



# JULY 2020

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Wind Meadows (WM) pool is finally open. The opening had been delayed partially due to conflicting guidance from state and local officials. To stir the pot a little more, a county judge issued an injunction prohibiting enforcement of guidelines disseminated by the Racine Health Department.

The WM property manager (Washington Properties, Inc.) has worked closely with the WM Leisure Center Committee to develop guidelines of the safe use of the pool facility -- see further information within the newsletter.

I want to thank the many individuals who have donated time, materials, and plantings to help beautify the community. While these efforts are greatly appreciated, please ensure that all landscaping projects are approved, in advance, by the Architectural Review Committee. The types of trees/plants selected and the proper spacing can be key to the long term success of these projects.

For the 20+ residents who participated in the June 16 WMC board meeting via ZOOM, the shortcomings of virtual meetings were readily apparent. We will strive to find ways to improve the process.

On the Lighter Side: A shortage of paper -- something to take your mind off the Coronas.

A drunk staggers into a Catholic Church, enters the confessional booth, sits down, but says nothing.

The priest coughs a few times to get his attention, but the drunk continues to sit there.

Finally, the priest pounds three times on the wall.

The drunk mumbles, "ain't no use knockin, there's no paper on this side either."

President, Bob Randleman

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## WASHINGTON PROPERTIES, INC.

Carrie Harbach, Project Manager	262-639-8974
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Website: <a href="http://www.windmeadows.org">www.windmeadows.org</a>	

## IMPORTANT POOL INFORMATION

- Pool hours as of July 1, 2020: 10am-6pm Daily
- Max capacity is 25 to ensure proper social distancing
- Reservations are required and are limited to one reservation per day Mon-Fri and one per weekend.
- Reservations are in 1-hour and 45-min blocks with 15 minutes between reservations for disinfecting.
- Limited guest capacity—no guests other than children or grandchildren of WMC members are permitted.
- WMC ID card must be presented to confirm reservation.
- Toilets and sinks are OPEN, showers are CLOSED. Restrooms are for toilet and handwashing only, no changing or showering. Shower and dress before you arrive.
- Deck furniture and vending machines are currently unavailable.
- Members should stay home if they have symptoms of COVID-19, tested positive, or were exposed to someone who has tested positive of COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- To make a reservation: <https://wmcpool.skedda.com>

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Wind Meadows Corporation Monthly Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 7pm, will be held via tele/video conference call. Information on how to join the meeting will be sent to your email prior to the meeting and should not be shared with anyone other than members of Wind Meadows Corp.

### **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)**

All exterior changes need prior approval from the WMC Board of Directors and the ARC. This applies to ALL residents in Wind Meadows (Single Family, Manor, Patio, Garden, Village and Prairie Meadow Homes).

An "ARC Request for Change" form is available on the WMC website or contact the WMC office. ARC submissions should include details of the change, including pictures. ARC meetings are held as needed and Board meetings are normally on the third Tuesday of every month. Requests are due 30 days prior to the Board meeting. After approval, it is the homeowner's responsibility to obtain any necessary building permits, etc. required by the Village of Wind Point.

### **TENNIS COURTS INFORMATION**

The TENNIS COURTS are in play. Play is at your own risk. Notices posted at the courts.

#### **IMPORTANT INFO FOR RESERVING COURTS:**

The NEW Tennis Court Reservations link is as follows: <https://wmctennis.skedda.com> and has replaced the previous pen and paper reservation system.

The NEW Tennis Court Reservations link is posted on the Home page under "Quick Links" on the windmeadows.org website.

### **OPEN FIRES-RULES FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOMES**

#### **RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBOR!**

Controlled outdoor fires for cooking, ceremonies and recreation are permitted. Controlled burning of yard material is allowed between the hours of noon and 7pm. The fires must be at least 10 feet from the property line and may not burn wet, combustible rubbish, garbage, oily substances, asphalt, plastic, rubber products or other material which creates dense smoke or cause a nuisance. The Village encourages residents to take advantage of the yard waste collection service as an alternative to burning yard waste.

### **HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY TO WIND MEADOWS MEMBERS**

Please be safe and enjoy the holiday weekend.



### **FIREWORKS**

The Village's Ordinance, Sec. 22-13, defers the sale and use of fireworks to Wisconsin State Statute 167.10. This statute provides limitations under what type of fireworks are allowed, which include: *Sparklers not exceeding 36 inches in length, stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs, caps, noisemakers, confetti poppers with less than ¼ grain of explosive mixture, and novelty devices that spin or move on the ground.* See :Wis. Stat. § 167.10(1).

Possession or use of other fireworks, such as firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets and mortars in Wisconsin without a permit is illegal. The rule of thumb is that if it leaves the ground or explodes, it generally requires a permit. The Village does not issue fireworks permits for these type of fireworks, therefore they are not allowed in the Village. The question from the resident about ground based fireworks is partially true, but if it explodes and does not leave the ground, its not allowed.

