your new home and neighborhood. If you have any questions regarding our neighborhood, don't hesitate to contact one of our Board members.

Marilyn and Ted Lepird Gwen Adams Andrew and Whitney Craig Robert and Cheryl Ortwein Aaron and Brenda Robbins



# Watersong Fall Open Board Meeting & Elections

The Watersong Board of Directors held an open board meeting on Monday, October 15, at Maple Creek Middle School. Board members gave important updates on a variety of issues.

Minutes of the meeting were distributed following the meeting. If you were unable to attend, we really encourage you to try to attend the spring open meeting which will be held in April (exact date to be announced). It is a great way to get to know some of your neighbors and get connected with what's happening in your neighborhood. We thank all of you who took the time to come out to the meeting.

The board subsequently met on Thursday, October 18 to choose offices for each of the board members. A big THANKS goes out to Bill Sandul for stepping up to be the VP of Administration and the Lawnscape POC, and to Roxanne Sandul for volunteering to be the VP of Communications. They fill the two open positions that were not able to be filled at the open meeting when elections would've been held. The new officers for the next year are shown in the Leader Guide at the end of this newsletter.

## **Long Term Project Planning Committee**

As everyone should be aware now, the rip-rap project was successfully completed this fall. This leaves the front entrance sign as the last major project on the LTPP Committee's plate. We have been in contact with a contractor and are in the process of securing detailed bids. We've been able to realize significant cost savings by choosing a design that reuses a portion of the old sign's base with a new upper portion that will be more pronounced and aesthetically pleasing while retaining Watersong's trademark "triple-blue wave" that ties into our street signs. Look for more information to come.





#### **Sidewalk Leveling**

A-1 Concrete has completed the repairs for 2018, but is offering the same discount to anyone who did not participate but would like to have repairs made in the near future (spring). If you missed out and are interested in getting your sidewalk leveled, please contact A-1 directly at 497-0808, to schedule that repair work (ask for the Watersong group discount). Even if only one homeowner wants work done they would be happy to be of service.

#### **Friendly Reminders**

E-Mail List: If you change your e-mail address, please let our secretary Joy Bodine know at 338-1965 or joybodine@gmail.com. We communicate primarily with our residents via e-mail, and we make every effort to keep our data base up to date. As fellow neighbors, we value and strive to protect the privacy of your e-mail addresses. They are used strictly for Watersong communication and are never given to other organizations or businesses. We also request that everyone respects the privacy of your neighbors by not using our email list for any business reason.

*Villa Services*: If you are interested in receiving villa services, please contact Mick Sokolowski at 402-7466 or *msokolowski53@hotmail.com*. These services include mowing, snow plowing, mulching, fertilizing, window washing and shrub trimming and are available to all single family residents. There is only a one-year commitment to receiving these services which starts January 1, so sign up soon!

Service Providers: If you have any questions or request for any of our service providers (Lawnscape, Pond Champs, etc.), please contact a board member so that we can make sure your request goes to the proper person for a response.

**Pets**: We appreciate our pet owners' continued use of leashes and cleaning up after their pets during walks around our scenic neighborhood.

*Trash Containers*: Please keep all trash containers inside the garage when not set out for

collection as required by Article VII, Section 15 of our covenants. If this is not possible, keeping the containers out of sight from the street and secured would be appreciated. This helps eliminate smelly trash bins as an "attractive nuisance" for stray dogs, rodents or other wild animals in our neighborhood.

Cars / Trailers: Cars and trailers should be parked in the garage whenever possible as required by Article VII, Section 37 of our covenants. This helps reduce crime in our area by minimizing "targets" for thieves. A lower crime rate results in higher property values. If a vehicle cannot be parked in the garage, temporarily parking it in the driveway rather than the street and keeping it locked reduces the risk of break-ins or vandalism.



#### **Upcoming Activities**

Occasionally, one of the residents will volunteer to hold a coffee gathering in her home. You will be notified of the coffee gatherings by email each month. Otherwise the women meet monthly at Rise and Roll – 1st Monday of the month – 10:00.

We'd like to thank Lynn Kurek for the many years of voluntary service as the Watersong Activities Committee chair. This position is currently open, please let a board member know if you are interested in leading us on new and exciting adventures!

## Trash & Recycling

If you do not currently recycle and you are interested in that service, please contact Ron Neuenschwander at 312-4800 or neuenschwander@gmail.com.

### **Watersong ARCH Info**

Please note that Bill Cross is the contact for project approval requests. His contact information appears in the project approval request form attached to this newsletter.

# Financial Update for 2018

Dues statements will be in the mail / email shortly. A letter from Roxanne Sandul, our VP of Communications is included with these, so be sure to look for that.

Everything is in good shape regarding the financials for our association. Most of our expenses to this date have been pretty much what we anticipated or even less than anticipated. We have had good cooperation from the residents in paying the association dues and fees and have very little to collect before the end of the year. There are still a few expenses for which we have not yet been invoiced, but we should still finish 2018 in very good financial condition.

We currently offer automatic drafts to increase payment options for the Association dues. If you are interested in taking advantage of that, please contact me.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the financial statements. My phone number is 402-7466 and my email address is *msokolowski53@hotmail.com*.

Mick Sokolowski

# WATERSONG COMMUNITY LEADER GUIDE

## **BOARD MEMBERS**:

Richard Nesseth	President	704-1920 (h)	rpnesseth@ymail.com
Bill Cross	VP-Compliance & Legal	415-1707 (h)	wcross526@msn.com
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Joy Bodine	Secretary	338-1965 (c)	joybodine@gmail.com
Mick Sokolowski	Treasurer	402-7466	msokolowski53@hotmail.com

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

Peggy Nesseth – Care Committee Chairperson Ron Neuenschwander – Refuse/Recycling Contact 704-1920 (h) rpnesseth@ymail.com 312-4800(c) rneuenschwander@gmail.com

John Bobilya – Newsletter Chairperson Bill Sandul – Lawn/Snow Removal Contact 637-8419 (h) jbslim@aol.com 338-1928 roxibilatfw@aol.com

Bill Cross – Architectural Committee Chairperson

Joy Bodine – Window cleaning Contact
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# Watersong Architectural Control Committee Project Approval Request Form

Please fill out the information below and submit to:

Bill Cross 12715 Schooner Dr. Fort Wayne, IN 46845 260-415-1707 wcross526@msn.com

Requestor:	Name:		Date:	
Street Address:			Lot#:	
Phone #:		Email:		
Expected Start Date:		Expected Complete Date:		
Type of Project	t (check one):	Landscaping:	External Structural Improvements:	
<b>Building Permi</b>	ts Obtained / 1	Required:		
Contractors &	Phone #s:			

**Guidelines:** Materials used should be consistent and harmonious with existing dwelling materials. Landscape design shall be harmonious and compatible with other dwellings. Building setbacks and utility easements must not be infringed upon. All plans must be approved by the ARCH committee prior to start of improvements. Please refer to the Watersong Covenants for further details.

**Description of project** (include material lists, sketches, photos, and contractor drawings as required, including rough dimensions, use additional pages as necessary):