

Watersong Community Association Newsletter

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The President's Corner

Happy Holidays to All Watersong Neighbors! Here's to hoping that 2025 will bring happiness, health and prosperity for all.

My how time flies. My youngest is now as tall as I am. If that doesn't make you grateful for the imminent holiday season making lasting memories, I don't know what will. The WCA Board is looking forward to our 2nd year managed by volunteer neighbors, now with a full staff of 7 board members. Regardless how your family celebrates the holiday season, may peace, love and harmony shine on you and your loved ones.

Sincerely, John Bobilya WCA President

Watersong Web Page (www.watersongfw.org)

The legacy Watersong web page has be transitioned to a new hosting site (portal). We will do our best to keep this up to date. Check the Watersong Web-page Calendar for important information like trash and recycling pickup dates. If you see anything 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 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 over the last year 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.

- Charles & Christine Gee
- Ryan & Sharonda Sims
- Robert & Robbin Goff

- Ric & Rachelle Palmisano
- Taylor & Megan Bates
- William & Debra Hersey
- George & Ginger Paul



Watersong Fall Open Board Meeting & Elections

In the fall we met at Maple Creek Middle School on 10/30/24. We had a very good attendance. We announced three new board members and conducted our meeting. Please visit the Watersong web page to get the minutes from that and prior meetings.

Friendly Reminders

Phone Number / E-Mail Lists: If you change your phone number or e-mail address, please let our secretary Ruth Richardson know at 260-414-8706 or at ladyrxr@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.

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



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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 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

Social Activities

2024 Social Activities

January - Coffee at Kroger

February - Game Afternoon at Jan Kinane's home March - Game Afternoon at Mary Lou Zent's home

April - Game Afternoon at at Lynette Augsburger's

May - Game Afternoon at Dodie Wilmer's home

June - Watersong annual garage sale

July - Coffee at Kroger

August - Lunch at the Vinland Reserve Winery, so beautiful

September - Lunch at Cranberry Cottage in Auburn October - Potluck Block Party...great turnout, fun time

November - Coffee at Kroger

Still to come:

December 6th - Annual Cookie Exchange at Mary Sokolowski's home

December 8th - Christmas Party at Dodie Wilmer's home

Jan Kinane / 616-834-8967 / artkinane@gmail.com

Trash & Recycling

If you do not currently recycle and you are interested in starting or canceling that service, please get in touch with the person shown on our contact list included with this newsletter.

Watersong ARCH Info

Please note that our ARCH committee is now chaired by Ric Palmisano / 269-921-3756 / rchrdpalmisano@yahoo.com. Any landscaping or construction project that adds planting areas or



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structures to your home or yard must be approved by the ARCH committee to ensure no utility or drainage easements are infringed upon. There is a Project Approval Request form available on our website.



Financial Update for 2024 2024 has been a financial roller-coaster.

The move from Sunrise to WCA self-management was truly an uphill climb.

The joy of the move was enabling WCA to not increase any dues in 2024.

Another uphill climb was the transfer of information from Sunrise to WCA.

Joy came again in the form of Karmen Busick, our bookkeeper and from having full control of WCA finances and expenditures.

Enclosed with this mailing you will find a copy of both the 2024 and 2025 budgets and on the reverse side you will see a 2024 Profit & Loss statement through October 30th.

Ruth Richardson / 260-414-8706 / ladyrxr@gmail.com.

WATERSONG COMMUNITY LEADER GUIDE

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