

WEATHERSTONESM

A Planned Community in Chester Springs, Pennsylvania



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2020 Board/Community Meeting Schedule

- Budget Meeting
 - November 11, 2020, Wednesday
 - Club House (Tentative) at 7:00 pm.

Board Member Resignation – John Sullivan, after serving on the Board as Secretary since Mid-2019, resigned in June. We thank John for his contribution during that time. The Board is looking for a replacement from the “single-family” homeowners to serve the remainder of John’s term. If you are interested, please contact SCM.

2020 Budget Update (YTD) – as of June 30, 20120 (Unaudited)

| | <i>Budget</i> | <i>Actual</i> | <i>Variance</i> |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Income | \$ 232,131 | \$ 240,570 | \$ 8,439 |
| Expense | \$ 237,285 | \$ 235,538 | \$1,747 |
| Current Year Net Income (Loss) = | | \$ 5,032 | \$10,186 |

Retained Earnings (unaudited) = \$ 13,637

2020 Reserve Contributions (YTD) as of June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)

| | <i>YTD</i> |
|--------------------|------------|
| Common Area | \$ 38,183 |
| Townhomes | \$ 24,680 |

Total Reserve (Unaudited) = \$564,505

Paving Project – Acorn, Blossom, and Branch alleys. Lyons and Hohl was selected for the Paving. The Project was completed in mid-July - on time and below budget. We thank the residents of these alleys for their patience & understanding during the alley closures.

Continued Impact of COVID-19 on our Community

The Board appreciates your support and patience in dealing with this impact on the lives of all of our residents.

As of now, the following restrictions are still in place:

- Pool attendance is limited to 35 residents.
- You must bring your own chair(s)
- Guests are not permitted
- The Tot Lot remains closed
- Rentals of the Clubhouse are suspended.

Trees – Friend or Foe?

The WeatherStone development is almost 20 years old. Depending upon the various phases of construction, most of the “Street Trees” and trees within the individual properties are reaching or have reached full maturity. The tree-lined streets and the trees within the properties are an attractive asset to the community, but are they also an attractive nuisance? While the trees provide shade, reduce carbon dioxide, and create much needed oxygen, the roots push up the sidewalks causing potential hazards to pedestrians and bicyclists. Additionally, the full tree canopies are susceptible to storms and high winds, potentially damaging nearby homes, cars, and residents.

The WeatherStone Community Association (WCA) is going to address these problems in the Common Areas, such as the Parks and the grounds around the Parks and Townhouses. “Single-family” homeowners are responsible for sidewalks, Street Trees, and trees on their property – see Item 9 of the Weatherstone Rules and Regulations.

In order to preserve the Community’s assets of sidewalks and trees the Board has recently signed three contracts:

- The first was for the replacement of sections of sidewalk at 49 Common Area locations.
- The second was for pruning 227 street trees around the Common Areas.
- The Third was for pruning the 194 trees on the common-grounds in the Parks and around the Townhomes.

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Weather permitting, the work on the sidewalks should begin the week of Aug. 17th. The pruning is scheduled to commence in the Fall.

News from the West Vincent Township Police Department

- West Vincent Township’s Curfew – Parents, a friendly reminder that West Vincent Township Police strictly enforce the Township’s **Curfew Ordinance**. Minors are not permitted in a public place between the hours of **11 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.**, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
Dial 9-1-1 for Emergencies or any Suspicious Activity.
- A Township-Sponsored Shredding Event will be held on Saturday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the WV Township Building.

The 2020 Trash Collection Schedule - Please place materials out the night prior to your service day so AJB may guarantee pickup.

LABOR DAY – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

Trash will be collected on Tuesday, September 8th.

THANKSGIVING DAY - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2020

Trash & Recycling will be collected on Friday, November 27th.

CHRISTMAS DAY - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020

This HOA will not be affected by this holiday.

NEW YEAR'S DAY - FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021

This HOA will not be affected by this holiday.

Bulk Collection - One bulk item is picked up on the first Thursday of each month.

Yard Waste Collection – Simply bag or bundle your yard debris. Five items are accepted at each pick-up. Grass clippings and leaves must be placed in bags that are less than 20lbs each. Twigs and branches can be bundled, less than 3 feet in length.

Reminder: Secure your recycling, especially on windy days, and consider placing your glass and plastic waste in trash bags if they do not fit in your container.

Henrietta Hankin Library - Greetings from the Henrietta Hankin Branch Library! I hope this finds you and yours in good health and good spirits. Although the library is not yet fully open to the public, we're hard to provide as many services as we can as safely as possible. We're currently offering curbside holds pick up and laptop lending by appointment. We will soon be allowing in person holds pick up and in-library computer use, followed by limited browsing of the collection. It's difficult for us to have to limit access in this way, but please know that we're doing it for the safety of our patrons and staff. We're looking forward to the time when we can be a community gathering place again! Please keep an eye on our social media pages and website for more information as our reopening progresses.

While you can't come into the library yet, we have planned many fun online programs planned for both children and adults and are offering a virtual Summer Reading Club for all ages! You can learn more at <https://bit.ly/ImagineYS2020>. You can also find a wealth of information about all of our online resources, get reading recommendations, keep up with community information, and find out what libraries have to offer to keep you and your family engaged and informed during these unprecedented times through our new blog, <https://stayconnectedwithchescolibraries.wordpress.com/>.

The Spotted Lanternfly -

The WCA, in conjunction with our landscaper, has removed all host trees from Forest Park and the entrance at Pinehurst Drive with the exception of a few individual trees. These will be systemically treated and used as bait trees. When the bugs feed on them they are killed.



The WCA will not be treating all of the trees within our community. We must remember that unless the entire area/region is treated it does little good to treat our trees at a large expense to our residents. The township does not treat the open space around WeatherStone that they own nor do our other neighbors.

While the tape bands do catch these pests, they are having negative effects.

- If used incorrectly, they can girdle a tree, killing it.
- These trap the predators – birds, bats, praying mantis, etc.

So be thoughtful when using these deterrents.

Please be certain to take due care if you elect to use tape bands.

WeatherStone Happenings

Book Club – The WeatherStone book club is not meeting during the Summer. For more information please contact Candace Stoudt at 610-458-1996 or cstoudt309@gmail.com.

New members are always welcome.

Communications with Our Residents

Contacting the Board of Directors – The best way to communicate with The Board of Directors is through SCM. SCM will log the information and refer it to the Board for a response. The Board sees your comment within twenty-four hours. You may do so in writing, by phone, or through the SCM website (preferred method): <http://shewmanagement.com/contact/>. SCM's contact information is: Shew Community Management, Inc., P.O. Box 1605, West Chester, PA 19380. Office Phone: 610-431-3436. Fax Number: 610-430-8160.

WeatherStoneChesterSprings.com – Our website is online at:
www.WeatherStoneChesterSprings.com.

NOTE: There will be a new Residents only section that will contain a Voluntary Resident Directory among other things. Since we are in the process of updating this list, we are asking residents to register through the new website (instructions below) **if they would like to be listed in the new Directory:**

Go to www.WeatherStoneChesterSprings.com

Select **Resident Directory** from the drop-down menu under **Resident**

Complete Resident Directory Form & Submit

If you have items for the calendar or pictures to share, please visit the contact us page!

Reminder: Please use the Shew Community Management website for all Architectural Requests and questions regarding HOA.