

Spring 2024 Newsletter

Would you like to get to know your neighbors? Are you curious about how Southbrook continues to be maintained as an attractive community? Do you have computer skills that you feel are underutilized at this time?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, maybe you would like to volunteer your services to the Southbrook Community. We always have a need for owners to get involved. Please contact Nancy at Southbrook@earthlink.net, and one of our Board Members will contact you with more information about ways you could help.

It looks like spring is finally upon us. Did everyone notice that our first day of yard care occurred right before that untimely, slushy snow? Didn't they do a great job of blowing the old leaves out of our entryways? Thanks, lawn care folks!

Further trimming and tending around the front of our buildings is the responsibility of unit owners, so let's all share in the upkeep to make our community attractive.

Every spring we have to tend to the culling of our beautiful but overgrown and aging "forest." You may have noticed orange tape around some of our trees. These are diseased and in danger of falling and damaging our structures so they have been selected to be removed. As space is opened up, there will be new plantings, but at the moment, there is not the opportunity to start new growth.

On that same topic, owners and renters should be careful about extending plantings beyond their patio in the back of the unit. While they may be beautiful while carefully tended, there is no guarantee that future owners will keep them up, so there is a danger of the area becoming a large weed patch. So just be mindful of the extent of the gardening that you or your renters do at the back of your unit.

We will be wanting to get our grills out as soon as the weather permits. Remember that charcoal or open fire pits are not permitted anywhere on the property. And a fire extinguisher should be handy when using propane or electric grills.

We now know the results of our chimney inspection. If your chimney needs cleaning, you will soon be notified and provided with names of companies providing that service. You will need to provide your invoice as proof of cleaning before October 1. Some chimney caps need to be installed. The Property Manager will schedule the replacement, and those owners will be assessed their share of the cost once the job has been completed.

As is usual, this summer will be a time for major maintenance. Property Manager, Bill Jones, is getting to work scheduling painting (in August), gutter repair, concrete work and sidewalk leveling, and replacement of rotting deck railing and patio fences. The results of all these projects will secure the safety and beauty of our community.

Please contact our Resident Manager, Nancy Stetter (Southbrook@earthlink.net), if you have any questions or suggestions for the Board.