



Watersong Community Association Newsletter

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The President's Corner

I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I look forward to working with you in the coming year to make our community better.

Sincerely,
Richard Nesseth
President, Watersong Community Association

Watersong Web Page

As a reminder, the Watersong web page can be found at www.watersongfw.org. 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 We do our best to keep this up to date, if you see something that is out of date or have a suggestion to make it more useful, please let a board member know.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.

Art and Jan Kinane (Sailors Cv)
Maureen and John Gallagher (Jade Cv)
Randy Jennings (Jade Cv)

Annette Abels (Brandon Way)
Susan Chew (Brandon Way)
Shane and Alyssa Brinkmanship (Jade Cv)

Watersong Fall Open Board Meeting & Elections

The Watersong Board of Directors held an open board meeting on Monday, October 16, at Maple Creek Middle School. Board members gave important updates on a variety of issues, and one new member was elected for the board officers for the next year (Bill Cross).

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 Monday, November 20 to choose offices for each of the board members. 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 was discussed at the fall open meeting, a long term project planning committee will be formed to identify and prioritize neighborhood projects that will require significant funding to execute. Several volunteers have stepped up to participate in this committee, which will have its kickoff meeting in January.

Sidewalk Leveling

If your sidewalk has heaved or is uneven and are interested in participating in another round of community-wide sidewalk leveling, please contact Doug Miller at 908-6589 or dougandmary91@gmail.com. Many took advantage of this opportunity a few years ago and were able to save a few dollars compare to having this done individually.



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 John Augsburger at 415-5291 or jaugs224@gmail.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.

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.

Trees: The trees along the sidewalks should be trimmed up at least 6' above the sidewalks so "ducking" under low hanging branches is not required. The trees planted in the park strips over the years have grown significantly and require periodic trimming. A big THANKS to Richard Nesselth and Harris Newlin who have volunteered to trim the trees over the coming year.

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. You are all welcome to contact Lynn Kurek at: mlynnkurek@gmail.com, or 437-7795, if you have any questions or suggestions for future activities.

Trash & Recycling

If you do not currently recycle and you are interested in that service, please contact Doug Miller at 908-6589 or dougandmary91@gmail.com.

Watersong ARCH Info

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

Financial Update for 2017

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 2017 in very good financial condition.

We are considering incorporating 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 415-5291 and my email address is jaugs224@gmail.com.

John Augsburger, Treasurer



Let's hope this winter doesn't get this bad again!

WATERSONG COMMUNITY LEADER GUIDE

BOARD MEMBERS:

Richard Nesseth	President	704-1920 (h)	rpnesseth@ymail.com
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Ron Neuenschwander	VP-Administration	312-4800 (c)	rneuenschwander@gmail.com
Betty Kohrman	VP- Communication	637-6830	bjk5741@gmail.com
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Joy Bodine	Secretary	338-1965 (c)	joybodine@gmail.com
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John Bobilya – Newsletter Chairperson
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Ron Neuenschwander – Lawn/Snow Removal Contact
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Bill Cross –Architectural Committee Chairperson
415-1707 (h) wcross526@msn.com

Joy Bodine – Window cleaning Contact
338-1965 joybodine@gmail.com

Lynn Kurek – Activities Committee Chairperson
437-7795 mlynnkurek@gmail.com

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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 (check one): Landscaping: _____ External Structural Improvements: _____
Building Permits Obtained / 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):