

# Deerfield Woods Newsletter December 2023



# Join us at the Strongsville Library for the Annual Meeting Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00 PM.

All residents are encouraged to attend.

Enclosed with this newsletter are the following attachments:

- 1. 2024 Dues Invoice
- 2. 2024 Budget/Reserve Funding Primer
- 3. 2024 Proxy AND Ballot For/Against Reserve Requirement
- 4. Pool Pass Registration Form

Please complete and return your Proxy/Ballot Form and Pool Pass Registration Form with your dues payment.

# **Architectural Home Improvements**

Per the By-Laws, any changes to landscaping and home architecture must first be approved before any construction or changes are implemented.

Projects involving new structures require homeowners to complete an architectural review form, which can be found under the By-Laws section of the Deerfield Woods website. Updates to homes, including new windows, siding, roofs, etc., do not require homeowners to complete the form.

Please submit all plans and drawings for Architectural Approval to: DeerfieldWoodsHOA@gmail.com

# Property Management & Financial Summary

For Dec. (YE 2023), our current cash assets are:

Reserve Savings: \$120,450Checking Account: \$35,228

In July 2023, a new aluminum fence replaced the old, broken wrought iron fence along Boston Road at a cost of \$12,700.

As planned, the rest of the fiberglass tables and broken chairs at the pool were replaced with new ones. New umbrellas were also ordered. The pool deck, the two sidewalks leading to the pool and all neighborhood entranceway signs were pressure washed.

The small slide at the playground, which had started to show its age by cracking, was replaced with a new one that matched the playground color palette.

New umbrellas and bases will need to be ordered in 2024. Electrical repairs are still needed at neighborhood entranceways.

# Help! We need new volunteers.

There are immediate openings for the positions of Secretary and Pool Facilities Manager.

To find out how you can become involved in helping your neighborhood, attend the Annual Meeting, contact any Board Member or e-mail the association. Thank you.

### **Safety & Common Ground Guidelines**

If your front post light burns out, please replace it as soon as possible. Be sure to clear sidewalks of snow within 48 hours of the snowfall.

Please remember to leave common property as you found it, taking all trash and belongings with you upon departure. This helps keep common areas clean and safe.

Snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and motor bikes are not permitted in the common areas or on the streets at any time. Sledding is also prohibited on common property.

The Deerfield Woods pond is available to all residents, but it is important to understand that this pond does not easily freeze. It should never be used for ice skating. Catch and release fishing is allowed. **Do not keep fish!** 

When accessing common areas, such as the playground, fields or pond, please do not cut through private property. There are driveways, sidewalks or paths available for this purpose.

### **Collection Policy**

The Deerfield Woods collection policy is posted on our website at www.deerfieldwoods.org.

Please ensure that prompt payment of dues/account balances are made while avoiding additional late/legal fees caused by either late payment after March 1st or ongoing delinquent account collections.

#### 2024 Facilities Information

Please complete and return the enclosed pool pass registration form. Pool passes will be mailed to you prior to the pool opening.

For those interested in becoming a lifeguard at our pool, visit www.hastingswaterworks.com.

Please check the website for status updates, 2024 High Point/Deerfield Woods Sharks Swim Team announcements and other items.

#### 2024 Deerfield Woods Garage Sale

The annual neighborhood garage sale will be held Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone is interested in participating in the sale, please email

DeerfieldWoodsHOA@gmail.com with

"garage sale" in the subject line.

#### **Pets**

Please clean up after your dog when walking around the neighborhood.

Your neighbors will appreciate your efforts.

#### **Communications**

Check out the website for announcements and answers to frequently asked questions. www.deerfieldwoods.org

Feel free to contact the Board throughout the year at DeerfieldWoodsHOA@gmail.com.

#### **Board Members**

President/Trustee: Sean Grandage
Vice President/ Trustee: David Outcalt
Treasurer/Trustee: Scott Graham
Secretary: OPEN

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Facility Mgr/Trustee: OPEN
Property Mgr/Trustee: Aaron Ross
At-Large Trustee: Kelly Lange



Happy Holidays!