Additionally, regarding firework's noise, the Village's Code of Ordinances, under Sec. 20-3, describes "All loud, discordant and unnecessary noises or vibrations of any kind;" as being a public nuisance. Therefore if the firework is making loud noises, which disturbs the peace of the neighborhood, it could be considered a nuisance, which may result in a citation by the Wind Point Police Department.

### **MEADOW LAKE**

The Lake is only for residents of the WMC and Special Limited Members. Non-Residents, from any area outside of Wind Meadows, are not eligible to use our facilities.

All WMC homeowner's are welcome to fish (with a WI. fishing license and a WMC I.D. card). You can fish on land, or on water with a boat, but no motor. You are welcome to have two guests, who remain in your line of sight, as you are responsible for their actions.

### **RAIN BARREL INFORMATION**

Single family homes: Rain barrels are permitted only with prior approval from the ARC. Patio, Manor, Garden, Village. And Meadow Homes : Rain barrels are not permitted.

**CALL OR CLICK BEFORE YOU DIG**

State law requires you to contact Diggers Hotline before you dig. To prevent a hazardous situation while digging, contact your local one-call system at least three (3) business days before you plan to dig. To schedule a locate, call 811 or go to diggershotline.com. Utility-owned underground facilities will be marked for free. Failure to call may result in penalties or fines.

**WIND MEADOWS PRUNING PROGRAM**

Pruning is performed to enhance a plant’s natural shape, maintain or reduce plant size, remove undesirable growth and reduce disease infestations. This in turn reduces reliance on pesticides. Additionally, the plants increase in value over time. Not all plants are pruned at the same time. The plant species pruning practices are performed in the spring by the Reliable Property Services:

**Renewal** - selective removal of the oldest, damaged and dead stems is done to keep stems young and within bounds of its location (Dogwood, Viburnum and other suckering type shrubs).

**Rejuvenation** - shrub is cut back entirely to about 1” from the ground to revitalize new plant growth (Honeysuckle, Privet, Forsythia and other very overgrown plant material).

**Thinning** – removal of crossing or rubbing branches directs growth into better limbs, improves air circulation, reduces pest problems and improves the natural aesthetics of the plant (Burning Bush, large shrubs and small trees)

**DOG POOP CLEAN UP**

All dog owners are reminded to do their part and clean up after their dog. Dog waste is a nuisance to neighbors, as well as, ground maintenance crews. Dog waste is also one of the top contributors to contamination of stormwater runoff, which has a significant impact on area streams and Lake Michigan. Please clean up after your dog and properly dispose of pet waste. Violations may be reported to the Village Police Department.

**JOHNS DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC.**

Please put your garbage out on Monday morning before 7:00 a.m., not the night before. Recycling collection is every other Monday (July 13 & 27). Weekly yard waste pickup is on Mondays through Nov. For more information contact Johns Disposal at (262) 473-4700.

**WILD GARLIC MUSTARD**

Please start pulling garlic mustard as soon as you see it growing. The garlic mustard around your homes and in the common wooded areas is quite severe.

The best way to control this obnoxious invasive weed is to pull it out. Pulling it in the spring while the ground is soft will be much easier to get the entire plant, including the root. Each plant can release hundreds of seeds when mature, and it spreads fast. After pulling, put it in a black plastic bag, labeled “GARLIC MUSTARD” and put it out with the garbage any Monday morning.

**DO NOT LEAVE IT ALONG THE ROADSIDE**

A fellow member has shared a recipe for killing Garlic Mustard that is safe and works very well: you will need a sprayer which can be purchased at Kortendick’s Ace Hardware

1 gallon of white vinegar

1 1/2 cups of Epsom salt

A dash of Dawn soap

**VILLAGE OF WIND POINT (VWP) BRANCH PICK-UP**

The first VWP branch collection will start on Tuesday, April 14 and continues the second Tuesday of each month through November.

Branches will be collected up to 4 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length. Keep pile height to 4 feet and place piles by the road in small, reasonably uniform piles with the cut-end toward the road, all in the same direction. Residents in PSA I, II, III, V, VI and VIII need to inform the VWP of your branch pile. Do not set branch piles out sooner than seventy-two hours of collection day.

If collecting and chipping branches takes longer than fifteen minutes at one resident, a tag will be left on the remaining piles.

The owner will have the option to remove the piles or have them collected for a fee.

Branch collection is for tree maintenance, not tree removal. If you hire someone to remove trees on your property, please do not use the VWP branch collection service for removing the debris from your property.

Do not throw branches in the woods or wild area.

**EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE WORK**

Contractors will continue grounds and building maintenance work in all of the PSAs throughout the year. Contractors will do their best to complete repairs and minimize damage to the landscaping. Please contact the WMC office with any maintenance issues.