



# Waterford Homeowners Association Newsletter

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*Next Board Meeting:  
Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm at the  
Clubhouse*

## **We're Back!**

And just in time for the Dog Days of Summer. The pool is operational and as busy as ever, the Waterford Waverunners are on a winning streak, we've just finished some much-needed improvements to our lower pond, and we have a great slate of Independence Day activities scheduled.

We hope you're having a wonderful Summer, and check with us often at our web site to learn about and join in on the activities we have planned.

## **From the Property Manager**

We are in the full swing of the Summer season. The pool has had a few issues, but they were quickly resolved with attention to our members' safety. There are a few items that can help make the pool experience a fun time for all.

- If your child is in diapers, please make certain they are wearing swim proof diapers.
- Please monitor your children so the tossing of objects, (e.g., footballs) that may hurt someone inadvertently, are done in the front lawn and away from smaller children.
- Please do not bring glass objects into the pool area.
- Obey the lifeguards. We have a great team and your safety is at the top of their priorities. We have had numerous compliments of the lifeguards this year, but there are times they must enforce certain procedures and may not be the most popular person at the pool.

The photo ID system is progressing well. We are currently at 70% of the members having received their photo IDs. If you have already submitted your application and payment, we strive to enter your information into the database so when you come for your passes, it takes less than a minute to take the picture and give you your pass. The lifeguards can take photos on slower days, but two situations will prevent them from taking the pictures. One, if you haven't previously registered and paid for membership, it is not feasible for them to be away from the pool long enough to do that. Second, when the pool is busy, they must give their attention to the pool. Please watch for the hours when someone will be here to take photos. They will be posted on Facebook and the website.  
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## **Treasurer's Report**

Most homeowners have paid their annual assessments. For those of you that have, thank-you. For homeowners who haven't, please do so as soon as possible. These funds are used to operate and maintain the neighborhood, the pool and tennis area, the entrance way, the ponds, and snow removal. This is the main source of revenue for the HOA .

*Register online for your  
pool pass*

*waterfordlexington.com*



*Upcoming Events*

*July 4, 10:30: Parade*

*July 4, noon: Lunch at  
the Clubhouse*

*July 4, all-day: All  
residents swim free*

## **Let's Go Swimming!**

We're off to another fun swimming season, and you can still join! Our limited number of non-resident memberships will be exhausted as of June 15<sup>th</sup>, but residents may join at any time. Please visit our neighborhood web site ([waterfordlexington.com](http://waterfordlexington.com)) to check pool hours, rules and operating procedures. Only one more closure during regular hours is scheduled (June 24<sup>th</sup> for the Waterford Waverunners' last home swim meet), and you can always check Facebook, Twitter and our web site for the most up-to-date information.

## **Lock Your Cars**

Several residents have reported on our Facebook group that their unlocked vehicles have been rummaged for change and loose bills in the early morning hours over the last few weeks. The police have agreed to increase patrols, but please be mindful of locking your vehicle (if you're unable to park it inside your garage) and your garage door. If you have to park outside your garage, then don't leave valuables in site. If you suspect your neighbor has accidentally left their garage door open, they might appreciate being notified. And finally, if you see something, say something!

## **Go, Waverunners!**

Our very own neighborhood swim team, the Waterford Waverunners, are on a winning streak! There is only one more home swim meet at the neighborhood swimming pool (June 24), so make plans now to attend and support the Waverunners. You can visit their web site ([www.waterfordwaverunners.com](http://www.waterfordwaverunners.com)) or contact their Board President, Jamie Gardner, for more details.

## **Fences**

If you plan to build or replace a fence on your property, please first have a look at the neighborhood's Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, located on our web site ([waterfordlexington.com](http://waterfordlexington.com), "Our Neighborhood," "Governing Documents." There is also a helpful checklist on the site ("Stay Informed," "FAQs"). In brief, fence construction should follow a process that involves both the LFUCG and the Homeowners Association, and it's much better to follow the process in the beginning than to try to follow it after the fence is built.

## **LexCall 311**

Lexington has a single point-of-entry that can help with many questions and issues regarding the services that the LFUCG provides (tall grass, trash, potholes, burned-out street lights, and many others) as opposed to the Homeowners Association services (maintenance of the common areas such as the pool/clubhouse and surrounding areas, entrances, and ponds). Simply call 311!

## **Social Events**

Please join all of us in thanking our two previous Social Chairs (Marnie Mountjoy and Heather Edwards) for their efforts and welcoming our new Social Chair, Heather Robbins. You will be hearing much more from Heather in the coming days and weeks, but you can begin planning now for our Fourth of July Events, to include the parade (begins at 10:30, meet at the clubhouse at 10:15 – two motorcycle police officers to provide escort), the neighborhood cook-out (at the clubhouse – the Homeowners Association will provide the main course, you provide the sides) and all-day swimming at the pool, open to all Waterford residents (bring proof of residency if you're not a pool member). Check our Waterford Facebook group and web site for more details on this and upcoming neighborhood events. Also, if you're a Bunco player, please consider supporting this regularly-scheduled event in the future, since we've had low turn-out in the last few months.

