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# Bear Creek Estates Homeowners

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## **Note From the Trustees from David Lewis**

### **Pool Update:**

2021 brought significant updates to our subdivision pool. In the spring we replaced the plaster walls and bottom of the pool with new plaster and sealer. Additional work this year includes replacement of shower valve (women's bathroom) and gasket/diaphragms for the plumbing in the pump room. Our pool is reaching an age where additional expenses will be faced in the coming years.

### **Pool Rental:**

We have had a few inquiries on after hour pool rentals for family/birthday parties. Arrangements have been made with our pool lifeguard team to support these requests. There is a requirement for a lifeguard to be on duty. Costs are \$100 for the first hour and \$50 per hour for additional time. We need a few weeks notice, so if interested contact your trustees and we will work to arrange.

### **Senior Swim:**

For the second year in a row, the pool is open early on Tuesday and Thursday 9 – 10 AM for senior swim. Enjoy the opportunity for water aerobics, swimming or just early relaxing in the pool before it gets busy.

### **Pool Committee:**

We have an open position for the pool committee lead if anyone is interested in stepping up and helping. The tasks are very minimal, if interested reach out to the trustees for more discussion.

### **Pool Lawsuit Settlement:**

The HOA has successfully completed negotiations with the insurance company who represents the Pool Pros businesses. The result of that negotiations is that our HOA was awarded \$8,000.00 plus attorney fees. These funds will go back into our community to offset pool expenses over the past 2 years.

### **Subdivision Website:** [www.bearcreekwentzville.com](http://www.bearcreekwentzville.com)

Our HOA has an established website to support our community. Check in from time-to-time to see updated information. Additionally, forms for construction on Pools, Decks and Fences as well as the C&Rs that everyone agreed to when they purchased in Bear Creek are available for review.

**Be a Good Neighbor:**

There has been an increase in instances where the C&Rs aren't being followed over the past year. Letters for violations and fine assessments for failure to take action are sent out to remind homeowners of the rules that we have all agreed to live by in our community. The most common violations are:

- RVs and Trailers in the driveway
- Minimal tree numbers not being maintained in front yard
- Lack of or poor Yard Maintenance
- No homebased businesses allowed

This is the least favorite task that the Trustees and our C&R committee have to deal with. We ask for your support by abiding by our community C&Rs.

**Criminal Activity:**

Beginning last year there was an uptick in criminal activities in our community. Damage to HOA equipment has taken place at multiple locations. Additionally, there have been outside criminals who have targeted homeowner's cars. The Trustees and the neighborhood watch team encourage all homeowners to be aware and to report events and people to the Wentzville police. We are stronger as a community.

**Annual Homeowner's Meeting:** Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Because of covid, the meeting was moved from February to August this year. You will be seeing information in the mail soon on the meeting. This will be at the Bear Creek Clubhouse in the lower level outside. If the weather is bad, we will have the 19<sup>th</sup> hole room available for us.

**Common Area Maintenance:**

The entrances and common areas around the pool continue to require work and maintenance. With the age of our community, we are starting to deal with EOL trees and foliage. Dead trees and bushes are being taken out and replaced as it makes sense to do so.

Do your part to help keep our community clean and looking great. If you are out walking and you see trash, please help the community by picking up and disposing of it.

If you are a dog walker, own all aspects of your pet by picking up and disposing after your dog.

**Community Library:**

A request and recommendation was made to install a small waterproof book stand in our community. (probably at the pool site.) This would be a place where you could donate and pick up a book to read. The cost is approximately \$800-\$900. The Trustees support this suggestion. We will ask for a hand vote at the annual meeting in August, with a simple majority approval.

**Neighborhood Watch from Betty Jarvis**

Bear Creek Neighborhood Watch was started here in 2016 to encourage homeowners to be alert and to be an extra set of "eyes and ears" for the police. Come and join us on the **National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, 6-9 p.m. at the pool parking lot.** Bring a lawn chair and come and meet new neighbors and get reacquainted with old ones. We'll have light refreshments, and it will be an opportunity to meet with some Wentzville City officials. It is becoming more important than ever we get to know our neighbors. We're always looking for new members, so we'll plan to have a short meeting after the upcoming yearly Homeowners Meeting on August 10. Any questions, call Betty Jarvis, 636-332-2296.



## **Bear Creek Garden Club from Cyrilla Ball**

During the pandemic, all of our meetings were cancelled, but now we are all excited to be active again in our Bear Creek community. We started having our monthly luncheon meetings at the Bear Creek Clubhouse on the first Thursday of each month. The speaker for August will be from Wentzville Parks and Recreation.

The club members take pride in planting and keeping our subdivision's entrances beautiful, and we also decorate for holidays. They are all planted for summer with metal edging added this year around mulched areas. We want all residents to enjoy the flowers and plants as much as we do.

The Garden Club also has a great time socializing and enjoying lasting friendships. If you are interested in information or joining us for lunch and activities, please call me at 636-887-4173.

Cyrilla Ball, President

## **Golf Club Update from Kirk Porter**

### BEAR CREEK GOLF CLUB

When it opened in 1998, Bear Creek Golf Club was the first 18-holes public golf course in the City of Wentzville. The course is one of the premier public facilities in St. Charles County. The full service Pro Shop offers annual passes to the surrounding homeowners and general public.

Bear Creek Golf Club offers leagues, lessons, and tournaments to all levels of golfers.

The club hosts many large corporate, private, and public golf tournaments during the daytime hours. As evening approaches, the ambiance becomes quiet and peaceful, transformed into a haven for elegant wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, social celebrations and a variety of parties year-round.

Stop by our clubhouse to grab a cold or a bit to eat. Our clubhouse is open to the public 8:30am to 10pm EVERYDAY!

