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JUNE NEWSLETTER

Hi Neighbors,

Going into our first full six months, this newsletter is going to have some Good and Bad news. Let's get the bad news out of the way

THE BAD NEWS

I really have to apologize to the Community. I truly thought I had a shot at bringing us together, and form a neighborhood that was worth living in. But the numbers didn't lie. Out of 250 homes we only received 36 FREE registrations. And when I asked for donations and started a GoFundMe Page, out of 250 homes we received 3 donations. Most of the donations we did get came from my golf league, and that will go to keeping the website running and creating the monthly newsletter. That's ok. I asked the CEO of Sun Communities for a donation, and as usual was ignored. So I think what the residents and Sun Communities is basically telling me is that the Association isn't really wanted. I'll still continue to disagree. If I can't affect 250 homes, maybe I can affect one person at a time. Bottom-line: I won't be able to put on the type of events I envisioned without money, so we won't be offering any events or programs this year, free or otherwise. But we'll still be here when you need us for some help, or when you just need someone to talk to.

And, I unfortunately learned that good deeds don't always get rewarded. I loaned my lawn equipment to a neighbor who said he couldn't afford a cutting, and he stole them. Had to buy new ones. If this person would like to return my equipment on my patio, I would appreciate it.

BUILDING A BARN

At one point in time, I actually envisioned our Community taking examples from the Amish culture. If a neighbor needed a barn, he didn't need to go out and beg for help. The whole Community, carpenters, plumbers, electricians and cooks would come to his aid and help build the barn. They never asked for money because it was a labor of love. More importantly, he was their Neighbor.

THE GOOD NEWS

The Association accomplished some nice things this year:

- We started the Snow Removal for Seniors Program - Retained (Malcom Wells) to personally handle grass cutting through the Association - Collected 89 cans for the Hunger Drive - Helped paint several Seniors homes - Helped several neighbors create a garden - Gave away free plants last month - Linda introduced the Weatherization Program to Seniors and, we incorporated The Smile and Wave.

SMILE AND WAVE

If you travel my side of the park, you've likely experienced the Smile and Wave when Linda and I are out front. Reason? You never know when that smile will be just the thing to change a persons outlook

when getting ready to meet their family. Every time I smile and wave to someone and they smile and wave back, I have an opportunity to make them a friend. But if they smile and wave first, I've already made them a friend. What a powerful tool a smile can be. If you're one of the unfortunates who haven't experienced the Smile and Wave, the next time you see me out front, stop and I'll give you one that's special just for you.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

It has come to my attention that some people may not feel comfortable on the internet, may not have an email address, and may not know how to use their cell phones for browsing. So I originally tried to shorten the paper version and have everyone read the full version on the website to print on one side. Instead, I'll be printing both sides of the newsletter so everyone can get all the information. Still be on the website both computer and phone.

GRASS CUTTING

It's been clear I've wanted to keep our park looking beautiful. So I've retained our neighbor, Malcom Wells (313.663.0958), to do all our grass cutting. He's reliable and does a great job. If you have any others cut your lawn, please make sure they clean up after the cut, whether with a blower or a broom. If you're paying \$15 for a cut with no trim or cleanup, why wouldn't you pay \$20 and have the complete job, cut, trim and clean? Can't understand leaving a property looking bad. If they do, call me and I'll come and blow it for you.

TRASH ON THE STREETS

Most of you see Linda picking up trash on the streets during her walk. Apparently there are residents who feel comfortable throwing their McDonalds bags out of their cars onto the street. Even if it's not yours, please pick up any trash you see and discard it. It will help keep our community looking good, and more importantly, keep rats out of our park.

SPEEDING

Do we have to have one of our children or pets injured before we take speeding in our community seriously? We have accidents in the park yearly. Every time I yell at someone to slow down, I get the finger, told to get f'd, or heaven forbid, they speed up. I don't have children or pets, but you do. Be responsible for them. Make sure if you have guests, let them know to slow down. There's no place you need to be that racing through the Community will save you time.

EVENTS FOR JUNE IN WARREN: <https://www.cityofwarren.org/events/>

- June 3, 2023 - **Warren Wheels at Cruisin' 53**, City Square, Warren, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- June 8, 2023 - **Summer Reading Kickoff and Crafts**, Warren Comm Center, Arden Avenue, Warren
- June 10, 2023 - **Warren Senior Housing Outdoor Flea Market**, 26600 Burg Rd, Warren, 10am-4 pm
- June 15, 2023 - **Campfire Story Time, Warren Community Center**, Arden Avenue, Warren, 6:30pm
- June 27, 2023 - **Summer Science: DIY Ice Scream**, Warren Comm Center, Arden Avenue, 6:30pm
- June 27, 2023 - **Dinosaurs and Fossils with Dinosaur Hill**, 23345 Van Dyke Avenue, Warren
- June 29, 2023 - **Experience Isle Royale National Park**, Warren Community Center, Arden Avenue, Warren 6:00 - 7:30

FINAL THOUGHTS

When I talked about Building a Barn being a labor of love, that's what the Association is to me. I know many of you think it's stupid and would likely never attempt something like this. But for me, it's my last chance to do something really good for people I don't even know, my Neighbors. Our road isn't determined for us, but by us. We make the final decision how we want to live our lives both in the present and the future. This is mine. Have a great June. Mike