

Spring, 2016 Newsletter for LaSalle's Woods

Salutations from the LaSalle's Woods (LW) board of directors (BOD)! Our website address for LW is <http://www.lasalleswoods.com> . For those new to LW, please, take time to review and bookmark the site as we begin to send information to you. The monthly meeting minutes will be available on the web site and will only be mailed to those people who do not subscribe to the site. However, we would like everyone to participate by giving us your email address so that we can clearly and expeditiously disseminate information regarding your home, the community of LW, as well as the Pointe Services Association. If you do not use the internet, we can snail mail you information regarding your home. Mailings cost you/ us money while electronic information is practically free and can be viewed from anywhere not just at home. If you want your email and phone number to be kept confidential, we can flag this information to keep it out of any publication. Please, continue to use the website as you submit your work orders. However, we respond to hand written notices for work when deposited in the LW suggestion box near the pool entrance. Contact our property manager with an emergency, but he will only respond to property issues. Nuisance or criminal issues must be directed to Pointe Security (812-824-8940). All board member and property manager contact information can be found on the web site or by calling 812-824-2550 and leaving a message. Emergency calls are always 911.

The 2016 budget focus will be roofing one building with siding to be applied where needed. Roofing will remain our top priority for the next 5 years. That should make all buildings dry and attractive by year end 2020. While we roof, we will continue to replace the siding that has been most significantly affected by the weather. **As material and labor costs increase, we need to increase home owner's dues because we are very close on budget and we have expedited roof replacement to ensure best case scenario.** However, this year the BOD will be assessing the avenues to take regarding exterior façade replacement. Cost, installation, maintenance, and appearance will all be considered. If you have expertise or knowledge about siding, we can use your ideas. We are also planning for future renovations such as road repair, tree removal, and unit signage.

We hope you love your/ our community. We want to keep it as attractive as possible. To do so, we ask that before you make any changes to community property or any interior space you inform the BOD so that we can coordinate work to best suit everyone and not just the individual. (Changes to interior walls can weaken the building if the wall is load bearing.) Taking your own course of action could jeopardize the result, the safety of the community, and your finances if the board is unwilling to pay. Just because you see an

issue does not mean it exists for everyone else. Private decks are the owner's responsibility while condo entrances are the purview of the HOA.

Fireplaces for all condos were replaced/ upgraded several years ago. Should you wish to change the appearance of your hearth/ mantle, please contact the HOA before you do so as there are some issues with proper fireplace function with different adaptations.

Dog waste is an issue in LW. The board has installed plastic bag dispensers for owners to use when picking up after their dogs. Dogs are not permitted to roam free from a leash nor are they allowed in the tennis court/ pool areas.

Water heater pan installation will progress until we have 100% compliance. If you have installed your own pan, please let us know via the web site or by calling our office phone and leaving a message (812-824-2550). Dryer vent issues have surfaced again. This year we will focus on shortening the long vent runs and cleaning the worst of the vent lines from 2015.

Household waste containers are found throughout LW. Please, use them for most all waste material with the exception of cans of liquid paint, petroleum products such as car oil, batteries, tires, televisions, and construction waste (carpet, 2x4s, etc). If you choose not to recycle your cardboard, please, breakdown the boxes so they do not "hog" the limited space of each 2 yd container or rolling tote. The BOD chose to limit waste pickup to once a week from December to March when some full timers winter elsewhere. This season was a trial run and we found economic value in limiting pick-up but found some residents chose not to use other close-by containers when theirs were full. There was a substantial savings to once a week collection but due to a few overflowing containers we will not proceed next year.

Last year we installed a charcoal grill and picnic table near the shelter behind the tennis court. Please, feel free to use this facility by signing up on the provided sheet inside the shelter. Please, ensure the fire has been extinguished if using the pit, that coals from the grill have been transferred to the fire pit when done cooking, and, when ready to return home, the outside light has been turned off to reduce cost of electricity. This picnic facility was kept in decent shape last year. Thank you!

The pool should open Memorial Day weekend, barring unforeseen problems.

If you have questions or concerns, please, feel free to email, call, or stop and chat with any of the board members. We are open to suggestions you might have as we strive to maintain and grow LaSalle's Woods.

John Bernstein

President of your LaSalle's Woods HOA