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Village Green

NEWSLETTER

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SPRING has sprung, and everything is starting to look lush and green in our neighborhood. A special thank you goes out to **John Law**, **Terry Philbrick**, and **Chuck Graham**, for cutting and clearing fallen trees and brush around the pond, and to **Lauren Lehman** for pruning the pear trees on Wyman Way. We appreciate the time and effort you put in to help keep our Village Green community looking bright and shiny!



⚠ Wyman Way - Route 9 Sidewalk Improvement ⚠

If, during the colder months, you have ever walked on the sidewalk where Wyman Way meets Route 9, you know how icy it can get. Fortunately, there has been a French Drain installed in that location.



The purpose of the drain is to prevent runoff water from finding its way onto the sidewalk and freezing. This spring the finishing touches were added where the digging took place back in January. Topsoil and seed has been applied to the banking, so it should be looking top notch within a few weeks.



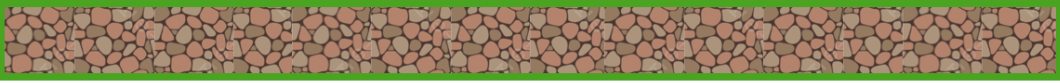
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Design Review Board Reminder



BY BETH WALDMAN

The warm weather is finally here and homeowners are thinking about exterior home improvement projects. Here are some tips on how to work with the **Design Review Board** on your next exterior project.

When should a homeowner contact the DRB? Any alterations and/or improvements that impact the exterior of your home must be submitted to the DRB for consideration and approval. This includes:

- Landscaping including shrub, tree & garden beds, or large tree removal
- Installation of generators (landscape screening is required), heat pumps, or rooftop solar panels
- Projects such as a deck, awning, patio or walkway
- Installation of playsets and recreational amenities



What is needed for your DRB request? Please submit written plans and designs via e-mail to Phoenix Management to request approval **BEFORE** you begin the project, and before Town Permits are requested. Phoenix will forward the request to the DRB Chair who will follow up with the Homeowner. Your e-mail request should include:

- A written description of the general parameters of the project, such as location, material, dimensions, and colors.
- Project sketches or architecture designs to illustrate the location and scale of decks or patios to the home/property line, or location of generator, etc.
- Landscaping plans must include a drawing/design indicating plant species and size.

NOTE: Generator requests must include a landscaping plan to shield the unit

The DRB has 30 days to review requests but usually makes decisions more quickly. A project may be approved in whole or with conditions, or denied with a written explanation.

Post DRB Approval It is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure that the project complies with Deed Restrictions, Easements, and Setback Requirements. All necessary permits must be obtained by the homeowner. Please contact Dig Safe for utility locations, and identify the irrigation system location.



If you have any questions about your next home exterior project or wish to submit a project for approval, please email Phoenix at mtierney@phoenixmanagementcompany.com. Our property manager will route your mail to the DRB chairperson. Please visit the Village Green website for more info: http://villagegreenphx.wilderness.org/page_19177

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IRRIGATION UPDATE

BY JOHN LAW

With all the rain we received in late April into the beginning of this month, we welcomed the overdue sunshine! Now with all the sunshine the last few weeks, we would welcome a shower - right? The good news is the Village Green irrigation system is being repaired on 5/18 and 5/19 for damage that occurred over the winter. We expect the system to be fully up and running the week of 5/22 to assist mother nature when we don't receive sufficient rain. 💧

In addition, you should know that the Village Green Board approved last month the purchase of a new irrigation controller to replace the 2 current controllers. The controller is the brain that manages the 100+zones throughout Village Green. The new controller has significantly more capability. For example, it could handle 2X the size of village green and if the system malfunctions, the controller immediately sends alarm messages to designated cell phones for follow up remediation (either remotely or on site) and to the cloud for metric tracking. ☁️

The cost to purchase & install the new controller and consolidate underground operations for same is \$11,000. This is almost \$5,000 less than replacing the 2 controllers. Even though some money had been set aside in past years for the eventual replacement of the controllers, we will still be \$4,500 over budget for this year. Through volunteering efforts and watching expenses carefully, we hope to make up some of the shortfall. 💰

The main flaw with the current set up is no one knew when the system failed until the lawns started turning brown and then the vendor was called and when they opened the covers of the controllers, they saw a list of failure messages. The new controller will be installed in the next 2-3 weeks. When implemented, the new system will give the community a dependable source of irrigation. 👍



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- A picture of wildlife or nature you've taken in the neighborhood
- News or information that you feel might be of interest to your Village Green neighbors



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