



MARCH 2022

It's hard to believe that we are already into March, and spring is just around the corner. Cascades' neighbors are happy seeing each other again and enjoying the activities in Falling Waters. Your Board, now with a new member, has continued to work together on both routine matters and special projects. We welcome Gwen Beall to the Board!

LIGHTING

Your may recall that three years ago, we began a pilot program to light the dark passageways between garages. Last year and this year, we added two more groups and it looks like we are about done. The passageways are so much brighter!

BULLETIN BOARDS

When we did the outdoor painting project, the cork boards were removed to allow the painting of the walls by the mailboxes. We did not reinstall them since they were old and worn. Instead, we installed sealed cases that look much better and protect the postings from rain and wind. Thanks to the volunteers who installed them.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping is so important to highlight our community. Therefore, when we have plants that haven't thrived, they need to be replaced. We've replaced some plants in front of the condos and plan to replace some bougainvilleas within the islands by our roadway.

The next areas we are working on is across the ponds. We're looking to enhance the areas by the waterfalls with colorful plants. In order to plant anything there, we are working through irrigation to sustain any plants. We hope to have this accomplished over the next couple of weeks.

TRASH ENCLOSURES

The project to renew the trash enclosures is finally completed. The project was completed entirely by volunteers, so we only had to pay for the materials. Their work has saved Cascades a substantial amount of money. The actual cost was just over \$2,000. We were given an estimate four years ago of \$8,000. We are truly grateful to our volunteers who undertook this project.

A SPECIAL NOTE ON TRASH

Our regular trash is picked up twice a week, however, recycling is picked up only once a week. The recycling bins fill up quickly. Please break down your boxes, rinse out your containers, and follow the rules of what can be recycled. Do not put your recycling in the bin in a plastic bag. When the recycling bins are filled to capacity and will not close, please just toss the items into the regular trash bin. The overflow is a warm welcome for local wildlife. It is a real hygiene problem and even worse, you do not want to be greeted by an animal when you take out your trash.

SPEED

The speed limit in Falling Waters is 15 mph. We still have a few folks who are going too fast for our safety. Also, our pavers can get shifted or even broken by fast moving vehicles. We have walkers, bikers, and grandchildren on our roads, and there are cars trying to back out of garages. Please be careful and observe the speed limit. If you see a delivery service or vendor speeding, please ask them to slow down.

UNIT ACCESS AND KEYS

The recent lint removal project went well, and we were able to make the work more effective because we had keys to several units. When you are away and your watcher or alternate is not reachable or able to let someone into your condo, a key can allow work, such as sprinkler inspection, lint removal, follow up on a water leak, etc. to be done. In the case of serious problems such as a major water leaks, concern of fire, or other extreme immediate safety/damage concerns, our bylaws do provide for entry without a key. It is certainly not a requirement, but if you wish, the Board will hold a key for you. It has also been our policy that no vendor may enter your unit unless accompanied by a Board member.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

The attendance at our monthly Cascades meetings as been small. This may be because of Covid concerns or hopefully, because Cascades owners are confident with our Board's performance and are enjoying the day elsewhere. These meetings are not just to complain but to give you a chance to hear and be heard. You can help the Board prioritize and be extra eyes on our community. Our next meeting is this Thursday, March 17th at 10:00 in the clubhouse. We hope to see you there!

Your Board of Directors

