



## ***Watersong Community Association Newsletter***

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### **The President's Corner**

Spring greetings! After a winter of more-frequent-than-usual snows and cold temperatures, I'm so glad that we are on the cusp of another spring and summer season. By this time, flowers are blooming and trees are re-growing their foliage. I'm looking forward to getting out for more frequent walks and the Watersong garage sale the first weekend in June. The entire WCA Board of Directors wish you and your family a safe and happy spring and summer!

John Bobilya  
WCA President

### **Watersong Web Page ([www.watersongfw.org](http://www.watersongfw.org))**

We've been making updates to the web portal to include the year-end financial reports for 2025. Also, please check the online calendar for important information like trash and recycling pickup dates. If you see anything posted that needs attention, please contact any board member.

### **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](mailto:rpnesseth@ymail.com) if you know of a resident who should be acknowledged.

### **Garage Sale**

Time to clean the attics and dust-off the toy boxes! Our neighborhood-wide garage sale is scheduled for June 4 thru 6 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. We would love to see a lot of participation to help drive traffic through the neighborhood.

### **Resident News**

We would like to acknowledge the following new residents to the Watersong Community since the last newsletter 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.

Susan Hyde, Schooner Drive



### **Watersong Fall Open Board Meeting & Elections**

In the fall we will meet again to elect new board members. **This year we will have three new openings;**

- Phil Fretz's 3-year term is up and he does not plan to re-run for this position
- Ron Neuenschwander's 3-year term is up
- Roxanne Sandul resigned due to family priorities

Note that one of these openings will be to replace our treasurer which is one of the most important positions on the board. **In order to assure a smooth transition to a new treasurer, it is desired that we get the new volunteer on-board through a transitional period working with the current treasurer from now until the fall meeting. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the WCA board as treasurer (or in general), PLEASE notify any one of the board members ASAP.** We look forward to working to hit the ground running next fall. Thank you!

### **Sidewalk Leveling**

Every few years our sidewalks shift due to unstable soil, washout from standing water or heaving from nearby tree roots. General guidelines from the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) considers anything higher than 1/4-inch as a trip hazard. A 1/2-inch high edge can be considered acceptable if that edge is beveled. In the past, A1 Concrete Leveling was contracted to re-level our sidewalks in the common areas, and was used by several residents to re-level their own sidewalks. **Since it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain the**



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sidewalk in front of their house, those with shifting sidewalk slabs are encouraged to contact A1 Concrete Leveling at 260-497-0808 or other contractor to make repairs.

### **Friendly Reminders**

**Phone Number / E-Mail Lists:** If you change your phone number or e-mail address, please let our secretary Anna Wyss know at 260-403-6597 or at [annawyss96@gmail.com](mailto:annawyss96@gmail.com). We communicate primarily with our residents via e-mail, and we make every effort to keep our lists up to date and secure. As fellow neighbors, we value and strive to protect the privacy of your phone number and e-mail addresses. They are used strictly for Watersong communication and are never given to other organizations or businesses. **IMPORTANT CHANGE:** When providing us your new email address and/or phone number, please indicate the following:

- 1) Your explicit agreement (or decline) to receive emails from the WCA board.
- 2) Your explicit agreement (or decline) to have your email address and phone number published in the neighborhood directory.

**Rip-Rap Vandalism:** As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have received multiple reports of kids throwing rip-rap rocks into the ponds. **We had another instance of this already this spring.** This is considered vandalism of community property since every member shared in the expense of having it installed. Continued deterioration of the rip-rap border around the ponds reduces its effectiveness of preventing erosion and blocking the nesting of muskrats in the pond banks. **Please advise your children and guests by stressing the importance of maintaining the integrity of our pond shores by NOT throwing rip-rap rocks into the ponds.**

**Service Providers:** If you have any questions or requests for any of our service providers i.e. (Landscape, Pond Champs, etc.), please direct them to the person shown on the contact list included with this newsletter.

**Pets:** We all 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. 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 you have more vehicles than your garage can hold, temporarily parking it in the driveway rather than on the street and keeping it locked reduces the risk of break-ins or vandalism.

**Fireworks:** Please be sure your fireworks displays are safe and in accordance with Article VII, Section 9 of our covenants which states in part that the “Subdivision adopts the same rules for the use of fireworks as the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana: Fireworks may be used only between 5 p.m. and two hours after dusk (approximately 11 p.m.) from June



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29 – July 3 and July 5 – 9. On the day before Memorial Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, the day before Labor Day and Labor Day, the hours are extended from 10 a.m. – to midnight. For New Year’s Eve, the hours are 10 a.m. Dec. 31 until 1 a.m., Jan. 1. Use of fireworks in the Subdivision must also comply with Indiana Code IC 22-11-14.” If debris from your fireworks land on neighboring property, please be a good neighbor by picking up the debris. And please don’t launch fireworks from public streets. Your neighbors will thank you.

**Speed:** Please watch your speed while traveling through our addition. We appreciate you staying below the legal limit of 30 MPH for the safety of our residents and children.

### **2026 Social Activities** (planned thus far):

**May 15, Friday:** We will be touring Annie Oakley Natural Perfumery in Ligonier, IN, Tour begins at 10:00am. Admission is \$5 which includes a \$5 coupon to shop in their gift shop. Lunch in Shipshewana afterwards.

RSVP to me (Lynette) by Monday, May 11 so we know how many are going and can arrange carpooling.

**June 4-6, Thur-Sat:** Garage Sale, 8:00AM-5:00PM

**June 30, Tuesday:** 11:00 - Brunch/Lunch at Ophelia’s with shopping The Wells Street Corridor afterwards.

**September 27, Sunday:** 4:00pm- Watersong FAMILY Picnic

**December 8 Tuesday:** noon - Christmas Brunch at the Kimmell House Inn, Kimmell, IN

**First Monday of every month:** coffee at Kroger on DuPont at 10:30am

Lynette Augsburger  
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### **Trash & Recycling**

If you do not currently recycle and you are interested in starting or canceling that service, please get in

touch with Waste Management toll free at 1-866-797-9018 and provide them your account number. A list of WM account numbers by address will be posted soon on WCA’s web portal.

### **Watersong ARCH Info**

Please note that our ARCH committee is now chaired by Ron Neuenschwander / 260-312-4800 / [rneuenschwander@fsgllp.com](mailto:rneuenschwander@fsgllp.com). **Any landscaping or construction project that adds planting areas or structures to your home or yard must be approved by the ARCH committee to ensure no utility or drainage easements are infringed upon and that the proposed projects are compliant with the ARCH guidelines contained in our covenants.** There is a Project Approval Request form available on our website.

### **Financial Update for 2025 / 2026**

On the Watersong website, you will find the following financial statements: 1) both the 2025 and 2026 budgets, 2) the 2025-Year End Statements, and 3) the 1st. Quarter 2026 Financial Statement. If you are unable to view the website and/or desire hard copies of the reports, please get in touch with our Treasurer, Phil Fretz, at [plfretz@hotmail.com](mailto:plfretz@hotmail.com) or (260) 417-8031.

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## WATERSONG COMMUNITY LEADER GUIDE

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