

## THE BOARDS CORNER OCTOBER 2024

### \*\*\*IMPORTANT NEWS!

You will be receiving a letter soon, along with a voting paper, informing you about the 14 new homes to be built on the 3.9 acres of land we own, along Mooney Pond Rd. We have to add an amendment to our by-laws and it needs 66 2/3% of the community's vote to pass and add this amendment. We plan on having an open community meeting on Monday, October 21st at 6 pm and have the community vote on this added amendment. You will be asked to return the vote that evening but if you are NOT able to be present we ask that you send in your signed ballot with a neighbor or place under the office door. There is only one vote per household and every vote is important! We will be discussing this as well as other topics that evening. We will be sending out an agenda prior to this meeting as well as a reminder. The building of these homes will help us tremendously financially.

It is hard to believe that fall is here ... September was a busy month again.

During September We had 2 days of tree removal in the area past the Gazebo. These trees were diseased with lantern flies nesting on the trunk of the trees. Many of them were hollow inside, and for safety reasons needed to be taken down.

We had a successful pool season. Some homeowners came forward to form a pool committee to assist with care and items needed for the pool. Due to glass table tops not being permitted at the pool, as per the Dept. of Health, the tables along with other pool furniture was sold. With the help of the pool committee we will be buying matching pool furniture for next season.

An investigation was started awhile back due to many areas in Country Village having poor drainage. After having some recent severe rains, we had a company knowledgeable in drainage look at about 5-7 different areas in Country Village in need of improved drainage. It was decided that in order to fix this issue French drains would be put in to make sure any heavy water accumulations will be directed toward these drains and then to a collection basin. The Board has approved this drainage project to be started sometime in October. One of the areas that is in great need of this is the Bocce courts, as many of you are aware of.

The Bocce courts have been an issue needing repairs and rejuvenating. We have researched cost of replacing these courts and the price has been a lot above what would be budgeted. Luckily one of the finance committee members saw two beautiful courts at the Northport VA. After researching the cost it was found that we can replace both Bocce courts with two new ones, with the amount of money we have saved in the reserve, for this project. Looking forward to finalizing this project and having two new beautiful Bocce courts.

Signage around Country Village which identifies the buildings and the homes in each unit are in desperate need of repair. Along with the Finance Committee we were able to contract a sign company, that will be replacing these signs... we believe they will be more visible and have correctly listed home numbers in place. Hopefully this project will be completed by the end of November.

It has been reported to us that many areas and courtyards in Country Village are extremely dark. The finance committee is working, on a trial basis, to make two courtyard areas brighter...with solar lights... if this is successful we plan on expanding this to other courtyards.

We are hoping that we will have a mild winter but if not, we have signed contract again with Brookhaven Irrigation Company to do any snow and ice removal this year. Last year we found them to be extremely good and we expect that if there is a lot of snow, they will be able to accommodate the removal, quickly and efficiently.

Thank you to all those committees who have helped us the past months, we greatly appreciate all you have done.

The finance committee for its expertise in securing the right vendors for us, reviewing contracts and proposals and overseeing projects, etc.

We also need to thank those that come forward to be on the pool committee, for their interest and help in the planning of the pool area for next year.

Thanks to those who are willing to run Bunco; Bingo; Right, Left, Center; Pool Aerobics; and those who have introduced exercise in the morning, Chair Yoga, & Tai Chi.

Last but not least, to the Entertainment committee for planning so many wonderful events that have helped to bring our community together, with food, music, dancing and lots of fun!

Although the CVE News is not, in any way, under the auspices of the Board, we would like to recognize and thank the CVE News for always being solicitous in publishing everything the Board has asked them to.

**We are indeed fortunate to live in Country Village Estates!**