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## Clubhouse Rentals

Our clubhouse still has time slots available for rentals. It's an outstanding choice for birthday parties, weddings, wedding rehearsals and dinners, graduation parties, business meetings and other special events, and our rates (especially for residents) are very competitive. If you haven't visited lately or at all, you can get an idea of what the clubhouse offers by checking it out on the web site ([waterfordlexington.com](http://waterfordlexington.com)) or by contacting our Property Manager, Ed Sloan, to schedule a tour. Currently-scheduled rentals are reflected on the calendar at our web site, where you can also reserve the clubhouse.

## Staying in Touch

**Web Site.** Our web site ([waterfordlexington.com](http://waterfordlexington.com)) is the primary source of information on our governing documents (e.g., Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions), Board composition, swimming pool operations, Frequently-Asked Questions, archived newsletters, and many more items of a reference nature. You can also find relatively recent announcements from the Board/Staff, upcoming events, and recent tweets (more on this later) from the Board. In addition, you'll find several methods for contacting our Board Members and Property Manager with your questions, comments, suggestions and issues, and all of this is available without creating a log-in account. However, we highly recommend that you register (near the bottom right of the home page). Registration will enable you to access the information stored in the "Members Area" (Board meeting minutes, financial statements) and to receive this newsletter directly via e-mail.

**E-mail.** E-mail addresses supplied during web site registration are stored, and we are also collecting and storing e-mail addresses as part of the swimming pool membership application process. Being sensitive to e-mail overload, we don't anticipate using e-mail often to communicate information from the Board to Residents. Newsletters and events of high relevance and importance (e.g., special meetings of the Homeowners Association, Board elections) will probably be announced through e-mail, but other announcements will normally pass through other channels (web site, Facebook, Twitter). We do not and will not sell or share your e-mail information.

**Twitter.** The Board have a single Twitter feed (@waterfordlexky) that is used for announcements of a relatively short-term nature (Board meetings, pool closures, construction in the neighborhood, relevant LFUCG developments, etc.). If you are a Twitter user and "follow" us, you will receive these announcements automatically. You can also see these announcements without registering for a Twitter account by simply visiting our web site ([waterfordlexington.com](http://waterfordlexington.com)) and checking our Twitter feed on the right-hand side of the home page.

**Facebook.** Our Facebook group is our most interactive way of communicating with all our neighbors and is used by residents on a daily, if not hourly, basis. You will need a Facebook personal profile (which can be highly customized in terms of your privacy settings) to become a part of this group, which you can locate by logging in to Facebook and searching for Waterford in the upper-left search field – it should be the first entry and shows up as "Waterford Closed Group – xxx members." This is a closed group, meaning you will have to request permission to join the group. Access is limited to Waterford residents, and the discussions are relatively private in the sense that only other group members can read and/or post comments. The Facebook group appears to be a very successful communication tool, and we now have nearly 200 group members who visit to discuss such wide-ranging topics as baby-sitter recommendations, yard sales, lost pets and social events.

We will continue to work to improve our web site and integrate our communications processes. Please let us know if you have any suggestions on how to become more effective.

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### **Newsletter Distribution**

As of this month, we're transitioning to electronic-only delivery of the newsletter. The traditional method of composing, editing and formatting the newsletter and then arranging printing, envelope-stuffing and mailing was assessed as being simply too cumbersome and expensive, especially in light of other methods that are available and practical. For this and future versions, we will upload a copy to the neighborhood web site ([waterfordlexington.com](http://waterfordlexington.com)) and e-mail a .pdf format copy to everyone who is registered through the web site. We'll also announce its publication through Facebook, Twitter and our web site's announcement section. As a transitional step, we will make a limited number of paper copies available just outside the front door of the clubhouse and announce their location on the bulletin board at the neighborhood main entrance.

### **Green Space Update**

You may have noticed the green space by the tennis courts has had some of the honey suckle removed. This is a non-native plant that is killing the native trees that are in this wooded area. This project is a three-phase project. The second phase will begin this fall. More information will be forthcoming. If anyone would like to help remove this non naive plant, phase two will start this fall.

### **We Want to Hear from YOU**

We're always interested on your thoughts on how the Homeowners Association Board can better serve the neighborhood, suggested improvements to the common areas, ideas on social events, and any other issues. Feel free to contact us from our web site. Your ideas matter.