

## **COMMUNITY COHESIVENESS #5**

One of the HOA Board's main goals is to continue to keep the community as aesthetically appealing as possible, as well as safe and enjoyable for everyone. This is something we cannot do alone, and are excited to acknowledge and thank the following co-owners (and members of the Beautification Committee) for their assistance with achieving this goal: Penny H. for addresses at driveways; James A., Rod D., & Josh J. for cleaning areas of the middle pond; Deb C. for weed whacking her access to the front pond; Diana E. for treating the benches; and Beautification Committee for Fall Decorations and cleaning the front pond. There are also several new flower beds and/or plants throughout the community that not only enhance the individual units, but the community as well.

### **REMINDERS**

Items left by the curb: Items should be placed by the curb (not on grassy areas) no sooner than the day prior to trash pickup. In the event the item(s) are not removed by the waste management company, they must be removed from the curb no later than the next morning and stored until the next scheduled pick up. Co-owners are reminded that items "for sale" or "looking for a new home" can be posted to our Facebook page. Paul Rangos knows of an individual who will haul away any old appliance (these will be used for scrap metal). Contact the HOA Board at [crystalpondhoa@gmail.com](mailto:crystalpondhoa@gmail.com) if you have an item for pickup.

Exterior Attachments: Items must be attached to the unit and/or gutters by removable clips only--- nothing can be permanently attached. Any damage to gutters and/or a unit due to permanent mounting is the responsibility of the co-owner.

Holiday decorations: The deadline for removal of holiday decorations has been extended to **February 1**.

Downspouts: Co-owners should not remove any downspout. Co-owners who have damaged downspouts should open a Task through the Resident Portal or email the HOA Board. Over the next few weeks, Scott Lange and Paul Rangos will be working on downspouts throughout the community.

Winterization: Water should be shut off using the valve in the crawlspace/basement. As a further precaution, co-owners can purchase an Anti-Freeze Outdoor Faucet Cover.

### **NEW**

Again, the Board is so excited and thankful to co-owners for stepping up and helping within the community, and we continue to encourage and invite this type of involvement. We do, however, want to avoid any confusion and/or misunderstandings, so we have approved the following:

"Co-owner initiation and/or development of projects within the community are strongly encouraged. The co-owner must contact the Board prior to starting the project to ensure it falls within the guidelines/restrictions of the governing documents. If the co-owner will be seeking reimbursement for any expenses in conjunction with this project, the anticipated expenses must be presented at the same time. The Board will review the project and/or expenses prior to any project being started, and advise the co-owner within 3-5 business days of our decision. Expenses submitted without prior approval may not be approved."

***Watch for details on the Second Annual Holiday Decorating Contest***

***Thank you again for your efforts and time in making (and keeping) Crystal Ponds beautiful!***