Wilderness Property Owners' Association

WPOA

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

IN-PERSON ANNUAL MEETING MAY 24, 7:00PM

Fellowship Hall

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MESSAGE FROM THE WPOA PRESIDENT

Spring has arrived in our community! It is great to see all of the blooming plants and spring wildlife. The WPOA Board is happy to share with our community the May WPOA Newsletter.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING: The Semi-Annual Association Meeting will take place on Tuesday May 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in-person in the Grace Community Covenant Church, Fellowship Hall. The agenda for the meeting can be viewed

https://wpoadotus.files.wordpress.com/2022/05/wpoa-semi-annual-agenda-5.24.22.pdf.

WPOA BOARD VACANCY. Come join a dedicated group of neighbors committed to the long-term health, safety and beauty of our community. The WPOA is managed by a board of seven volunteer directors and we have a vacancy. If you are interested in this position or have questions, please email the Board at wildernessBoard@gmail.com

NEIGHBORHOOD AWARENESS. As we welcome spring and warmer weather be sure to be aware as neighbors experience our community outside walking, running and playing.

EMAILS. Please send us your email address if you have not already. It will reduce costs to the Association for mailings and ensure you receive messages from the WPOA Board.

WPOA WEBSITE. Check out the WPOA website (<u>wildernesspropertyowners.org</u>) which contains information about the Board's current work and community resources including Frequently Asked Questions about the WPOA Covenants and county and local resources.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK. If you have feedback the best way to reach the Board is via email at <u>WildernessBoard@gmail.com</u>. We welcome your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions.



WPOA BOARD NEWS

The WPOA Board elected a new slate of 2022 WPOA Board Officers. The Vice President position will remain vacant for the remainder of the year, due to Board change over.

The WPOA Board also said farewell to Sean Griffioen and wishes him well. Finally, the Board continues to meet monthly via Zoom. Minutes from the meetings can be found on the WPOA website (wildernesspropertyowners.org).



FRIENDS OF LBA WOODS TRANSFORM TRAILHEAD



On March 19, Friends of LBA Wood and members of our community removed a vast patch of an invasive weed (yellow archangel) near the Wilderness neighborhood entrance to the LBA Woods.

The work party made quick work of the mulch piles and truckloads of flattened cardboard boxes. Friends of LBA Woods shared they estimated the project covered 75% of the area with new mulch.



COVENENT SPOTLIGHT

The WPOA Covenants provide the agreed upon and legally binding guidelines for the planned community as defined by the Plats of Wilderness and Wilderness Division. In other words, the Covenants are the rules for the neighborhood. The Covenants address a range of issues from community areas to signage and temporary structures.

This newsletter we are shining a spotlight on Covenant B-14 *Vehicles* for residential areas in the community. Covenant B-14 states, "No form of vehicle shall be parked or stored, nor maintenance performed upon same, on any lot, except on driveways or prepared hardstand such as concrete, asphalt, or hard gravel, unless not visible to the public view. No vehicle shall be partially or completely dismantled within the public view on any lot. Partially or completely dismantled vehicles left within the public view on any lot for a period of fourteen days, or more, shall be deemed a nuisance. As used herein, the term 'vehicle' shall include trailers."

This Covenant supports our community's commitment to provide for the continued aesthetic, healthful, and uniform development, use, and enjoyment of our community.

The Covenants can be accessed in full by going to the WPOA website (wildernesspropertyowners.org).



WPOA BOARD CONTINUES PROACTIVE WPOA GREENBELT WORK

In late 2018 the Board undertook a comprehensive evaluation and inventory of the WPOA Greenbelt. This work stemmed from a multi-month discussion among the Board and feedback from the Association's members.

The evaluation and inventory were administered by the WPOA Board with the goal of developing a long-term proactive plan to improve Greenbelt health and address safety issues. The result was a "road map" of management activities to protect and improve the health, use, and access of the Greenbelt and provide the Board with a long-term sustainable greenbelt management plan.

While the pandemic paused the Board's proactive greenbelt engagement the Board is committed to re-engaging in this work. At the April 2022, Board meeting the WPOA agreed to develop a plan to address the management activities identified in through the evaluation and inventory review for this year and the next. The Board will review a proposed plan, led by two Board members, at the June board meeting. The Board will utilize current dues to support this effort.