

## January, 2015 Newsletter for LaSalle's Woods

Happy New Year to you all from the LaSalle's Woods (LW) board of directors (BOD)! We are proud of the new website developed by Mr. Blake Pell, a home owner in LW, and look forward to growing the site to make it more informative and interactive. The address of the site is <http://www.lasalleswoods.com> . Please, take time to review and bookmark the site as we begin to send informational video vignettes to you. The monthly meeting minutes will be available on the web site and will only be sent to those people who do not subscribe to the site. However, we would like everyone to participate by giving us your email address so that we can clearly and expeditiously disseminate information regarding your home, the community of LW, as well as the Pointe Services Association. Let us know if you do not use the internet so that we can snail mail you information regarding your home. Mailings cost you/ us money while electronic information is practically free and can be viewed from anywhere not just at home. Please, continue to use the website as you submit your work orders. However, we still respond to hand written notices for work when deposited in the LW suggestion box near the pool entrance. Contacting our property manager will no longer be acceptable unless there is an emergency and he will only respond to property issues. Nuisance or criminal issues will be directed to Pointe Security. All board member and property manager contact information can be found on the web site or by calling 812-824-2550 and leaving a message. Emergency calls are always 911.

Our budget for 2015 has been quite the challenge. Roofing will remain our top priority for the next 4 years. Our goal for 2015 is to roof 3 buildings and then 2 more each additional year. That should make all buildings dry and attractive by year end 2019. While we roof, we will continue to replace the siding that has been most significantly affected by the weather. **If material and labor costs increase, we will need to increase home owner's dues because we are very close on budget and we have expedited roof replacement to ensure best case scenario.** However, this year the BOD will be assessing the avenues to take regarding exterior façade replacement. We will keep you apprised as we gain information. Cost, installation, maintenance, and appearance will all be considered.

New home owners and those of you that have not read the by-laws will find a condensed version of home owner responsibilities on the web site in early 2015. If you want a copy snail mailed to you, we can include that in the second quarterly mailing. Be sure to let us know. I highly recommend your reading the owner's responsibilities. We will try to give this list of responsibilities to realtors for prospective owners to consider.

We hope you love your/ our community. We want to keep it as attractive as possible. To do so, we ask that before you make any changes to community property or any interior space you inform the BOD so that we can coordinate work to best suit everyone and not just the individual. (Changes to interior walls can weaken the building if the wall is load bearing.) Taking your own course of action could jeopardize the result, the safety of the community, and your finances if the board is unwilling to pay. Just because you see an issue does not mean it exists for everyone else.

Water heater pan installation is at 53 %. If you have installed your own pan, please let us know via the web site or by calling the property manager (PM). If your unit does not have a pan installed, we will be arranging for this to happen. Remember, our community insurance company asked this to be done to mitigate any damage that leaking water heaters cause. We expect 100% compliance by year's end 2015.

John Bernstein

President of your LaSalle's Woods HOA